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It seems that when the local populists called for cards in the political deal they discovered the democrats had robbed the deck.

With the whitewash beginning to wear off the sacred white elephant of Nebraska fusionists his ability as a drawing card is threatened with material impairment.

North Dakota would have been per fectly welcome to keep the tail end of its blizzard at home instead of sending it down to chill visitors to the Ak-Sar Ben parades.

While the Orange Free State legislative body has adopted a resolution declaring in favor of peace, John Bull will pass platform, notwithstanding the fact that have no difficulty in observing a big gun in the burgher's hip pocket.

Pugilists are reported to be forming a union. If the usual rule against working overtime could only be enforced not be true in the future? against their jaws the public would strong anti-pass resolution stultified itself not be more than a match for that of wish the new organization all kinds of by adopting another resolution in favor of

Lucien Stebbins is keeping Candidate Neville in the Sixth district reasonably within the gift of the fusion forces, because busy picking gravel out of the slide to the congressional swimming hole. An oversight is likely to raise the cuticle almost any day.

The free silver organs throughout the country do not like the Nebraska republican platform. The republicans had no idea when they adopted it that it would satisfy their opponents, but it speaks the sentiments of Nebraska republicans.

The World-Herald evidently does not like to be reminded that in 1893 it was not only telling its readers not to vote for Silas A. Holcomb for judge of the supreme court, but was also denouncing 16 to 1 free coinage as a fraud and a robbery.

Nebraska, under popocratic guidance, paid the fare of men intended for the Bryan regiment, but those who went to Lincoln to enlist in the First and Second regiments were made to foot their own bills or "pull mud." Nothing like reform of the Nebraska fusion brand.

One by one the popocratic roses fall. Only a short time ago they were lauding General Funston because they thought him in opposition to the administration. It develops, however, that he is and always has been a firm supporter of its policy, so listen for a change of

It will be warm enough in New York when the Olympia's sailors march up the street. No premature, half-developed storm from the take country can effect the temperature of their welcome when the crowd that has assembled from all parts of the continent catches sight of them.

The popocrats who profess so great anxiety for the people to learn the truth seem particularly apprehensive lest President McKinley may accept the invitation to include Omaha in his tour of the west and let in a little light on certain places Bryan's followers would prefer kept dark.

plea to the gold democrats to come back into the fold. They urge that members of the party should follow the leaders in whatever direction they see fit to wander or whatever strange gods they see fit to worship. There is no danger, however, on account of the rush of gold democrats to get on board.

The capital city has suffered from disastrous fires to a serious extent this year. Apparently when a big building begins to burn in that city it is soon whose duty it is to demand that a proper | States to promote the interests and weltemedy be applied.

HOLCOMES MAGNIFICENT RECORD. In a boastful pronunclamento sent to a Philadelphia paper and intended for the consumption of eastern popocrats. ignorant of Nebraska conditions, the chairman of the populist state committee

Governor Holcomb's magnificent record as 'the best governor Nebraska ever had" will bring him many republican votes that could not be secured for the national ticket.

If Holcomb's "magnificent record" as governor of Nebraska were conducive to vote-getting among people who believe in honor and honesty there would certainly be little incentive in the future for public officers to live up to party pledges and faithfully perform official duties. As an Illustration of Candidate Helcomb's "magnificent record" as gov-BUSINESS LETTERS.

Business letters and remittances should addressed: The Bee Publishing Company, endorsement written by that ardent worshipper of Bryan and staunch democrat. Edgar Howard, and published by him in his paper, the Papillion Times, shortly before the nomination of Holcomb for supreme judge was forced through the fusion conventions:

In opposing the nomination of Silas A. lolcomb for supreme judge the Times has been prompted by no personal motive. We have never accused Holcomb of mistreating democrats, as some of our critics assert. Our opposition has been and is based solely to be true to populist platforms. Has he

11 been true? Let us look at his record on the pass Since the birth of the populist party in Nebraska its platforms have de- ditions are not altogether unfavorable to nounced the pass-grabbing practice, some of them openly denouncing the pass as a During his first term as governor Mr. Holcomb was very slow about playing with radicoad passes, but during his second term he brazenly repudiated demo-pop doctrine and made as bad a record at passgrabbing as any Nebraska republican can boast. In his own circle of populists the platform utterances as to passes are laughed at, the pass apologists stating that the platforms denounce the pass habit simply o catch the country vote.

This fact is illustrated by the action of county two weeks ago. And, by the way, that convention in Custer county nominated a full set of populist county candidates, never even asking the democrats to join in the nominating, all of which would imply that Holcomb and his friends have no earthly use for the democrats in populist counties, while demanding a share of all ffices in democratic counties. We have a right to believe that the Custer county convention was a Holcomb convention, because Silas was on hand and made a speech, complimenting the convention on its good work, which was the nomination of a straight populist ticket and the utter ignoring of the fact that there is a democratic party in that

ounty. One of the planks in that convention's platform was strong against railroad passes, eading as follows:

"We are opposed to the use of passes by our public servants and would recommend the retirement to private life of all who ac cept the same, and we are in favor of legislation that will prevent the giving or reelving of free transportation."

Silas A. Holcomb stood before the delegates in that body and endorsed that antihe is the prince of pass-bilkers in Nebraska fusion ranks. If elected would be be true to that platform? We have a right to judge men by their records. Holcomb has never been true to his party platforms in the past, and is it not fair to presume that he would

The same convention which passed that Holcomb for supreme judge. According to the terms of that anti-pass resolution Holcomb would not be eligible to any office the resolution says "we favor the retirement

o private life of all who accept passes." It is time for plain talk. The Times be leves we as popocrats ought to keep faith with the people. We cannot keep faith by nominating Mr. Holcomb, because he has laughed at his every promise as to the pass evil. Those good and true populists and democrats who believe our platforms should be respected will laugh at us on election day if we nominate Silas A. Holcomb for supreme

To explain how such a "magnificent record" of broken faith can commend a candidate to the suffrages of honest and conscientious voters will tax a genius of more ability than the chairman of the populist state committee.

### PROGRESS IN CUBA.

Progress is being made in some directions in Cuba, notably in improved sanitary conditions, evidence of which is seen in the fact the death rate for the past summer has been below the average for nine years, that from yellow fever being unprecedentedly low. It is not surprising to learn that the results of the labors of the American authoritles in this direction have created a most favorable impression upon the inhabitants, at least the better class of them, and that there has been improvement in popular feeling and conduct toward the military administration.

The Cubans did not at first regard with much favor the cleaning and disinfecting plans of the American authorities. Most of them were so thoroughly habituated to unsanitary conditions that they could not understand the necessity for the radical and sweeping changes instituted by Americans. The enforced abandonment of customs, domestic as well as public, which had been in practice for generations, encountered more or less resentment. This was particularly the case at Havana, though it was shown to some extent at Santiago. It was quite extensively felt that the money expended in carrying out this innovation would have been better employed in some other way, though it has been paid out mainly for labor. It now appears that the people are well satisfied with the results of Iowa democratic papers are making a this policy, which of course will be maintained until every city and town in Cuba is put in as good sanitary condition as practicable.

Some progress has also been made, here is no doubt, in teaching Cubans American methods of civil administration and in showing them the superiority of our methods over those they were familiar with under Spanish rule. They see the customs honestly collected and reduced taxation yielding more revenue than formerly, because all returns are faithfully accounted for, which was not totally destroyed. This may be due to the case when Spanish officials collected faulty water supply or to an inefficient the taxes. Progress has been made in fire fighting force. In any event the convincing the more intelligent Cubans burden is upon the property owners, of the earnest desire of the United

has increased.

at Washington as well as at Havana. It is not conceivable that President Mc-Kinley or Governor General Brooke desires to continue a state of things repugnant to American principles and before condemning them it is well to reflect that there may be obstacles to change not to be at once overcome.

in the performance of their duties.

PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN The advices from Mantla indicate that the American campaign has already beupon Holcomb's record as a reformer. He gun, although it is a month earlier than is a populist and as such is in honor bound active operations were expected to be resumed. The rainy season in Luzon has not ended, but it would seem from the movements reported that the conmilitary operations and it may be that General Otis has been impressed, either from Washington or through public criticism, with the expediency of not longer delaying operations. It was stated a few days ago in a dispatch from Manila, sent by way of Hong Kong, that Otis had expressed the opinion that it would be unwise to push hostilities too vigorously, because if the insurgents were summarily defeated they would the populist convention in Holcomb's home not have had enough of fighting and would want to fight again, whereas by allowing the war to linger along they will eventually grow tired of the idea of independence and then, when they are whipped, they will not want to fight any more

We are disinclined to give credence to the statement, but we are disposed to think that Otis has received some instructions from Washington intended to stir him up and that he is making as early a response as circumstances will admit of. At all events, the country will be glad to know that something is being done and will regard the early movement as assurance that when the conditions are favorable military operations will be pushed with the promised vigor.

### OUR NAVAL STANDING.

The standing of the United States among the sea powers of the world is the general tendency toward centralizacommonly understated, according to the Marine Review, which is a competent authority. In its latest issue, a special naval edition, that journal gives this he United States in war.

According to the Marine Review, the full strength of the American navy now amounts to 312 vessels of all kinds, inand 123 constitute the auxiliary force. It is roughly estimated that the existing naval establishment represents an expenditure for construction of about \$125,000,000 and there are now under construction or awaiting acceptance by the government war vessels the contract price of which, exclusive of armor and armament, is in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000. When the war with Spain begun the complement of men in the holders of the companies received. navy was 12,500, but in the summer of 1898 it reached the maximum of 24,123 men. The number is now considerably less, but it is expected that congress will

20,000 men. The Review is of the opinion that the navy will be further increased, chiefly, perhaps, by the addition of battleships across the Atlantic are upon us, eagerly stored. watching the experiments we are making. As a matter of fact the fighting capacity of the American navy today is second only to that of Great Britain and ship for ship the squadron now in New York bay is unsurpassed.

Influential Nebraska republicans at the instance of exposition managers called upon President McKinley and invited him to visit Omaha again on his coming tour of the west. This fact coming to the notice of the Bryan organ elicits an outcry in the form of a Washington dispatch doubtless written in the Omaha office. It is alleged the invitation is in reality a ruse by which the president is to be smuggled into the state to help carry the republican ticket. worthy of mention only to illustrate the he needs help is self-evident.

The Bartley bondsmen are trying to appeal their cases to the supreme court. Had the popocratic attorney general been vigilant in the collection of the private life. state's claim, he would long ago have asked for an execution upon the judgment or insisted that the state be protected by an appeal bond good for that amount. With the case appealed to the supreme court, the present attorney general can count on dilatory procedings delaying the hearing until after he is

When Omaha first proposed to tender a reception to the returning volunteer regiment Lincoln looked on with jealous eyes. Its people are to this day chuckling over the fact that half of the boys were persuaded to go directly to their homes. Over in Iowa it is pretty much fare of the island and undoubtedly con- the same. While Council Bluffs is pre- name or memory!

fidence in our good faith toward them paring to tender a big reception to the REPUBLICAN COURAGE IN NEBRASKA Iowa boys, due October 24, other Iowa Unquestionably there have been mis- cities feel the distinction should come takes. Doubtless all has not been ac- to them. But our neighboring city will complished that might have been. There have the advantage in that the regiis complaint, apparently just, that the ment will reach that city first and canadministration of justice is still faulty. not be cajoled into stopping short of it. that the barbarous processes of Span- In fact, if experience is worth anything, ish law prevail. This is the testimony it shows that Council Bluffs is the only of General Lee and others, which must lowa city in which it is possible to tenbe accepted. It is a serious matter that | der a reception to the whole regiment ought to be remedied as soon as possible | before the boys go to their homes. This and we have no doubt has received ought to be conceded by every town in rip-rousing reception.

According to the figures of Chairman tee, Holcomb's majority at the coming election cannot be accounted less than 35,000 votes. If that is the case the can-The task of Cuban reconstruction is didates and committeemen should not be rious opposition to needed legislation in the a difficult one. Much is yet to be done so exercised over the campaign. Bryan before it is completed. For what has should be sent to states where he can do been accomplished let merited credit be some good and the campaign fund colgiven to the men who have been faithful lected by Coln Harvey remitted to Kentucky or Ohio. But actions speak louder than words, and the fact that the popocrats are bending their energy to prevent impending defeat is conclusive proof that they have no confidence in their

Before the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in session here the presiding elder of the Grand Island district has reported upon the magreatest debt-paying year in the history of the Methodist church in that section, which may be said to be in the heart of the state. Testimony like this, coming as it does from a source so trustworthy, cannot be gainsaid by enemies of the state-not even W. J. Bryan and W. V. Allen, who will not voluntarily admit that times are better in the midwest states.

The republican state committee has of Orlando Teft, with Representative McCarthy as vice chairman and an exeentive committee of working republicans. The campaign may be expected to be prosecuted from now on with aggressive vigor and every republican in this state should take hold and do his ticket at the coming election.

The civic parade of Wednesday gives them have realized. This is certainly an during our war to free Cuba. age of co-operation and association, These great organizations for mutual been compared to Oliver Cromwell.

### Home Issues Neglected.

In Iowa and Nebraska they are running state campaigns with the war in the Philipcountry third place, with Germany pines as the chief issue. Questions touchfourth and Japan not far behind. While, ing the welfare of the people of those states however, France stands second in the are not discussed. Verily this is a great number of war ships, her navy would country, but in its politics it is somewhat illogical.

#### Harvey Rushing the Hat. Indianapolis Journal.

after Mr. Bryan's second defeat.

### French Style of Taxation.

Some idea of taxation in France may be gathered from the fact that within the last twenty years the dividends and profits of the principal fire insurance companies fixed premiums were \$55,789,640, while the government collected from the companies for stamp and registration fees, etc., 770,000, or \$2,000,000 more than the share-

### Rush of Cattle to Market.

Springfield Republica The rise in the price of dressed beef has rought a rush of cattle to market, and a consequent weakening of prices in the westauthorize a permanent naval strength of ern markets. At the four cities of Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis receipts of cattle last week amounted to 185,000 head, which exceeds all records. During the previous week the receipts were 175,000 head, against only 131,000 for the of greater speed than those we now have last week in August. The high prices must and also heavier batteries. It says that at the same time considerably restrict conalready the eyes of every naval officer sumption of meat, and between the two forces the normal price may soon be re-

### Ocean Steamers Overloaded.

It has been discovered that European steamers are arriving at United States ports loaded with more than twice the number of immigrants that the inspectors' rules permit them to carry. The discovery is made at the very time when a fresh de mand for the restriction of immigration is much force by showing that a class of population which is most likely to be undesirnumbers. Both humanity and political economy call for prompt governmental attention to this state of things.

### The Office and the Man.

"Office as a ribbon to stick in your coat is worthy of nobody's consideration; office as an opportunity is worth all consideration," is a quotation from the letter of ex-While the exposition managers have a Speaker Reed to his constituents of twentyperfect right to resent this canard it is three years. It is an idea worth considera tion. Office, unless the man who gets it is able to render the state valuable service, tender solicitude shown by the Bryan brings him no honor, but rather belittles organ for the apostle's well-being. That him. The small man who gets into a place which should be occupied by an able man is thereby made smaller and more insignificant and when he retires from a brief service in congress or other important public position he drops below the plane would have occupied had he remained in

#### Profaning Lincoln's Memory. New York Sun.

William J. Bryan is going about in Ne rasks mouthing the name of Lincoln in the ause of surrender to rebels.

"I want to tell you," shouted Mr. Bryan Grand Island, "that in the course of the next eighteen months we'll quote more from Abe Lincoln than the republicans have in all the past fifteen years." ought to be prevented. His purpos

is an insult to the memory of the patient, unwavering patriot who tolerated no doubt r question or scheme of compromise with rebels in arms, and whose single condition of peace was contained in this memorable leclaration of policy: "The war will cease n the part of the government whenever shall have ceased on the part of those who began it.'

No profanation of Abraham Lincoln's

No Better Model.

Chicago Times-Herald. In marking out the line of battle for the contest of 1900 no better model can be The warm, whole-souled greeting of found than the clear and forcible pronouncement of the Nebraska republicans. Philadelphia Press,

The unequivocal declaration of the Neof the exclusive standard of gold shows how captain to whom Dewey said on that famous great has been the progress in the republican party on the currency question since the earnest attention of the authorities | western Iowa whose duty it is to join in 1896. In that year in neither national nor with Council Bluff's and give the boys a state conventions could the republicans pass any resolution on this question without coupling with it some vague proposition in favor of international bimetallism, Now bimetallism, national and international, is Edmisten of the populist state commit- well-nigh defunct. But what will Senator Wolcott of Colorado and other Rocky mountain republicans say to this change in the party? Probably they, too, will participate in the movement and will make no senext congress to put the gold standard beyoud the reach of further attack.

#### A Challenge.

The republicans of Nebraska are for the gold standard. The republicans of other states are for the gold standard also, but

It means that the republicans of Nebraska his followers and are willing to dispose of bay, with all lights out, and over date for president. It proves that the repubterial condition of the churches in his licans of Nebraska have the courage of twenty-five miles from the entrance of the jurisdiction. He said 1899 had been the their convictions and are willing to meet bay, and we steamed along slowly, in order braska in a square fight for supremacy.

nerve to raise a big campaign fund and are then hauled off for breakfast and went at calling upon democrats of national promi- them again at 10:30, and for another hour nence to help them out.

Bryan is already in the fight up to his ears and he is likely to be kept too busy tor's funeral next year. The republicans been organized under the chairmanship of Nebraska are to be congratulated on the flagship, suffered terribly, and the Castilla republicans in all parts of the country.

#### ENGLAND AND THE TRANSVAAL.

obliteration of a republic, and the Boers arms are more destructive. share toward achieving victory for the have not a friend to help them. From this country they have a right to look for sympathy and moral support. They should not be praised, I have come out of it unharmed. look in vain. The press should be outspoken in declaring that if this contemplated crime flagship, and were struck seven or eight an idea of the growth and strength of is perpetrated Great Britain will forfeit—as times, but no serious damage was the fraternal orders of this community she surely will-that good feeling which was done. which few people not associated with so greatly developed by her friendly attitude heroes, as they are. You should

the Boer army of the defense has frequently same as any other part of the ship. This benefit are simply one manifestation of comparison is strengthened by one of his hours before we went in, and during action recent utterances, from which the following the men were stripped to trousers and words are taken: "Let us not glorify weap- shoes. It was a weird sight, ons. . . The horrible murder weapons the undesirable invention of sinful people. My onemies, whoever they are, boast of their might and murderous weapons. I regret to have to be prepared." He is regretful but ready. And he has behind him 52,-000 men of very much the same type of earnest Christian soldiers as those who fol-

Philadelphia Times: It is unfortunate for lar "bombastes furioso." that the interests it is championing are so "Coin" Harvey has been traveling up and disreputable as they are, while the opposdown Nebraska for weeks to collect cam- ing interests are such as cannot but compaign funds. He has secured \$2,058.50 in mand the sympathy of the world, however, cluding those under construction. Of real money and \$12,000 more in pledges. At the logic of events may be recognized as this number 189 are in the regular navy this rate the million dollars which he went against them. This contrast might be forout to collect will not be obtained until long gotten if the Boers could be provoked into to be hot here. Well, God bless you all, and striking the first blow, but it makes the give Him the praise of our safe protection opening of hostilities by the British, at the present stage of the dispute, morally difficult even were there no question of immediate success. Hence the cabinet continues to adjourn from week to week to await events. hoping for some timely accident to end the

Cleveland Leader: Friends of liberty and admirers of pluck in the small and weak of a few oil wells there would make it the will be pleased to see that the British government is beginning to find the financial consequences of war in South Africa ugly facts to face, even in advance of the first estile shot. It was thought a cheap and safe exercise of the bullying and grabbing instinct to threaten war in the belief that the Boers of the Transvaal republic would yield quietly under sufficient pressure. The expense of massing troops in South Africa would not involve the exchequer of the United Kingdom in serious difficulties. It is proving quite another matter to look forward to war, not only with the desperate and straight-shooting riflemen of the South African republic, but also with their kinsmen in the Orange Free State.

New York Sun: It was strong language that Mr. John Morley used the other day in his speech, when he said that if England used her vast preponderance of force to coerce a feeble commonwealth into virtual surrender of its independence she would run the risk of being branded by mankind as a "pirate nation." The epithet stings, but will it stick, if England insists upon subverting the Pretorla government for no better reason than because President the term of residence required for naturalization. Even the London Spectator, which now able is being brought here in overwhelming takes Mr. Moreley to task, acknowledged two or three months ago, when the Transvaal right, either in international law or under the convention of 1884, to prescribe the conditions of the franchise in the Transvaal, inasmuch as these conditions lie at the root of local autonomy. Does not the violation of international law, when it involves spolia- his ability to ride a horse, tion and blodshed, constitute the definition of

## DEMOCRATS AND DEWEY.

One Shadowy Hope of Escape from Defeat Next Year. Philadelphia Times (Ind. Dem.).

The democrats have no more chance t elect Bryan president in 1900 than they have to make a railway journey to the moon and no conditions are now possible in this country during the next year under which any man could be elected president who is weighted down with the Chicago platform or any modified platform made by the men who are guilty of the national crime of Chicago in 1896.

The more sensible Democratic leaders realize the fact that they can't elect one side of any democratic candidate for president next year if he has about him even the flavor of Bryanism or the Chicago platform and in desperation many of them are turnng to Admiral Dewey as the Moses who might be able to lead the democrats out of the starless midnight in which Bryanism, cheap money, repudiation and agrarianism have landed them,

There is just one way in which the demorats might elect the next president and that is to nominate Admiral Dewey with a southern soldier like Wheeler or Lee for vice have sense enough to do it.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

New York's enthusiastic welcome home to Admiral Dewey and his men touches a responsive chord in the hearts of the people. vast multitude that will form a human frame around the Olympia on North river today and of the millions along Fifth avenue on Saturday will echo back from every mountain and valley in the land. In the grand acclaim there will be a note of sorrow, a braska republican state convention in favor sigh of regret for the absence of the heroic May morning: "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley.'

> Captain Gridley of the Olympia was in reality a very sick man before the battle, but in the excitement of the time his enfeebled condition was forgotten and he performed his duties on that memorable day with faithful and characteristic ardor and courage. The strain was too much for him. Five week later he died on his way home. It is appropriate at this time that Captain Gridley should tell of the battle of Manila bay, in his own words, in the subjoined letter to his wife, taken from the New York Tribune. There is no occurrence containing greater pathos, incident to the Spanish American war, than his reminder in this letter that the battle was fought on May 1 'our wedding anniversary and on Sunday

The letter is as follows: U. S. F. S.-OLYMPIA, MANILA BAY, May the action of the Nebraska republicans in 3, 1898 .- In the first place, excuse pencil, for I declaring that they "adhere unequivocally am writing scated under the awning on the to the gold standard and are unalterably after deck. We left Hong Kong on Monday, opposed to the free coinage of silver," is im- April 25; went to Mirs bay, and left there on April 27 for Manila. We arrived off the entrance of Manila bay on the night of have issued a direct challenge to Bryan and April 30, and steamed at once into the the issue in the state of the perennial candi- through waters that were said to be filled with torpedoes. The city of Manila is the democrats, populists and silver republi- to reach there by daybreak, which we did. cans, the allied forces of repudiation, in Ne- and found the Spanish fleet and batteries ready for us. They were moored at Cavite, For these reasons the contest in Nebraska their naval station, seven miles from Manila. will be of national importance-something and, of course, right in sight. We at once which the fusionists appear to realize, in bore down for them, this ship leading, and view of the fact that they are straining every for two hours and a half we had a hot fight;

soaked it to them good. The sight was a most beautiful one, but terrible for the Spaniards. We sunk and there to permit him to come to Ohio to destroyed their entire fleet, killing and help Boss McLean prepare for the boy ora- wounding great numbers (the exact number we can't find out). The Reina Cristina, courage they have shown and they are, fur- lost alone 130 killed, including the captain. thermore, entitled to liberal support from Batteries on shore helped them, too, but

they could not stand our fire. And now the miraculous part comes Our fleet did not lose one man killed and had only six wounded, and none of them New York World: The monarchies of seriously. It seems a miracle. The fight Europe naturally view with unconcern the was hotter than Mobile Bay, for modern

The fight, you will see, was on May 1, our wedding anniversary, and on Sunday. God We received the brunt of the fight, being All the men worked like see our handsome cabins-everything Chicago Inter-Ocean: General Joubert of taken down and the men at the guns, the were all up, and no sleep for twenty-four

Of course, we have not got Manila, as we have no force to land and hold it. We are blockading the bay, and, of course, cutting off their supplies, etc. We are busy now burying their dead and caring for their wounded. After surrendering they went off, leaving them, after promising to look out for them. Oh, but they are a dirty lot or lowed and won the victories for the great liars and scoundrels! I enclose a copy of the captain general's proclamation, a regu-

Isn't it strange? It is just four years write each chance I have to send anything. I wish you would send this to John, as I am really too busy to write at all. I hope we can get away soon and get into cool weather and homeward bound, for it is going

#### during the terrible conflict. PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

In 1898 there were killed in Venezuela for their aigrets 1,538,738 birds. Vanity and cruelty seem to be twin sisters. The University of Texas holds a title to 3,125 square miles of land. The discovery

richest institution of the kind on the globe. By the Dewey celebration and the suc eeding international yacht races Wall street expects to profit at least \$30,000,000. Indeed, the two events are expected to lift the financial district out of a serious dilemma. The new Illinois flag law is being so rig

idly enforced that barbers who announce their business with red, white and blue poles are liable to prosecution. Yet the barbers' pole is some centuries older than the "Oom," we are now told, is a Zulu word

nd does not mean "uncle," as has been supposed, but "chief" or "ruler." Hence Oom Paul is not "Uncle Paul." In the current discussion of Transvaal affairs it is wel o get these little matters correct.

October 10 has been designated as Chadvick day at Morgantown, W. Va., on which occasion a \$1,000 sword will be presented to Captain Chadwick of the cruiser New York by the people of his native town. Governor Atkinson will make the presentation speech. Isaac W. Molony of Cincinnati, a grandon of Dr. Isaac M. Wise, the well known rabbi, has been commissioned first lieuten ant and battalion adjutant of the Fortybeing made. It seems to give the demand Kruger prefers seven years to five years as ninth regiment, Volunteer infantry, now stationed at Plattsburg, and under order

The only reason General Shafter should ot have the brougham he has asked the crisis became acute, that England had no War department to furnish him appears be that the army regulations do not provide for such a contingency. The case may be considered exceptional., however, as the regulations do not provide either for such a contingency as a general who has outgrown

### BAFFLING THE PROPHETS.

Volume of Exports Exceed the Esti-Minneapolis Times. government report on our foreign

trade for August shows a gain of 25 per cen over the returns of the same month las year, which were the highest known, and they are 33 per cent higher than the average for August, 1894-5-6, and for the first eight months of 1899 they are the highest known The imports for August were \$67,000.000an increase of 30 per cent over last year same month and 70 per cent over August, 1897. Of our imports we have increased raw materials by about 60 per cent. The exports of manufactured products continue to show gains, half the big increase i August being in manufactured products.

The advance in prices has not disturbed nanufactured exports. This was predicted freely by the democratic press and by Brit The fact remains that consumptive de

mand has increased enormously in manufactured products as prices advanced. This was contrary to the doctrine of many theorists. We all know that in 1893, with the panic, prices declined and consumption decreased. People didn't buy anything they could do without. After the storm and stress of the campaign of 1896 the public president and adjourn without adopting any took courage, drew a long breath, and, as platform of the party and there is pust one confidence was restored, the wheels began chance in a million that the democrats will to revolve, a vigorous foreign demand set in for our products-food stuffs and manu-

factured goods-with a strong home consumption. For two years past the American people have been consuming more largely than at any previous period higher than ever and wage-earners are buying more than heretofore. Confidence is a prime factor of prosperity. Good money and freedom from menaces against the pub-

lic credit are also factors of prosperity President Roberts of the Pencoyd Iron works of Pennsylvania, who has just returned from a business trip to Great Britain, says there is no doubt the United States will continue to retain her position in the export of manufactured steel and Iron ii present political and social conditions continue. He says England's great need is raw material, of which we have great abundance. She has to get her raw material to a great extent from abroad, and will have to do so increasingly. This growing scarcity of raw material is a serious handicap to England.

No nation except Russia has such enormous supplies of coal and iron and other raw material as we have, and, with increasing push and energy, such as have served us so well the past few years, we shall get the llon's share of the contracts of the world for steel and iron structures.

#### LINES TO A LAUGH.

Chicago Tribune: Loquacious Visitor (who has been describing at some length her bridal trousseau)—You ought to see me in ny going away gown. Hostess-1 wish I could.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Palette-I see D'Auber has taken his wife as a model for the angel in his new painting. Brush-Yes; he's not as big a fool as one night suppose.

Chleago Post: "Your honor," explained the man who was arraigned for nonsupport and desertion. "I admit that I once asked for her hand, but I never expected to get it on the side of my face."

Chicago Record: Jack—Do you know, I always like to converse with a spinster at a social gathering?

Tom—Why do you?

Jack—She never bores a fellow to death by talking about old times.

Indianapolis Journal: "My goodness! So that's a picture of your son who is in col-lege? Why, I never knew before that he was deformed." was deformed."
"He isn't. That's his foot ball uniform he is wearing, and those humps didn't grow on

Chicago News: "What you need," said the physician, "is a few weeks' rest." "But," objected the society man, "I do nothing but rest. I never worked a day in "Then," said the M. D., "what you need is active employment,"

#### BATTLE OF MANILA BAY.

(The following verses were written on poard the flagship Olympia, just after the action, by Lieutenant Corwin P. Reese, They were printed on "flyers," and one of these was presented by the composer to Mr. Frank W. Vaille, director general of posts, United States mall, at Manila, through whose family it reached the Philadelphia Press, where the poem was first published last Sunday.) At break of dawn Manila bay A sheet of limpid water lay Extending twenty miles away.

Twenty miles from shore to shore, As creeping on a squadron bore As squadrons never moved before. Majestic in its hidden might It passed Corregidor at night, Inspired to battle for the right.

And grandly on the flagship led Six ships-OLYMPIA e'er ahead. With battle flags at each masthead, The Baltimore and Raleigh true, The Petrel, Boston, Concord, too, Their flags of glory proudly flew.

As early daylight broke upon The bay-before the rise of sun-Was seen the flash of opening gun! When every second heard the roar Of shell and shrapnel bursting o'er Our brave, undaunted Commodore!

"Hold our fire," he calmly said, As from the bridge he bravely led To death or glory on ahead, But one direction, one command, "TO FOLLOW THE FLAGSHIP BY THE LAND."

Full twenty minutes slowly crept, Ere lightning from our turrets leapt, And pent-up hell no longer slept.

The Spanish fleet, a dozen strong, Was now in range, and haughty w Was swept by awful fire along. Explosions wild destruction brought Mid flames that mighty havoc wrought As either side in fury fought.

So back and forth in angry might The Stars and Stripes moved on the fight Amid bursting shells in deadly flight! The Soanish decks with dead were strewn Their guns on shore were silenced soon. Their flags were down ere flush of noon. Their ships, their batteries on the shore, Were gone to fight again no more— Their loss—a thousand men or more! Dawned on the fleet that Dewey led A miracle, while Spaniards bled:

For on our side was not one dead. The battle of Manila bay From mind shall never pass away, Nor deeds of glory wrought that day. For 'mid that battle's awful roar The Spanish pride, to rise no more, Was humbled by our Commodore.

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