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Now for a campaign for Omaha with every loyal citizen's shoulder to the

wheel.

At least one-half of the election agony is over. The man who won can have his jubilee and the man who lost can sit on the fence and watch the procession pass by.

Omaha's public schools require the services of 394 teachers who are instructing nearly 19,000 pupils. The public school system is still the biggest institution in the community.

Council Bluffs did itself proud in its reception to the returning regiment of Iowa volunteers and the committees which had charge of the arrangements are entitled to a vote of thanks.

Wall street speculators do not appear taking in washing. In their case, howwash revenue stamps than linen,

Now all the people can resume the even tenor of their ways and begin the contemplation of the Thanksgiving turkey. There are a thousand good reasons for thanksgiving this year.

The Chicago municipal pawnshop is now open and ready for business. The city charges a small interest, but insists upon good collateral when loans are procured. Democratic promises are

Governor Poynter has finally promulgated his Thanksgiving proclamation was an utter failure. and all good Nebraska people will take notice that Thanksgiving day this year comes as usual on the last Thursday in

been elected by a majority practically the same as was polled by his illustrious predecessor. The old state of Maine is staunch in its adherence to the

With the onerous burdens of the campaign off their minds perhaps the Honorable David H. Mercer and the Honorable John M. Thurston will be able to get together and let us know who is to supervise the taking of the coming census in this congressional district.

William Waldorf Astor denies that he is selling out his American securities. William may find it convenient to renounce his American citizenship, but he is far too wise to part with holdings of American property and stocks. which enable him to live in luxury in his new home.

And now it is said that the real head of the Boer army is Colonel Blake of the Irish volunteer regiment and that he is a graduate of West Point and a former officer of the Sixth United States cavalry, who has been engaged in mining in the Transvaal. It is evident anyway that someone is at the head of the army who knows his busi-

Now that the election is over, the popocratic officials can probably find ful as to shut up and drive out of exa little time to attend to the business of the state for which they are receiving pay from the public funds. During the campaign it was essential that the public business wait, for the important business of keeping possession of the offices could not be neglected and third which," says the correspondent, "is parties could not be trusted with the reason enough for Germany to comwork.

The beauties of the new constitution vised to disfranchise the negro voters are seen in the registration in New Orleans, where only 1,300 out of nearly 15,000 negro voters have secured places distorting and misrepresenting the for their names on the registration rolls. | facts." In the meanwhile the democrats in the north make annual pleas for the support of negro voters, who are not supof their people in the south.

THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN.

marching. It is quite possible that upon Germany herself. the insurgents will take advantage of this to escape into territory not occu- ABUSING THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. pled by our troops, though it would apenemy cannot get away.

The plan, according to the advices, discuss the qualifications of candidates contemplates securing possession of the for office is the prerogative of every country southeast of the insurgent cap- American newspaper. ital, which is the stronghold of the inoccupying all important territory from of individuals. which the enemy is driven. It thus from our operations in Luzon and that be permanent, to be followed as rapidly done in the places now under American authority.

INCREASING IMPORTS.

The official trade statistics show that imports are increasing, a condition to be expected from improving prices, but it does not appear that thus far importations have had any effect upon home industries. So great has been the growth of the purchasing power of the home market during the past two years that it is able to absorb the present rate of imports without detriment to the domestic industries with which such imports compete. The purchase and consumption of products of home industry have increased far beyond the highest record in the most prosperous of all past years and there is every reason to expect that this will be maintained for several years to come and probably enlarged.

There is, therefore, in the larger importations nothing to alarm the home industries. Resides, the increase is almost wholly in crude materials for manufacture, which is evidence of the healthy activity of our industries. It appears from the statistics that among the manufactured only about eight to be above making a little money by items, some of which belong to the class of luxuries, have increased to ever, they find it more profitable to any considerable extent and the imports these are much below the imports of the same articles in 1895, under the Wilson tariff. As to food products practically the whole gain, as compared with four years ago, is in sugar and coffee.

With the high degree of prosperity which this country is enjoying and the consequent improvement in prices. some increase in imports was inevitable, but the present tariff is proving an adequate defense to American industries and at the same time a satisfactory revenue measure-in both of which respects the preceding tariff law

TRADE WITH GERMANY. A dispatch from Berlin a few days ago stated that there is a growing opinion in Germany in favor of a commer Tom Reed's successor in Maine has cial treaty with the United States which will be fair for both sides and enable the merchants of both nations to make calculations regarding trade between the two countries for a number of years ahead. It was stated that everybody, except the agrarians, recognizes the growing importance of the United States as a market for German goods and the hope is entertained that the long-pending negotiations will be brought to a successful issue. The am bassador and the consul general of the United States at Berlin are working assiduously to promote closer commerclal relations between the two coun-

German trade with the United States has for some years been declining, while many have been steadily increasing. until now they stand at the head of the list. The official German statistics for 1898 show that the imports from the United States for that year were larger than those from Great Britain, while the exports to the United States were considerably less than those to Great Britain. This has quite naturally impressed the industrial and commercial interests of Germany with the necessity of cultivating the American market. A Berlin correspondent says that during the last two years, but above all the last six months. American competition in several lines has become so poweristence numbers of German factories. Nearly every week the agrarian press chronicles cases of that kind. Consequently German firms which formerly did a thriving export business to America have been deprived of it. "All of plain of unfair dealings and all of it is set forth with considerable vigor by the German press and pamphleteers. of Louisiana, which was carefully de But in addition to the legitimate and by applying tests they could not meet, much advanced that is illegitimate and unreasonable, in many cases based on no facts at all, but the result of willfully

> The reciprocity arrangement between plish. For twenty-five years he has France and the United States appears been working upon his submarine boat to have produced some anxiety among and while it has in times past met with that unless Germany gets the same tariff | been able to produce a craft heretofore | delusion.

is now being projected shall be success- negotiations looking to better and serves success. ful the enemy will receive the heaviest closer commercial relations between the and most discouraging blow since the two countries. So long as the German war commenced. The conditions are government is disposed to countenance not yet entirely favorable to vigorous the agrarian demands-and it cannot operations. General Lawton's move | well ignore that powerful element-the ments were checked by heavy rains existing trade situation is pretty cerand the country generally in which tain to continue. The betterment ofmilitary operations are being conducted | the commercial conditions is a matter is not in condition to admit of rapid that manifestly depends very largely

An untrammeled press is the pallapear that the American forces have dium of the republic and the safeguard been so disposed that a portion of the of free institutions. The right to criticise the conduct of public men and to

The privilege of the press to throw surrection, and if this shall be ac- the searchlight of publicity upon officecomplished and the territory held by holders and officeseekers does not, howour troops, the insurgents will be very ever, justify the libellous vilification of much crippled. It is a populous re- public men, much less of private citigion from which the insurgents have zens. The privilege of the press is not derived a large part of their subsist- to be construed as a license to drag into ence and support and its loss would the mire of politics the names of men be serious to them. Meanwhile Gen- and women not seeking political prefereral Otis is receiving reinforcements ment or public favor. Here is where and will soon be able to extend the the line should be drawn and where the campaign over a broader field, while law steps in to protect the reputations

The campaign just closed affords a appears probable that within a short striking example of the abuse of the time there will be some decisive results freedom of the press and the intolerable outrage to which men and women the progress made by our forces will are subjected by conscienceless and characteriess mercenaries who for the as possible by the establishment of time being happen to have control of local civil government, as has been irresponsible newspapers. Day in and Chances are they are waiting for a big day out for the last sixty days the Omaha World-Herald, owned by nobody knows who, controlled by a set of wreckers and holdups, has filled columns and pages with the vilest slanders and unprovoked abuse directed not merely at candidates or officeholders, but at private citizens whose only offense is their political allegiance to a party in opposition to

sham reform. In this unbridled license no disposition has been shown to observe even the common decencies of journalism or the ordinary respect due to the reading public. Such a course naturally tends to discredit the whole press and to destroy its influence for either good or harm. When public opinion looks upon a newspaper as nothing more than a medium for wholesale fakes and indiscriminate falsehood and slander, to be leveled at political opponents and private citizens unable or unwilling to submit to blackmail, the press loses its standing with self-respecting and reputable people and sinks to the level of the common prostitute.

No one can run over the back numbers of the World-Herald for the past two weeks without blushing for Omaha and Nebraska and without feeling a resentment over the shameless mendacity that has indelibly branded that sheet as an example of newspaper depravity unparalleled anywhere among the yellowest of yellow journals.

The past year has witnessed a clearng up of a great many prejudices against this country in continental Europe, and the opinion is growing that both the trade and the good will of the United States are worth cultivating, No. country in the world has at times been so hostile, in a commercial way, as Germany, but the latest information is to the effect that Germany realizes more hurling big legal stones at one another. and more every day the advantages of a close commercial compact with the United States. The people of the United States have much to sell, but they are They want the best and are willing to pay for it, and Germany is waking up to the realization of the fact that it feed constantly, but he doesn't grumble. will be well to maintain a friendly commercial attitude.

harge that American soldlers have desecrated Catholic churches in Luzon. Funston is also refuted. Such stories are the inevitable consequence of an American war in a country where there are none other than Catholic churches War is hell and history gives countless nstances wherein armies showed utter disregard for sacred edifices, despoiling enemy. There has been no wanton desecration of church property in the Phil-

A local statistician not long ago computed the aggregate number of Omaha church-goers at 30,000-about one in five of the total population; or, according to an old rule, an average of one to each family. Where there is one person who regularly attends church there are four who do not. The knowledge of this condition of things generally is causing the ministers and church periodicals to discuss the best methods of

If leading members of the Real Estate exchange number among their clients large corporations which make a business of procuring low tax assessments upon their property, little or nothing may be expected of that organization in aiding a movement for tax reform. If, however, the exchange is free to act in the matter it could adopt no better course to insure heavy investreasonable causes of complaint there is ments in Omaha property. A low tax rate is a standing invitation to lavest-

reductions as France the issue between which naval men would recommend as The military operations in progress the United States and Germany as to of practical value. In spite of discour-In Luzon give promise of decisive re- the correct interpretation of the favored agements he has worked away and at sults. The movements of the several nation clause must become more acute. last has received a favorable report forces, with a view to bringing on a Meanwhile the agrarian demands for upon his latest boat. Twenty-five years general engagement with the insur- additional discrimination against Amer- is a long time to devote to one object, gents, show a change in the plan of lean products are still being pressed with defeat after defeat to discourage campaign hitherto pursued, and if what and constitute the great obstacle to the inventor, and such persistence de-

The Real Estate exchange has always been willing to embark in any undertaking which promised to be of benefit to the city. One of its first secretaries is now tax commissioner of the city. He has pointed out some remedies for unjust and inequitable tax assessments. The Real Estate exchange heartly accepted by the nation, and he is might lead off in a movement which emphatic in demanding that we shall vigif pushed with vigor must result in much-needed reform. One thing is certain, tax burdens in Omaha must be reduced if we hope to attract investors lacos. The flag will stay in the east. and the sooner a majority of citizens realize this fact the better.

It will take three days to get complete returns of the election in Nebraska because many precincts, especially in the western part of the tion. the public will have to possess itself in dependence under him. patience until the last figures are in. In this respect, however, Nebraska is not different from many other states. Some of the mountainous parts of Tenthe polls have been closed, and the same is true of the mountain states to the west of us.

It is only necessary to note the fire record in other cities throughout the country to enable an Omaha propertyowner to appreciate the efficiency of our fire department. The fire insurance companies, however, do not show substantial appreciation of the fact. fire as a pretext for advancing the already excessive premium rates.

Portugal is likely to be in a position soon to sympathize with China. It is "get into the swim." European powers are exercising the right of eminent domain a long way from home.

With all the mud-slinging, libel, false hood, vituperation and slush which the popocrats indulged in during the campaign, it is no wonder the sentiment in favor of long-term judiciary is growing. Every mean and questionable trick was resorted to and falsehood was used incessantly with which to flay opposing candidates.

President McKinley has gone home to vote, following the practice he has pur sued each succeeding year since he has been the occupant of the White House. President McKinley does not propose to lose his citizenship in Ohio or change his state residence because elevated to a high office.

No Allingso in Their's.

Washington Post. It is quite certain that the American Anglo-Saxon alliance.

Innovations Welcome.

Philadelphia Times In parts of the country grain shipments are blocked on the railroads from a scarcity tems.

Now Watch the Rocks.

New York Herald. Window glass manufacturers outside of the Glass trust are about to form an independent organization with a capital of \$15. of persons living in metaphorical glass houses | years.

Big Company to Feed.

The subsistence of the army during the past year, according to the annual report of also the best purchasers in the world, the acting commissary, General Weston, cost \$27,054,646. This does not include the free rations given to prisoners of war and asked for \$75,000. others. Uncle Sam has a big company to

Heroes in Everyday Life. Baltimore American.

All the heroism did not go to the war Two Catholic priests who have been There is a fine reserve left in ordinary civil recent Omaha visitors denounce the life. When the ferryboat collision took place lately in New York the first cry raised on the sinking vessel was: "The women first! Save the women!" And the women and The specific charge against General children were shoved ahead to safety before the men looked out for themselves. It is things like these which redeem great disasters.

Globe-Democrat

Aids to Business. The United States is being aided in a bus ness way by all sorts of influences. The war in the Transvaal, which was expected to them at will, as they did any other injure trade here, as well as elsewhere, is structure, the destruction of which helping American business, Possibly it has would in some measure weaken the delayed the importation of gold, but as the country now has more gold than it can make profitable use of, and much more than it ever had before at this time of the year, this consideration will not bother anybody. Supplies of various sorts for England's armies are being purchased in this country in quantitles unprecedented. There is no "let-up" in the tide of American prosperity.

Leaks in the British Cables. Philadelphia Ledger. Not the least puzzling feature of the Boe campaign is the facility with which news is received from Pretoria, which is supposed to be cut off from the outside world, if not by the British troops, at least by the British cable monopoly, and the promptness with which, despite the etrictness of the censor- | signist "of the old Jackson and Jefferson home missionary work. It brought the ship, news of disaster to the British arms kind" and thinks the democratic party is Salvation army into being and it is to- appears in European centers not supposed to day one of the most serious problems be in touch with South Africa. The British with which churchmen have to grapple. government suspects leaks in the cable service and is trying to trace them. Its success will be measured by the number and accuracy of such reports in future.

Coinage of Silver Dollars.

The number of standard silver dollars in reported by the Treasury department at 483.-122,376. On the 1st of June, 1898, the number was 461,180,422, so that 21,941,954 of them have been coined since June 1, 1898, puract of June 13, 1898. At the eninimum alsilver coinage, and it excites no alarm for

OUR DUTY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

New York Times (dem.): The Philippine report is indeed a first-rate campaign document. It expels error and falsehood from the discussione of the contest and puts the truth before the eyes of the voter. To issue it was an act of high policy that raises cam paigning to the level of etatesmanship.

Boston Globe (dem.): It is difficult to se how any fair-minded American can read the preliminary report of the Philippine commission without according complete assent to the main declarations which these gentlemen feel constrained to put forth. In order to read it fairly it should be entirely disassceinted with American politics. Philadelphia Times (dem.): What Admiral

Dewey advises about the Philippines will be orougly prosecute the war against the insurgents, and overthrow the barbarous nunrchy that insurgent authority would give to the long-suffering people of the is-Indianapolia Journal (rep.): The champions

of Aguinaldo in this country have constantly assumed that most of the inhabitants of the Philippines are in favor of independence un der Aguinaldo. This commission of intelligent men, who have been on the ground for months, declares that but a portion of the inhabitants of Luzon are with Aguinaldo, state, have no telegraphic communica- so that it is absurd to set up the assump-If the election should be close tion that its people have declared for in-

Philadelphia Record (dem.): The general conclusion to be drawn from the report is that the abandonment of the Philip pines is impossible. Irksome and costly as the protection of the Filipinos and their nessee do not report for a week after education in the art of self-government may be, we cannot shirk the task. To do so would be to surrender the islands to a rule of anarchy or leave them a prey to less scrupulous and less benevolent powers. In assuming the burden the only reward we can expect is the consciousness of having performed a duty imposed upon us by circumstances beyond our control. Boston Transcript (rep.): The condition

Patience is one of the qualities in which an administration of eastern possessions must excel. He must induce; must lead where mother that he had come home to die, she general let it gradually dawn upon the conour ways are really better for them than their own. With a simple administrative machine in Manifa, with an educational sys- | formance. announced that in case England takes tem that shall give the natural intelligence possession of Delagoa bay, Germany of the Philippine peoples the scope long dewill proceed to appropriate a harbor nied them, our rule in the islands will not on the same coast, just to be able to only be acquiesced in by the natives as something inevitable, but cherished as something desirable. Such reforms must be reached gradually. To attempt to bring like Americanizing these people. Malays they are and will remain; but prosperous, government, and feeling our rule only as it directs the broader general policies of the islands, not interfering in every village detail, who may in time contribute not alone to the power of the United States.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Literary Digest reports, after canvassing the press of the country, that the United States shows no preponderance of sympathy either way in the South African Spaniards.

Judge J. C. Long, the newly-appointed consul general of the United States at Cairo, Egypt, was formerly republican committeeman from Florida. He lived in Egypt for several years and knows like a native the language and customs of the country. Lieutenant Commander T. B. M. Mason of the navy, who died a few days ago, was baptized as Theodorus Bailey Myers, but he took the name of his mother's family. Mason, to become heir to the fortune lef by the family, the income of which wa between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year.

Colonel W. S. Metcalf of the Twentietl Kansas volunteers, who has just been com missioned a brigadier general by breve for meritorious service in action at Guigento river, near Luzon, is said to be the best pistol shot in the volunteer army. He has 000,000. Now we may witness the spectacle practiced with a revolver for over twenty

> The suit for damages for libel brough by James J. Phelan against the New York World for certain charges made by that paper against the plaintiff as a dock commissioner of New York has resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. The jury awards him damages to the amount of 6 cents. He

Charles Grant Blairfinde Allen, known as Grant Allen, who died a few days ago in London, was a prolific author. Twice a year during his adult life he produced a book of some sort. His novels were written as money-makers merely to enable him to prosecute scientific study, particularly in the field of natural history.

The New York Evening Post printed the following last Saturday: "We regret to announce that Mr. E. L. Godkin has severed his active connection with the Evening Post. It was his intention to do so in any case on the first of January, next, but the step has been hastened by impaired health. He will continue to be an occasional editorial contributor."

The London Chronicle says that President Kruger's wife is of the same family as Cardinal Richelieu. He has been wedded twice and both his wives were chosen from the Du Pleasis family, which is not only one of the oldest families in South Africa, its founder having gone to the Cape in the seventeenth century, but the family to which Richelieu belonged. Mr. Kruger by his first marriage had one child, who died young. By his second wife he has had sixteen children. His grandchildren number 104. Harry J. MacDonald, who died in a hos-

pital in New York a few days ago was the son of a native king on the African gold coast. He was taken from his country by slave-traders, was rescued by a British ship, became a servant in the English army, where he was given the name of MacDonald and later came to the United States. The Galveston (Tex.) News says that while Judge John H. Rengan is an expanmaking a great mistake in opposing expansion, he will content himself with warning his fellows and then follow his party wherever it leads.

Cost of the Transvaal War.

England's Parliament will have to increase existence at the beginning of this month is mark, even though the war is likely to be inherited a debt with it. About half the much shorter than anybody a short time ago | debts are secured by mortgage, the rate o suant to the provisions of the war revenue for geveral months in a region where, even cling to the one-crop system. Tools and under the most comfortable conditions, the machinery are said to cost from one-half lowed by the act of 1,500,000 per month, the cost of living for soldiers would be high, will to one-third less than years ago, and by number will, in the course of the next twelve | entail an outlay far beyond the original esti- | their improvement to have decreased the months, he augmented by 18,000,000, bringing matc. The present debt of the United labor cost by nearly one-half. Farm wages the total up to 501.122.276. This, it will be Kingdom, deducting the sinking fund, is in have fallen very little; in many cases not The career of Inventor Holland shows observed to under an administration and a the neighborhood of \$3,400,000,000, which is at all. In a few cases they have risen what intelligent persistence will accom- secretary of the treasury opposed to free greater than that of any other nation except slightly. The fair average is \$20 a month Russia, which is \$3,500,000,000, and France, the safety c. the gold standard. A silverite \$4.500,000,000. It is altogether probable that administration could do but little more with- | the war with the South African republic and | age. Or \$18 a month with everything found out new legislation, and fear of its being the Orange Free State will run up Britain's Day hands in harvest time get as high at posed to know about the maltreatment German merchants and it is suggested a measure of success, he has never able to overthrow the gold standard is a debt at least \$200,000,000 beyond its present \$5 a day.

EDITORIAL TIPS ON WAR.

Chicago Tribune: Missouri learns with hastened sorrow of the British disasters in South Africa and is ready to furnish more

mules at previous figures. Buffalo Express: England's ultimate vicstate for India. But it begins to look as if diction that the price would stagger civiliza-

St. Louis Republic: Heaven used to be and ammunition Brooklyn Eagle: England is courting an-

than they have in New York harbor.

to send a commissary with a wagon train of provisions to feed them. Globe-Democrat: The British troops are to be inoculated for typhoid fever. Besides carrying a jag of the attenuated fever bacilli around in their persons, they have vaccine waiter, thrust into them and diphtheria remedy, to say nothing of having their appendices cut out. What is left the Boers show signs of vaccinating with Mr. Mauser's lead pillules

for pale patriots. Boston Transcript: The mind inevitably reverts to Artemus Ward's "Mormon Story" as one reads about the important and disastrous part that the army mule took in the the windows. British discomfiture at Ladysmith. In Artemus' thrilling tale it will be remembered as presented by the commission implies that the young mule-driver was fearfully years not only of labor but of patience. kicked by his team before the animals ran away. He managed to reach his home and when he informed his poor, heart-stricken with other people he would drive, and in replied: "So I perceive, my son; but where are the mules?" Just at the present mosciousness of the people under his rule that ment the British public appears to be more concerned about "them mules" than about the men who suffered by their erratic per-

CURIOUS CUBAN PROBLEM.

Influx of Spaniards Alarms the Na Buffalo Express.

A new problem confronts the authorities them about at once by general orders would in Cuba. It is reported that so many Spanspoil everything. Above all things we lards are arriving at Havana that it has become a question what shall be done with them. During the last three months 6,000 bread?" asked a prospective customer in a bake shop, them. During the last three months 6,000 bread?" asked a prospective customer in a bake shop, "Yes'm," replied the new boy, "we have "Yes'm," replied the new boy, "we have should seek to avoid anything that looks come a question what shall be done with educated Malays, interested in local self- very poor, having practically no means of some nice pound loaves that weigh only ten support. They are anxious to get work at anything, but it is extremely difficult to find them employment. It has been suggested that they be sent into the interior, to the property value of our possessions, but with the expectation that they will be able to find work on the plantations. These men are not cordially received by the native Cubans, who profess to fear that if the present influx keeps up they will soon be swamped in number. They want im-migration of some kind to offset the large black population, but they don't want the

Another reason why the Spaniards are objected to is said to be that these men are willing to work harder than the native Cubans. That ought to be one point in their favor. Laziness is not a virtue that should be encouraged. Still, if so (With apologies to Lord Macaulay.) many pauper Spaniards are arriving in Cuba it might be well to institute an inquiry it might be well to institute an inquiry Naught cared they for their riders, as to whether pauper emigration is not be ing encouraged by the Spanish govern

FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Each Side Said to Have 100,000 Me in the Field.

Washington Star, November 1 Colonel S. S. Sumner, military attache of the United States at London, who has been ordered to South Africa to witness the military operations there, sends this statement of the present and prospective strength of Now, amid shouts and clapping, the British army in South Africa;

Regulars Reinforcements arriving before No-10,000 Total force in South Africa on Reinfercements Contemplated-One plete army corps, divided thus: avalry Corps troops, including artillery, en-gineers, etc line of communication Proops on line of communications to be left at base ...

itingents from Queensland and New Zealand 88,388 Grand total Colonel Summer also sends an estimate of

52,318

the diplomatic agent of the Transvani is Europe, has issued a statement that the Boers have now nearly 100,000 men in the field, made up as follows: Boer regulars

Foreign legion Jermane rich-Belglans Scandinavians French, Swiss and Italians

FARM CONDITIONS.

Significant Facts Brought to Light by an Investigation.

Indianapolis News. There are about 5,000,000 American farm ers. The most of them dwell in the Mir sissippi valley. No longer a pioneer, bu rapidly developing extensive farming, the American farmer's condition and ideas are of much importance. Some time ago Ed ward Atkinson set out to make inquiries about them by letters. He sent out 1.000 circular letters. From the mass of replies he culls a few of particular interest. They represent farms ranging from ninety acres to 10,000, and geographically extend from Vermont to Texas and Montana. The largest farm represented-10,000 acres-is in Sanga mon county, Illinois. There are some points of likeness. Every farmer either went into its appropriation for beyond the \$50,000,000 debt for his farm or when he inherited it thought it would be. The transportation of interest ranging from 5 to 24 per cent, the between 40,000 and 50,000 soldiers for a dis- lowest being more exceptional than the tance of over 5,000 miles, and their support | highest. A small percentage of farmers the year round, without board, but with house, fuel, garden ground and cowpactur

way from one-fourth to as much as twothirds. While crops have been abundant. they have put but little money in the purse Meanwhile, living expenses have not fallen correspondingly. Clothes are 20 per cent cheaper, but the rising standard of living ory is certain, predicts the secretary of makes a greater outlay imperative. Answers gathered from farmers generally show that there would be truth, too, in Kruger's pre- the decrease in the price of what farmers had to buy did not offset the fall in prices of what they sold. As a rule, farmers de not work so hard as of old. This is partly predited with being on the side of the heav- due to a recognition of new ways as better iest cannon. Hereafter it is expected to be than old ways. In line with this is the on the side that understands how to keep work of agricultural colleges and experithe mules from running away with the guns n ental stations. As to farm mortgages, they are held to represent a great improvement and wise outlay on the farm, making our other disagreement by patrolling Delagon farmers the best housed of any on earth, and bay with its war ships to keep out supplies in spite of mortgages the condition is genfor the Boers. Delagoa belongs to Portugal | erally one of prosperity. The indebtedness and English ships have no more right there is not so great as is apparent, because, when money is borrowed and a deed of trust is Springfield Republican: It is figured that made, it is not satisfied until the whole the British have lost in twenty days of war amount is paid, and thus no account is taken in South Africa a total of 1,916 officers and of partial payments, so that the mortgage men, killed, wounded and missing. The offi- indebtedness appears to be greater than it cial record of American losses during the is. In the matter of land values and fluctuaentire Spanish war shows a total loss of but tions there have been notable differences. Western lands, on the whole, seem to be ris-San Francisco Call: General Joubert has ing, while eastern lands seem to be stavery kindly invited the British to send tionary or falling. In the middle west lands physicians to lock after their wounded who are steady at a high price, and lands in the are prisoners in his hands, and if he cou- south are stationary or rising slowly. But tinues to bag a regiment or so every other local causes more than geographical ones deday he will have to ask them before long termine values.

1873 to 1894, products have fallen all the

SMILING REMARKS.

Chleago Post: "This room is very close." 'So are the people in it," replied the

Detroit Journal; "As a matter of fact," protested the Dollar, with warmth, "I am mightier than ever! No, the fact that I am often knocked down by certain persons cuts no figure! Oh, none whatever!"

Judge: Lawyer-Do you swear the col-lision raised the entire car? Witness-Well, it raised everything but

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I notice that we have shipped more than 400,000 burrels of American apples, all fresh fruit, to Europe "Dried apples would have been more ap-propriate for swell patrons."

Indianapolis Journal: Visitor—You say those two Hill brothers are deaf and dumb? Native—Yaas. We allers call 'em the two Hills without a holler.

Chicago Tribune: "What we need in this country," observed the visiting statesman, leaning back in his chair and lighting a cigar, "is more of the spirit of 76." "Got it right here!" exclaimed the Kentucky host, delightedly patting the decenter. "Bottled it the year of the Centennial myself, begad, sah!"

Indianapolis Journal: "Too often," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "the Joyous flush of youth runs up against four of a kind before it has time to appreciate itself."

Detroit Journal: Truth, having been crushed to earth, was now rising again.
"But what has become of all those reporters?" she asked, in a dazed way, picking up her hat, while Error laughed mock-

Paradoxical.

Indianapolis Journal. Oh, Paddy, dear, and did you hear the news that's going round? The British lion's mighty nigh been trun upon the ground; There's no true lad of Irish blood but what rejoices much, still it's quare to find thim glad for winnings av the Dutch! But i

LAY OF LADYSMITH'S MULES.

Chicago Chronicles lold talandinan For gunners naught cared they.

But they saw upon the hillside. The white tent of the Boer, And they thought: "Those be our masters For these we'll toil no more," Soft was the ground and yielding, Heavy the load they drew; Yet, like some Arab courser,

And now they've reached the mountain; 'Mid freedom's tents they stand, Welcomed by Boer captains, Caressed by Joubert's hand,

And noise of laughter loud, They trot off to the stable, Cheered by the joyous crowd. s much as ten stout horses Could eat from morn to night

And set it up on high, And there it stands unto this day To witness if I lie. It stands there in Pretoria, Plain for all folk to see, Those stout mules in the harness Of "The Roy'l Artilleric."

And they made a molten image

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Of Britain to the Boer.

the Boer force, said to be the official figures of Commandant General Joubert. These total 1: 864 men.

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