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A Marvel of Excellence.

Minucapolis Times. The Omaha Illustrated Bee is a weekly magazine published by The Bee company. The Christmas number is a marvel of typographical beauty and literary excellence. Every feature of an up-to-date magazine is ombraced in its contents and its loyalty to Omaha and the west is evidenced by numerous special features hardsomely illustrated.

Reports from Capetown indicate that the British siege train had arrived at that point. The one belonging to the some time.

nearest neighbor.

If Metcock had been made U. S. S. exchange bank.

guaranteed of regulation strength.

Nebraska's attorney general has not taken a shot at a trust for at least a week. Unless he practices more how can he ever expect to hit the bull's-eye when none of the shots fired up to date indicate he has secured the correct range?

According to reliable reports the English government is buying meats canned

The members of the State Board of Transportation complain that they are the least understood body of officials in the country. The trouble is that the public has been able up to date to study but one phase of their existence. A con:atose condition is not favorable for studies from life.

A Milwaukee alderman has committed snielde through worry over a street railway ordinance he was trying to get through regulating the street railways of that city. Up to the present time no Omaha alderman has endangered health or life worrying over the regula-

tion of street railways.

The next thing the defunct candidate for the U.S.S. will demand will be the enforced retirement of G. L. Laws, secretary of the State Board of Transportation. Laws is said to express himself bitterly against the popocratic organ and its proprietor. We presume this is another case of the sting of ingratitude.

The commercial interests of Omaha, St. Joseph, Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City are all together in oppos ing changes in freight classifications the railreads are trying to inflict upon western shippers. It is gratifying to see these great rivals get together on a question that concerns them all alike. In other lines, however, they will continne to fight one another just as hard

where they hope no one will see it. The have been bounty jumpers. This is one solutely necessary to carry on municipal

REFORMS IN CUBA

The facts reported in regard to prison amine Business letters and remittances should be addressed: The Bee Publishing Company, Omaha.

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intends to put an end to and undoubt. of all the people. edly the better class of the people will approve his action. Those persons who have been kept in prison a sufficient mental system.

NATURALIZATION ABUSES.

That there are abuses of the natural ization laws will not be questioned. Hundreds of thousands of aliens have been admitted to American citizenship who were not entitled to it and every year men are given naturalization papers who have not complied with the law. This is common in the larger cities of the country, especially just before an Philadelphia got their papers before they had a right to them.

The abuses conceded, the desirability of a remedy will also be admitted. It Boers has been in active operation for is quite as essential to faithfully obother statutes. An effort is to be made The chances are said to favor Milwau- in the present congress to amend the kee and Kansas City for the democratic naturalization laws so as to protect heads and bushwhackers who had masnational convention. As between the them against abuse, A bill for this purtwo Nebraska ought to stand up for its Pose was introduced in the senate by declaration of his intention to become a Secretary Gage would have been com- citizen at least five years prior to his poured vitriol into their wounds and pelled to resign his portfolio or take his application for admission and must show made them believe that it was a pachances on impeachment for suggesting that he is attached to the principles of the establishment of an international the constitution, that he can speak the English language and that he has been obedient to the laws of the country. He The Jacksonian club sideboard will must also show that he has knowledge keep open house New Year's day. The of our system of government, federal fountain of democracy may have been and state. Perhaps some will think such considerably diluted in recent years, requirements as these too rigid, but but the goods on the sideboard are American citizenship is a great boon and ought not to be bestowed on those value.

PENSION EXPENDITURES.

The government disbursed for army and navy pensions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, over \$138,000,000. The secretary of the interior says in his annual report that the probabilities are that the pension roll will, by reason of the late war with Spain, not at Omaha for the use of its troops in only increase in amount, but in num-South Africa. Omaha packers will bers during the fiscal year 1900. Up doubtless be glad to receive orders also to the close of the last fiscal year there from the Boer side of the fence and had been filed 17,560 army and navy promise to fill them with satisfaction to claims on account of service in the war with Spain, of which only 303 had been

allowed. increased pension expenditure a disposi- with poker rooms and other attractive tion is being shown in congress to swell attachments, those who are in want of this account enormously through new that kind of social entertainment are of legislation. A number of bills have been introduced for extending the pen- purely political and designed to drill resion laws which if enacted would re- publicans for the coming national camquire nearly the entire revenue of the paign it is superfluous because the same government to meet the demands of the work can and will be done more effipension office. Some of these bills, in clently in the republican ward clubs. troduced "by request," will probably receive no consideration, but others have strong influences behind them and will League clubs of New York and Philadelbe persistently pressed by the congressmen who introduced them.

One measure proposes to remove all limitation upon the payment of arrears | Hugh Myers, W. A. Saunders and of pensions, which the pension office estimates would be good for \$500,000,000. Another bill provides for a service pen sion, which it is estimated would add nearly \$100,000,000 annually to the expenditures. Still another provides that every soldier who enlisted in the army after April 19, 1861, for three years and who served until honorably the purchase of the water works will into being. Colonel Bryan has escaped to ready filed be naturally begins to get discharged, by reason of having re-en- make an exhaustive inquiry into the Texas. He will dive into a sea of troubles anxious. listed as a veteran volunteer, and who | feasibility of the proposition; the legal received from the United States a bearings of the contract between the city bounty of \$100 for his first term of serv- and the water company and the right ice, shall be paid an additional bounty of the city to take the works at a reaof \$100. If the soldier is dead, then his sonable appraisement within the next widow, minor children or parents are two years and report their conclusions to be paid the second bounty provided as early as possible. The taxpayers and 98,000 who are eligible under this bill, this subject that can be procured. They the Boer lines we learn that he and the Massachusetts regiment, he would have which would call for an appropriation want this information without its being of 89,800,000. But the most extrao-The chairman of the New York demo- dinary of all these bills is the one that who hope to profit in some way by the of right. cratic committee says he found during provides for extending amnesty to men proposed deal between the city and the his trip through the south and west that who deserted during the war of the rethe sentiment for making free coinage bellion and making them eligible for the issue is waning. The democrats, pension from the date of application according to his idea will not re- following the proclamation of amnesty. pudiate the Chicago platform for the It is said there are 160,000 names borne favor at the hands of Omaha taxpayers, to fear the British one. It is one thing to physical condition. He had learned a little strategy has been valiant indeed, but the appearance of the thing, but will place on the army rolls as deserters, of whom The tax burdens are higher already than meet the beast in his hunting veidt; it's comething by experience. Hence he ought results are fearfully meager. A loss of

would be difficult to find an adequate ments on account of pensions and the ment. excuse for doing so. Permitting the execution of the pension laws have Spanish system to prevail in this re- amounted to nearly two and a half bilspect was a mistake which detracts lions of dollars, will be continued. The and creditable administration of Gen- gratitude to the men who served their Remit by draft, express or postal order, payable to The Bee Publishing Company. Only 2-cent stamps accepted in payment of mail accounts. Personal checks, except on Omaha or Eastern exchange, not accepted. country will be adhered to so long as there is a soldier or sailor who has a edly be able to effect the needed reform | must be a reasonable limitation to this | grandest collection of Indians of differwithout much trouble, though it is pos. expenditure and the existing laws make sible that for a time he will encounter fair provision for those who are ensome opposition from those who are titled to the care of the government. George B. Tzschuck, secretary of The Bee
Publishing Company, being duly sworn,
says that the actual number of full and
complete copies of The Dally, Morning,
Evening and Sunday Bee, printed during
the month of November, 1839, was as folbefore being given a trial particularly would add enormously to that account, If without friends to look after his case, has nothing whatever to commend or Consequently the prisons were always justify it. Let us be justly liberal to crowded and necessarily in a wretched the soldiers and sailors, but we must sanitary condition. This General Wood at the same time consider the interests

STILL KEPT IN THE DARK.

time to punish them for their misdeeds kept in profound darkness about the and especially the water works queswill be released, while such as are true aims and objects of the Patriotle tion, but sixty days from now, when the charged with crimes that should sub- League club. According to its printed city campaign is in full blast, we may ever. ject them to more prolonged punishment prospectus this organization is a republexpect a deluge of horrible fakes about will as soon as practicable be brought lican club and the scope of its work is plots to prevent the acquisition of the to trial. In this way the Cubans will be the upbuilding and the maintaining of water works by the city. made acquainted with an American the republican party, the election of principle which is here regarded as a nominees of republican conventions and co-operation in harmonius action for the | eral degrees yet to take. general good of the party.

This is very attractive, but "fine words butter no parsnips." When first election, and it would perhaps not be of its being was to bring together the where the ingratitude stinger was apan exaggeration to say that half the soreheads and kickers who were dis- plied will be sufficient to disclose the foreign-born citizens of New York and gruntled with the action of the republidentity of the original. lican county convention and the candidates with a view to smoothing down their ruffled feelings and bringing them all into line to support the whole repubserve the naturalization laws as any battle had cleared away it was found that the republican ticket had been ambuscaded and fusilladed by the sorequeraded as peacemakers. That the leaders of the gang, including Captain Senator Perkins of California, which Palmer, were in the plot cannot be passenger traffic. Wherever they are tried provides that an alien shall make a doubted for a moment. Instead of har- abroad our locomotives score an invariable monizing the discordant elements they success. triotic duty for them to vote the fusion ticket.

In spite of all denials of a secret com bine it is a matter of notoriety that there was and is an inside ring which practice political assassination.

Even the public meetings of these pa triots have belied the prospectus of har mony and party loyalty. Every time who do not understand its import and reference has been made by a speaker to the defeat of the ticket he has drawn who have not sufficient fact not to give

themselves away. According to the latest figures given out by the inside circle the total number of patriots who have been duped centers. into paying the admission fee has reached 367. That would indicate that there are still more than 9,000 republicans in Omaha and South Omaha who are not patriotic enough to join the patriots. These 9,000 republicans are still in the dark as to the need of such an organization and the benefits to be derived by the party from its existence, beat Notwithstanding this assurance of an get up a republican Jacksonian club. course at liberty to indulge. If it were If however, the real object is to establish a permanent club like the Union phia and the Marquette and Hamilton clubs of Chicago then it will take men of different stamp than Cadet Taylor, George Hess to give it that character. without which the better class of republicans in Omaha will refuse to be identified with it.

It is to be hoped that the committee appointed by the Commercial club to investigate the proposed bond issue for filtered through politicians or parties

The proposition to raise the tax levy from 25 to 30 mills will not meet with didate to balance on the new pedestal. "by request" and which the senator who school system some other means for the expense of the Afrikanders,

water company.

presented it has said be did not ex- raising revenue other than increasing the tax levy should be devised. For exabuses in Cuba and the delay in bring. At a time when it is most important ample, a very considerable sum could second in by Uncle Sam in the Philippines countrymen have promptly given a token of Irish-American fellow citizens would couning prisoners to trial show the necessity and necessary that the expenditures of be raised by an occupation tax, grad- is a collection of bandits, who toam over for the prompt action taken by Gov- the government shall be kept at the mated according to the class of business, the island of Panay and wax wealthy and ernor General Wood to correct this state lowest point compatible with an efficient This is done in other cities of Nebraska beisterous on the spoils of the chase. Just most imperiant tribute to his brilliant These who are contributing liberally toward of affairs. If the conditions are as rep administration of the public service, to and could be introduced in Omaha withresented it must be admitted that the the end that the burden of taxation out doing injustice. The main trouble. , preceding administration did not give shall not be maintained a day longer however, is that the vast real estate great deal of shorting going on, but little proper attention to them, though hardly than is absolutely required by the holdings of the rallway corporations are harm inflicted. Uncle Sam's boys are handany duty it had to perform was more legitimate needs of the government, practically exempt from local taxes, icapped in the sprinting match. The native important than that of requiring that propositions to enormously swell the at- These corporations enjoy as much mu- webfeet are amazingly swift on land and pers as imprisoned on criminal charges | ready heavy pension account will under | nicipal protection and are benefited by should be tried as speedily as possible. no pretext meet with popular approval. municipal government just as much as This is an American principle that the The liberality of the nation toward its any other property and should by rights the spectacle is picturesque, but the boys representatives of the United States in | defenders, evidenced in the fact that in | contribute their proportion of the rever | right in it are not charmed by the scenery. Cuba should not have neglected and it the last thirty-three years the disburse- nue necessary to support the govern- It is one of those tropical views to which Lawton is bringing home to a larger num-

The new order of the Indian commissioner prohibiting reservation Indians from traveling around the country with Bee's assertion that the like of it would to prove frue.

There are a great many admirers of General Lawton in and around Omaha tions made through The Bee will be acknowledged in its columns. Make the tional bank of Omaha.

The popocratic organ is as mum as

Winston Churchiil's experience in party. Incidentally the prespectus as toria entitles him to initiation in the sures us that this is not a secret league. Order of Weary Willies. From the fact but all good republicans are invited to that he allowed himself to go hungry, favor the club with their counsel and however, it is evident that he has sev-

The picture turned to the wall at the Bryan banquet at Lincoln can be readorganized the head pushers of the league By identified without the trouble of killed," from Cadet Taylor down to Captain turning it around. If there should be Palmer gave it out cold that the object any doubt about it the small red spot

Uncle Boies Needs a Brake.

Boston Herald. Uncle Horace Botes of Iowa has aban to need is a brake on his wheel to prevent his backing down hill so often.

A Trint Convinces. Globe-Democrat.

After a test of American locomotives on French state railroads the authorities managing the lines have ordered ten more for

An Overworked Prophet Indianapolis News.

Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, is quoted as saying that the prespects for democratic success next year are brighter than they were in 1896. They can hardly be brighter than Jones and his friends professed to think them up aims to propagate factionalism and to the very moment of counting the votes three years ago.

St. Paul Pioneer Pres-

It is a subject of congratulation that while the eastern financial centers, around which rage the storms of stock market panies, have been undergoing the stress of involuntary applause from the fellows a severe financial stringency, the country at large, and especially the west, has been wholly free from any disturbance of that If money has been scarce and hard SOTt. to get in New York and Boston, it has been easy and plentiful in all western business

Suggestion for the Tall.

Hon, James Stephen Hogg doesn't want to be the Bryanite candidate for vice president. Hon. Joe Sibley is a member of the conright man for the job. Dr. Elisha Benjamin Andrews of Chicago is an unshaken sil- | have cost \$1,000,000 verite and as an excavator of issues he can

Heritage of Trouble.

Now we learn, practically for the first \$300,000 to \$500,000. time, that the whole island of Panay, in the Philippines, is in the hands of the inthis explains why the government is still were at once reduced, that of supported gives sarcastle point to General ing advocates of peace. Miles' recommendation that some of the West Point cadets be sent to command in

Secret of Bryan's Flight.

It is depressing to have to record more when he returns.

The G. O. M. of South Africa.

"Trust in God and keep your Philippines. pewder dry" is their motto. It is, there-

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Among the odds and ends of trouble water, while the pursuers are obliged to wade through rice sloughs, swim rivers and buffet typhoons. At a range of 8,000 miles 'distance lends enchantment."

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press. Sour Uncle has a bill for \$500,000 damages to settle with the fereign merchants of that itinerant shows threatens to put a town. The foreigners claim that our miliquietus upon several wild west enter- tary authorities were responsible for the prises. The great Indian congress at burning of the town and these authorities the Transmississippi Exposition was the have up to the present time ignored the whole matter.

"Early in December, 1898," said a prominent business man of Hollo, "a circular letter was handed to Major General Otis, signed probably never be seen again promises by the foreign merchants in Manila who had branches of their firms in Hollo, in which his attention was drawn to the danger that would inevitably result to foreign life and property if the Americans did not send im mediately an armed force to Iloilo to take who ought to be glad to contribute to over possession of the city from the Spanthe fund that is being raised for the lards before the latter left, as it was well benefit of his family. Such contribution known that the Spanish governor had orders of the fruits of this American generosity from Spain to evacuate the city with the least possible delay. This letter was ignored by General Otis and American troops did not checks payable to the Merchants Na- arrive in Hollo bay until December 28, four days after the Spaniards had left."

Efforts have been made within the last month by merchants directly interested in The republicans of Omaha are still an oyster about municipal ownership this matter of claims to ascertain what the authorities had done, were doing or con-

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune at Manila relates an instance illustrating 26,346 most essential feature of our govern- the bringing about of a more harmoni- walking the railroad track and riding lie down at the side of the road for shelter ous feeling among the members of the the trucks on his trip out from Pre- from the well-directed volleys of the inhis haversack in the middle of the road away back and, after the company had lain down, he calmly stood up and walked down the road towards the lost haversack He made a fine target for the insurgents and the bullets rattled around him pretty lively.

"Here, come back here, O'Malley," yelled the lieutenant of the company. "You'll be

"Well," replied O'Malley over his shoulder, "I might jest as well be killed as have mornin' and sayin', 'O'Malley, why don' you pay the government for that havey-

Then he calmly walked on and got the los piece of property and, as he came back and sat down just in time to escape a volley of lican ticket. When the smoke of the feat at frequent intervals. What he seems ground and said: "And when he does come tomorrow mornin' to me house I'll say: them.' 'Otis, me little man, you're dead wrong. I never lost no haveysack. There's your bloody old potato bag. Take it to the govermint with me compliments."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The end of the famous Hungarian painter, Munkaczy, seems to be approaching. He has long been insane and he has recently been attacked by paralysis, while blindness threatened.

Ex-Speaker Reed and ex-Senator Carlisle will appear in the United States supreme testing the constitutionality of the war tax doors wide. If the Lentz general service on inheritances.

Although President McKinley has recently idded a new team of sorrels to the White House stables he has been ordered by his doctor to walk for his health. He will be running after he is renominated.

Sol Smith Russell has decided as a result of his breakdown in Chicago recently, when he had to ring down the curtain before the play was ended, to retire from the stage for at least a year. All his engagements for the remainder of the season have been canceled. Philip D. Armour of Chicago has gone to Pasadena, Cal., to pass the winter. He is now in somewhat better health than he has lately been, and it is hoped the Callfornia climate will be beneficial to him.

A project is on foot in Savannah, Ga., to Cuba, and tow it to Savannah, if it can be bought at a reasonable figure. It is said was built in England and is reported

It is said that the senatorial investigation Bryan himself. Bryan and Andrews of the case of Senator Clark of Montana, If the real object of the promoters is to would be a ticket at which the golden calves who is accused of obtaining his seat through would fall down if they had any sense of bribery, will cost not less than \$69,000, much of which will go for fees and mileage to witnesses to be brought from Montana. The glorious cause. The Lentz service bill also amount Senator Clark is accused of having places on an equality with those who redispensed is variously estimated at from

Henry Labouchere says that at the breaking out of the South African war all the surgents and must be conquered. Perhaps salaries paid by the Transvaal government sending troops to Manila, to crush a "re- Kruger, which had been £7,000, being cut beilion" supposed to be virtually ended; down to £1,000. Mr. Labouchere points out while the repetition of the old story of an that if this method were adopted in Engexpedition half prepared and insufficiently land all the officials would become unceas-

NEW PENSION CLAIMS.

Activity of Volunteers for a Place or the Pension Roll. Chicago Post

The rate at which pension claims are beof the producing classes. At the annual sire and intention to grant a pension to list was five killed, fourteen wounded, that the convention was packed and the because of disease or wounds as to impair his snajority bilked. There was a secession, and ability to fight the battle of life, but when he the Women's Bryan club, full of war to takes pencil and paper and undertakes to do knife against the parent league, came a little figuring on the basis of claims al-

He called for 200,000 volunteers, and if the proportion of claims filed for one regiment-the Ninth Massachusetts-Is a criterion by which to judge the entire volun-The world has no evidence to show that teer army he will be asked to pay pensions Oom Paul has lost any of his innate stoic- in about 120,000 cases, which is just a little ism, or that the history-making events in heavy. Even if he figures it out from the South Africa have disturbed his wonted claims so far filed by members of the Sev-From the meager bits of onty-first New York, who are extremely It is estimated that there are water consumers want all the light on authentic news which filter through from modest men when compared with the prave men under him are following the even | about 60,000 pensions to pay. And these, of sause, and impelled by a strong conviction army since recruited for service in the

In view of these facts, is there any ocfore, not surprising that in the imminency cariou for surprise if Uncle Sam is nervous? If an be less. At the same time almost uniof conflict the cld Boer chieftain should Yet the financial tuture is not so dark as it form success has strengthened their conflihave faced the crisis culmiy, and given ut- might seem, for in mustering out the troops donce and sense of efficiency. a loaded rifle." Evidently, if there's to to mensions, and a all those he is not only on precarious lines of supply. Against an trouble will be to get the standing can of the measures that were introduced government and support the public be any pig-sticking aport, it will not be at willing but actually analous to give what is enemy so wary and vigorous more caution | needful.

SWELLING THE LAWTON PUND.

Globe-Democrat-General Lawton's sympathy for his family that goes deeper tenance another Fentan invasion of Canada. than words and will stand as the first and It would be a poor way of attacking England

in blue a hot run for the island. There is a high rank, exalted public functionaries and ing a much wiser and far more praiseworthy widely known capitalists and captains of course. industry are pushing the Lawton remem-

of the late General Lawton. The death of tration is pro-British and that many Ameriwriting from Hollo, island of Panay, rays and bravest. Having so consecrated it, can the British against the Boers, but their disworthy purpose or private gain or mere nasuch as exist among Americans themselves, seives. can justify the sacrifice of a Lawton.

of the admiration of Americans for the brave to this country, and to charge them with a Foldier who has fallen, but it is also a noteworthy proof of the nation's convictions with this country into war with a friendly nation. regard to the cause in which General Lawton gave up his life. The call for financial people a charge to give substantial testi- gallows, must be condemned by fair-minded aid to his bereaved family has given the of all ranks who have been facing the same would engage in any conspiracy-for such perils. It is only to be regretted that some are to be found among every race—the recannot be distributed to the needy families to do that which would provoke as much inof the many privates who have fallen in dignation in this country as in Great Britain. the ranks and who lie in Philippine graves. Adventurers of every race and nation who the same as their heroic general. Chicago Record: The hearty good will with

which the American public has gone to work to raise a fund which shall insure to the wife of General Lawton the possession of a home and a competency is gratifying, both templated doing in the matter, but it was as a sign of patriotic spirit and as a deimpossible to gain any satisfaction what- served, substantial tribute to the memory of brave and faithful officer. General Lawten passed most of his lifetime in effective his own town. service for his country, but it did not fall to his lot to be the single, central figure in General Otis' conscientiousness in matters any spectacular and momentous battle. He of petty detail. During an advance on the was not placed on the pinnacle of heronorth line recently one company had to worship. Yet that his solid worth, the value of his service and his capacity to do great surgents. One of the privates had dropped steed and appreciated is shown in the growth feed?

Love is woman's whole existence, and the had appreciated in the growth feed? of the fund.

A BLOW AT PATRIOTISM.

Bill to Erase the Charge of Desertion Agginst Soldiers. Philadelphia Ledger.

The Cullom pension bill introduced in congress is not only a peculiarly impudent and indefensible scheme of public plunder, but an insult to the intelligence of the country and to the brave and honorable old General Otis a runnin' me-up hill and down soldiers on the pension roll, whose heroic dale and comin' over to me house ivery services to the country are placed on an than I equality with desertion. The Cullom bill orable discharge to "all soldiers who were at any time in the actual service of the United States and who have for more than the second and t United States and who have the ineligible for Modesty, shyly, thirty years been held to be ineligible for Modesty, shyly.

The times were indeed parlous, when all doned free silver again. He performs this Mausers, he threw the haversack on the such honorable discharge by reason of any charge of desertion which may stand against this could be true

This is a proposal to degrade the meritorious old soldier, to pension the vast army of bounty-jumpers and deserters and to reward the faithless, the cowardly and the treacherous, who ought to be shot. s a record of 117,647 deserters from the union army during the civil war and if the estimated number of them now living were placed on the pension rolls \$10,000,000 a ear would be required to pay them. In addition to the recorded cases of desertion there is an army of undetected bounty jumpers who are included among the miss

The Lentz bill seems to supplement court as counsel for the interests which are the Cullum bill completely in opening the pension bill should become a law it would take about \$90,000,000 a year from the treas-

> The two bills call for an additional expenditure of about \$100,000,000 a year, and is inconceivable that congress will consider a step which would bankrupt the treasury or call for onerous and unnecessary new taxation for such unworthy purposes The Cullom bill is infamous, and Senator Cullom, in defense of his action as introducer of the bill, has announced, it is reported, that he introduced it by request and will oppose

A bill to pension deserters is simply placing a premium upon desertion, and the records of the present war show that this would be a dangerous policy. In response to a resolution of the senate calling for the He is accompanied by Mrs. Armour and his number of descritons from the regular and physician.

| Pair | Pai volunteer armies the secretary of war makes a statement showing that from May 1, 1898, purchase the big Spanish dock at Havana, to June 30, 1899, the very large number of 5.772 men deserted, 2.736 being volunteers and 3,636 regulars. A considerable army spiracy of Money Kings. But there is a Spain refused an offer of \$250,000 for it. It has deserted when desertion is a disgrace; what would be the result if a premium were

placed on desertion? The proposition to place the malingerers bounty-jumpers and deserters on a parity with courageous defenders of the nation should arouse the just resentment of the brave men who fought and suffered in a ceived wounds and contracted disease in battle and camp a great army who do not need aid, and should not look to the treasury for support. Both bills are the expression of an unbridled and rapacious policy of loot and deserve the active, persistent opposition of all honorable old soldiers and all patriotic citizens.

SMALL BOER LOSSES.

Value of a Defensive Position in Arguing with the Enemy. St. Louis Globe-Democrat According to Boer reports, and there is

no reason to doubt their accuracy, the loss

of the burghers at Magersfontein was less

than 100 killed and wounded. The British strife in the Nebraska fusion ranks. In 1896 ing filed as a result of the war with Spain loss was originally placed at 963, but addithe Lincoln Women's Bimetallic league was is enough to make Uncle Sam gasp and begin tions have since been made. General Gatacre founded to labor for Bryan and the money to count his money. Of course it is his de- lost 700 men, while his antagonist's casually dection of officers last week it was charged every soldier who was so injured in health proportion of 1 to 36. In Buller's attack at Colenso the British losses were over 1,608. The Boers fought under cover, and it is doubtful if their casualties number 100 in ail. They have lost a few hundred prison chiefly at the battle of Elandslaagte Up to and including Colenso the total Belt. ich loss is figured at 6.852. In officers alone 50 have been killed, 171 wounded and sixtythree captured. In the ranks the record is 370 killed, 1.696 wounded and 2,472 captured and missing. But this is not the whole etc. Tacive thousand British soldiers are b sieged, and if all must surrender the British less in the opening phases of the war will stand at the extraordinary figure of 20,000. It is one of the peculiarities of the situation that though the Boers have been in enor of their way, fighting for a common course, do not include the pensions for the superior force they fight defensively and screen their men in action with the most scrupulous care. Probably their total loss up to this time is not more than 1,200, and crance to this philosophic reflection: "We this time he took every precaution to ac- Bullish have been struggling with a debacle Boors have hunted the African lion too long quaint himself with all the facts as to their and the tide is still against them. Their free colonge in an inconspicuous place a considerable number are known to they should be. If more money is ab. very different when he comes in front of not to have enum difficulty to sifting the eight or ten to one is a heavy price to pay your window, where you are standing with cases flown to the number actually entitled for aggressive dashes with insufficient armies and preparation are vitally necessary.

REVIVAL OF PENJANISM.

Chicago Inter Ocean: It is doubtful if our active and industrious and is giving the boys | Philadelphia Record: Army officers of to the Transvaal, via Delagoa bay, are tak-

> Chicago Chronicle: It is possible that brance fund as an earnest labor of love, a some enthusiasts have developed on paper relcome opportunity for recognition of true or in little gatherings a plan for a raid heroism and an eager fulfillment of pa- upon Canada, the purpose being the embarrassment of England now that it is Buffalo Express: The public is responding in serious and unanticipated trouble in South nobly to the appeal for funds for the family Africa. Notwithstanding that the adminisber of people than have before appreciated it that of McKinley, it is nevertheless true that the fact that we are consecrating the soil there are few sympathizers in America with of the Philippines with the blood of our best the war for aggrandizement carried on by the American people consent to see our approval of British aggression would by no conquest of the Philippines used for any un- means mean approval of aggression from the United States upon Canada because it is tional aggrandizement? Only the planting British territory. That which we condemn there of genuine liberty and civilization. in Great Britain we could not excuse in our-

Baltimore American. The Irish in Amer-Chicago Tribune: The spontaneous nature ica constitute a large and valuable part of of the subscriptious is not only significant the population. They are thoroughly loyal and if unsuccessful, as it surely would be would consign a large number of them to the mony of their esteem for the brave mon mer. While there may be adventurers who speciable Irish are too loyal and too sensible are anxious for blood can gratify their appetites by shipping to South Africa and enlisting in the army of their choice.

LIGHT AND LIVELY.

Indianapolis Journal: "What is ambi-tion, Uncle Theodore?" "It is a man's conceited idea that he is big enough to become popular outside of

Somerville Journal: The man who never had a boll in his life doesn't know what real happiness is. Real happiness consists in getting rid of one.

Indianapolis Press: He-You look good enough to est -Do you think I am good enough to

naturally, she overlooks less bets in the game than man does.

New York Press: "What's the matter?" inquired the Shade of Abimeloch, "You look put out."
"I should think so," said the Shade of David, with irritation, "I hear some chump on the earth has been writing about my Harem."

Philadelphia Press: Mrs. Smith-Ol Is that you? I'm so glad to see you here. Mrs. Smythe-Really, you— Mrs. Smith-Yes; I was afraid at first that everybody would be more fushionable

Detroit Journal: The Graces spoke today,

"Oh, my name is pants all right!" sighed

Swearing Off.

St. Louis Republic. Ye blithesome and beloved sins. That long have swayed the soul, Prepare ye now to abdicate
Your place of high control:
The time has come when you must go,
Sneer how you will or scott,
For now is New Year's day in sight,

Oh, why, ye psychic springs that move Our being to the end, Doth virtue seem so dull a mate, And vice so fair a friend? For righteous robes we should rejoics

When all mankind swears off

or rightening looks we should look Sin's motley garb to doff— e;, on! how dismal looks that day When we must all swear off!

AN ASTONISHMENT. Washington Star re's a mighty curious feller who is livin' out our way.

He never seems as anxious as the rest to have his say He listens to an argument as quiet as kin An' never makes an effort to break in an' referec.

An' once upon a time-us folks is talkin We asked him his opinion so's to help de-cide a bet. It was on a general topic that excited high

This feller thought a minute. Then he said he didn't know We'd heard a lot o' people who had strug-

To hear the way they figured. An' their That tryin' to remember them was jes' waste of strength. But the wisest of them never, with their great display of wit Within my recollection made the mem-orable hit scored when, after thinkin' very That he

carefully an' slow.

He faced the situation an' confessed he didn't know.

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