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M. B. HUNGATE.

(Seal.) Notary Public. Jim Dahlman resents the imputation of the W.-H. that he is a Do-nothing,

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

and Joe Edgerton—he is sawing wood. Turn over a new leaf the first of Janu-

printed in this section. Jim Dahlman says he does not propose to lay himself liable to be accused it. And the Boers will, as far as pos- on call at not less than 3 per cent in the leading railway companies the shower of harboring a sting of ingratitude just sible, do their fighting in the country terest. Up to last year the country had of protests from shippers in all parts of the

Omaha's business men are taking an inventory on the most prosperous year in their career. If 1900 will only go 1809 one better there will be no cause

for complaint.

With five trunk lines running into Chicago Omaha will have no difficulty in finding ample passenger train facilities to the Lake Michigan metropolis to meet every convenience.

Nebraska teachers have accepted a compromise candidate for president of their state association and all is again serene where it was political contention and wicked wire pulling before.

Patriotic Americans are responding place the wife and children of General Lawton beyond want and Omaha will not be backward. No man ever de money, but this depends upon whether served better of his countrymen.

If the sting of ingratitude is sufficient to nerve the popocratic organ up to the from them, but their hestility to Great county building disclose a defense There point where it could demand action on Britain will remain, with the ever pres- based on the assertion that the enthe freight rate question it might not ent possibility of asserting itself in ef- gineer in question is fully competent. be a bad idea to put it in operation on forts to throw off British rule. other sections of the fusion combine,

Members of the State Board of Transportation insist that they have been doing all they can in the way of railroad regulation. They certainly have been doing all they were expected to do by the men responsible for their appointment.

General Wood is experiencing no difficulty a securing enough men to fill all news reports, but also with a comple the offices at his disposal in Cuba. If hensive statistical review of the year in the Cubans would devote as much energy to developing the resources of their island as they do seeking office Cuba review will present a comparative ex- the Nebraska National guard. Whatwould soon be a paradise.

police force has been reduced nearly an inventory of the city's prosperity at any point in the state. The safety ment has been increased nearly 50 per ested in Omaha and all parts of the in the obstruction of militia organizacent. A board of equalization might country. get in some good work between these two necessary branches of the city gov-

The legislature was called in special chants. session to pass laws to enable the state show it.

The reform superintendent of the class in music in the second grade at School for the Feeble Minded has been Grand Island; decorations in the West | The middle-of-the-road populists want in hot water ever since his appointment. He laid trouble getting into mulations in one of the kindergarten claim an equity in a portion of the office and is now having a hard time rooms of Omaha. keeping in. Only one way is open to settle the popocratic squabbles and history and work of the Omaha public pass them, but will keep right on travthat is to provide each one of the faith. Hibrary, set off with photographic views cling on the Omaha platf rm, which ful with an office, attached to a fat of the imposing entrance to the build- they consider plenty good enough with- the islanders if the food and clothing had salary and little work.

The opponents of the administration trait of the librarian. are often driven to the ridiculous point in the effort to discover something about which to find fault. The story character sketch, illustrated with his and turn its attention to the police feeding everybody that was hungry. In a that the cruiser Montgomery is patrol-Hing the west coast of Africa for England in order to release English ships. Wheeler also accompanies an article peculiar course of procedure that obfor service elsewhere is of this class. written by General Wheeler on the tains in the police court. At present there are Euglish ships by the score unemployed and as well suited to this purpose as the Montgon- this number are portraits of the presi- a smaller number of policemen than widespread. ery. On the next throw the opposi-

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. The situation in South Africa has un- a group of Nebraska sheriffs who met Before the force can be increased we dergone no change, so far as can be in convention in Omaha a week age; must have increased revenue and the throw a few more gobs of mud on slight it is officially explained means the doublink not filed an affidavit in contradiction of this learned from the dispatches, since the the portrait of one of Omaha's most home-owners are now burdened as provocation. reverse to the British in the attempt popular holiday brides, and pictures of much as they can well bear. Some Chicago consoles itself for the loss of the plished, has nothing whatever in common to cross the Tugela river. The hostile the new buildings planned for the Buf scheme must be devised to raise reveres republican national convention by declaring with the increases of the British pavy.

The fashion page contains illustra- tate. doubtedly the Transvaal forces have tions from living models, showing the been fully improving the time in latest novelties in the season's garstrengthening their position and adding ments, which give timely tips to women

movement will be undertaken until the The Board of Education has been arrival of General Roberts. It is not given practically unlimited power to unlikely that Buller has been directed impose school taxes on the property not to take the risk of another reverse owners of Omeha. That power, howand simply to put his forces in the best ever, should not be exercised with reckpossible condition for a movement when less disregard of the conditions under his superior in command shall arrive to which the taxpayers are laboring. The direct it. The latest information from board is simply the servant of the Ladysmith says that the food supply patrons of the public schools, who con- they are sick of the war is their throwing is sufficient for two months and that a stitute the mass of the taxpayers. Its up more entrenchments. successful resistance can be made to aim should be to give Omalia an ecoany force the Boers may send against nomic and yet efficient system of pubthe place. It is obviously not the in- lie school education. That much, at tention of the Boer commander to at- least, the people have a right to detempt the capture of this stronghold by | mand and expect.

assault, since that would be a costly | The outgoing board has been notoriundertaking, but the Boers may be ously wasteful and extravagant. Its compelled to do this in the event of the policy has been to create sinceures and the situation where they are operating, worked the system has been made top The statement given out by Winston heavy and high salaried positions Churchill, who appears to have im- given to favorites who would be only proved such opportunity as he had for too glad to serve for reasonable pay. e Englishmen with the gravity of the public school system.

serious nature, he does not encourage should turn over a new leaf and make him some more. hone of an early termination of the retrenchment and economy the order war. He says there is plenty of work of the day.

26,346 in South Africa for a British army of In making this demand The Bee 250,000, a statement which three months voices the sentiment of both the tax- with which the world was made acquainted ago would have been regarded as pre- payers and the friends of the public early is the rise in the price of diamonds. posterous, but which few Englishmen schools. The board is not expected to Kimberley mines, but a further effect, surwill now be disposed to question. He be parsimonious in essentials, but it prising in its magnitude, is the news that declares it to be a 'perilous policy to has no right to distribute public nearly or quite 5,000 persons employed in dribble out reinforcements and fritter money to worthless political onliangers the diamond cutting industry have been away armies," and says that "the Brit- or boodling contractors,

ish must face the fact that an Individual Poer mounted in a suitable counary by resolving to read The Bee every try is worth from three to five regular is still wrestling with the bank deposi- an industry as that. day of the year, the best newspaper soldiers." This may be an unpalatable tory problem. The law requires the admission to most Englishmen, but it commissioners to designate depositories will be well for them to give heed to for the county treasurer, in which the it, for events thus far seem to justify funds of the county are to be deposited effect the changes in freight classification to please the fusion organ or any one that will give them this advantage. In difficulty in securing safe deposi- country falls faster and more vehemently "The only way of treating them," says tories on these conditions, although the To advance the cost of freight transporta Churchill, "is either to get men equal city was receiving only 2 per cent on its to their character and intelligence as deposits. During the present year all set narrower bounds to industrial enterriflemen, or falling in that the employ- the county depositories declined to pay prise the country over. Whether this closer ment of huge masses of troops." As 3 per cent and the money in the county limitation will be to the advantage of the the first of these conditions is perhaps treasury has been at the disposal of the carrying companies in the long run is a the first of these conditions is perhaps treasury has been at the disposal of the question of curious interest to students of practically impossible, the conquest of treasurer without drawing any interest. the Boers may be accomplished only by Now that the new treasurer is about to industrial producers and holders of railroad sending against them an army several take his office the question of county securities. times larger than they can muster. | depositories forces itself to the front. This means a rather startling demand | The surety companies that have been upon British resources in men and an subsidized to give bond for Treasurer enormous outlay in money. Doubtless Elsasser insist that the county board is a satisfaction to observe that the land in order that they may sell their wheat. The both can be supplied, but it will make shall designate the depositories, thus and land product values of the west are both can be supplied, but it will make shall designate the depositories, thus a drain upon the nation that must be dividing the responsibility between the Money is plenty for loaning on good farms more or less disastrous to its material banks and the guarantee company. The at 6 per cent per annum the same day be felt for generations. British trade, designate the depositories unless it can bonds soar to 125 per cent a year. And already declining, will decline still fur- come to an understanding with the while octopus stocks like steel, sugar and ther and more rapidly and what is thus banks. It therefore becomes a rather dollar, hogs, corn, wheat, beef and all other iberally to the appeal for funds to lost will not be easily regained, if it serious question what the members of staple food products remain steady in value can ever be. Mr. Churchill thinks South | the board shall do without laying them- and with no noticeable declines.

> The arrest and trial of members of nothing in a single day. could be maintained. The Boers may the county board on a charge of embe conquered and their country taken ploying an unlicensed engineer in the

Africa well worth the cost in blood and selves liable on their own bonds,

British control there, if established,

THE SUNDAY BEE.

The Sunday Bee will mark the turn-

ing point between the dying year and

the new year. It will be replete not

only with the news of the day pre-

sented in special cable letters from Eu-

The second paper in the series of

An interesting article narrates the

the reading room, together with a por-

mestic and telegraph service and local with. which should be sent to friends inter- of the laboring people lies not so much The Illustrated Bee will wish its class who will not call for troops unless office-for "money, not honor." readers a Happy New Year through a there is imminent danger of riot that bright little girl, whose portrait appears cannot be quelled by the mayor and as the frontispiece and who will be sheriff,

Governor Pingree is finding the state recognized as the popular daughter of The park board is being besieged with senate a difficult proposition to handle, one of Omaha's most enterprising mer-schemes for buying additional suburban parks. The best argument against buyto secure more revenue from the rail- articles on Nebraska's public school sys- the condition of the farm lands already roads, but the senate refuses to pass fem takes up the artistic element in the owned by the city. Not one of these the measure. If the governor has a school, discussing it from a practical parks is improved up to the standard first grade pupil in a Crete class; a some time,

school at Blair, and wall picture accu- it distinctly understood that they still political highway. They do not pro- in Puerto Rico, in describing the effects of pose to turn out and let any one else ing, the reference room and a corner in our any Chicago additions,

General Leonard Wood, the new gov- its revenues it should reach out for the ernor of Cuba, is treated in a readable resorts that sell liquer without license portrait and a picture of his boyhood court fees and fines, which have been few flars it was next to impossible to pro-

dents of the two girls' societies at the any other city of its area or population. has the appearance of plausibility. foot ball teams of the Omaha Medical tively demanded. The question is, his friends for his generosity,

college and the Fremont High school: Where is the money to come from? nue from other sources than real est it will be only a ratification meeting any-

move out to Scattle. Out there the pasto the difficulties to be encountered by who wish to be up to date in their dress. Sengers have been making targets of the British in the next effort to cross The Sunday Bee will lead all other the holdups with such good marksman. 000,000 packages of seeds to distribute next no such situation. The little strip of coast ship that the latter immediately and year. the coast.

# When and Where,

Philadelphia Ledger. The Bryan campaign, it is announced, will be opened at Omaha on January 8. But when was it ever closed?

# Ad Nauseam.

Though it is rumored the Boers are will-Ing to treat for peace about the only sign Prefer Lyddite Texts.

It is usual for the British to advance with the sword in one hand and the bible in the other, but in this instance they seem to have their hands full without the bible.

# Suggestion for Brevity.

Washington Post. Hon. J. Sterling Morton pronounces cat-British crossing the Tugela river. The pile up expenses through questionable meal a fine brain food. He might have advices from Methuen and other com- contracts. While the great body of saved much valuable space in his send-off nouncing that the gentleman from Tennes-

## Bring On Your Trusts.

see is full of oatmeal.

New York Mail and Expres Colonel Moses Welmore, who is one of observation while a prisoner at Pre- Taxes are imposed for teaching spe- Mr. Bryan's most highly capitalized friends salary was high enough and the increase toria, will more seriously impress cial branches that form no part of the in Missouri, and who sold one tobacco factory to the trust for considerably more task of conquering the Boers. While These abuses should be abated and money than he expected to get for it, has tier-which means, "Get all you can, and the latter, according to Churchill, are the system brought to the level of The colonel is doubtless calmly waiting for having some troubles of a more or less | actual requirements. The new board | the horrible trust to come around and crush

### Sparks on the Raise.

One effect of the war in South Africa due to shutting off the supply from the more diamonds can be had for cutting. Few persons, probably, had imagined that The Board of County Commissioners preparation of the gems was so important

As the time approaches for carrying into

# Western Values.

J. Sterling Morton's Conservative. In the midst of stock and trust

The money kings cannot knock all value send railroad and bank stocks down to

# A REMINISCENCE.

Was a Democratic Party-Where is that Party Now!

Sterling Morton's Conservative. A correspondent asks the Conservative to the city bailer inspector for purely po- are in Nebraska. He might have requested contained. No one could analyze a sausage or he should be required to answer. No plate of hotel hash by seeing somebody else nate between applicants for profes- beef or how much mule or dog meat it consional licenses for partisan purposes tained. And the most acute observer canropean capitals and the seats of war in and should such practices be proved his delusion, fusion, illusion and confusion not tell by counting the votes cast for a were formerly democratic. But it is entirely within the bounds of absolute truth and public institutions. This statistical militia company in that city as part of existence independent of any other politi-Nebraska which for a principle or a policy hibit of what the closing year has ever reasons may prompt this remone or a faith names candidates for office withlowed by populism. Long since it became an integral in a composite which is merely tions as in keeping them subject to offi- an abnormal appetite for the emoluments of

# EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT AID.

Folly of Indiscriminate Giving Strikingly Shown. Few things are more insidious in demoralizing effect than government charity. His countrymen call him "Slim Piet." or The impulse of charity is one of the most "Sly Peter." That is a deserved tribute to ing any more out-of-town property is beautiful things in our Christian philosophy his shrewdness, but no reflection upon his of life, but the pity of it is that human na- integrity. In the present war he has conture, weak and selfish at best, all too often takes advantage of this impulse in a way card up his sleeve now is the time to standpoint. The accompanying pictor of modern ideas and with the means accessity for organized, scientific charity to than has be the British. Not even the tures show the work in drawing by a at the board's disposal cannot be for prevent the success of fraudulent beggary French in 1879 were quite so deceived and supply the needs of worthy poverty. Those that have to do with the management of such charities soon learn the demoralizing effects of indiscriminate giving. A resident of Indianapolis, who recently returned from a sojourn of several months the hurricane there, said: serious effect of the storm upon the people

out reflection upon his integrity, for deception of the enemy is fair play in the great game of war. of the island was the government aid that "Slim Plet" now tells us how he did it. followed it. It wegild have been better for In a letter to the Echo de Paris he says been dumped into the sea. This is a hard thing to ray, for there were many cases of paring for war. "To arm ourselves unreactual want, but nobody would have starved. mittingly and to hide these armaments from The findings of the Montana supreme cour But with the arrival of the first cargo of the English-such was our object. We have will be used as evidence against him. relief supplies the word spread over the fully succeeded therein. We often allowed island like wildfire that the government was home. The portrait of General Joseph sicadily decreasing by reason of the cure help to run the plantations. Those lery material, but we carefully concealed own innocence and of that of Senator Clark people dropped their work at once and hurs our modern material, of which they thus But he neglects to mention the important ried to the towns to live on the bounty of knew nothing until the very eye of the fact that he did not deny the charges when the government. When they began to real- war." ize that the relief was but temporary, the they have since been tricked in the field, nificance—namely, before the supreme court Among the other pictures included in There is no doubt that Omaha has grumbling and discontent were deep and It was clever work akin to that of Montana itself. The court commented It will be a long time before bal, and Washington, and Dundonald, and pointedly on the fact that Wellcome did no they realize that they must again work for all great captains who have eked out inferior go on the witness stand and deny the

Kentucky's political volcano is ready to

WAY. The special session of the legislature as-

Omaha street car holdups should sures every Michigan editor who publishes ail the laws there and then enacted a present of \$15. Congressmen and senators will have 15.

them on the short side.

of the senate, Colonel Quay sent 247 telethe day the republican primaries were held cigners it will seem to have been taken in not have used as his agent a legislator who in that county last year and the tolls on them were paid out of the contingent fund pansion of the British navy has followed the be suspected of complicity, and hence whose of the senate.

There is some talk in Connecticut of eastern part of the state and, though scarcely career of a conquering "world power." 50 years of age, has been associated with

the same firm for fully thirty years. Representative F. W. Cushman of Washwith it. He says he found it quite different making a speech in the house from making make the serious impression he wished to.

Mayor Proctor of Somerville, Mass. knocked a cog out of his political machine and amazed New England by refusing to accept a raise in his salary. He said his could not be earned. Mayor Proctor's conduct is admirable, but it isn't practical poli-

keer what you get." The free and easy manner in which elecion results are made to tally with the will of the political machine in Philadelphia was of the Paris Figuro, which has been quoted shown by the opening of the ballot box of extensively, M. Lockroy, the French exthe Twelfth division of the Fifth ward, minister of marine, began by declaring that There were three democratic votes cast at the English at sea are more than twice as that election," reports the Ledger, "but Mr. Ryan, democratic candidate for city commis- France and the triple alliance quite by themsioner, received 169 votes. Apparently selves." This is due, he explained, ninety-four ballots were prepared by one merely to the number of their vessels, hand, and that not an expert. They were to superior organization. He does not sugrepublican throughout, except that Black's gest that British sailors and officers are name was scratched out and a cross put better than the French, but holds that with thrown out of work in Belgium because no opposite Ryan. The marker forgot to mark her coaling stations all over the globe Eng-Wildemore, but the election officers over- land can do pretty much what she likes. the looked the fact he was not voted for and France, he points out, has none, or alcast the ninety-four votes for Wildemore as well as for Ryan. The assessor's list was sees at Bizerta or in Corsica and Tunis for not large enough and sixty-eight names were added in pencil so as to enable the division to do itself full justice in its return to court.'

### CHEAP FOOD PRODUCTS.

the Poor of Russia. Philadelphia Times.

The chartering of two steamers to carry argoes of corn from this port to Reval, it northern Russia, taken in connection with be fact that several cargoes have already ocen shipped to the same port from other Atlantic coast seaports, shows that Russia segins to realize the value of American orn as a cheap food for its people, especially those living in the northern and colder ections of that country. Russin raises more wheat for export than any other country in Europe, but even the wheat-raising peasant ger to France from a dearth of telegraph farmers of central and southern Russia live cables of her own. largely on rye and other coarse food products oorer classes in northern Russia cannot af ford even Russian wheat if they can get anything cheaper.

This want our Indian corn can supply, for interests and the effects of which will board, however, is not in position to that call loans in New York on stocks and weight for weight it contains quite as much nutriment as wheat, besides being an excollent food in a cold climate. With wheat tobacco drop from 5 to 20 cents on the selling at about 70 cents per bushel at the scaboard corn is quoted at a fraction less than 40 cents. The money that will buy a bushel of wheat will pay for nearly two bushels of corn at the present prices. The out of such commodities, though they do difficulty heretofore has been to convince European consumers that corn could be utilized as a nutritious food for human be ings. Large quantities have heretofore been shipped abroad for brewing purposes. but the prejudice against it as a food product

was extremely hard to eradicate. has been making headway in Europe, and the view of going to the seat of war in the Little by little, however. American corn but was arbitrarily refused a license by tell him how many democratic voters there the Russian importations now in progress give promise of an extensive demand from litical reasons. Should this defense be one seeing a person voraciously devouring that country in the near future. The secheld good it will constitute a charge a bolegna sausage to tell him how much tions of Russia in which corn can be grown service of extra officers they will apply for against the city boiler inspector which beef, pork, mutton, mule or dog meat it prefitably will also grow wheat, and the them in the ordinary way, but that it is Russian farmers are likely to continue to must undesirable for officers anxious to see public officer has any right to discrimical the search of the search of

bring in the European market. Fortunately corn is the one grain crop that South Africa and the Philippines in de- commission should be cut short forth- ticket in Nebraska how many of those votes United States and upon nearly all varieties on be grown in all arable sections of the of soil. This insures a supply equal to any marine has to recant opinions expressed in probable demand, and the sooner the people an official report within the space of two South Omaha laboring men are pro- to state positively that there is no demo- of Europe learn its value as a cheap food years, but this is what has happened to Omaha business, banking, industrial testing against the organization of a cratic party in Nebraska which has an product the better for themselves as well Admiral Tirpitz, the new German naval minas for American farmers. The shipments to later. In 1897 he opposed the plan for cal party. There is no demogratic party in Russia now in progress should be but the great increase in the German fleet, holding eginning of a large export movement, not that construction was limited arbitrarily by only to Russia but to Great Britain, the the inability of the shippards to turn ou brought to Omaha alongside of the fig. strance would doubtless hold just as out regard to getting those candidates en. Netherlands. Germany and all ports of more than a certain amount of tonnage, or During the year just closed Omaha's ures for the preceding years. It will be good against the organization of militia dorsed by some other political party. The Europe, for corn will prove as excellent a of armor plates and arms. He saw great democratic party of Nebraska is only a cheap food for Germans. French, Italians difficulties also in the way of obtaining sailand Scandinavians as for Russians.

#### WORTHY OF HIS NAME. "Sty Peter" Joubert and One of His Tricks on the Enemy.

New York Tribun General Joubert, as we have hitherto fre quently remarked, is one of the worthlest figures in the whole Transvant oligarchy. He s a brave soldier, a skillful commander, a clear-sighted statesman and an honest man, spicuously vindicated his right to the name, for not in all the century has any military leader more completely outwitted the enemy at the Germans, or rather, so much deceived themselves, as the British army staff was deceived at the beginning of this campaign. And so far as they were anything more than self-deceived, it was "Slim Piet" who deceived them. That, too, we may say with-

tion should dig up something which Omaha High school; groups of the 1899 An increase in the force is imperatible of the force is imperatible of the Clark has not denied them under oath. The name.

### OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The increase of the German navy, which of it as soon as that object can be accom-These latter are well understood to be mere acts of self-defense, even of self-preservation. A powerful navy is an absolute necessity to the being of an island kingdom, vulnerable all around its coasts, which normally imports two-thirds of its food supply and has only on hand some three weeks' consumption. But of course Germany is in By careful cultivation a moderate on the North sea is defensible by her forts legislature. It cannot be assumed that permanently refire from the business, crop of votes may be harvested in the fall. and armies against any force that can come either Clark or Daly would shudder at the They never do things by halves out on New York papers are crying out for a to attack it even better than by a great thought of using money to influence the short session of the legislature. It won't havy, And that there might be no question action of legislators. They are "arcades do. Albany statesmen can be depended on about the object of the increase it is offi- ambo" so far as a lack of moral scrupton to squelch any proposition that would put cially given out that, while the navy is to on that point is concerned. It was natural be doubled, the coast defense squadron is that Clark's agents should try to buy the According to the report of the secretary not only not to be increased, but is actually votes of members like Whitesides, who were to be discontinued altogether. This is a friends of Daly. But if the latter had gotstartling and formidable program. To for- ten up a conspiracy against Clark he would expansion of British commerce, whereas word would not have much weight, but the expansion of German trade is ex- some friend of Clark or some doubtful mempected to follow the expansion of the Ger- ber. asking Arthur H. Brewer of Norwich to take man navy. It remains to be seen what It is impossible to escape the conclusion the republican nomination for governor next view the heavy laden German taxpayers that Senator Clark bought his sent, and that year. Mr. Brewer is at the head of the will take of the scheme for doubling the his election is the greatest senatorial scanlargest coal and lumber business in the navy avowedly by way of entering upon the dal which has come to light since the day

logion state made his maiden speech in the is stated at 61.788 ounces-a vast falling Senator Clark that that body can only dehouse the other day. He afterward ex- off from the yield of the Witwatersrand pressed himself as very much disappointed during the peaceful period of unrestrained production. The average monthly outturn of manders show no important change in teachers are not overpaid or under for Hon. Josiah Patterson by simply an- one on the stump and fears that he did not up to October 1 last was about 440,000 ounces, erned the action of a legislature the senate ranging from 410,000 ounces in January to 461,000 ounces in September. This vast and regular addition to the world's visible stock of gold has been reduced temporarily to a nullity by the war in South Africa. The gold now mined in the Transvaal will be minted at Pretoria instead of going at the rate of about \$8,000,000 per month to swell the cash reserves of European financial agencies, as has been the custom hereto-

In his recent talk with a representative strong as the French. 'They can face most none, the ports which she might posthese purposes being virtually as yet nonexistent. Moreover, if the French fleet. sought refuge at Bizerta it could be blocked in as casily as the Spaniards were at Santiago. The mere possession of a fleet, M. he entered the editorial sanctum of a rural Lockroy thinks, is of no account whatever if it has not coaling stations and supporting the coaling stations and supporting the coaling stations and supporting the coaling stations are supported by the coaling stations and supporting the coaling stations are supported by the coaling stations and supporting the coaling stations are supported by the coaling statio ing points everywhere. Even Dakar, he editor, calmly, "We print only the very says, is not seriously protected by defensive, latest news." works, yet in case of war, with the Suez canal closed, it would be indispensable. The same is true of Diego Suarez and Noumea. At the moment of the Fashoda crisis there was not even a torpedo boat at any of these points and the land batteries were either non-existent or useless. Even the French military ports were utterly unprepared for priety. the eventuality of war, and at Brest, out of 250 guns hardly fifty-two were ready for use. M. Lockroy dwelt also on the dan-

Some pretty serious problems are likely o arise if the mortality among British officers in the Transvaal continues long at it present rate. Already the British military authorities in India have taken alaren. The commander-in-chief, Sir William Lockhart, as issued an order from Simla, directing that no officer of the British or Indian servce is to be allowed to go on leave to South Africa without direct reference to army headquarters. Having regard to the large number of officers ordered to South Africa with the Indian contingent, Sir William is of opinion that it is most important that an adequate proportion of officers should be retained with British troops in India. It is impressed, therefore, on lieutenant generals commanding that, in granting leave on private affairs out of India, they should that sights a coming day. take steps to ascertain that the officer applying for such leave is not doing so with plying for such leave is not doing so with the view of going to the seat of war in the hope of obtaining active employment. Sir William Lockhart takes the ground that if the home military authorities desire the service of extra officers they will apply for them in the ordinary way, but that it is the standard to the fore officers anytous to see.

Goodby, old year, goodby!
You have not brought me fame;
You leave no honors I
May proudly rush to claim—
Goodby, old year, goodby!
You have not brought me fame;
You leave no honors I
May proudly rush to claim—
O take my praise along.
Since I may still through hopeful eyes Perceive far distant glories rise
And sing a hopeful song. raise wheat, leaving American corn to be service to preceed to South Africa on their not afford to pay the prices wheat will tain employment, to the injury, perhaps, of their own particular regiments.

> It is not often that so prominent a pubtle officer as a secretary of state for the ors enough to man a big fleet after it had been built, and declared that it would not be possible to build more than two squadrons of battleships in the next ten years Now he says that he has been convinced that he had underrated greatly the ca pacities of German in tustries, and that, judg. ing from the number of men now offering themselves for service in the navy, it will e easy in the future to secure all that may wanted. Moreover, he asserts that when he said that Germany could not build a large fleet he never meant to imply that the fleet she had was sufficient for all purposes. The enlightening effect of office upon ideas is wonderful sometimes. A BODY BLOW FOR CLARK.

# Montana's Junior Scuator Hit Hard

Chicago Tribun The supreme court of Montana has disbarred a Mr. Wellcome, who has been for some years counsel for Senator Clark of that state. The charge is that Wellcome, acting in Clark's behalf, gave a state senato (Whitesides) \$30,000 to buy for Clark his vote and those of two of his colleagues Whitesides made a statement to that effecbefore the joint assembly prior to the election and handed over the money to the prefrankly that the Boers have for years—ever siding officer. Nevertheless, Clark was since the Jameson raid-been secretly pre- elected, and an attempt is being made now to unsent him on the ground of bribery.

In a statement printed in yesterday's secret English agents to penetrate into our Tribune Mr. Wellcome makes what is at arsenals, where there was merely old artil- the first glance a plausible defense of his Thus were the British tricked, as his deplat would have had the most sig allegations made before the court are prac-

tleally uncontradicted. One of them is that twicty or more members of the legislature were bribed to your for Clark. Clark has grave charge and Wellcome le't the state Between remaining mute and entering a pica

of guilty there is not much difference. Mr. Wellcome alleges that this \$20,000 transaction was a "plot" devised by Marcus Daly, a bitter personal enemy of Clark, to defeat his election. The enmity is not disputed. That Daly would conspire an clumsilv and expensively to heat his enemy seems absurd. Few men are willing to forfett \$20,000 in the dubious hope of stampeding a

when "Subeidy" Pomeroy was defeated in an attempt to corrupt the Kansas legislature, For the month of November the output The United States senate cannot in this of gold from the mines in the Transvaal case give its sauction to the contention of termine the logality of an election, and caunot inquire into the motives which induced the legislature to elect a particular man, the mines for the current calendar year When it can be shown that corruption govshould not condone the crime. Clark should be unseated and the legislature of the rotten becough state of Montana be given an enportunity to elect a senator honestly, if it can.

# OLD YEAR SMILES.

Detroit Free Press: "Her manners are "Yes, she acts as if her glasses fit her!"

Chicago Tribune: "As to the 'one man Chicago Tribune: As to the liberties of power' being dangerous to the liberties of a people," observed the professor, "that's all bosh. Did you ever see anything work smoother than the Japanese jinrikisha sys-tem of transportation?"

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Some scientific ellow says the red noses are caused by

"Well, come in and have a veil with me." Chicago Post: Several women entered the

car together.
"Get up," said the fat man to the thin man, "and give a lady your seat." Fat men always think they are privileged to re-'Get up yourself," retorted the thin man, and give two ladies your seat.

Somerville Journal: When an unmarried man falls in business his gloom must be deepened by the fact that he hasn't a wife that he can blame it on. Chicago News: "Sir," said the trate in-dividual with a wicked look in his eye, as

Detroit Journal: The cannibal's captive now had recourse to argument.
"In a hot country." he urged, "strictly vegetable diet is conducive to longevity."
"Whose longevity?" demanded the cannibal, with a loud, insulting laugh.
In the native state, man's sense of humor is often stronger than his sense of pro-

Chicago Tribune: "Maria, did you read about that Philadelphia woman who was cured of her mental troubles by fasting forty-five days? I believe such a treatment would cure that unhappy temper of yours."

"Yes! It would make an angel of me! Is that what you would like, John Billus?"

# SONG FOR THE PARTING YEAR.

S. E. Kiser in the Times-Herald. Goodby, old year, goodby! You have not brought me wealth; You have not raised me high. But you have left me health-

odby, old year, and as you go My praises go with thee: ou leave me toiling up the hill, see you passing on, but still Hope lingers here with me

Goodby, goodby, old year! You have not made me great; Beyond, new tasks appear. And I must work and wait-

Goodby, old year, goodby!

Goodby, goodby, old year! Goodby, goodby, old year!
The way is rough before.
And strewn along the rear
Are dreams I'll dream no more!—
Goodby, old year, and let me sing
Thy praise as best I can. Since I am loved and still may love. And since thou hast not robbed me of A fair man's faith in man!

# "Overcoats."

If you know a Good Coat when you see it you will recognize the merits of the kind we offer you.

We cant't give you a \$15 coat for \$3.94, but we can sell you the best \$15 coat for \$15 with \$15 worth of value in it that you ever saw. The only difference between our coats and the swell tailors' is the Pricefrom \$10 to \$40 we can coat you-and perfection lays in the coats that bear the name of

Browning hing & Co.