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day of January, A. D. 1990 M. B. HUNGATE, What is the Board of County Commissioners going to do about Albyn

Frank's defi? Judge Scott says he retires from the bench with pleasure. That will do to tell the horse marines.

If all the self-made puffs of all the popocrats who want city office are to be printed the party organ will have to enlarge the paper.

The Iowa legislature does not meet until next week, but the wires at the Des Moines end are already pretty close to the fusing point.

The Boers are reported to have fired plum pudding. This blow below the belt is clearly a foul under the rules.

Omaha's two yellow journals have

that the police court has turned into the school board treasury in 1809. No ment of Senator Aldrich that the senate | ized into a model municipal govern-

the criminal classes. Of course there is nothing wrong in the office of the late clerk of the district court. All this trouble arises simply because of the exposure of his

crooked work in The Bee. The Peter Cooper club will have a goodly sized art gallery stowed away in the basement if the pictures of all populist leaders unfaithful to their promises are to be consigned to the storage room.

A judge of the lowa supreme court has promulgated the opinion that twenty-two years is long enough to hold office and he will voluntarily retire. It is always refreshing to find a man who knows when he has had enough.

How kind of the members of the populist national committee to go to all the trouble to assemble at Liucoln at the same time as the meeting of the populist state committee, just to give the latter friendly counsel and advice.

Interest in the Iowa senatorial fight appears to be centered more on what Dr. Eiker is going to do next than upon the result of the organization of the legislature. As a handy legislative acrobat Eiker is entitled to the championship belt.

The supreme court pressure gauge shows that unless the safety valve goes up pretty soon an explosion is likely to There are so many applifellow. cants for the clerkship perched on the lever that the pressure is rapidly reaching the danger point.

If Albyn Frank wants to test the new law requiring him to account for fees received as clerk of the district court the way to do it is to arrest him for embezzlement at once. That is what his refusal to pay over public money which he has appropriated amounts to.

When the popocratic conference was called to meet at Lincoln Mr. Edmisten neglected to state "None admitted except on invitation." The result is he has a number of uninvited guests en of. The democrats are sticking closer to the populist wagon than a poor relation.

Playing revolution will probably not be so popular in France since the sentence to prison of one of the royalist school debt that will overwhelm the conspirators. The French government's taxpayers. leniency heretofore has encouraged peanut politicians to make cheap noselves. Prison sentences may have no terrors to men really moved by firm are not likely to court them.

THE SENATE FINANCIAL BILL. planation of the bill reported from that 1 ss frills. committee as a substitute for the measare passed by the house, relates to the provision authorizing the secretary of the treasury to convert a portion of the national debt into bonds bearing 2 per cent interest. This is perhaps the most important difference between the two bills and the one likely to cause greatest discussion in conference.

The proposition, Mr. Aldrich stated, "contemplates a profitable anticipation of interest payments and consequent Communications relating to news and edi-brial matter should be addressed: Omaha Bee, Editorial Department. to be paid in exchange for them "a sum. not greater than the present worth of such bends, computed to yield an intheir par value," which according to Senator Aldrich would take \$88,000,000 treasury "would afford welcome relief from dangerous congestion," but would the transaction be of any advantage to and the United States proper, as prowould be of inestimable advantage to an unmixed blessing to the islands, cent basis and keep the obligations is- balance the loss. The coffee-producing sued at that rate at par in the markets | interest would suffer, but the sugar and of the world. It is of course desir- tobacco interests would profit by it. An able to reduce the rate of interest - interesting question is whether this though it is very questionable whether profit would be at the expense of Amerit can be done at this time-but it is not lean producers. With sugar production apparent that the conversion of bonds stimulated in Puerto Rico and increasproposed by this bill would result in ing in Hawaii, what would be the effect any saving of interest to the govern- upon the home industry? And how ment or any benefit whatever to the na- will our tobacco interest be affected by tional treasury. It probably would be free trade with Puerto Rico? These of benefit to the money market and it is are questions which congress will be very likely that the national banks called upon to give attention to. would regard a 2 per cent bond more desirable as a basis of circulation than 

> clusive as to its value. treasury lias a surplus available for rescenters in South Africa and the Philducing the debt and its receipts are in ippines. Its domestic news service excess of expenditures, is a departure from the past policy of the government public approval. It is true, as Senator current revenues and it is always prudent to consider the possibilities of the event there is anything to be gained by extending the debt, even at a lower rate | public schools. of interest, instead of reducing it. So far as the money market is concerned the latter should be quite as beneficial State Teachers' association, who is also

In regard to other features of the bill shells into the English lines loaded with the explanations given by Senator Aldrich will not change the very general ing the holidays, with snap shots at the in the world when directed at men under opinion that on the whole the senate principal educators who figured in its cover. We blazed away at Gettysburg with measure is inferior to the house bill, sessions. More than twenty of the 200 guns, and I don't believe we hit ten This is especially true in respect to the best known Nebraska teachers and bayonets, there were very few, if any, in the now reached the condition of "You pat declaration of the standard and the payme and I pat you." This is another ment of the obligations of the govern- tures. case of "I expected this, but not so ment in gold. It is not as direct. Another article which appeals directly one or a man who had been, and I was four straightforward and unequivocal in to the patrons of the schools deals with years with the army of northern Virginia, these particulars as the measure passed the experimental school city inaugu-Seventy-five cents a day in fines is all by the house, which leaves nothing rated in the Kellom school in Omaha, open to doubt or question. The state- where the children have been organwonder Judge Gordon is popular among | bill contains no disavowal of the posi- | ment, under a mayor, police judge and tion heretofore taken upon the question no obstacles in the way of its accom- way how the idea was brought here carrying destruction and death to the plishment in the future seems irrelevant and if intended for political effect would pictures show the children at an elecbetter have not been said. In declaring tion, at a council meeting and holding for the gold standard the republican party should drop all thought of interimpossibility and will probably never

THE SCHOOL BOARD DEFICIT.

leading nations of the world.

The Board of Education has made a startling exhibit. The receipts from all sources for 1899 show an ostensible falling off of over \$150,000 as compared with those of the preceding year, while the expenditures for 1899 exceed those for 1898 by over \$40,000. Thus the year 1900 opens with a shortage of over \$190,000, which must be paid off sooner or later in addition to the current expenses for maintaining the public schools. The shrinkage in receipts for 1809 is practically confined to the slump and police court fines.

The comparison between the receipts shrinkage of \$149,000 in the liquor li- on living models posed for the purpose. cense fund and over \$13,000 in the police court fines. The showing with regard to the license fund is, however. fictitious. If it were correct it would mean that every other saloon and liquor shop in Omaha had been closed within the past year, when in fact the decrease

will scarcely exceed 10 per cent. What concerns Omaha taxpayers at this juncture is how they can meet the demands of the school board without almost causing confiscation of property by the tax collector. At the present rate of assessment, one-third of market value, a tax of 10 mills would yield about \$350,000, or a 1-mill tax would yield \$35,000. Under the old system of taxation the school tax levied in 1893-4 taxes, however, were imposed on the his hands whom he cannot well get rid estimate of this year we shall be however, the humiliation will be obliged to levy a tax fully three times avoided of calling a primary, at which wishes of superheated religionists on so If we do not levy it and continue the convention, which only a handful of wasteful system of issuing 7 per cent pluggers would attend. warrants without applying the pruning kuife we shall soon pile up a crushing

The problem before Omaha taxpayers for 1898 by the police court amounted is how to put on brakes without crip- to \$13,431; for the year 1809 the entire and in the cases where the rightful guartoriety without any danger to them- pling the schools and how to meet the amount of fines collected and paid into dians object # becomes an intruder and obligations already incurred without the treasury by the police court amount usurper, nothing less than an oppressor. enormous increase of this year's tax to \$261. In other words, in the year sider his decision and change it so as to convictions of right, but noisy agitators burden. Manifestly the shortest way 1898 the police court fines amounted to put Nebraska in line with the most intelligits offering such long facilities for getting a our would be to fund the debt, and the \$1,100 per menth; in 1800 they were gent states of the union.

WANT FREE TRADE.

the great hope of the islanders Just to hang out where it can readily be stimulated. To increase the sugar out- about this happy condition of affairs, put, however, extensive machinery would have to be brought into the per cent of the annual experts.

Thus free trade between Puerto Rico the government? Mr. Aldrich says it posed by the Foraker bill, would not be place the national debt upon a 2 per though very likely the gain would over-

THE SUNDAY BEE.

People who want the best newspaper 24.602 sult of increasing bank circulation. will find it in The Sunday Bee, which GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK. | These are considerations favorable to will outclass all competitors in every paper. The Bee's foreign cable letters defeats in South Africa that started the The plan of extending the public cover all important events, not only in debt, as this bill proposes, when the European capitals, but also at the war supplements that furnished by the Asbursements which cannot be paid from this paper. Its local news is always

The frontispiece is a fine likeness of the new president of the Nebraska meeting of the teachers at Lincoln dur- and artillery fire is the most harmless thing superintendents appear in these pic-

national bimetallism, which is a present | Iowa State Teachers' association is also | was no need of it. introduced to The Bee readers by a again be seriously considered by the clear-cut portrait of that officer.

Timely and to the point is an article on the characteristics of two noted congressmen, accompanied by portraits, one of whom is readily recognized as Congressman Dolliver of Iowa, the orator fine one, the junction of two great avenues, of the house of representatives, and the and sitting on his horse, the sightless eyes other is Representative Payne of New of the American hero are directed toward York, the new chairman of the ways and means committee.

tures are: A snap shot at a number about. with holiday mail; a view of the process in the amount collected from licenses braska, Union Veterans' union, and a main a figure for the Parisians to look at group photograph of the Hastings fire- early and often. men foot ball team. The woman's page PIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. for licenses for 1898 and 1899 shows a shows the latest fashions photographed

> Every one should read The Bee Sunday, particularly those interested in the cause of common school education. The Bee is an educator in itself. Besure to read it.

sham worked by Nebraska fusionists. who have the same candidates nominated under three labels by the same people masquerading in three different mills; in 1896-7, 5 mills. All these themselves as the political reformers true value. If we are to make good long ago ceased to exist, if it ever had the deficit of former years and meet the a separate existence. By this method,

> According to the comparative exhibit the funds derived from fines turned in

most effective brake would be to en only 521 per month, or 75 cents a day, The most interesting portion of the force the law prohibiting warrants to That showing alone is an indictment of the senate finance committee, in ex- mry to pay them, and to lop off all uses away lightly. The least that can be

> Evening Post in Puerto Rico says that at least the intelestring is to be allowed. would not be as immediate as many being reasonable in its demands as in half-shell, bacco, each of which would be greatly must be given the credit for bringing after all, one of the usual "I-regret-to-re-

Omaha may not be accorded the privi- three months. island and plants established, all of lege of holding the headquarters of the which would take considerable time. Pacific Express company, but it is to be mules stampeded and brought disaster upon come of 214 per cent per annum and This correspondent says that a certain honored yearly with the holding of the a railway engine has run away and carried result of free trade and of the increased election of officers because the charter numerous members of the Atkins family stimulus to cane culture would be a of incorporation requires them to be into the very jaws of the Boers. Oom Paul Petitors. out of the treasury. It is doubtless rise in the price of labor, the effect of held here. We feel sure, however, that will soon begin to believe that all things true that under present conditions the which would be to practically kill the Omaha would be glad to give up the come to him who waits. withdrawal of this amount from the coffee trade of the island, heretofore 70 election if it could get back the headquarters.

Omaha property owners paid over delinquent taxes. The treasurer, however, would get along better by fore as it scans these figures, can appreciate going the interest if the taxes were paid | Kipling's truthful verse that it is "Pay, pay, promptly as levied, because the city is pay, paying out even more interest upon its outstanding obligations.

Globe-Democrat Last month the public debt was decreased \$5,791,824. How agreeable and how republican!

The Old Style.

A Long-Felt Want. The increase of wages by prominent in-

dustries continues, but what the Bryanite politician longs for is a general reduction of vages What Runtured the Balloon. Minneapolis Tr bun

The inflated American trust balloon was brought down in reality by the unerring Beer liquidation in Wall street that squeezed the water out of so many inflated concerns.

Sharing Stock with Employes.

Springfield Republica The Great Northern railroad follows the the Boers. Illinois Central in offering attractive opsociated Press, with special dispatches portunities for the purchase of the stock which will hardly meet with general from its own correspondents at all the of the company by employes. It is to inprincipal points in the transmississippi crease its stock capitalization by 10 per cent. public approval. It is true, as Senator principal points in the transmission of and employes who receive salaries or wages Abdrich said, that there may be districtly covered more particularly by and employes who receive salaries or wages of less than \$3,000 a year will be given the privilege of taking the new stock at par. comprehensive, accurate and readable. The value of this privilege will be under-This week's Illustrated Bee will be stood when it is stated that the market future, still it is not clear that in any an educational number, a great part of value of the outstanding stock of the comit being devoted to subjects relating to pany is about \$175 a share and will be little depreciated by the new issue,

Some Delusions About War.

Southern Soldier in Portland Oregonian, The British dispatches about great loss of Boers under artiflery fire, bayonet charges, president of the Doane college at Crete, etc., are all rot. Swords, bayenets and while an illustrated article reviews the lances are as obsolete as bows and arrows, confederate army during the last years of the war, and I never saw a man stuck by training for armed trouble and Japan is

Revamping an Old Tale. Minneapolis Tribune

The Spanish admiral, Montojo, in explaining how he was whipped by Dewey, says the American fleet, by reason of the longer range of its guns, could anchor out of reach city council. The principal of the of the Spanish guns and pour in their fire of international bimetallism and places school tells in a striking and effective with perfect safety to the Americans while and the plan put into operation. The Spaniards. Montojo seems to Infer that Admiral Dewey lacked chivalry in taking this course, but acknowledges that it was business-like. It was fortunate for the men under his command that Dewey was not sufficiently The newly elected president of the "chivalrous" to get them killed when there

Washington's Statue in Paris.

Washington, paid for by the subscriptions of American women. It is the work of the American sculptor, French. The site is a the Arc de Triomphe, the Palais du Trocadero, along the Avenue de Jena and other memorials of glory, which, in the Among other interesting pictorial fea- French sense of the word, he cared nothing The erection of this simple and of Omaha letter carriers loaded down heroic figure in the midst of the city of Paris should serve a good purpose. A soldier of moving the passenger station on statesman because sincere, honest and rallway trucks at Lead, S. D.; a group straightforward, a hero without glitter or of the officers of the division of Nes pretence, George Washington may well re-

Decided Issue Taken with the Decision of Superintendent Jackson American Israelit

In deciding a case laid before him, Super-

intendent Jackson of Lincoln, Neb., said: There seems to be nothing in the laws of Nebraska that would prevent the simple reading of the bible in our public schools. One of the beauties of the tripartite age and Christian land the public school I am of the opinion that in this enlightened teachers ought not to be deprived of reading, without written or oral consent, the bible, or of repeating the Lord's prayer." This statement is disingenuous and an attempt to defend a weak decision. When organizations, is seen in the resolution the matter is fairly looked at, who can deny of the so-called silver republican state that a public reading out of the bible and committee empowering the executive the repetition of the Lord's prayer or any committee to name the delegates for other is a religious service and nothing else? Everyone who is present at a relig-Nebraska to the silver republican natious service is supposed to take part in it. tional convention. The executive com- it is the intention of every state to have mittee will, of course, go through the such a public school system that no man was 3 mills; in 1894-5, 3 mills; in 1895-6. formula of making out credentials to can have honest conscientious struples which will tend to prevent him from allowing his children to attend them. Forcing who constitute not only the officers, but the children of Jews, Catholics, free-thinkold system of valuation, which varied also the entire rank and file of the so ers, agnostics, atheists, etc., to take part between one-sixth and one-tenth of the called silver republican party which in what is, after all tand intended to be) Protestant Christian religious exercise a wrong and has a tendency to drive the children out of the public schools. It a shortsighted policy to pander to the as heavy as was ever levied in Omaha. no one would vote, and holding a state vital a question, for they are, after all, in the minority. The public schools are to teach the secular branches and the rudiments of good citizenship. The teaching just made by the Board of Education of the parents or of such a church to which they delegate their right. Whenever the state undertakes to do this work it mediles with matters with which it has no concern, tempts to ascend his political throne."

THE STRIFE IN BOURDON

"Rats" done is an investigation by the council, are considered an unprogressive nation. easier than running.

Minneapolis Times: First the Missouri

Philadelphia Record: The tremendous financial outlay which England is under is by no means represented in the estimate of \$300,000,000 for the Boer war. The outlay \$50,000 last year in interest and fines on placed at \$100,000 per day beside the ordifor relief in the Indian famine districts is tary expenses of government. Great Britain,

Detroit Journal: When the forces of the British in South Africa numbered \$0,000 the Journal threw out a guesa that 200,000 would be necessary to the subjugation of the Boers. Approximately that number of troops will be under Lord Roberts' command when he lands, and the London Standard now suggests that 100,000 more will not be too many to make the end sure. The idea seems to be to fill South Africa so full of British troops that the Boers will die from loss of sleep, having no room in which to lie down. Springfield Republican: The fact that the Boers do not have a highly developed social life counts heavily in their favor in the present crisis. In the one matter of raising the crops the Boer women are in the field to do the work of cultivation and harvesting, thus allowing every available man and boy to shoulder a rifle. If the "ladies" of the Subscribed and sworn before me this 1st the proposition, but they are not confield which goes to make up a modern rifle shots. That is to say, it was the British velt were accustomed to Browning, 5 o'clock teas and evening whist parties you may be sure they could not be got into the planting, plowing and reaping on such short notice. A nation in the position of the two republics needs women like the wives and mothers of

### OPEN DOOR IN CHINA.

Philadelphia Press: After a prodigious that the government has decided that it is but fruitless agitation in England, Secretary no longer necessary to train young officers Hay took the simple, direct and effective in a form of seamanship which, in the royal step of demanding that our treaty rights be navy at least, has become obsolete. Their respected and accepted by all nations acquiring territorial rights in China. Britain, Russia, France and Germany-have that the practice with ropes and sails, even given the required pledge and accepted our if superfluous as modern naval education, is view that these treaty rights go with Chinese territory and must be observed by of resourcefulness, nerve, activity, and other all who control the ports and provinces to virile qualities essential to the ideal officer. which this low tariff now applies.

Detroit Free Press: What in the world was there to prevent the renewal of agree- launch of their new sailing training ship, the whole senate was in Webster's time ment just secured by Secretary Hay? Not It is interesting, also, to note that the North an old-world power of consequence dare German Lloyd company is about to set up invite any more trouble than it now has on hand or feels the liability of encountering. England is too busy to accept any more orders. France is watching for an opening examinations, will receive commissions as nets out in every direction and cannot take her eyes from the borders. Russia is in working full time to make the trouble. When the secretary asked the representative governments on the other side of the world to rate to regard such little interruptions. But

to barricade the door after closing it. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: This diploworld. It was the apparition of Vasco da ing the Pacific from the American constanding at the open-awinging portals of the new age, has, in relation to China, achieved a triumph of vastly greater service to itself and to civilization, and will give an opportunity to the Chinese to ultimately have a share with the Japanese in the designation of the "Yankees of the east."

POLITICAL DRIFT.

painfully slow in responding to the silent shakes of Matthew Stanley Quay.

ire on the firing line at Frankfort. Kentucky battle may now proceed. In proclaiming slavery a dead institution in Guam, Governor Leary spoils a plank cut for the revised Chicago platform.

Before the Michigan legislature could defend itself Governor Pingree had dropped three more messages into the question box. Somebody mentions General Leonard Wood a presidential candidate in 1904. He ought to control the Cuban delegation by that

One of Dick Croker's legs is broken. The 'bust" had something to do with it.

Hawail's American colony wants to vention, and S. Hartwell, agent of island, has been appointed delegate. or honors to get away.

gress this session for their first term is Delegate Pedro Perea of Bernalillo, N. M. who is one of the wealthlest ranchers of the southwest. He is a man of medium stature, has sparkling black eyes and many respects looks like a Spaniard. His family is one of the oldest in New Mexico.

New York aldermen declared their sym pathy for the Beers, but that does not diminish their liking for "bulls" of their own of what is due from each man to his God. invention. One of Gotham's solons declared to his neighbur and to himself, is the duty himself, solemnly, regarding a public measure, that if Controller Color cramming this tunnel down our throats we will bury his mummy to it when he at-

Right Hird for the Occasion.

About the only special euggestion in Bryan making an ostrich the democratic bird is in

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

speech of Senator Aldrich, chairman of issue unless there is money in the trens the police court that cannot be brushed appreciated on the continent of Europe in South Africa. He may picture the ad-The sequel of the present war is clearly It is hard to see why the Boers Bad England been victorious in South vantages that would be gained by the Globe-Democrat: When driven out of a would not have had much effect in Europe, ter defeat, but he deals with sentiments that The d or in China is to remain open position, which does not happen often, the but her final defeat may be followed by a do not appeal to the ambitious war king: A correspondent of the New York at the request of the United States, or Boers show remarkable recuperative powers, vast new universal policy in which Rusthink. The two principal products to this case it can continue to hold this that later reports from Colesberg indicate Gazette continues, has a free hand to stand each other, Chicago Chronicle: It is painful to note in the Balkan peninsula, "Russia," the blood, the interested rulers probably under be benefited would be sugar and to position. The present administration that General French's glorious victory was, execute her plans in Asia, which are of port" variety with which British military Events in South Africa will not fail to safer to stick to business considerations than literature has made us familiar the last stimulate Russia's spirit of enterprise in to moralizations based upon civilization or feat in South Africa, which is not likely, by any other of the natural division there will be a scramble for her place, and Russia will be among the foremost com-

The present attitude of France and Ger-

tives on the other. If war were not so tiguous, costly Great Britain would probably not In the order of their possessions after have an apparent ally in Germany, and these two come Turkey, Germany, Belgium, France would exarcely pretend to maintain Portugal. Spain and Italy, the independent a neutral attitude. The German press and states being Morocco, Abyssinia. South people make no concealment of their dis- African Republic, Orange Free State and like for the British and their sympathy for Liberia. Within these is a population of the Boers, although some sort of an un- nearly 150,000,000, largely mative, and the derstanding undoubtedly exists between annual trade, capable of indefinite expanthe governments of Great Britain and sion, of \$750,000,000. is heartly hated by the German people. The tinent, in which civilization was cradled tipathy to blood-letting or the other horrors come. of war which prevents "sudden volcanic outbursts of popular passion" in France and Germany, with Great Britain as the object of their common dislike. These nations are doubtless restrained from giving vent to "tiger passions" and to "inveterate international jealousies and antipathies" by the conviction that it would be more profitable for each in the long run to allow Great Britain a free hand in South Africa,

A few months ago the British admiralty put their old naval training ships, which and replaced them by modern crulsers without masts or sails. It is inferred therefrom navy at least, has become obsolete. Their "Only a hoe beau, ma'am," replied the action has provoked much criticism in the kitchen maid, blushing rostly. All daily press, many writers, including a large "signatory powers"-Italy, Great proportion of naval officers, maintaining nevertheless invaluable for its development This evidently is the view of the United States authorities, as is proved by the recent a training-ship, having sail power only for the practical education of cadets, who later officers in their great steam fleet. The teaching of these cadets will be under the super-

Viticulture in France has almost regained

sign "just as a matter of accommodation," of vines by the phylloxera. Before this init was easier to comply than to argue. The sect parasite invaded France the annual grab game is being played at too furious a production of wine in that country amounted to 1,585,000,000 gallons; the yield of the some day, when there is less on hand, it wine-growing districts of France, Algeria will be the way of the world for some of and Tunis for 1859 will be over 1,268,000,000 these powers to ignore the compact and try gallons. The ravages of this insect have Must it be sin to follow out cost France more than did the Franco-German war; and they still continue where the matic victory of the United States will have native vines have not been replaced by beneficient physical as well as moral con- American grafts, which seem to be immune sequence for China and the rest of the against the attacks of the pest. Of the 6,-000,000 acres of land under cultivation when Gama, in the service of Portugal, rounding wine production in France was at its highthe Cape of Good Hope to India in 1497, and est over 4,000,000 acres have been restocked. of Magellan, in the service of Spain, cross. and the substitution of American for native vines proceeds at the rate of 30,000 acres a tinent in 1521 for the same goal, that year. In a few years the professors of viti-The city council of Paris has chosen a site frightened Japan, China and other Asiatic culture expect that France will produce for the equestrian statue of General George countries, and closed them to "outside more wine than ever before. We need not barbarians." Forty-five years ago Com- fear a flood of wine imports, however; for modore Matthew Calbraith Perry, on the notwithstanding the steady increase of wine deck of a United States ship-of-war, dictated production in France since her recovery to Japan, still a hermit nation, a treaty of from the plague of the phylloxera, her examity and commerce which, as followed in ports of this beverage have grown persistlater years by like conventions with other ently less-having fallen from 65,500,000 galnations, opened Japan to intercourse with lons in 1887 to not quite 49,000,000 gallons in the rest of mankind, and started her on the 1897-while at the same time prices have road to that moral and material advancement, been advancing, so that the total value of which, in 1899, has placed her in the list of her diminished exports is greater than that the world's great states. Today America, of the larger quantity formerly sent abroad. The French newspapers are discussing

mewhat prematurely the details of M Berlier's great scheme for constructing tunnel between Gibraltar and the coast Morocco. He believes that there would be no danger of the tunnel leaking, as the bottom of the straits is compact rock, while the engineering difficulties, he thinks, would not The scratorial plum tree in Washington is be greater than those which have been overcome in the Mont Cenis, St. Gothard or Simplon tunnels. There remains, of course Colonel Jack Chinn and P. Wat Hardin the delicate point of diplomatic difficulties The about which he is less sure, though he de clares that he has been promised the good will of the Spanish government, and is now in negotiation with the government of Mo rocco. Supposing diplomatic obstacles to be surmounted, he believes in the perfect suc cess of the proposed tunnel and expresses the opinion that it would do more to develop Africa and extend French commerce that any number of expeditions. Goods, he points out, could be sent from France to Algeria and Tunis without their having to be shipped and unshipped for the crossing of the Med iterranean, not to mention various other ad foreign pull seems more dangerous than vantages resulting from the scheme. With the home variety. Perhaps that Dublin regard to the expenditure M. Berlier takes the St. Gothard tunnel as a pasis, the cost of which was 3,800,000 france per kilometer represented in the republican national con- The tunnel under the straits would be forty the one kilome rs in length. This work, accord The ling to the sanguine estimates of M. Berlier citizens are not permitting any offices could be accomplished in seven years England's view on the subject, apparently Among the men who have come to con- has not yet been taken into consideration

> THE GAME OF GRAB. Partitioning Africa a Source of

Serious Trouble to the Powers. Detroit Free Pres

Paraphrasing an old saw, African compl ations make strange bedfellows. may be truth in the cabled opinion that all Europe is yeiping at the heels of England but there is a prudent disposition to keep outside of the kicking range. Not a fair open, stand-up challenge has the Britisl ation received, except from the Boers Even the outlanders, said to outnumber th entrolling people (we to one, showed their adignation for previous treatment by make ng the bost time possible and by the short t route in getting out of the danger zone The German government favors the Eng lish, but the liberal and intelligent elemen of the people appear in a vigorous but impo tent opposition, for the emperor will dictate the national policy so long as he wears the

crown. Dr. Barth may denounce Cham berlain's course as unsposkably stupid and Africa," says the Moscow Gazette, "it world, England included, should it encoun-

On the reverse appears Germany increas-They seem to have an idea that fighting is sis would take a leading part. As malters ing lie many and strengthening its see stand today that moment can scarcely be force because it distrusts its ally and San Francisco Call. Several times during far off. All those points of the world where believes that its future estety and the now is free trade with the United States today is San Francisco Can. Several times during the Christmas holidays the Boers have been English and Russian interests are in con- observance of future good faith toward it States and he observes that while this in a position to seeme without c mest drapping shells stuffed with plum pudding flet and which are not accessible to the by England is Hable to turn upon the queswould unquestionably be of enormous from the powers of the world anything into beleaguered Ladysmith. Next thing we British fleet will fall into Russia's hands." How of its ability to take care of itself benefit to the island, the good effects which in justice it is entitled to. By know they will be dropping system on the The Austro-Russian agreement made two should Great Britain elect to reputinte the and a half years ago having assured poace terms of the alliance. Being of the same

In seeking the influences now bearing upon more importance to her than anything else, the great powers of the old world it is much the far east." No doubt when England Christianity. Africa is four times as large shall have lost her present position as a as the United States and has a wealth in leading world power by reason of her de- marketable products that is not approached

Within less than a generation this vast territory has been selzed upon and appropriated by conquest or through the intimidaion of natives by a mere showing of civilized force. France has the largest territorial nany in respect to Great Britain and the possessions, equal to the entire area of our war in South Africa shows how closely own country, while England owns a little balanced are international jealousies and less that is far richer and more desirable. antipathies on the one hand and selfish me- The holding of both are practically cou-

Germany. The French exult in every Boer | With so many contestants in the ring. victory and rejoice at every disaster to the with the enormous advantages to be gained British arms. A distinguished German by continuous railroad lines under one conprofessor of history, writing in the North trol and ports most desirable in commerce, American Review, asserts that England has the dangers liable to precipitate a general only one friend in Germany, the kaiser, and struggle become apparent. The dark con-French welcome British defeat as revenge and from which it departed centuries ago, for Fashoda. It is not likely that it is an will make startling history for years to

#### THOUGHTS THAT TICKLE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Did Rev. Mr. Plum leave any tracts when he called resterday, Bridget? "Yes, mum. an' I mopped 'em up."

Detroit Journal: "Why was I ever born?"
The man with the emaciated cast of ountenance pondered long and bitterly.
"Perhaps it was because I am a poet!"

e finally exclaimed, in a hollow voice. Art is notoriously illogical. Detroit Journal: First Cannibal-There wasn't much of the milk of human kindness were full-rigged vessels, out of commission, about our late missionary.

Second Cannibal-I should say not! I feel as if I had eaten a dairy lunch!

> Chicago Tribune: "Dorothy," said the mistress of the establishment, happening in just as the gardener went out, "who is

Indianapolis Journal: Clerk-Did you say ou wished to see wine glasses, madam? Madam (severely)—Wine glasses! Not at ill; show me some unfermented grape julce

Washington Star: "Alas," she sighed we have no great statesmen any more."
"What do you mean?" asked the eminent mater. "Why, I could point to one of my

Chicago Times-Herald: "Here's an article that says stars are good timekeepers," said the man in the club window. "The fellow who wrote that," replied the man at the writing table reminiscently, 'must have offered a watch to a comic opera prima donna."

Philadelphia Press: "Oh, there was an vision of the Bremen School of Navigation. awfully funny joke in the paper today. began the dear little wife. "It was about a man and his wife, who went to the opera. "Yes, dear," the great brute interrupted

"Oh, you mean thing. I wanted to tell to you. It was so funny." it to you. It was so funny."
"Go shead, dear, it will be even funnier the way you tell it."

## PROTEST.

The bent bequeathed me by my sires? Were their ill legacies but left To damn me in hell's avid fires?

Like some rash stream that lunges down The mountain side and never tire So leaps my wayward soul down life To wallow in earth's noisome mires.

Ye pow'rs who shaped me as I am And frown on sin in savage ires, nmake me, else forgive me when I gratify my mad desires. WILLIAM REED DUNROY

TRY THE BEE.

When the cat's away the mice will play, Unless, perchance, black! The mice have heard that noted song Of how the cat came back.

you love a girl, why, tell her so, Nor keep her spirit sad, you've a business, make it "go" By putting in an "ad. -C. B. FROCTOR. Fort Crook, Neb.

# It's Idle Talk

To pretend to have the only wearable clothing and to be in the habit of selling it for less than cost all the time-even bread costs money and porterhouse steaks bought on the profits of \$10.00 Suits for \$1.97 won't be very thick. But to say that our Men's Suits are the best for the money—say \$10 to \$25.00—is simply to affirm that doing the largest manufacturing business in our line in the country, we naturally have important advantages over others.

