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The weather man is not under the suspicion of being subsidized by the coal barons.

The arrival of the man of destiny has caused a sudden drop of 16 to 1 degrees in the temperature.

"Senatorial contests disposed of with neatness and dispatch" is the sign which the Iowa legislature hangs out.

How many birthdays did General Jackson have and how many anniversaries of the battle of New Orleans do we have to celebrate?

A Kentucky court which was hearing a murder case adjourned to witness a fight in which two other men were killed. At that rate the court can never catch up with its business,

Again The Bee has scored a notable news beat on all its alleged rivals in the story of the unraveled murder mystery at Kearney. The Bee's readers always get the best and get it first.

Senator Gear will read a title clear to another six years' term as soon as the Iowa legislators can go through the legal formality of registering their votes for him and certifying to his commis-

The ex-Rev. Mr. Brown, who played traitor to Lieutenaut Gilmore's command of prisoners while in the hands of the Filipinos, will probably take up his permanent abode with the sultan of Sulu.

The voting machine is said to be a handleap to the ignorant voter. Wonder if that is the reason the democratic organ is having such tantrums over its prospective adoption for the coming municipal election.

Scarcely a week passes without an announcement of some new business enterprise establishing itself in Omaha As an attractive field for capital investments Omaha is not to be excelled by any of its competitors.

The English generals in Africa have telegraphed the American commanders in the Philippines for the recipe for making their opponents run. General Otis has offered to trade it for the English method of inducing them to stop and fight.

an effort is being made to displace the present leadership of the party and would be a tremendous blow to the Britplace it in the hands of ex-Senator Gor- ish. It would very much strengthen the man. But it is noticeable the Maryland ex-senator and his close friends are not among those who make the denial.

Every department of the city is sure that it needs greater appropriations for the Boer forces confronting him, apmaintenance the coming year than it had the last year. It will devolve upon the council to persuade most of them should be the subject of some sharp that their estimates can be considerably contracted by wringing out the water in them.

Our amiable popocratic contemporary, which is so anxious to have the Slocumb law enforced in all its drastic provisions. is reminded of the fact that the county attorney is a popocratic official, who is doubtless ready to carry out any orders of the gang.

commissioners should have his challenge as promptly accepted.

his life sitting up nights writing resolu- lishment had greatly degenerated. The tions to introduce in the senate. The statesmen of the country have been production of one each day must be a chiefly concerned in maintaining the severe tax upon his resources and if mavy and the army has been neglected. congress does not wish to see him pros- The consequence is that in a war retrated from overwork it should take a quiring a high order of generalship short vacation to give him a rest.

NO SUBORDINATION OF SILVER.

upon making free silver the main issue | ish.

Mr. Bryan, however, will tolerate no fully resist for an indefinite time. subordination of silver. His declared platform is, silver, anti-trust and antiimperialism—and the greatest of these is duction of gold has shown the advantage ture of things an incentive to imposiing of the last part of the sentence is Mr. Bryan's adherents that no heed will .762.662 be given to those who favor placing derpaid and overworked. silver in a subordinate place among the issues of the national campaign of 1900. question at the front, Mr. Bryan bethat place and what he believes "goes," The "bimetallism" for which Mr. Bryan carry on this issue. Every state that went republican in that year is practically certain to render a verdict against free silver next November.

These considerations, however, have no weight with Mr. Bryan, and why? out of the individual taxpayer. Because adherence to free silver is absolutely necessary to his retention of political leadership. Whenever that quester than Mr. Bryan himself. He knows of mileage. that as an anti-trust and anti-imperialism champion he is seriously handicapped. During his two terms in congress he never uttered a word against statement that only \$261 were collected trusts. When the treaty of peace with Spain was before the senate he advised his political friends to vote for its ratification. He is striving to make politi- police court, as now conducted, is a posihe realizes that without the silver issue his party leadership would be lost and he therefore insists upon keeping that issue prominent. That he will compel the national convention to do as he wills is not doubted.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION.

There is nothing encouraging to the British in the South African situation. It seems evident that the Boers have determined upon more aggressive tacties and if this shall prove to be the case a terrific battle or series of battles may be expected at any time on the Tugela river and about Ladysmith. Acwill not be accomplished without trerison is composed of veteran soldiers and General White is a brave and able commander. It is probable that the army besieging Ladysmith has been materially reinforced, while it appears to be abundantly supplied with artillery.

If the Boers are able to prevent Buller from crossing the Tugela river with-Numerous democrats have denied that out withdrawing forces from Ladysmith. that place must fall and its capture Boer position and add greatly to the difficulties of the British, to say nothing of the loss of prestige which the latter would suffer. General Buller, in command of an army very much larger than pears to be unable to strike an effective criticism in the English press and that doubt is expressed whether he is qualified for the great task committed to him. It is certain that thus far he has done nothing to justify great confidence in his ability. But as to that no British wide diplomacy it is certainly a triumph officer in South Africa has distinguished for the United States to obtain the openhimself for generalship, with the possi- failed. ble exception of General White, the comthat do not interfere with the revenue mander at Ladysmith. There is no question in regard to their bravery, but as strategists or tacticians they have shown to task for misappropriating public manders. Even if it be admitted that funds. Boss Tweed was landed in prison | they were somewhat at a disadvantage in splite of his defiance. The ex-county at the beginning of hostilities, it is still official who sent a defy to the county a fact that they have not fully improved their opportunities. This has been clearly pointed out by some of the military ex-Senator Pettigrew is wearing away fact is that the British military estab- for American intervention in the war in

silver shall be subordinated if not ig- rica, but they now have to deal with a nered in this year's campaign, their wish civilized white foe, as intrepid and demakes no impression upon the leader of termined as any people in the world and the party. Recently the chairman of the who are demonstrating an astonishing New York democratic state committee, familiarity with the art of war. The ers whom he met was disposed to insist, pected of them, particularly by the Brit-

of this year's campaign. They were The situation appears to fully justify not willing to abandon the Chicago plat- the apprehension that is said to prevail form, but they thought the silver ques- in England. A great and possibly detion should be subordinated to the newer claive battle is imminent in which there Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha Bee, Editorial Department.

There are democrats in other will be great loss of life on both sides, sections who take this view and a few whatever the result. Should the British party to drop the silver issue altogether. the gravity of the situation for them by It is noteworthy that this question re- causing fresh accessious to the Beer ceived no attention from the speakers ranks. Should the Boers be defeated club, with the exception of the chief vani and await the British invasion, which it is believed they can success-

AROLISH THE FEE SYSTEM. The experience Douglas county has silver. In his Chleago address Mr. had with fee officers during the past Bryan declared that the demand for the ten years emphasizes the imperative free coinage of silver had been vindi- need for the abolition of the entire fee for taking advantage of the superior range cated by the experience since 1896, for system. Every dollar collected in fees of his guns at Manila, and keeping at a had not the increase in the supply of for whatever service should be turned effective upon the Spanish ships while the gold and the resulting better prices for into the treasury and every public officer Spanish guns could do him no harm. At commodities demonstrated the sound- from constable to sheriff and clerk of the same time he blames his own governness of the quantitative theory of the court should receive an income fixed ment for not giving him longer range guns, money? "The fight for bimetallism at by law. There should be no grab-bag the ratio of 16 to 1 has not been lost." or chance in the compensation of public afraid the two complaints have something said Mr. Bryan. "The increased pro- servants. The fee system is in the naof more money and has answered the tion and a source of corruption. It im- do not see that honor or valor or courtesy argument so often made that the parity | pels public officers to charge exorbitant could not be maintained because of the mileage while traveling on railroad peril. But to find fault with Admiral Dewey overproduction of silver." The mean- passes and is a premium on perjury and for something and then complain because padded vouchers. When a candidate for he was himself not able to do the same not clear, but that is not important. It office knows exactly how much he will is sufficient that it serves notice upon get for his service he will have no ground for complaining about being un-

The fee system is chargeable with sham oil inspection and sham meat in-Whatever others may think as to the spection. It is also chargeable with the policy or expediency of keeping that wholesale arrest of Indians as witnesses western farmer deny himself everything against bootleggers and the recent uplieves that it should continue to occupy heaval among United States deputy it a story, marshals. It is responsible for a sysstands was badly beaten in 1806 and and insane persons in single file from burden hard to contend with. The wheat again suffered defeat wherever it was county seats to the state penal instituan issue in 1898. It has unquestionably tions, reformatories and asylums when after harvest, pulled out \$4,000 and asked lost ground everywhere. States that they could be bunched together and con- for a loan of \$200 to enable him to cancel he carried in 1896 he could not new veyed in charge of deputy sheriffs in the mortgage note. The banker, who held one trip. But so long as deputies can but go and buy cattle with his \$4,000, feed draw 10 cents a mile for each prisoner, his corn crop and in that way get the truant or lunatic they are not likely to maximum for his product. "No, sir," remiss the opportunity to make a fat fee plied the farmer, "I want to pay that note out of the state, which in the end means now. Then when I harvest the corn crop

It is the temptation of the fee system going to do?" and his honest face beamed that makes one class of officials dis- all over with pleasure. "I'm going to buy a honest and extravagant and the other buggy!" This little incident tells the story tion is abandoned by his party his domination will end. It is this question The only remedy is an enlightened pubthat gave him ascendency and has kept lie sentiment that will demand at the alone 139 carloads of buggles and carriages, him at the head of the party. It is his hands of the next legislature the aboli- averaging about twenty-two to the car, dropped he will fall back into the ranks or take a subordinate place among the leaders. No one understands of the subordinate place among the leaders. No one understands of the subordinate place among the leaders. No one understands of the subordinate place among the leaders are subordinate place among the leaders. No one understands of the subordinate place among the lic officer who is now dependent for his few years have my Nebraska few years have leaders. No one understands this bet- income on the volume of fees and extent

The interest of the taxpayers in the from police court fines during the past year for the benefit of the school fund. school board to look into the situation with a view to revising the methods now employed.

The present is an age noted for the been developed to greater perfection than the injunction, but it remained for an Iowa man to go the limit by secursmiths, Cupid will doubtless be able to break jail if sent up for contempt.

The treatment of American prisoners by the Filipinos will have a tendency to cording to the latest reports that place make thinking opponents of the adminis very likely to be captured, but this istration adjust their spectacles and wonder if their optics have not been work of a people intent on self-govern- could meet its obligations. ment of an enlightened character such as modern civilization demands.

The civil service rules under which competent and faithful school teachers enjoy protection against annual holdups and summary removals for frivolous cause should not be disturbed. Any atand stir up a hornet's nest over the heads of the school board.

Some of the Omaha populists want to know whether they will be allowed to make suggestions as to the makeup of the popocratic city ticket. That deblow and it is not surprising that he pends upon the suggestions. If they are modest enough to concede to the democrats the whole piece of pie they can suggest all they want.

Coming Our Way. For a government which is new in world-

door in China after Great Britain had Time's Evolution.

San Francisco Call The United States, having demonstrated its right to the title, "First in war," is to be conceded "First in peace perts of the London newspapers. The Most of the nations on earth are clamoring

Bourbonism in Some Things.

Anglo-American civilization is obstinately Great Britain is without a soldier of ample of Belgium and the railroads of sev- year will be interpreted.

firstrate knowledge of the art of war, eral European countries. To adopt this While there are democrats in every Her generals have had much experience method of reckoning the hours of the day in section of the country who desire that in India and in fighting natives in Ar- England or the United States would require more effort probably than to establish the Africa behaved very like Americans

Unseemly Jests at the Wake

A rare flash of humor in the speech o Mr. Bryan, at the annual banquet of the having made a trip through the south Boer factles may not have been fault- Nebraska Traveling Men's club at Lincoln, with a view to ascertaining the senti- less, but they have certainly shown a was the observation that "the November ment there, stated that none of the lead- skill and sagacity that were not ex- elections destroyed the last hope of those who sought to modify the creed enunciated at Chicago in 1896." Mr. Bryan probably ler had decided not to make any further adhad been utterly demolished.

Not as Black as Painted

Philadelphia Ledger. Too great precautions cannot be taken against the spread of the bubonic plague, ena. The first trouble will be to get him. sections who take this view and a few whatever the result. Should the British and the appearance of a single case at any and it is certain he will never follow Nawho urge that it would be well for the suffer another reverse it may increase point is just cause for alarm, but there is no need for excitement, much less a panic, on its account. It was found when the disease was raging at its height in India British are no better than the Boers, and that persons of white race were but little at the banquet of the Chicago Jackson they would perhaps retreat to the Trans- affected by it, and those of cleanly, temperate habits were almost entirely immune. This class of persons, to which all civilized how to take advantage of every feature of beings should belong, need have very little the ground, something that the British do

A Superfluous Complaint.

New York Tribun Admiral Montojo finds fault by the most courteous implication with Admiral Dewey so that he could have pounded the Yankees without himself being annihilated. We are the effect of a double negative. Either alone might be effective, though really we or anything else requires a commander to put his ships and men in unnecessary thing seems to the critical judgment-well, let us say a trifle superfluous.

A NEBRASKA SAMPLE.

Debt-Paying Possibilities of an Average Harvest. American Investment, Buffalo

A few years ago hard times made the save the barest necessities of life. came the great crop year of 1897 and with

A Nebraska farmer carried a mortgage crop of '97 was enormous and prices were He appeared at the bank shortly I'm going to pay you back that \$200 I just borrowed, and then do you know what I'm concern has shipped to one firm in Omaha enviable position.

Last Year's Record Provokes Signifi-Philadelphia Times

two kinds-positive and negative. The first in effect. Instead of being a source of income the transacted, including business failures, sus- ably considered." So ended the interview. pensions, extensions, compromises with cal capital out of these questions, but tive burden. It is worth while for the creditors, etc. In dull or disastrous business seasons the list of personal and corparate failures is invariably a long one, and in prosperous years it is quite as invariably essened.

The list of mercantile failures for 1899 has been shown to be in line with this inutilization of all manner of forces to variable rule. The most striking feature meet the needs of man. None have of the year's bankruptcies, however, relates to the railway receiverships, which numbered but ten, comprising but 1,019 miles of railway all told, being but one-half of 1 per cent of the total mileage of the couning a writ to prevent the marriage of try. But one road of importance, the Kanhis daughter. As love laughs at lock, sas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, was included in the list, two of the others being short logging roads, one an old narrow-gauge railway, and the others merely short local lines.

When this record is compared with that seventy-four companies, with nearly 30,000 are at England's mercy absolutely. For our miles of road, the contrast is very marked, part, we think that the government of the tration will not subject itself to any more and indicates that railway construction is either getting on a sounder business basis clear-cut question. There should be no Money is so valuable now that the privilege mendous fighting, for the British gar- playing them false on the Philippine than ever before or that business was so hide-and-seek nonsense about specific in- would be worth a great deal to the banks. question. Barbarous acts are not the good last year that any sort of a railway stances, no long postponements over diplo-

STATE ELECTIONS OF 1899. Figures that Indicate the Drift of Public Sentiment. Philadelphia Press.

Eleven states held elections in 1899 in which general tickets were voted for and in three other states there were elections for legislatures or important county officers tempt to abolish the permanent tenure In the latter states the vote has not been rule will justly arouse public resentment compiled and is known only approximately, but in the eleven states the official vote cast by the different parties has been declared. It is as follows:

States.	Rep.	Dem.	Pro.	Pop.
Iowa	239,543	143,326	7,650	1.69
Kentucky	193,714	191,331	2,346	3,03
Maryland	116,286	128, 400	5,275	85
Massachusetts	168,902	103,802	7,402	10,77
Michigan	216,828	165,482	8,7:9	4.15
Mississippi		42,273	6.097	
Nebraska	94,213	109,320	1777	
Ohio		363,176	5.825	106.72
Pennsylvania	433,000	327,512	18.0.2	1.90
Rhode Island	24,308	14,602	1,279	2.14
South Dakota	24,201	18.601	27.11	441.00
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The result shows that of these eleven states the republicans carried eight and the democrats three. The total republican vote was 1,933,194 and the total democratic vote 1,652,434, leaving a republican plurality of 280,760. The aggregate prohibition and populist vote and some scattering votes, im- and who will take charge of the naval in- absolutely unique in our political history, possible to classify and therefore not given n the table, sum up about 239,000, leaving A steamship loaded with American coal is a clear republican majority of 50,000. This on its way to the birthplace of Columbus. Is an excellent showing in a year when there Boss Tweed once inquired, "What are no great skill, being in this respect con- The Gencese little thought in the time of was very little political interest outside of ton on taking office on Monday last was the critics with a serious grievance you going to do about it?" when taken spicuously inferior to the Boer com- their famous navigator that some day they two or three states. The three states hold- appointment of Patrick A. Collins, whom would be sending across the Atlantic for ing elections, but in which there was no he defeated at the recent election, to be a general ticket, were Kansas, New York and member of the special commission for the Virginia. The republican plurality in the revision of city ordinances. Mr. Collins was first state is estimated at 20,000 and in the formerly a member of this commission, but econd state at 33,000, a total of 53,000, and resigned in September last, when it the democratic majority in the third state decided that he was to be a candidate for is placed between 50,000 and 55,000, So the mayoralty. they just about balance each other.

RUBBING DOWN THE SCRAPPERS.

Philadelphia Times: England fears if food for the Boer tables is declared contraband, in time the tables may be turned on

itself Washington Post: England is not paying much attention to China. John Bull's time is fully occupied with the open Boer in the Transvaal.

San Francisco Call: It looks as if Bulmeant that it would be vain to modify what | vance in the war until he has made up his teenth or the twentieth century

Globe-Democrat: A humorous omes to the effect that England will send President Kruger to the island of St. Helpoleon's example of voluntary surrender.

Indianapolis News: Man to man, the with the Boers entrenched as they are, on their native heath, knowing, with the unerring instinct of Indians or frontiersmen, wherever the disease may obtain a not know, man for man, they cannot be defeated, although they are not so good straight. But they cannot do the fine individual shooting of the good marksmen among the English or American people. An article in the Forum says that a Boer's favorite mark is a berd of 200 or 300 blesbok and that he refuses to fire at a single animal, for fear of wasting his ammunition. But armed with modern rapid-fire rifles, and shooting straight as he does, and being a brave man as he is, neither the Eng- sometimes in August. lish nor any one else can take him on the frontal attack unless the attacking party have men to waste ten to one.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Baltimore American: The United States matter of British right. This sounds like an echo from out of the dim pasts of his-

chandise, but even arms to the French. year only when divisable by 400."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It ought to be Then the repeated seizure of German vessels in tween the calendar year and the sun's year. South African waters is bad policy. A Ger- You can figure it out. man historian in an article in one of the 365 days, 5 hours, 48% minutes long. tem of transporting prisoners, imbeciles of \$4,200 on his property, and it was a was only one man in Germany who did not The leap year is 366 days long. The average persons by this time.

taking of the Confederate commissioners from the British mail steamer Trent by the United States steamer San Jacinto. When England demanded their release the State department made the amusing contention Best and Most Feasible Plan of Prethat the commissioners were contrabands of seas. England's reply was to prepare for war and the prisoners were released.

Detroit Free Press: Ambassador Choate has been to see the British premier about few years have put Nebraska farmers in an goes in two British and one Holland ship were American breadstuffs consigned to reputable merchants, in a neutral port and EBB TIDE IN RAILWAY FAILURES. therefore not properly subject to seizure as contraband of war. The premier was noncommittal. The British government had yet to ascertain what it considers contraband. "But don't borrow any trouble about it," Indications of business prosperity are of said Lord Salisbury to Ambassador Choate, "The commercial rights of our relate to the volume of business actually dear kinsmen across the sea will be equit-

New York Times: There is nothing highflown or fantastic about the German insistence that their commerce shall not be interfered with wantenly. Without doubt we should seriously resent the selzure of an American ship which was followed by detaining and searching her to the extent of unquestioned contraband was found on by the close of 1900. oard, the ship's papers to the contrary notwithstanding. We have been saved from the the fact that the seizures of American goods If the ships had been under our flag we take offense.

Washington Post: If England can stop, freight to a neutral port, no matter upon | deposits in the national banks. 1893, in which the receiverships included what pretext, then our commercial interests United States should address itself to this charges of favoritism to the national banks matic jargon. Are we to submit to, or shall we peremptorily forbid, all interference with our commerce with neutral ports? hardly be good financiering or good politics. There is no other issue consistent with our dignity and material welfare. The alternative is clearly before us. Either free commerce for us, or a ruinous suspension of our foreign trade and a paralysis of our do- of the war taxes would be an easy solution mestic industries,

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Captain Leary of Guam is monarch of all he surveys. Sigmar Mohring, editor of a Berlin comic paper, has been sent to prison for six months for making fun of the Catholic church. This

is no loke. A gifted Boston scientist has constructed a diagram to prove that the twentieth century will begin next year, and now Boston no longer doubts it. Senator Hale, with his own wealth and

that which was added by his marriage with a daughter of the late Senator Chandler of Michigan, is a multi-millionaire. It is related of a popular lecturer now touring a portion of the country that his tickets of admission read: "Lecture by Dr. Henson of Chicago on 'Grumblers.' Admit

Captain Sigsbee, the hero of the Maine, telligence bureau on February 1, has purchased a house in Washington which will be occupied by the Sigsbee family.

The first official act of Mayor Hart of Bos-

In the opinion of the Chicago News the elections in the year preceding the historic codfish of Boston, so long displayed providential election year are closely looked as the city's heraldic crest, must now hide

A DROPPED-DAY YEAR.

New York World: The Canadians in South No Person Living Now Will See Another Like It. St. Louis Reguld

Whether or not it is due to the fact that women miss the privilege of usurping mate prerogatives which come to them with leap year, it is certain that much anxious inquiry has arisen as to why the year 1900, although it is the fourth year, is not a leap for the members of the legislature, which year. It is not, that is certain. February, elect United States senators, and he can

1900, has only twenty-eight days. It is fortunate that in this way attention is sometimes directed toward the calendar, vided into classes, one-and the much larger as perfect a little device as any which man class-being given a slight taste of citimind whether he is fighting in the nine- has ever flited himself into the unaccommodating phenomena of the solar system. The year 1900 is a "dropped-day year,

> year. required for the earth to make one rotation ment of a delegate in congress,

on its axis, producing the change of day and night. One lunar month is the time required for the moon to revolve once around the earth. One year is the time required for the earth to revolve once around the sun, pro-

ducing the changes of the seasons. For these different periods of time there is no "common devisor," that is, the day is marksmen as they were supposed to be, not contained an even number of times in They are strong, sturdy men and can shoot the month or the month an even number of times in the year. For instance, the month contains exactly 29.5305884 days, and the year contains exactly 365 days, 5 hours, 48.75 minutes. That makes all the trouble. The Mohammedans, in making up their calendar, disregarded the year entirely and base their reckoning on the month. Under this plan the Mohammedans have the blithe-

some spring sometimes in January and Christians disregard the month entirely, using an arbitrary division which they call a month, which has no connection with the their calendar. This makes the seasons miracle to make it go around."

always fall at the same time.

Now, the true year contains 365 days, 5 has notified Great Britain that seizures of hours, 48% minutes. The odd number can-American vessels will not be tolerated as a not well be formed directly into a calendar year, which must contain only complete days. Pope Gregory XIII., who in 1582 improved the calendar invented by the astronomers of Buffalo Express: Another strong point Julius Caesar, made a rule, which has cored by German newspapers in discussing adopted by all countries except Russia, that the seizures in Delagoa bay is that in 1870 "the closing year of each century, 1600, 1700, English firms made considerable money by etc., instead of being always a leap year, as selling not only food and ordinary mer- in the Julian calendar, should be a leap

Therefore the year 1900 is not a leap year. apparent to the British government that The plan produces close coincidence be-American enagazines recently said there ordinary calendar year is 365 days long. hate England and that was the kaiser. The year is 36514 days long. In this way the story now is that the kaiser himself is be- calendar gains on the sun 114 minutes each ginning to get angry at England. This may year. In 100 years the gain is 1,125 minutes or may not be true, but the folly of Eng- or 18% hours, almost a day. Dropping the land's course is pretty apparent to most leap-year day, therefore, once every 100 years balances up the 18% hours and leaves Kansas City Star: Speaking of seizures on the sun 51/4 hours ahead of the calendar. the high seas, probably the most high- In 400 years the sun will be almost a full handed affair since the British frigate day (four times 51/4 hours) ahead of the Leopold searched the United States frigate calendar. Making every 400th year a leap Chesapeake for British deserters was the year brings about almost absolute coin-

CUT DOWN THE WAR TAXES.

venting a Surplus. Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.) The republican party, if it expects to remain in power, had better speedily set about some reform in revenue legislation. The way money is piling into the treasury in ex-

A few figures will show this. The ordinary receipts and expenditures of December left a surplus of \$7,703,604, besides which the anticipation of the January interest, and the items of interest due in December absorbed \$4,346,000 more, making the real surplus for the month over \$12,000,000. November's surplus was \$6,175,724 and October's was \$3,359,561. Here is an actual excess of \$17,238,889 of receipts over expenditures in each for the last quarter of the year, and if the interest payments of January had not been anticipated it would have been \$21,500,000, which is at the rate of \$86,-000,000 per annum. January promises an other large surplus, and by the close of August the excess of receipts over expenditures, it is officially estimated, will amount unloading her cargo, unless undoubted and to \$60,000,000 and it will go to \$100,000,000

With the vast increase in business activity which is calling for the use of every dollar irritation the Germans are undergoing by of our currency it is manifest that this enormous sum cannot be spared from the genhave been effected on board of British ships. eral circulation. The treasury already has a net cash balance of \$282,000,000, and there should have been much more disposed to would be no reason in permitting it to reach \$400,000,000. The only way to obviate it as the law now stands is for the secretary search, perhaps seize, any vessel hearing either to buy bonds or else to increase the With the presidential campaign going on

it is reasonable to suppose that the adminis-

and would embitter the already great prejudice against them. And to buy bonds at the exorbitant prices now asked would The more feasible plan would be to re duce the revenues. What is the use of taking money from the people when it is no needed? The abolition or reduction of some of the question, if the sacred structure of the Dingley tariff cannot be meddled with. The fact that it is necessary to go carefully because there is no clear idea as to expenditures in our dependencies may be alleged as an excuse not to touch the tariff, but the war taxes should be cut down in some way.

OUR NEW TERRITORIES.

Their Government a Serious Problem for Congress to Grapple With. Baltimore American. One of the most perplexing matters which

congress will have to deal with is the gov ernment of the new territories. This perplexity does not arise from any inherent difficulty, but from the eagerness to give some of these territories a complex form of government totally unsuited to existing conditions. The people of Puerto Rico, for instance, are quite as capable of sustaining the ordinary territorial form of govern ment as any of the southwest territories were twenty years ago, but an effort wil be made to give them a complicated affair The effect of such a government would by to convert a people who are more than friendly to the United States into bitter

If they are not yet fitted for the regular territorial form of government, why no et them remain as they are? They appear to be thoroughly satisfied with the situation as it is and they will condone grievances in the present rule which would be very galling in a government prescribed by congress, in which they were treated as grown-up children. To establish a com posite territorial rule in the island, in which all authority and all power and all emolument went to foreigners, while the natives to for indications of the drift of public senti- its diminished head. Its glory pules before were allowed to play at government, would ment. If there is opposition to the party the matchless brilliancy which must illume be a blunder that would long continue to in power which is likely to become formid- the first fish caught in the Chicago river plague the inventor. If they are not fit for able it is sure to show itself. But if the in thirty years. That fish, preserved and self-government let them remain as they old fogyish in some matters. France has country is satisfied with the administration gilded, should be set on high in the city are, or give them a commission such as adopted in all official departments the system of confidence will be given. It is in council chamber and kept there that future exists in the District of Columbia and had tem of the 24 o'clock day, following the ex- the latter light that the elections of last generations may see and marvel at the existed there with success for many years. What has been said of Puerto Rico ap-

plies with greater force to Hawaii. The proposed plan of government for those islands violates the basic principles upor which the government of the United States rests. There has never been any division into parts of the privilege of citizenship. man in the United States is either a citizen or he is not. There are no classes among the citizens of this country. If a man can vote for members of congress he can vote vote for the president of the United States. But under the Hawalian bill they are di genship, while the other, an oligarchy, is to be given all power and authority. truth is, that Hawaii is not fitted for any No person living now will ever see another, form of government but the simplest and The year 2100 is the next "dropped-day will not be for a number of years. If the The trouble comes about in this present government is not acceptable then the government of the District of Columbia One day of twenty-four hours is the time will fit the case exactly, with the supple-

PLASHES OF PLY.

Indianapolis Journal: "What is a bache-lor, Aunt Martha?"
"Oh, he's a man who thinks every girl that looks at him intends to marry him"

Chicago News: 'Don't you pity these girls who marry foreign titles?'
'No, any girl who is a genuine American ought to give the man the worst of it.' Cleveland Plain Degler: "You say the

man stole your umbrella?"
"Well, I don't want to be too sure about
it. He may have been the original owner." Washington Star: "There's no doubt about it," said the man with a large dia-mond in his necktie; "that man is a genuine

patriot."
"How do you know?"
"Why, he can get up as much enthusiasm over an election as he does over a prize fight."

Chicago Record: "This is a nice round steak." remarked the landlady, as she wielded her knife. "It may be madam," spoke up the comedian boarder, "but it will take a

Boston Transcript: Mrs. Fogg-A gentle-nan called to see you, David, this morn-

Mr. Fogg-Did he have anything to say? Mr. Fogg-Only that he would call again. Mr. Fogg-H m-evidently a dun, but to give warning of his second coming betrays inexperience. Reckon there's no great danger from him.

Chicago News: Mrs. Digge-How is it you are so successful in managing your ausband? Mrs. Biggs-Oh, I simply feed him well

and trust to luck. Harlem Life: "Did you know that Miss iones was going to marry young Smith?"
"I knew it; but I cannot understand how a man stupid enough to want to

Chicago News: He-How long should a nan know a girl before proposing? She—That depends on his income.

Indianapolis Journal: "If all the money in the world were divided equally, each person would get about \$30." "Is that so? Well, I move we let things stay as they are." Collier's Weekly: Husband-My dear,

want to ask you one favor before you go off on that long visit.

Wife—A thousand, my love. What is it?
Husband—Don't try to put the house in order before you leave.

Wife—It isn't hard work. Husband-Perhaps not; but think of the xpense of telegraphing to you every time

want to find anything.

Chicago Tribune: "What shiftless people there must have been living on earth at the beginning of the Christian era!" ex-claimed the man who was all tangled up this twentieth century business How so?" asked the person who hap-ed in for the purpose of helping out the dialogue.
"Because nobody appears to have been able to look out for number 1."

Detroit Journal. "You're a brick!" cried a fellow named Will, To his sister, nor took she it ill Till he added, "Oh, yes, You're but half-baked, or less,

But you're certainly dressed up to klin!" NEARER HOME.

Phoebe Cary. One sweetly solemn thought Comes to me o'er and o'er; I'm nearer home today

Than I have ever been before

Nearer my Father's house, Where the many mansions be; Nearer the great white throne, Nearer the crystal sea; Nearer the bound of life

Where we lay our burdens down; Nearer leaving the cross, Nearer gaining the crown But lying darkly between, Winding down through the night, Is the silent, unknown stream, That leads at last to the light,

Closer and closer my steps Come to the dread abysm; Closer Death to my lips

Presses the awful chrism.

Oh, if my mortal feet Have almost gained the brink-f it be I am nearer home Even today than I think!



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