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Notary Public.

Senatorial courtesy is an ancient institution which seems to be as firmly imbedded now as it ever was.

"Ladysmith may have fallen," shricked the Omaha yellow journal two days ago. So it may, but it had not.

The popocratic machine objects to the use of the voting machine probably because it wants to have a monopoly of the machine business.

If the Nebraska contingent to the Boer army reinforces it to the extent of a expected from that source.

Ex-Governor Hogg declined to get inside of the Jacksonian fence. Can it be possible the Texan is also nursing a wound inflicted by the sting of ingratitude?

Colonel Bryan's willingness to run as

If anybody will establish an anti-trust against temptation to sell out he will have no difficulty in securing liberal patronage.

Admiral Dewey has now a loving cup paid for by dime contributions of 70. 000 people. It is safe to say he will keep this in the family without following the house and lot precedent.

The Boers are said to be placing orders with American firms for arms and munitions of war. Watch the British reinforce their naval scouts on the lookout for contraband from this direction,

The Nebraska Humane society will second the efforts being made in congress to prohibit the use of birds and women's heads. That ought to settle it.

Omaha tried the same experiment once British empire was about to begin. and from experience can advise Sacramento to drop out.

brought in a verdict of death from neg- war until the Boers are conquered and lect due to the practice of Christian forced to submit to such terms and con-Science. This will probably open up a ditions as will remove all danger of a new and never ending controversy be- future conflict of this character. It obtween the various medical healing schools.

Speaker Henderson has been presiding over the deliberations of the house of representatives now for more than a month and those who expected most of him are having their expectations fully realized. Colonel Henderson promises to be a model speaker.

For many years the income of the Board of Education from police court fines ranged from \$15,000 to \$25,000. In 1898 it had shrunk to \$13,400. In the year 1899 only \$261 was turned into the school treasury from police court fines. That showing affords conclusive evidence that there is something rotten in

democratic president.

seems very strange that Colonel Bryan when neither of the belligerents has of the toastmaster, Will Poppleton was would allow any millionaire to come asked it and when it is manifest that not scatted on his left. To a room within gunshot.

GOVERN IN SHAWS MESSAGE lowa legislature shows the state to be as yet no nation is willing to take the to Bryan's presidential boom. in all respects in excellent condition, initiative. All have given assurances, He says that labor is well employed, as has the United States, of absolute agriculture prosperous, business active neutrality and there is every reason to them but an increase of misfortune. means of intervention which the govern-

condition. Indeed, Iowa is one of the most prospercus commonwealths in the union and therefore naturally one of the strongest in support of republican principles and policy. Towa has met all her current obligations during the last'two years and has a comfortable surplus, the governor stating that the treasury is in bet ter condition than it was two years ago by over \$1,000,000. A fact not generally known is that Iowa has more banks than any other state, the aggregate deposits amounting to over \$163,000,000. The deposits have increased more than 55 per cent in two years, a striking evidence of prosperity, and the governor says that over one-half of this money in other than savings banks, or more than \$55,000,000, is owned by farmers, Another interesting statement is that the proportion of unincumbered farms in the state exceeds that of any other

in the last few years. Governor Shaw has given Iowa an excellent administration and what he says of the conditions in the state will be gratifying to its people.

WHAT PUERTO RICO NEEDS.

According to Governor General Davis the chief need of Puerto Rico is trade the island to give it a territorial government such as is proposed for Hawail, ileges in trade that are given to Hawaii and if this is allowed them he becontribute to the wealth of the United

In regard to the matter of territorial government, a comparison of the populations of Puerto Rico and Hawali will osition and the final test of the knotty of German ships constitute powerful argutypewriter some startling news can be if not better claims to such government versity of opinion even among the best naval expansion; and a cautious person may diamonds of the world. And it is only a imperative that some increase be made. as the latter. There can be no question lawyers. that a majority of the people of Puerto Rico are just as well qualified for selfgovernment under the territorial form there is but a single step. This old the urgent necessity for a large and poweras a majority of the Hawatians. As to French proverb was again exemplified ful German navy. trade privileges there is no sound rea- by the appearance of Frank Ransom son why there should be any discrim- and A. J. Weaver at the head of the ination and it is not proposed to make table of the Jacksonian club banquet, the candidate on the populist ticket is any, the Foraker bill providing for free Both of these statesmen claim to be renot concealed, but whether he wants to trade between Puerto Rico and the publicans with a silver lining and both not concealed, but whether he wants to have two talls to the kite is not yet diswe shall have ultimately to deal with basis. We cannot permanently have them by its hostility to free and unim- that it has insured a continuance of the glass-house in Omaha and is proof one policy for a part of them and a dif- ited coinage of silver. They have as development of our trade in the orient, ferent policy for another part,

BRITISH DETERMINATION.

Mr. Balfour, first lord of the treasury in the British cabinet, speaks with an hold these political apostles and aposauthority in regard to the intentions of the government second only to that of the premier himself, Lord Salisbury. Mr. Balfour has not been identified, at least prominently, with the jingo element. It has been the understanding that in respect to the Transvaal issue he was one of the most conservative members of the government, but war being on he favors its presecution to the end. In his address to his constituents Mr. Balfour declared that the war is one in defense of Great Britain's them. feathers for ornamental purposes on African empire and that it would be pursued "unswervingly to the end, so that no such war should ever be waged Sacramento is luxuriating in a sur- in South Africa again." The dispatches plus of mayors, having elected one state that he ridiculed the foreign while the old one refuses to vacate, prophesies that the dissolution of the

This declaration of a member of the British government fully authorized to avow its policy is notice to the world A Council Bluffs coroner's jury has that the determination is to carry on the viously means that Great Britain contemplates no settlement of the war that does not involve the absolute submission of the Boer republics and the acceptance of whatever conditions that power may impose. Whether or not it is the purpose to absorb these republics can only be inferred, but it is most probable that the British government regards this as essential to the future security of its African empire. Indeed, it is the universal judgment that this must be the outcome of the conflict if Great Britain triumphs, the Boers themselves regarding it as the inevitable result of

British conquest. Having determined to prosecute the war unswervingly to the end, Great Britain will accept no offer of mediation. This, if not plainly implied in Mr. The local Bryan organ continues to Balfour's address, may reasonably be slur at ex-President Cleveland by head-inferred. Were there any disposition ing a communication from him to the to accept intervention it is not to be Chicago Tribune as "a word from the doubted that this distinguished member dead-Grover resurrected to give a gasp of the cabinet would have given some before re-expiring." It is plain that the intimation of it. Evidently, however, Bryanites have not yet put out the there is in the minds of the statesmen latchstrings for the admirers of the last in control of British affairs no thought of permitting mediation in the South African conflict and this being so no As viewed from the point of vantage | nation will offer it, at least at the presthrough the double-barreled telescope ent stage of the war. It has been urged who would man gamered at the Jack that the United States should tender tively fresh and promises to cut out a Directly opposite this proposed block of deal soulan banquet was cosmopolitan and its good offices, but it must be apparthe millionaire elbowed up against and ent to intelligent men that however brushed the best coat of the laboring strong American sympathy may be with man." Who the millionaires and cost the Boer republics, our government can least, that while Ed Howell was scated ments such as paying the street at their mopolitans were is not divulged, but it not with propriety propose mediation among the great statesmen on the right own expense have already begun and no

cure, while the state finances were never | It is possible that conditions will de- to read magazine articles about their war in a more satisfactory condition. It velop which will lead the British gov. for the next twenty years, would be worth while to contrast this ernment to modify its attitude. A few with the statements of a democratic governor serious reverses, increasing the ernor of Iswa a few years ago, who de- difficulties of the situation, might creplored the unfortunate condition of the ate a public sentiment in favor of an farmers and could see nothing ahead for honorable settlement of the conflict by trusts and anti-imperialism thrown in. lowa has reaped her share of the pros- ment could not expediently ignore. But perity of the last two years and in at present there is a firm determination no other state are the people in better | to employ all the resources of the nation the Klondike with fabulous sums of money in carrying on the war and to give heed organize companies to work their claims? to nothing that would interfere with this. Why do they not use their own capital and purpose. There is evidently no fear of take for themselves the immense profits foreign complications and a confident promised? belief that Great Britain will be allowed its own way in dealing with the South African republics.

AS TO WATER WORKS BONDS. The Commercial club has vetoed the is such a thing as getting more than is ordinance for the proposed issue of wanted, \$5,000,000 in bonds for the purchase of the water works and recommends as a substitute an ordinance that fixes have the right to buy the works with- sure he can get them there promptly when Roche. out paying for the franchise after June he needs them. 11, 1900. While the date designated by the club as the expiration of the twentyyear period is a subject of dispute that can only be settled by the courts or by mutual consent between the city and period, while the value of agricultural the water company, no serious objection of the beleaguered forces, while its only lands has very materially appreciated to the revision of the bond proposition on the lines recommended by the Commercial club can be raised. Conceding that public sentiment is overwhelmingly Is the Kniser Jollying the Natives? in favor of municipal ownership and the purchase of the water works, the taxpayers of Omaha are vitally concerned in protecting the city against any barprivileges. His judgment is that it the city to buy the works as soon as poswould not be for the best interests of sible, but they do not want to issue one or two million more bands for their purchase than they could be duplicated for. because the people are not prepared for On the other hand, the water company whether the outside world, even the Ger- care of themselves. it, but they should have the same priv- is ready to sell the works at any time man people, can be quite sure. Emperor providing it can sell at its own figures, which of course means not only the lieves they will get along all right. He value of the plant, but also the un- listed and no doubt deeply offended by the no wonder the Boers are beleaguering that 600 on November 6. With the extension of told the house insular committee that earned profits that would accrue during refusal of the German Parliament to adopt city so stubbornly. Diamonds are not the American lines from Manila and Hollo

believe in the cardinal principles of the the European powers to secure a guaranty

justed by mutual agreement the only

tates allowing themselves to be swal-

a move can be made on the firing line after it is all over.

The famous battle of New Orleans signed. It was therefore a useless saclaying of the Atlantic cable made those the trustees have just approved a series of then neither could it have taken place to city operations. had the troops been armed with modern houses which, when completed, will rent for just paid by tweaty of the leading textile the more they could get for

instruments of warfare. ex-Governor Boles of Iowa advocated

The fighting up to the present has all have mostly fallen short and in other lags under his charge. passes Oom Paul has ducked and sidehot pace before the bout is over.

would allow any millionaire to come asked it and when it is manifest that not scated on his left. To a man up a property popular with tenants possessing present capital would be about \$2,100,000,- be suppressed. About 95 per cent of the property popular with tenants possessing present capital would be about \$2,100,000,- be suppressed.

has been talk of a European combina- quet was gotten up more to launch The message of Governor Shaw to the tion with a view to intervention, but Howell's unavoralty boomlet as a tail

Consuling Thought.

There are no magazines published in and the profits of invested capital se- expect they will maintain this position. South Africa. The inhabitants will not have

> Same Old Samples. Speaking of the Nebraska traveling men,

the old line of samples this year, with anti-Generosity of Kloudikers. Why should these people returning from

Variations in Invasions.

For Ornamental Purposes, Washington Star. In explaining the massing of Russian

Costly Method of Advertising. The futility of sortles from Mafeking and Ladysmith against the Boers must soon become apparent to the British. Every such movement reduces the defensive strength compensation appears to be the cabled glorification of the commanding officer. It is a decidedly costly method of advertising,

Washington Post. tively resentful. The question is, however, way in which the poorer classes fail to take British truculence may not have a certain this. From the sublime to the ridiculous illustrious approval as tending to illustrate

OPEN DOOR IN CHINA. Secretary Wilson Waxes Enthusiastic

Over the Prospect. Brooklyn Eagle. Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural himself to Hong Kong.

which is already growing satisfactorily. serted time and again that the alliance Our total exports from the Pacific ports ten Baltimore American. The harassing of the 1 the fund amounts to \$25,000. of silver republicans with the tradity years ago were \$26,000,000. Five years ago scattered bands of Tagals has been so perabouts.

company of his followers, they will now absolute control. The extension of spheres of influence has been carried so far that the emerge into the political arena as full- French, English, Germans and Russians fledged democrats. The free silver among them have secured nearly the whole masquerade has lasted long enough for empire. But these powers have not taken formal possession and they have not shut out American traders for the ben fit of the traders from the home countries. war critics who would do as much credit that American treaty rights will be re- for the capture of the Tagel leader. duced by our own war with Spain. Not favored nation, the door will not be closed. The whole of China is open to us for trade tary Hay.

MODEL HOMES FOR WORKINGMEN.

was fought after a treaty of peace was Stephen Girard's Estate to Erect 100 of Them This Year Unique in every way will be the 100 resi-

rifice of human life, no matter how dences which the Girard estate will erect creditable it was to the American arms. during the coming twelve months in South Had Morse by his invention of the elec- Philadelphia. Not content to provide homes tric telegraph and Cyrus Field by his carners, reports the Philadelphia Inquirer, of the customary type for the city's wageachievements fifty years before, no plans which, while not entirely original, such battle could have taken place. But are now for probably the first time applied

The trustees have determined to erget 100 entirely new for Philadelphia, alth ugh in pared with 2.3 per cent a year ago. The wires were evidently down be will be introduced by the trusters of the last year, exclusive of cars constructed by tween the Jacksonian club banquets in entate, whose purpose is to provide heat the railroad companies themselves, was 123. The wires were evidently down be successful operation in many of the suburbs, Omaha and Peoria. In this city the and electric lights from their own plant, 895. Of these 117,892 were freight cars. Chicago platform with all its vagaries. These will be furnished to tenants for the was the popular song while at Peoria nominal sum of \$3 a month. In addition to this, a landscape gardener will be ergplayed to keep in perfect condition the the abandonment of silver as a water- gardens, which will be laid out in front logged issue. The democratic pulse has of every house to the row. This innovavet to learn how to beat with well regu- tion will not only beautify the premis s. but, it is predicted, will materially enhance been in John Bull's corner. His leads will be his sole duty to beautify the park- 400,064, and their total resources \$1,071,525,

The houses are to be built of brick and stepped in a manner to attract admira- lots 150 feet deep. The private architest for tion. Despite several severe jolts on the Girard estate made the drawings, but the wind John appears to be compara- the contract has not as yet been given our modern residences will be located the Girard park, which will add greatly to the attractiveness and desirability of the prop-It was very significant, to say the erry for residential purposes. Improveone of them does not desire it. There tree it looks as if the Jacksonian ban only moderate incomes.

HERE AND THERE.

The anonymous poet who sang merrily of the countless joys Father Adam missed because he had no boxhood might easily adjust his muse to a like experience of a newspaper. it is already full-grown, bears the impress in the Hoosier metropolis.

Napoleons of finance trained and operating in Chicago should move further east if they hope to achieve a record comparable with that of the Franklin syndicate. The most enticing snares may be set in the midwest, but the crop of suckers is invariably short of expectations. A Chicago fakir, The invasion of Pureto Rico by our troops after years of effort, pulled in only \$30,000, was nobly done, but the free trade invasion while the Franklin syndicate scooped in of our markets by Puerto Rican products \$800,000 in nine months. will doubtless show us that sometimes there

Ambassador Choate is ranked as an un- and related this incident: commonly bright person, fluent and correct troops in Asia the czar politely assures he said: "Books are to be chewed and ventured out to a point where he could \$3,000,000 as the maximum price for the England that he had no present intentions digested; they are the gold nuggets of easily be seen, had the enemy been near. A in such a communicative frame of mind works and assumes that the city will of using them, but merely wanted to be literature." That is worthy of Sir Boyle lieutenant stepped up to him and said:

Now is the winter of Havana's discontent. do not expose yourself so freely." The mercury is down to about 70 degrees equal vigor. A letter from the Cuban cap- been made." ital says of the weather: "In the middle of the day thin cotton garments are warm enough, but even Americans get chilly mornings and evenings, owing to the sea breeze and the dampness in the air. such times a winter suit with light under-On the surface the British seizures of the the most abiding faith, even to the warming two German ships, the Bundesrath and the of the toes. Hence they look ridiculous and rushed up to the crowd. General, appear to constitute most out- feel uncomfortable, while with Americans rageous and intelerable affronts. They are the conditions are reversed. Undoubtedly gain that would load the city with an much more offensive to Germany than the the chilly mornings and evenings of the flag and be quick about it." In a jiffy all unreasonable bonded debt. They want seizures of American foodstuffs were to us, Cuban winter climate are in a measure re- caps were off and the salute was given. because in the latter case the vessels were sponsible for the prevalence of consumption not American. If, therefore, the facts are in this island. Statistics show that nearly really as they seem, Germany has every 20 per cent of the people die of this disease, right to be angry and every reason to be ac- and this is not surprising in view of the

William is a brilliant strategist and at the With Ceril Rhodes besleged in Kimbersame time a very queer and uncertain ley and \$39,000,000 worth of diamonds the corps has handled on an average 2,500 quantity. A few months ago, he was humi- stored there, according to current report, dispatches each day, the maximum being 4. the people of Puerto Rico are quite able the period of the contract. Unless these his recommendations in the matter of the quite as convenient as gold, but \$30,000,000 it has become imperative for the War deto support themselves and in addition clashing interests are satisfactorily adheart was set upon the measure. But the a good substitute for a war-chest for any signal officers detailed in the Philippines. legislative branch of the German govern- nation. One of the most fantastic features This increase has naturally been drawn from States when the island is put upon a way for a final settlement of the munic- ment opposed him and his cherished plans of this picturesque Boer war is the way the force stationed in this country or in ipal ownership problem will be in the fell to the ground. Of course, we do not that man's most precious commodities Cuba and Puerto Rico. The importance of courts. That can doubtless be expe- offer the theory-there are many reasons figure in it. The mines of the Rand, which the signal corps of the army is now government, a comparison of the pop- dited by the submission of a bond prop- why we should not-but we can certainly produce a quarter of all the gold harvest recognized by army authorities as it never show that the former has quite as good question upon which there is such a diments in favor of the emperor's scheme of the town which yields 35 per cent of the shoulders of the members of this corps it is be excused for asking himself whether this race of farmers and shepherds that is doing General Greely stated to his annual report

THE CAPTIVES' RETURN.

Minneapolis Tribune: One of the best jobs yet done by the American forces in the Philippines is the release of the gallant Gillmere and his fellow prisoners. Now if Aguinaldo would only surrender or betake

Indianapolis Journal: The country will reloice to hear that all of the American all the new possessions on the same republican party, which has deserted of the open door in China. He believes prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos, including Lieutenant Gillmore, have been re- has been asked not to make public just yet, leased, thanks to the hot pursuit and vig- has promised to make up the balance neces-

> tional enemy was temporary and would they were \$42,000,000. Last year they had sistent that they are now a mere shadow of be severed in due time. But, lo and be- risen to \$73,000,000. In another five years their former strength and, save as maraudthey ought to be \$120,000,000 or there- ing bands, not at all formidable. The success of the autumn plan of campaign in the The head of the Agricultural department northern provinces has been phenomenal. lowed body and breeches by the rock- will not be condemned for his enthusiasm. Since November 1, when the advance on rooted democrats and in turn swall-w- It is difficult for any one who appreciates Tarlac began, every northern province has ing their blue-points and their jack. the importance of Secretary Hay's achieve- seen American authority established in some snipes dipped in claret and soaked in gratification. In fact, the approval of the of Aguinaldo has melted away and he himchampagne! Having been baptized into success of the open door negotiations has self, a fugitive, as successive facts disclose, the democratic fold in the presence of been general and sincere. China has little barely cludes the United States forces. The William J. Bryan and a distinguished of her territory left over which she has release of Lieutenant Gillmore is only one of many indications that the end of Aguinaldo is near at hand. His capture will not, of course, mean immediate peace, but will be one of the leading steps thereto.

Washington Star: In the recent flerce said to have been satisfactory. chase through the mountains of northern Luzon there was practically as much popu-Great Britain is developing a corps of Now that assurances have been received iar anxiety for the rescue of these men as to a strategic board as would the spected, rights which involve trade condi- that the feat has been accomplished the without receiving a scratch, has been chronic carpers and fault-finders pro- tions similar to those enjoyed by the most beartiest thanks of the people are due to Colonels Howze and Hare for their per- people go right on thinking war is terrible. sistent march against tremendous difficulon as good terms as Rucela enjoys in her ties. The full report of their pursuit will but what some member of the home sphere of influence, or England in bers, or make dramatic reading. But it will be of guard is promptly to the fore with as- Germany in hers, or France in hers. It is slight consequence compared with the story sertions that it is a great mistake and no wonder that the government official who to be told by Lieutenant Gillmore and his should have been done differently. But has been interested in finding markets for men, descriptive of their perils, their wanthe products of American farms, the caton derings, their hopes and fears. There will ing the plan of having all of the tobuced 'twas ever thus. The long distance of the south and the wool of the west and be a warm welcome awaiting these men of the country handled through one purprophets always know how the battle the grains of all parts should be en- when they turn homewards, for they belong chasing agency, returned to his home in could have been more effectively waged thusiastic over the achievements of Secre- to a country which appreciates valiant serv- Salina, Kan., recently and was interviewed ico; and sympathizes keenly with suffer-, by a newspaper of that city. ing.

SPEAKING IN FIGURES.

In Germany one newspaper is published for every 12.502 persons.

The Philadelphia mint turned out \$65. 000,000 in coin last year. Money seems to be made rapidly in Philadelphia,

It is stated that during the month of January \$220,000,000 is to be distributed in shape of semi-annual dividends.

from \$25 to \$28 per menth each. Something | mills of New England is 3.2 per cent, comlast year, exclusive of cars constructed by

> In the United States and Canada last year fire destroyed property to the extent of \$136,-773.200, an increase of more than \$17,000,000 over the losses of 1808, and more than \$26,-

ees cop over those of 1897.

There are 260 loan and trust companies in this country, with capital aggregating the value of the property. The services of \$104,388,722; ausplus, \$79,707,104; other unthe gardener will be at the disposal of these divided profits, \$25,908,973. The individual occupying the houses free of charge and it deposits of these companies aggregate \$835,-

The Connecticut savings banks increased stone, two and one half stories front, on their deposits last year \$10.652,696, which was the largest gain over made by them in a like period of time. The number of depositors increased from 375,810 to 393,127. and 14.893 of the 17.317 new depositors opened accounts of less than \$1,000. Since building associations were organized

in the United States fully \$1,500,000,000 have heen returned to the members. The profits received by members to date have been shall return from Salina to the centers of

ECROES OF OUR WAR.

Walter Wellman is teeling the public pulse on the proposition to make Major General Wesley Merritt a lleutenant general preliminary to his retirement next June. The Indianapolis Press had In a letter to the Times-Herald Wellman no youth. Though less than a month old says: "Not only the president, but the virility of robust hustlers. The makers understood to be favorable to this course, maintain a fixed rate or fail to get the and builders of the Press were formerly General Merritt's promotion and retirement goods: connected with the News, and having pulled in this way would not interiere with any nearly \$1,000,000 out of that institution for other officer, and would, in fact, expedite the man who cuts," said Mr. Lee. Mr. Bryan announced that he would show all their interest, they were enabled to make promotions by retiring him earlier than must sell at the established rate or I have a new start in the newspaper field equipped would otherwise be the case. The many no business for him." Mr. Lee gave it as as few men are-with knowledge, experience friends of General Merritt believe this is a his opinion that legalized pooling would and cash. The triple combination makes compliment which he richly deserves." Gen- prove to be the only salvation of every lina the Press the peer of the older newspapers eral Merritt has been in the army forty-five of business and the only way to prevent years. His record in the civil war and in monopoly, "People talk about trusts," he many Indian campaigns, not to mention his said. "What is a trust? As a matter of Manila experience, ranks him, in the opin- fact there never existed but one trust, and ion of competent military critics, as the that was the Standard Oil company, under ablest American commander now living.

for by the Pioneer Prova:

presided at a smoke social last evening. The main feature of the occasion was an hour's talk on the Philippines by Major R. J. Fitzgerald. The major spoke feelingly of General Lawton, whom he personally knew,

General Lawten had arranged his line beof speech, and having a mild horror of mis- neath the brow of a hill, with the artillery quotations and "bulls." Yet he tangles commanding an excellent position. While his tongue occasionally. In a late speech preparations were going on General Lawton "General, you are too valuable a man for

and natives and Americans shiver with Lawton. "The bullet that's to kill me hasn't

A Honolulu paper relates an incident showing how a negro color sergeant of the Forty-ninth infantry gave a lesson in respect for the flag to white soldiers of the Forty-second, who were doing the town on wear is distinctly a comfort, As the Cubans the way to Manila. A large crowd of the do not possess these, they take it out in whites stood on a street corner to see the mufflers, in the efficacy of which they have colored regiment go by. They did not notice the flag at all. The color sergeant

"Are you American soldiers?" demanded he. "Yes," they said. "Then salute this A white commissioned officer was on the sidewalk. His cap came off with the rest, and he showed that he felt the justice of the rebuke.

The work of the signal corps of our army \$6,000 on deposit, in the Philippine islands has received most unqualified praise from the secretary of war what he thinks necessary in the way of an increase and it is understood that congress will be asked to take the matter up during the present session.

Miss Edna McClellan, who has been raising a fund for the purchase of a loving cup for Admiral Schley, through the endiess chain system, has now received \$5,000, with many contingent subscriptions made on the condition that it be finally determined to purchase a house. Miss McClellan has appointed a committee to handle the money, and she says a gentleman, whose name she sary to purchase a suitable home if by July

Frederick W. Molloy, who left a profitable plumber's business to enlist in the war with Spain and who failed to get work when discharged, and finally died in New York of discase contracted while in Cuba was about to be buried in Potter's field when Miss Helen Gould came to the rescue. Miss Gould will also see that Molloy's aged mother, who is destitute, ill and alone, will have proper medical attendance and care.

When Boston harbor drank its fill Of toil-taxed English tea Our fathers gathered strength and skik And made their children free.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew S. Rowan who when he was a lieutenant carried the But human hands still grind and bleednow famous message to Garcia, is being urged as deserving a medal of henor. The West Virginia delegates in congress have visited President McKinley to ask for this honor, and the result of their interview is

Captain Sigsbee, who was on the Maine when it was blown up, but escaped injury, and then went through the war with Spain kneeked cut by a Brooklyn trolley car. Ye

CONFESSIONS OF A PROMOTER. Breezy Business Remarks of a Kansas Man with a Cinch

Chicago Inter Ocean. H. D. Lee, who is credited with originat-

It might be stated in advance that M: Lee been a wholesale grocer in central

Kansas for about ten years, and, as he

eays, has fought hot winds, lack of mois ture, railroads and the Missouri gracers and made money at it. His present por tion is anomalous. He is the purchasing agent of all the tobacco jobbers in the coun try, and every jobber who buys trust to bacco must buy through Lee or get n commission. "This arrangement was purely business, sensible one," he said New York, Beston and Philadelphia in the "When I was a boy, I remember my little sister getting up a club of children to bus The average semi-annual rate of dividend candy because the more they bought given amount of money." asked what his profit would be Mr. Lee replied: "My commission, small as it is, will amount to \$100,000 a year. I expect that much; wouldn't have taken it in hand if I hadn't. The tobacco business of this country amounts to \$450,000,000 a year. It grows with the growth of the country When our new arrangement was put into effect there was kicking, particularly b the Missouri river jobbers, but they are all ming to see the matter in a business way I had orders Monday morning for 640,000 pounds of tobacco. At that rate the businees would run up to \$20,000,000 a month We only ask for \$9,000,000.

Whether due to the fact that he was mee more breathing his native air or that he felt himself sufficiently satisfied with he manner in which the world had been wasting him to indulge himself f r a little ime is the delightful dissipation which the presence of a newspaper reporter some mes suggests. Mr. Les certainly exhibited trankness which is seldom discoverable in the conversation of a promoter of great emmercial combines. In fact, he laid have the entire scheme of the tobacco combine with a recklessness which his associates will probably criticise severely

"Ruinous competition." he said, "had to men who are in business are in business for

the money that's in it. The balance seem to be doing business for fun and noise. One proces who cuts prices will ruin the business of his whole section. The men who are doing business for profit must protect themselves. Combination is the only way you

enn do Then the reporter asked: "Does that secretary of war and the chairmen of the mean that you will not buy from the man of years of experience and the vim and military committee of senate and house are who cuts prices and he will be forced to

> "I won't waste the scratch of a pen or the old organization. It is not a trust now. The various companies that were in the Here is another Lawton story, vouched trust were consolidated into one company As for the tobacco business, I expect great President Hall of the Commercial slub results from the new arrangement. The dealers will have to make some money on what tobacco they buy through me. They can't throw it away and cut each other's throats by doing so."

It is just barely possible that this returned Kansan is feeling his way toward the lecture bureaus. Whatever may have been said in the past concerning the promoters of great commercial combines, they have never been accused of unbosoming themselves to newspaper interviewers. It the Kansas reporter did not seek further enlightenment with regard to the methods us to lose. Pardon me if I suggest that you which Mr. Lee has pursued in bringing about a combination in the tobacco trade "There is nothing to fear," said General that makes every grocer in the country a contributor to his handsome and constantly increasing income.

SOUTH DAKOTA BANK FAILS

State Bank at Plankinton Does Not Open Its Doors-Owner in the East.

PLANKINTON, S. D., Jan. 9.-(Special Telegram.)-The State bank, owned by D. L. failed to open its doors this morning. Owing to Stevens' absence nothing could be learned as to the particulars of Stevens went east Saturday, presumably to secure assistance, and wired his cashier not to open the bank today. Stevens owned a drug store, which he transferred to his head clerk. It being the only bank here, nearly every business man was caught in the failure. Aurora county, it is said, had about

BRIGHT SIDE OF "LIFE."

Quoter-You can't eat your cake and Dyspeptic-The deuce you can't.

"I see that the cream of the British army s now in the Transvaal." "Yes, the whipped cream." I thought she gave me cause to doubt, But soon I blessed my fattes; For though my rival took her out, Twas I put on her skates.

Teacher-And who was Cain? Small Boy-I guess he must have been he first Englishman

The Count-Your father actually made me repeat to him the very words in which I repeat to him the very words in which a proposed to you. "That is like papa. He is so fond of business propositions

Tired Tompkins - There's one job I wouldn't mind havin', Horace, Hungry Horace (in amazement)-What's 'Lineman fer er wireless telegraph com-

Wayfarer from Arcadia—As I came up Wall street it struck me as being a sordid rift in something. "Sordid rift" is good, but what's it a rift in?" Eh? Denizen of the Street—"Sordid rift." Yes, that's good. What alls it's being a rift in the loot."

She-Mother says there is a rumor that you are guite fast.
"My darling, would you allow a thing like that to make any difference?" She (doubtfully)-N-no. Still, I would rather have it confirmed.

BOLD BRITISH BLUFF.

A helpless people bound or slain ; And Anglo-Saxon pride For many years of England's reign Were always side by side.

Emboldened by a harassed life. The one oppressed will turn.
And, thus, arose in righteous strife,
Brave Bruce of Bannockburn.

Souls searing burdens bear-flux royal heads in grasping greed Bejewelled crowns may wear Warm-hearted Ireland does but wait,

And soon in ev'ry clime Where tyrant's rule degrades man's state Glad freedom's bells shall chime. Boers now are bathing British bluff in hest blue British bland,

let England falls to cry "Enough!" Unto her boasting brood. BELLE WILLEY GUE. Winside, Neb.



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