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A kite of their own or a tall to the democratic kite-that is the question up to the populists.

The downfall of the voting machine scheme has apparently knocked several fat fees on the head.

If the school board blind deal had only been deaf and dumb it might not have attracted so much attention.

When information is wanted about operations of the Treasury department Secretary Gage is right on hand with the figures.

Board of Trade they do it without half | wages. so much fuss.

has been approved and placed on file. Now for a boom in the business of the doctors who deal in sick certificates.

Ed Howell recommends Frank Burk ley as fusion candidate for mayor. Now let Frank Burkley recommend Ed Howell. Surely one good turn deserves | wage fund. The consumer of course another.

A new star shines as champion of the featherweight pugilism of America. The pugilistic kaleidoscope seems to change about as often as the political kaleidoscope.

The democrats in the senate object to the confirmation of Bynum on the ground that he is not a democrat. The objection is about the best recommendation he could produce.

Bryan probably thought it was the Tammany tiger he was after when he started on that hunt. The revelation that it was only a tame animal must have been a shock to him.

It is stated that over 3,000 witnesses will be examined on both sides in the Kentucky gubernatorial contest. Perhaps it would be cheaper for the state of Kentucky to furnish Goebel with an office than to foot this bill.

Reform does not appear to be workto hide the official rascality and incom-

sist in tantalizing a poor old man like can afford to buy the best get the best, to cover the daily deposits. Every in-J. B. Kitchen by trying to swell his The fact that the metropolitan dailies telligent business man must see the head with the idea that he is an eligible expend as much and often more for propriety of this. There was no favorcandidate for mayor? Is it trying to special news dispatches than they pay itism in the matter whatever, as is conwork him for a few more free dinners? for Associated Press news explodes the clusively shown by the statement of

about municipal government, but the reason the papers of small means can posits the National City is one of five trouble is he cannot induce any con- not get the Associated Press report is applicants for \$\$00,000 cach, which have siderable number of people to catch on simply because they cannot afford to not been supplied the full amount for to the nonpartisan plan. The masses pay for leased wires and costly cable which they had offered securities. are wedded to their political idols and dispatches, this is not an off-year in politics.

These republican times are especially hard on the poor farmer. The price of can consul now at Pretoria is having The property was bought by the Nahogs at the South Omaha yards is no better success than his predecessor tional City bank, which paid all the higher than at any time during the past in looking after British interests there. purchase money except \$50,000. Insix years. The popocratic-cry that all Our government is not officially ad stead of locking this money in the the prosperity is coming to the capitalist vised to this effect, but it is said to be trensury, where it was not needed, it and manufacturer will not go down,

his explanations of the practical ex- Pretoria to represent British interests ject to other employment. Whatever tinction of the revenue from police and doubt is expressed whether Mr. may be thought of the expediency of court fines, but his explanations do not Hay, son of the secretary of state, who this, it is perfectly obvious that there explain. Why is it, for example, that is on the way to the Boer capital, will was nothing illegal about it, as has the revenue from fines is only about be allowed any more latitude than been charged. Secretary Gage points one-third of what is taxed up and col- Consuls Macrum and Hollis. so far below the costs?

and is liable to bolt at any minute.

WORKINGMEN AND TRUSTS.

rust rot in metropolitan daily newspapers. Some of these great dailles talk awful loud about the iniquitous trust, but you never see a word in one of them about the Associated Press trust-the oldest and cruciest trust in the world. Oh, no! That is different, you know. Yet a lot of democratic and republican papers and leaders would like to get the members of organized labor tangled up in this fake fight on trusts.

is a combination of men. A law that will has, prohibit the trust will prohibit the union. Union men are getting along all right The past year showed trades unions more also the greatest year for the organization of trusts. A trade unionist would not inslet that it was right for him to join a union

and wrong for his boss to do the same thing. are the middle men and drummers, neither one of which ever lost any sleep for the troubles of the striking trade unionist.

The two great parties will adopt platsend committees out to "touch" the trust managers for the price to conduct the campaign-and get it, too.

Trades unionists should keep out of this take fight on the trusts.-Western Laborer, This is the selfish point of view taken by labor leaders who have not studied the relation of labor to combinations in restraint of trade in all its bearings. They see only the immediate benefit 17.......25,685 derived by skilled workmen from steady employment at good wages, assuming that the trusts and colossal terprises are the chief source of pros-

As a matter of fact high wages and product of the factory and mill, and in- regard to it. creased consumption, as everybody knows, is the consequence of general British government is averse to establish tempt the ire of the initiative and prosperity. There were trust and syn-lishing a precedent making foodstuffs dicate-made fabrics in abundance dur-Less unsold and returned copies ... 11,873 ing the recent era of hard times, but pointed out, it would be a very grave762,662 there was light consumption or over-24,602 production, and hence low wages and a position. But it has been seen that little employment at any price.

> The baneful effect of the trusts upon while running mills or factories producing the same article in another locality. For example, if the timplate trust should decide to reduce wages it would not make the reduction in all its mills at the same time, but would make a beginning with one or two mills, and having closed these mills in case of resistance would continue to operate its other mills in other localities until its rebellious workmen were frozen out or driven in.

In the next place the most serious blow to the interests of labor by trusts is the raising of prices, which always tends to reduce consumption, and con-Colorado ranchmen are preparing to sequently reduces the demand for la- prompted solely by consideration for shear sheep by steam power. On the bor, carrying with it a lowering of

The assumption that combinations The district court jury list for 1900 ticular line will not attempt to in money in the treasury, if continued, crease their gains by arbitrarily raising prices is absurd. The raising of wages ance to business. A monetary strinby the trust concerns has always been gency had been produced which if not followed or preceded by a raise in relieved might have had serious conseprices of the trust-made goods and in quences. The only source of relief every instance that increase is very much greater than the increase of the always pays the freight and the workmen pay more than their share of the freight because they are more numerous than the employers and middlemen.

The trades unionists may remain indifferent to the abuses of the trust so An exigency arose which in the judglong as they individually and collect, ment of the secretary of the treasury ively are not affected, but such a pol. Justified "the utmost interference," icy would not commend itself to the The deposit of internal revenue regreat mass of toilers on the farm and ccipts in banks that were government in the factory who do not belong to the depositories and which furnished the unions.

The assertion that the metropolitan press associations collecting and $e_{X^{-}}$ ment depository. It is one of the and is operated purely as a mutual festly convenient if not absolute y ing overtime in the state institutions of news collection and news distribution necessary to have the money sent to South Daketa. It will require conside agency whose members are heavily one depository for distribution to the ceive. The ass ciation has no monop- chosen because it had furnished a ought to be petence already being brought to light, oly of news which is a commodity in larger bond security than any other Why should the popocratic organ per- per or printing machinery. Those who that had furnished an amount sufficient John D. Howe has the best idea trols all the news of the world. The banks applying for a share of the de-

BOER OBDURACY.

the opinion of officials of the State de was allowed to remain in the bank, of partment that the Boer government course available to the freasury when-Police Judge Gordon is plausible in does not intend to allow our consul at ever required and in the meantime sub-

lected as costs? Why should fines fall | There is no question as to the right of the treasurer of the United States of the Boer government to refuse to in designated depositories are regarded permit our consuls to act as British as moneys in the treasury. He might The steering committee of the demo- representatives and to insist that they have deposited this money in some crats in the house has a task on its shall confine themselves strictly to other bank or in several banks, but so hands which is not likely to be covered. American interests. But it is an extra- far as the treasury is concerned there by many. The attempt to lead two ordinary position to take, all civilized would have been no advantage in domules, each determined to go in a dif- countries in time of war conceding to ing this. ferent direction, was easy compared representatives of neutral nations the Secretary Gage's clear and comprewith this. The democratic mule does privilege of looking after the interests bensive statement must satisfy all not know which way it wants to go, of citizens of a belligerent. In view fair-minded men that in the relations of this and of the representations of between the treasury and the banks he States will probably lead the world forever, rency question.

Kruger may doubt the sincerity of our servation of the public interests. neutrality, which he certainly has no reason to do, At all events, it is a

THE CONTRABAND QUESTION.

A London dispatch states that the prosperous and their members better paid American flour seized off Delagon bay than any year in a dozen last past. It was has been released and that the British government has decided that foodstuffs are not to be considered contraband of war unless intended for the The people who are squesling on the trust enemy. In the absence of a definite statement of the British position it may be assumed that it will not consider foodstuffs contraband unless tion that a cargo of foodstuffs was ultimately destined for the enemy, What our government should and probably will insist upon is an absolutely definite understanding as to the nature of the evidence necessary to make provisions contraband of war, requiring that it shall not be left to the judgcombinations engaged in industrial en- ment of British naval officers or consular officials to determine the matter. The question is one of great importance and there will never be a better

It is easy to understand that the contraband. As Lord Rosebery has nec. mistake for Great Britain to take such in an emergency she does not hesitate to act upon the principle that foodstuff's wage-workers is exerted in two directore contraband and therefore the netions. First, in their ability to close cessity of requiring that government their mills and factories in one locality to unequivocally define its position and come to a clear understanding. There will never be a better time to have this done.

SECRETARY GAGE'S STATEMENT.

The statement sent to congress by Secretary Gage in response to requests for information regarding the deposits of public funds in national banks is comprehensive and conclusively answers the criticisms that have been made upon the secretary's action. He shows that he has proceeded in this matter in strict conformity with the law, that there has been no favoritism shown and that what he did was the public interest.

The receipts of the treasury have for which control production in any par- expenditures. This accumulation of would inevitably result in a disturbwas the national treasury. Two means were at its command-the purchase of bonds and the deposit in banks of internal revenue receipts, Secretary Gage adepted both. He first pur- If love laughs at locksmiths, what will it chased bonds, but this was too slow a process to arrest the movement toward stringency in the money market. It gave little and but temporary relief

required security was ordered. In all this the secretary unquestionpapers that oppose the trusts are mem- ably acted within the authority conbers of the oldest and cruelest trust in ferred upon him by law. But it was the world is decidedly wild and utterly alleged that there was discrimination baseless. The present Associated Press and favoritism toward one bank-the was organized just seven years ago, National City of New York. This in-Prior to that there were half a dozen stitution has been for years a governchanging news, the parent being the strongest banks in the country. Im-New York Associated Press, organized mediately after the order for depositby the New York dailies. Although or- ing internal revenue receipts was made Associated Press pays no dividends as security for deposits. It was manithe market just the same as print pa- bank; in fact there was but one other delusion that the Associated Press con- | Secretary Gage that of the sixty-eight

Secretary Gage also conclusively disposes of the criticism in connection with the deposit of the money for which The indications are that the Ameri- the New York custom house was sold. out that moneys on deposit to the credit

our government in the case of Consul has kept strictly within his lawful au-It makes us tired to read a lot of anti- Macrum, the obduracy of the Boer gov- thority, that he has shown no discrimernment in the matter is difficult to un- fnation and that his action at all times | Philippines and published in the New York | British have been doing lots of shelling. In derstand. It suggests that President has had in view the promotion and con- Sun gives another version of the death of fact it might be said they had the shell

Omnha extends a cordial weicome to course that seems essentially unwise on the visiting implement dealers who are the part of a government that should attending a convention in the interests cultivate the most cordial relations of their line of business in this city. A trust is a combination of men. A union | with all countries whose friendship it | Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and the surrounding states furnish the best field to be found anywhere in the world for before his death, was in direct contrast to improved farm machinery because the his usual appearance. He laid out the plan farmers in this territory are alive to of campaign and remarked that every prethe advantage of modern methods of paration must be made for a warm encultivation. Of course, the prosperity of the farmer means increased investment in farm machinery and good busthe farmer was never better,

Now we are told that the re-election there is unmistakable evidence that they of Senator Gear is a great victory of forms against the trust this year and then are intended for the enemy, such as the Gear machine, Of course it is. Had would be presented by its consignment Mr. Cummins been successful it would to the camp or fleet of the enemy, for have been a victory for the Cummins otherwise the way would be left open machine. It does not matter what the for further seizures upon the presump- outcome of any contest is in which a republican comes out on top, the popocrats are sure to howl about the machine. But the howl is simply designed to direct attention away from the popocratic machine, which is more relentless in its methods than any republican machine was ever even pictured.

The Irrepressible Yeiser now wants the supreme court to force his initiative and referendum bill upon the unwilling people of Omaha and proposes steady work simply mean increased opportunity than is now afforded to to lay before it the same papers which consumption and great demand for the have a perfectly clear understanding in were frowned upon by the late reform tion is whether the supreme court dare referendum lawyer in the same man-

> With the taste of the Jacksenian banquet still tickling their palate and the and distant future the young democ-J. B. Kitchen as its preferred candidate for mayor. Mr. Kitchen is too old not to give away.

How much longer is the Board of County Commissioners going to play of the refusal of Albyn Frank, to necount for fees collected by him as clerk him with a bullet through his heart. of the district court? Why should the democratic majority of that board and the democratic county attorney be so anxious to shield a derelict republican official?

Make it Attractive.

The annual brochure of the secretary of agriculture devotes considerable space to the division of soils. The introduction of the letter "p" into the word "soils" would be several months been in excess of the sure to attract the politicians to the book.

> Not a Bit Afraid. Globe-Democrat.
> Chairman Jones of the democratic commit-

tee declares that the new gold standard bill will be ruinous to the country. The calamity is so threatening"that Colonel Bryan re-Will Cupid Saub the Court?

Chicago Post. Cupid has been enjoined at Omaha. judge has officially forbidden an elopement.

do to a court? One can almost hear the little fellow snicker as he gets ready for business. Huge Business on Small Margin, Indianapolis Journa The meat sales of Swift and Company, one

of the great packing firms, were upward of \$160,000,000 during 1899, upon which a net profit of \$2,252,665 was realized, which is equivalent to 1.41 per cent. If the business were divided among a score of firms they could not live with so small a profit. It is the immensity of the trade that makes success possible with so meager a percentage

Bryan's Running Mate.

Hogg of Texas has other claims to a seccapable of unruffled and smiling composure ating into guerrilla warfare merely.

LEADS IN COAL PRODUCTION. Another Ton Record Made by the United States.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Until the end of 1898 Great Britain was the greatest coal producer of all the countries. In 1899 the United States passed Great Britain. In round figures the coal output of this country in 1899 was 245,-000,000 tons. This was 50,000,000 tons of a gain over 1838. Here is an industrial triumph for which the country is to be congratulated. It means much in the race for business supremacy.

that of the United States.

Major John A. Logan, jr., and the circumstances preceding the tragic event. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat: General Lord writer. "On Friday night he called to dinner tactics of the man who whipped Stonewall to include are those which all the railthe several captains of his command, Usually Jackson. of the most cheerful temperament, lighthearted under all circumstances, Major counter. ospitality for the last time. Colonel Luther Hare and Lieutenant Colonel John J. B. Hare and Lieutenant Colonel John J. But the all-Important reform is the es-Brereton dropped in and spent an hour in assures the Boors that if they will return to But the all-Important reform is the es-Brereton dropped in and spent an hour in assures the Boors that if they will return to tablishment of freight rates on "a perma-

England, is authority for the statement that isterial mind, the world was amused. But Major Logan had a presentiment that he the Boers are not a humorous people. They

vance tomorrow,' he remarked. "Why, sir, am I not going with you?"

Morley asked. " 'One of us has got to go home,' Major Logan said. He then turned over the pages of a book in his hand and went on: am wounded cable this word to Mrs. Logan. If I am killed cable this to Mr. Bentley.'

"Morley tried to remonstrate that his place was by the major's side, but Major Logan would not hear of it. He retired a bit later, but never recovered his wonted cheerfulness.

"The advance was made toward San Jacinto at 8 o'clock, the battalion moving in line of fours and impeded greatly by the awful condition of the roads. The companies deployed upon approaching a village and the insurgents opened up on the battalion from their trenches 1,000 yards away. judge of the district bench. The ques- An advance was ordered, Major Logan being at the head of Captain John Green's company. He reached a turn in the road where the fire of several sharpshooters was concentrated. One of the corporals was shot asters previously reported, but it is signifithrough the head and pitched forward on cant because of its similarity to them. The his face.

"'One of your men is wounded, major, prospect for free lunches in the dim the volleys that commenced to pour from the rifles of the Texas boys to right and left. racy of Omalia yearns very much after In the meantime Colonel Hare and Lieutenant Colonel Brereton were directing the movements of the other battalions, coming up as fast as the men could move. Major a bird to be caught by such taffy. Mr. Logan turned upon hearing the call and Kitchen has roast turkey to sell, but shouted: 'Til take care of him!' He was dismounted and approached the wounded soldier. As he leaned forward to turn him over a bullet from a Mauser rifle crashed through his head and without a murmur he sunk down upon the man he gave his life horse with the taxpayers in the matter to succor. A hospital steward ran forward to assist the major and fell as he touched

"A mighty roar rang from the lips of the Texas sharpshooters and one big Texan, named Yava, the crack shot of the regiment, dropped on one knee and carefully pulled on a black object 300 yards to the right and forward. At the crack of his Krag a dark something pitched from the top of a cocoanut tree, while several of the insurgent's companions fell victims to the marksman ship of the Americans,

"Major Logan was carried to a nearby out and attended by Dr. Greenwald. It was instantly seen that he was beyond all earthly aid, and, although he continued to breathe for several hours, the only motion made by him was a movement of his hands the pictures of his wife and three children.

The difficulties and hardships of the camcently doubled his investment in government paign in the vicinity of San Fabian are thus subject of much deserved criticism. The The condi pictured by the same letter: tion of the weather was altogether unsatisfactory, retarding a reconnaissance that ture of the insurgent president and commander. It rained steadily for three days theater any other mission than to amuse?" of roaring torrents. The roads were impassable. Tandem ox carts, considered invincible in this country, could make no progress. Twenty-five men were required tuted against a Milwaukee judge for inprogress was abandoned. No one can comprehend the wildness of the elements when they once let loose in their unbroken fury For three days the Thirty-third regimen encountered insurmountable obstacles on docket." its several reconnaissances."

PHILIPPINE PROBLEMS.

Present Aspect of the War and the Militury Needs of Occupation.

Philadelphia Ledger. When the transport now on the way t the Philippines arrives at its destination and place on the Bryan ticket besides the General Oils will have 65,000 troops under one that he is a good man weighing 350 his command. It has been repeatedly anpounds. As the party marches on to certain nounced that the insurrection has about defeat it needs leaders able to sustain that reached its vanishing point as an organized shed, the Yantic." recult cheerfully and Hogg is one of them, movement, and that the uprising is degener in the face of all catastrophes and calamities, report of the capture of Aguinaldo and the ganized as a stock company, the new this bank deposited \$4.0 0,000 in bonds. He would have crawled ashore from Noah's complete dispersion and disarming of his deluge rescuing the archetypal ostrich and followers would be extremely gratifying appeared as a candidate for something on news for the country. The prospect of a the first political ticket put in the field long campaign in Luzen for the suppression after the waters abated. If Texas and the of guerri la bands is not inviting. Yet it i democratic party are not proud enough of the kind of warfare to which Aguinalds the remote territories where settlers were erable smoke in the coming campaign taxed for the news service they re- others and the National City bank was him to give him any place he wants they would naturally resort before complete submission. The announcement that the American troops in Luzon will now be engraced in the pursuit and extermination of occasions the new mileage exceeded 10,000. gaged in the pursuit and extermination of occasions the new milesge exceeded 10,000 guerrillas only may or may not presage miles, and in 1887 the floodtide in railway speedy peace. The precise situation in the construction was reached, the new railways other islands of the group is not clear, and finished in that year aggregating 12,293 the fact that the 65,000 American soldiers miles. If there had been unoccupied terri now in the Philippines are necessary to tory left to be spanned with new tracks the complete the suppression of the insurrection, addition to the railway mileage of the to garrison towns and to insure order in- country last year would doubtless have exdientes the magnitude of the military task coeded that of 1887, but railway corporations

> tion is greater than the British contingent the carrying trade of one. Wellington had with him at Waterleo. It Nearly twenty years ago the United States French and Turkish armies that invaded the the new milesge of 1899 exceeds that of any passed Great Britain in the extent of its Crimea in 1854. The immensity of the year since 1850: manufactures in the aggregate. Four or problem involving the quick transit of so five years ago the United States began to large a force to such a distant destination forgs ahead of that country in the amount is hardly realizable by those not immediately of iron produced. Now England is left be- engaged in the work. England has achind in coal output. Next to the United complished a great feat in the mobilization States as a coal producer, of course, stands of her armics in South Africa, and in time England, while Germany and France follow, past has sent large bodies of troops by water in this order. The United States coal output to India and clsewhere. It is a task which uniform from 1887 until 1897, when only 1,880 in 1899 was much more than three times as some inseparable from colonial expansion. great as it was in 1870. All the other pro- even when carried forward by a nation which turn in the tide came, when 3,083 miles of fusing countries have increased their out- is confessedly the most successful in ruling new railway were added to the total mileage put since 1870 also, Germany faster than foreign peoples. Our responsibility in the of the country, any of the others, but Germany's gain has Philippines will remain exceedingly great been nearly so great proportionally as and expensive, even if the optimistic pre- ing for 1899 was that it consisted chiefly in The principal reason for the great growth conversant with Philippine affairs, that the The two states of lows and Minnesota, both in coal production last year was the im- existing insurrection is insignificant and already well supplied with rallways, lead mense increase in the iron output. In round "confined to Luzon," should be verified. The the list, lows with 552 and Minnesota with figures the production of pig iron in 1839 military needs of the American occupation. 374 miles of new track. The south figures was 13,650,000 tons, an increase of 1,000,000 as estimated by American officers, for the well in the showing, Arkansas leading with tons over 1898. A further thorsase in both installation of American government in the 265, Alabama second with 161. Florida close iron and coal is expected in 1960. Prac- group, require the presence of 65,000 trained in the race with 148, while Mississippi furtically speaking, the deposits of iron ore and troops. And, when we have solved the nished 147, South Carolina 128, Louisiana coal in the Fuited States are limitless. Prob- military problem in the group, we must 149, Tennessee 118 and Missouri 107 miles. ably this country will never have a success- take up the scarcely less difficult duty of ful rival in the production of either. The civil government, if it be decided that the will witness an important boom in railway possibilities for expansion in these two group shall be permanently ours. To rul- building, although there is no prospect that reducts in this country are immeasurable, the group we may require the genius and the exceptional figures of 1887 will ever be Coal and from He at the basis of a coun-mastery of a Clive. It is not good policy reached again. Lines under construction in try's industrial strength and this deter- to go out to meet trouble half way; but the 1899 were greatly retarded by the high price mines its physical power. The United States American people should intelligently an- of rat's and the difficulty in getting orders is undoubtedly destined to hold its lead in ticipate and analyze the problems of govern- filled at any price, and the completion of both products. It will maintain its au- ment Congress should discuss them as fully. Thes delayed in construction from this cause premacy as a manufacturing country. In all broadly and fearlessly as it will in the com- as likely to send the figures above those for the elements of material potency the United ing weeks discuss every phase of the cur. 1898. It is hardly possible that the new

THE AFRICAN RUMPUS.

Philadelphia Times: This campaign the A private letter from a soldier in the letter is dated San Fabian. November 24. Roberts says be intends to adopt the tac-'Major Logan here met his death through a tics of Stonewall Jackson. This will be combination of circumstances," says the all right unless the Boers should adopt the

> Baltimore American: Lord Wolseley's "cut to pieces."

Brooklyn Eagle: Colonel Baden-Powell operation. iness for the implement dealers. The conversation. Major Logan knew what he their homes, all their misdeeds will be forprospect for the continued prosperity of was called upon to do the following morn- given to them. When John Phoenix, who hent basis." The public has no objection to inserted his nose between the judge's teeth "Morley, Major Logan's valet, a little man in order to hold him down, breathed the of 45, once a famous steeplechase rider in same assurance to the masticating and magontinue to limit Baden-Powell and his men "Morley, you will stay behind in the ad- to half rations and to double watches.

men who were killed, captured, wounded, States. missing or died of sickness, and the fighting has scarcely begun. It is now reported that clare otherwise. They point to low tariffs the Boers have 90,000 men, or nearly twice here and there and say that rates are or as many as it was supposed some months recently have been "demoralized" in this ago that they could put in the field. In section or that. But they cannot make out addition they have abundant munitions or their case. They cannot deny that all the war and are familiar with every foot of the great systems are earning more money than territory over which the "march to Pre- ever before in their history or that they are oria," if it is ever accomplished, must lie, now earning all the money that they ever It begins to look as if the sirdar's estimate ought to earn on their present investment. of 150,000 men and a year's time to effect the conquest of the Transvaal was conservative.

Philadelphia Record: Hitherto General French has been wiser or more fortunate than the other British commanders in South Africa, but he too has now had an experience which he "regrets to report." The "serious accident" which cost him the loss of seventy men in prisoners to the Boers was not so calamitous as the dis-Boers need only to open a trap and a battalion or brigade of British are sure to yelled a newspaper man above the roar of rush in and leave from one-fourth to threefourths of their number hopelessly snared One might think that by this time the British would have become familiar with the deer-stalking tactics of their enemies. but evidently the English have not yet eaught on to the trick.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

The fathers of Kid McCoy and Jim Jeffries re preachers. Doubtless they are regular humpers. Jerry Simpson says that what the country eeds is a condition of things wherein jobs would be hunting men, instead of men jobs. St. Louis should let the Chicago river water flow past. It would secure a crop of

mer resort. Captain Gordon Chesney Wilson, who was wounded in South Africa, had the pleasure of being reported by the War office on the wounded list as "Lady Wilson's husband."

sea serpents to make it a first class sum-

Fathers are to be allowed to speak at the next mothers' congress. That is a great concession. It tends to confirm the belief that in the family the mothers are not "the whole thing."

Sir Thomas Lipton is in earnest. Another attempt to "lift" the America's cup will be made next year. He will build an entirely to clutch the locket on his breast containing | new boat, having learned wisdom in his last year's experience.

A Chicago woman who went to New Orleans and was robbed of \$500 is the tob might have been done at home equal skill and dispatch. Henry Irving has developed the Yankee

would have resulted, possibly, in the cap- trait of answering one question by asking another. He was recently asked: "Has the and little streams were swollen to the size Sir Henry Irving replied: "Has food any other mission than to please the palate? If Omaha courts retain due respect for precedents proceedings ought to be insti-A judge back there coolly enjoined all other courts in the district from interfering in a row between a franchised corporation and the citizens. He insists on "hogging the

> The Toronto Globe doesn't take the proposed Fenian invasion of Canada very eriously. "Arms," it says, "have stored at Omaha ever since the Fenjan raid of 1866. That is the bitterness of it-that we are to be the targets of guns thirtythree years old, while in South Africa the very latest and smartest things in guns a:e in common use. Nothing so mortifying to the national pride has happened since it was suggested that our flourishing lake ports were to be hombarded by that floating wood-

INCREASED RAILWAY MILEAGE. Review of the Building Record for Thirteen Years Past.

Before the United States had become gridironed with railroads reaching even into still before us in these distant possessions. | have learned by costly experience that it is The size of the American army of occupa- not worth while to build two railways to do

The following table of the new railway is greater than the combined English, construction of thirteen years shows that

Year.	Miles. Year.	Miles
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890	5.207 1896	1.84
1891	5.67 1897 4.25 1898	3.08
		4.55
DME	12, (1980)	
The decline	was continuous	and almos

miles of new track were laid. In 1898 the A distinctive feature of the railway build

dictions of high officials, presumably fully extensions and branches of existing lines

There is every reason to expect that 1900 mileage for 1900 will fall below 5,000 miles, WHAT THE RAILROADS WANT.

Abolishing Alleged Abuses and Put-

Whether or not representatives of nearly all the great railroad systems of the United States have, as alleged, entered into an agreement for the abolition of certain abuses, there is no doubt at all that the reforms which the alleged compact is said

roads wish to see brought about. The program includes doing away with opinion of the Boers as the most ignorant the illegal and criminal relates and with people he ever came in contact with is, pos- the swindling practice of selling passenger sibly, not shared by the other British officers tickets by wholesale to scalpers and some who have lately met the Boers. Among minor details of management and operation. the latter's other practical qualities is a all of which could be brought about not only The captains enjoyed his remarkable facility for reuniting when without opposition from the public, but with the public's heartiest approval and co-

But the all-important "reform" is the es it, for stability in freight rates is a benefit to the whole business community. It is a fact, however, that there is almost none of that ruinous competition among the railroads which would give the corporations just cause for complaint. Broadly speaking, freight rates are now and for many Chicago News: British losses in South months have been maintained on an ade Africa to date foot up a total of nearly 7,000 quately profitable basis over the United

The railroads themselves, it is true, de

RREEZY LINES.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Binskley reads well, doesn't he?"
"Yes. He's a retired elocutionist,"
"Retired! Thank heaven,"

Somerville Journal: The poet says that home is where the heart is, but the says that home is where the trunk is.

Chicago News: "Is that your offspring, madam?" asked the Missouri judge, "Naw," replied the elderly female, "he's me oldest young 'un.'

Chicago Tribune: "Do people in your line of business ever send anybody out to solicit of business ever send anybody out to solicit trade?" asked the man who had dropped in to purchase a draft.

"Welt, we've got one man on the road," replied the bank president, thinking gloemity of his absconding cashier.

Indianapolis Journal: "We are saving a ittle on fires now.

"How's that?"
"My wife is busy running around among our relatives to find out whether they liked what we gave them Christmas." Philadelphia Press: Ten De Foote-How did he come to be killed? Cactus Cal-Oh, he was careless about his Ten De Foote-Didn't know it was loaded,

Cactus Cal—No. He thought it was when it wasn't, an' he drawed on Chaparral Charile 'fore he seen his mistake, Cleveland Plain Dealer: The British camp on the Tugela:
First Tommy—'Eavens, man! The 'ole side of your 'ead is mushed in! Was it a shell? shell?
Second Tommy—Shell, nothin'! It's
houly a chunk o' one o' them plum puddin's as th' bloody Boers is a firin' at us!

Detroit Free Press: She-What! Are you going to dine at the club? I should hink you would hate to take dinner there. She-Because, my dear, you will miss all

the pleasure of complaining about what you

CHICAGO RIVER SONNETS.

Chicago Record.

Historic stream, so limpid and so pure, Famed for thy languid deeps and azure trend! How often have we watched thy lakeward

Drift idly past, its waters thick, obscure, And laden with dead steers, old furniture, Infectious bubbles, cats—all things that lend A weird enchantment to such scenes, and To make the microbe's habitat secure! ow, lovely watercourse, this all is gone No more upon thy surface gleams and

swirls
The dank, prismatic oil we knew of old.
oday thou smilest at the ardent dawn
As sweetly as the best of Neptune's girls,
And charmest us with lurements mani-

river! will the gay fish gambol now Where "suckers" used to gamble le ago, And clutch at fortune's teasing ebb and the panting steamer's guarding prow? Oh, will the slowly passing tug and scow No longer clouds of poison smoke up

And will the red-faced bridge policeman grow
Less fierce, as through the long-bridged
throng we plow?
Ah, happy stream! methinks we see thy And wooden curbs by laughing boys

Each gayly stripping for a frolic swim; swim; fe see the thirsty "vag" with eager lips Drink up thy sparkling nectar, too; and From ancient habit, must we pity him!



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