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It is apparent that the iceman has settled his differences with the weather

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Two old women still rule the worldthe empress of China and Queen Victoria.

The Boers are pressing their suit for Ladysmith and Buller still twenty miles away.

When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war. When Boer meets British then come the laager and the

own birthday and gone into mourning over the death of his mother-in-law all on the same day.

The invasion of little Delaware by Colonel Bryan is heralded as one of houses and three other citizens experithe great events in the preliminary campaign of 1900.

public highway.

A few men are anxious to become of the best business men of Omaha to them on a golden platter.

The Paris exposition has another strike on its hands. An exposition without a strike would be as great a curlosity as a South American country without a revolution.

Now we are to have a religious trust. On the first and second days of February a conference will be held in New York with a view to taking steps for the establishment of a federation of all the Protestant churches.

Unless the keeper returns soon to the animals in the popocratic cage there is danger of a serious fight, although liberal doses of chloroform might quiet them until the antagonistic members of the family can be separated.

The officials of St. Louis have accepted an invitation to look over the water in the Chicago drainage canal. But they are not expected to drink enough water during the trip to enable them to pass on its quality.

It must be consoling to hear that the recent advance of 5 per cent in the price of cheap editions of the bible has not affected their sale. If this is so a bible trust may commence operations without fear of any contraction in the demand.

The heavy Boer batsmen are giving the English autfielders plenty of work during the first inning. It has been raining base hits ever since Umpire Kruger called "play ball," and the score is already in the doubles, with bases full and no one out.

News comes by cable all the way from Egypt of a strike there among the cigarette makers, but this will not interfere with the Egyptian cigarette industry in New York, which will keep on turning out the genuine imported product without interruption.

Advices from Rome are to the effect that the pope has had a design preto have the medal struck in commemoration of the nineteenth or twentieth century. This all-important question mands the increase of its foreign com- guerrilla bands as to what kind of gov- with this feature of our prosperity. should be settled first.

It is stated that all three of the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation have actually been present during the past week. Such a sacrifice of private business for the benefit of tensive commercial interests and es- ing the will of the American people that contemplates the expenditure of the public was hardly to have been ex- pecially concerned in promoting our the irrevocable decision of this nation \$140,000,000 and a possible deficit of

midable proportions. To relieve this our surplus products. as an adjunct to the judges.

fairly satisfactory. The overcrowded much stronger than ever before. dockets of the court were gradually reduced from year to year and would have been entirely cleared but for the veto of Governor Poynter of the bill in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 in extending the commission's life.

Whether the governor did right or wrong, a condition confronts the people that calls for a speedy and effective remedy, if justice is to be adin this state. While the final and cor-State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss.:
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says that the actual number of full and
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the Triage of Docember, 1899, was as folsupreme judges, temporary relief can braska.

There is nothing in the constitution or the law to prevent the supreme court from calling in from time to time three judges of the district court to perform the work formerly entrusted to this time more district judges than litimoned to the capital to assist the supreme bench.

Such a plan would involve no addi-762.662 tional salaries and but trifling additional expense and would be no hardship on the district judges, who are now drawing pay for full time. On the contrary, most of the district judges would, we believe, feel honored to be called to share the responsibility of the highest court of appeal. If upon trial the plan should prove unsatisfactory it can be abolished and a new commission provided for by the coming legislature, to serve until a constitutional amendment enlarging the supreme bench shall have been submitted and adopted.

CONSULAR SERVICE REFORM.

There appears to be favorable promise of legislation at the present session of congress for reform in the consular service. A bill for this purpose has been introduced, its object being to Emperor William has celebrated his divorce the service from politics and apply civil service methods in appointthe world. The bill provides for a commission, composed of members of both enced in commercial matters, to formuticians.

This question of consular reform has served to bring about a very great imservice of any of the leading nations. That cannot truthfully be said of it forming their duties faithfully and keep it alive.

No better proof could be desired as ing to it civil service methods. That petent men and their retention in the service. The proposed legislation having this in view is judicious and there should be no doubt as to its adoption.

FAVOR A MERCHANT MARINE. The National Board of Trade, in sesof commerce and business and trade a considerable proportion of the business interests of the country. The me-

sition to it. foreign trade and states that the ing to foreign ship owners near to of the United States imperatively demerce. The building up of a merchant ernment they desire. marine is declared to be of supreme importance for the extension of our foreign trade and the opinion is ex- Philippines is what the situation calls Nicaragua canal bill in the lower house pressed that either the senate or the for and when this is had no commis- of congress to divest it of the suspicion in the board rooms at the same time house bill will be effective to this end. This from a body representing ex- derstood by the Filipinos as express- under the plea of urgency. A project

weight. This class, however, are not them, Nebraska was divided into three judi- to a merchant marine. The agricul- authority the Filipinos have not re- than \$8 per month. cial districts and the three district tural interest is not indifferent to the garded as expressing the national will. judges together constituted the supreme matter, as shown by resolutions They will know that action by concourt. The framers of the present con- adopted by several agricultural sofrom the supreme court by creating a in favor of an American merchant masupreme bench of three justices. This rine which will give employment to body served the purpose until the state American capital and American labor had trebled its population and the and free the producers from dependence trade of the United States is not genbusiness of the court had grown to for- upon foreign ships to carry to market

pressure a supreme court commission | There has been a notable awakening ested in such matters are many who intervention. was created by the legislature in 1891 of interest in this question within the are not aware of the fact that this This provisional arrangement proved favor of merchant marine legislation is

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

The property owners of Omaha pay direct taxes every year for the sup port of county, city and school government. In addition to this direct tax some \$500,000 is contributed in the shape of license fees, fines and special ministered with reasonable promptness assessments. In other words, the three branches of local government, rect remedy must be by a constitutional namely, the county board, the school board and city council, collect and disburso more than \$2,000,000 every year exclusive of large sums for school buildings, pavements, sewers and so on, derived from bond issues,

Men clothed with such vast powers and responsibilities might be expected to possess the essential qualification of business ability and integrity, but in Omaha, as in other large cities, the the supreme court commissioners. It taxpaying citizens leave the manageis a well known fact that we have at | ment of public affairs to a class of men who for the most part do not come up gation to keep them busy. It seems to to the standard that would insure us that it could be readily arranged to efficient and economic government. It have some of these judges, when not is a matter of notoriety that thousands actively engaged in their district, sum. of dollars are annually squandered or recklessly dissipated through incompetent, negligent or dishonest officials and the interests of the public sacrificed for the benefit of officeholders contractors and franchised corporations. The blame for this state of affairs is entirely with the taxpayers who could if they would, dictate the choice of elective public officers by taking active part in primary elections of their respective political parties. The general aversion on the part of the most intelligent and orderly class of citizens to mix in practical politics springs from the wrong idea that politics contaminate people and tend to corrupt their morals, when, as a matter of fact, general participation by the best class of voters would tend to purge politics of its worst features, and by elevating the standard of candidates insure better government. It is to be hoped that in the impending municipal campaign the most representative voters of all parties will assert themselves and insist upon the selection of candidates who enjoy poping men to represent the United States ular confidence, and will, if elected, proas consular officials in other parts of tect the interest of the taxpayers instead of the taxeaters.

TIME FOR CONCILIATION. The press dispatch from Manila, late and put into operation the re- stating that the war in the Philippines organization plan. Representatives of is over, meaning, it is presumed, that From Colenso to Ladysmith is not a commercial interests, particularly those organized resistance is at an end, and great distance as the crow flies, but by engaged in the foreign trade, have been urging that the time is ripe for a conthe wagon road it is several days in Washington to urge the adoption of ciliatory policy, seems to merit the journey in the present condition of the the proposed legislation and it is not consideration of those in authority. expected to encounter any serious op- The correspondent points out that the position, except, perhaps, from those danger in the present situation is that who are hostile to the civil service re- a bloody feud may arise between the mayor of Omaha, but several hundred form principle generally and believe American army and the Filipinos and that the consular service should be left this we believe is the first intimation would not accept the office if tendered open for the exploitation of the poli- of such a danger. There is nothing incredible, however, in the statement. The Filipinos generally have unquesbeen discussed for years and the dis- tionably a bitter hatred of our soldiers cussion has done good. It has and it is to be expected that they will take every opportunity to manifest this provement in that service. Twenty-five until complete pacification is brought years ago the United States had the about. It is not to be doubted that poorest and least efficient consular there are thousands of natives within our lines who would not hesitate to assassinate American soldiers and these now. Indeed it has so much improved people are likely to be troublesome for that it now compares favorably in use- a long time, whatever policy congress fulness with that of any other country. may decide upon for the government of We have a large number of trained the Philippines. The strong sentiment and experienced men in the service, of hatred toward Americans that has who have been retained without regard been created cannot be overcome at to their politics, and the consular re- once and there are men among the ports show that these men are per- Filipinos who will spare no effort to

To what extent the danger pointed out might be lessened by congressional to the expediency of divorcing the con- action outlining the policy of the govsular service from politics and apply- ernment in the Philippines it is impossible to say, but it is unquestionably would insure the appointment of com- important that congress should determine the question of government for the islands without unnecessary delay. Mabini, the most influential of the insurgents, who is a prisoner at Manila, has suggested that the United States appoint another commission to ascertain the wishes of the Tagals and consion at Washington the past week, fer with them respecting the question adopted a memorial to congress urging of government. He professed to belegislation for creating a merchant lieve that if this were done it would marine for our foreign commerce. The have a salutary effect. But if a comboard represents some forty chambers mission were sent it should be clothed with full authority to say what the organizations and therefore speaks for policy of the United States is and this can come only from congress. Until, therefore, congress shall have decided morial was adopted with practical upon a policy it would be useless to unanimity, there being very little oppo- | send a commission to the Philippines. It could do no more than the commis-It sets forth the facts showing the sion sent last year, which accomplished decline of the merchant marine in the practically nothing. Moreover, who is there for a commission to confer with point. United States-that is, American man- having the authority to speak for them ufacturers and producers-are now pay- and to bind them to anything? Aguinaldo is somewhere in hiding and the United States for the last year are \$200,000,000 annually to do our ocean- last report regarding him said that he classed almost entirely under the head carrying trade, which sum increases had with him only a small bodyguard, of materials for further manufacture, yearly. It declares that the protective The so-called Filipino government was While the wheels of industry have been principle should be extended to our dispersed long ago and the ablest of going around faster the demand for shipping in the foreign trade and that the insurgent leaders have been killed American-made goods seems to have pared for a jubilee medal. They do the profitable employment of the sur- or captured. A guerrilla warfare is increased sufficiently to take up the not state, however, whether he expects plus productive power of the farms, being carried on and it is to be pre- entire surplus. If this means a confactories, mines, forests and fisheries sumed that no one would have our gov- tinued demand for American labor no ernment confer with the chiefs of these

> A declaration by congress of the policy of the United States in the exhibited by the supporters of the sion will be necessary. It will be un- that there was a big job concealed in it

gress does this and will perhaps realize

OUR COMMERCIAL PROGRESS The rapid progress of the foreign last year or two and the sentiment in country has nearly reached first place prospect of attaining supremacy within the next year or two.

commercial rival, upon which we have president, been rapidly gaining for some years. We noted some time ago the statement of a leading British statistician that if the progress which the United States had made in its foreign trade should continue we would overtake and pass Great Britain early in the coming century. It is not improbable that we shall do so by the beginning of the century. An American writer says that we have increased so rapidly and since 1896 by a ratio that seems easily calculated. that it is fair to apply this ratio to the year 1900, and if so applied it will be a bicycle or a motor car or a runaway discovered that we shall probably this horse the figure would probably not be year export some \$30,000,000 more than | so high. It ought to be worth more to Great Britain. This would be likely if be hurt by an automobile, at least so Great Britain were at peace and with long as they are still in the introductory that nation at war, which cuts off or stage. materially reduces a large trade with South Africa, it is an entirely reasonable expectation that by the end of the current year the United States will have taken first place among the ex- to see whether anybody has seen him can porting nations. We also lose commer- self-control. cially by the South African war, but nothing like the extent to which Great Britain will, while there is every reason to believe that we shall gain largely in China and other portions of the far Lord Wolseley. The condition of the British

American commercial supremacy would thus seem to be at hand and when attained it will be held so long as the conditions which make for it continue. At all events it may confidently there is every reason to believe that that nation has reached the limit of commercial development and is much more likely to decline than to advance as a commercial power. With our growing commerce will necessarily come contributed \$90,000,000 and it is believed will add at least \$100,000,000 and present, been so marked. this year.

In view of this, why may it not reasonably be assumed, if we remain at peace with the world and there are no violent changes in our financial and economic policies, that within a few years the United States will be at the head of the nations in the world's comwhich will enable us to exert a dom- out in a speculation. inating influence upon the monetary affairs of the world? There certainly seems to be opportunity for attaining this and the prospect of its achievement appears clear.

The Philadelphia Sabbath School association proposes to take a complete census of the city of Philadelphia in a single day. It is proposed to take the the grounds of pride and principle. census on the 22nd day of February. This is not the first time that the population of an American city has been registered in one day. A census of the city of Pittsburg was taken recently on the Sabbath school plan and only 600 persons refused to give the information asked. In Great Britain the census is always taken in twentyfour hours and the returns have been found to be more accurate than they could possibly have been had the enumeration covered a more extended period. The Philadelphia experiment will be watched with more than passing interest and its accuracy will be tested by the national census takers in

London newspapers are again taking up the attack on American canned meat by printing anonymous letters pretending to give away inside secrets of American packing establishments. It is safe to put down these letters as either fakes, pure and simple, or the vindictive fabrications of discharged employes. The American meat packing plants will court official investigation at any time any foreign government wants to send responsible experts over

to ascertain the facts. It is announced that England is willing the United States should build and operate the Nicaraguan canal. England has plenty of trouble at present and in prospect, and so long as its statements. ships are free to use the canal it matters little who owns it. If England expects the United States to build the canal and then turn it over to England as France did the Suez, it is doomed to disappointment. The generosity of the United States hardly reaches that

The increased imports coming to the one will have any cause to find fault

pected at any other time than pay day. foreign trade will certainly carry in respect to its future dealing with \$60,000,000 more should not be rail-

The policy outlined and the roaded through like a private pension During the first years of statehood alone in desiring legislation favorable assurances, given by the military bill that involves an ontlay of not more

It has been discovered that Spanish coins, like the Spanish pavy, are lightstitution separated the district courts cieties of Pennsylvania, all declaring the futility of further resistance to it. weight. This is one of the means by which the people of the former Spanish colonies have been mulcted for the benefit of the old country. The people should soon begin to show some aperally appreciated and even among preciation of honest dealing and good those who may be assumed to be inter- government brought them by American

> The president of one of the eastern as an exporting nation, with a good trunk lines takes decided exception to twenty-five clubs. The senator evidently bethe project for the improvement of the lieves in the gospel of "strenuous endeavor. Erie canal. This is quite natural, as The statistics of the foreign commerce anything that might divert traffic from of the United States and Great Britain the railroads or act as a safety valve what taxes the mental faculties of the tacfor last year show that this country on railroad rates is necessarily a bad ticians and befogs the transportation de- the deceased bad been eloquently shown was only \$34,000,000 behind its greatest thing in the eyes of every railroad partment. The tubs must be protected at by the fact that he carried a large revolver

> > holding firm of Allen & Robinson. He advances two reasons. One is that it liable unless "Delaware" is blown in the is in opposition to public policy and bottle. the other that he wants the office of congressman himself. Watch the congressman from the Third file a de-

A Chicago woman injured in an automobile collision is suing for \$20,000 damages. If she had been struck by

Send in His Photograph. Somerville Journal The man who can fall down on a slipper; sidewalk and get up without looking around

justly pride himself on his savoir faire and Pride Goes Before a Fall Globe-Democrat. One of the loftlest critics of the military management of the American civil war was

commentary on his judgment.

Supremacy in Sight. Exports from the United Kingdom for 1899 amounted to \$1,287,971,000 and from the wrested from us by Great Britain," for equalling Great Britain's export trade. Another year should bring the precedence to

First of Naval Heroes.

this side of the Atlantic.

Baltimore American. The bones of John Paul Jones will be brought to rest in American soil if they can be identified. Cynics may sneer at the bean increase in our financial power, to lated gratitude of republics, but, at least which our gold production last year these times are trying to atone for the neglect of past ones. At no time has the spirit Newark. Complaints having ... ached him of appreciation for national services, past that coal dealers were a trifle shy in the

Chicago Sees the Light.

Chicago News. Studying all sides of the question with impartial eyes it really seems as if the wealthy American father would fare better by presenting his daughter with an Angora kitten

Percuisites of Senators. Cincinnati Commercial.

The salary of a senator may not be overwhelmingly large, but the perquisites make up a handsome income. Drugs and tollet articles are bought in bills that run into the hundreds, and even thousands, and it is stated that most of these luxuries find their way out of the senate into the homes. If so it is a petty abuse that should be stopped not so much on the ground of economy as on

Forging to the Front.

The exports from the United States for 1899 only fell \$34,000,000 short of the aggregate of the exports from Great Britain. aggregate of the exports from Great Britain. This showing indicates what a wooderful stride forward this country has made, particularly in the sale of our manufactured stuffs. Sixty per cent of our exports were sent to the United Kingdom and its colonies. sent to the United Kingdom and its colonies. The imports of Great Britain for 1899 reached the enormous aggregate of \$2,360,620,000, or about three times the total imports of the United States.

Dental Corps in the Army.

The Philippine war has shown the neces sity of having a dental corps attached to the medical staff of an army in the tropics. When the old muzzle-loading muskets were used and the cartridges had to be bitten, the condition of the soldiers' teeth was of the highest importance; but with the introduction of fixed ammunition, preservation of the teeth became of secondary importance Hence the aches that have followed. After they have shown their teeth to the dentists they will feel more like showing them to the

Must Fight or Fall Together.

The persistent declarations, always from an English source, that the Orange Free Staters contemplated abandoning the Transvaal cause in the present war are, as every sensible person understands, unfounder designed to strengthen Britain's rumors cause. The fact is that the Orange Free State having cast its fate in the balance with Kruger's government must stand or fall with it. The time for deserting the common cause is past. And it does not help PERSONAL POINTERS.

The census of Puerto Rico, just completed, shows a population of 957,000

General Buller's men marched up the kop and then marched down again. It was lucky that old Jay Gould passed to his reward before the family added a count to its encumbrances.

Notwithstanding the absence of General Wheeler the governor general of the Philip-

In recounting the reasons why he should be re-elected a Chicago alderman "points | with pride" to his capture of two thieves in twenty minutes-but not in the city hall. Senator Depew is a director in eighty-two corporations and an active member of

Flanking the Boers is not the sole problem that perplexes the British army in South Africa. The safety of the bath tub brigade is any cost.

Indiana is not disposed to rest with the Secretary of State Porter proposes to laurels achieved by its junior senator. The move for the dissolution of the office. home guard is striving to stir the country with stories of peach crop failures. It won't work. Peach crop tales of woe are not re-

If the eloquent and voluminous Web Davis of Missouri tries the speribinding act on laymen, who protested to Bishop Lawrence Oom Paul at Pretoria he will be rewarded against his liberality, "amounting to a with a sample of Boer marksmanship. When old Kruger is listening or thinking he chews tobacco vigorously and can hit a cuspidor at

ten paces without sprinkling his galways. are often chosen by persons on suicide bent, to build a church in Cohasset, they would but that of a St. Louis woman beats the to jump off the Eads bridge into the Chicago | practicing Christianity as they understood it. sewer. Luckily her dress caught on the ralling and she was spared a horrible death.

HERE AND THERE.

Governor General Wood is astonishing the

patives of Cuba in various ways. The facility and energy shown in bouncing officials shocked the victims and cheered the multitude of outs. Next he frowned upon the habit of officeholders who they rendered an equivalent by hought drawing their pay and jarred their sensibiliies by requiring them to work seven hours a day. In former times less causes started revolutions. The last to receive the atten-Havana editors. General Wood startled the as you vote," said a noted exhorter, and his fraternity by abolishing the deadhead list advice smacks of hard sense. army for its present work is a sufficient and actually insists on paying for his papers. "It is the first time in the history of the island," says one happy editor, "when a governor general has either paid or offered to pay a newspaper subscription." It is to hoped that future events will not mar United States to \$1,253,486,000. This is the the pleasure of the surprise. Still the situabe predicted that it could not be nearest the United States has ever come to tion is ticklish. As things are in a transition stage thereabouts the governor may be obliged to write the fated edict, "Stop my paper." A sudden change from uplifting joy to the hardpan of depression might prove too great a strain on the editorial foundries of Havana.

Aspirants for municipal offices should lose no time in expressing their displeasure at the innovations of an official in Jersey. He holds down the job of city sealer at weight of the goods delivered. He had no city fund available to investigate the complaints, nor did he give the coal dealers a hint of the suspicions abroad. Instead he went down into his jeans for the wherewith, fitted up a wagon with scales and shadowed delivery wagons. After a load was dumped than by buying her a titled husband. The the city sealer appeared with husky shovelkitten and the count both come high and cost some little money to keep, but the kitten made a record of the result. One day's merce and in a position financially not only of complete independence, but show, while the nobleman cannot even win which will enable us to exert a dom. Journal on the short of the short Such zeal selves before a grand jury.

Records of the Rebellion:"

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, April 2, 1862.—Robert W. Furnas, First Regiment, Home Guards: Sir—You are hereby authorized to raise from the loyal Indians now in Kansas a regiment of infantry to serve for three years, or during the war. On the completion of the organization of this regiment you will be mustered in to serve as its colonel. The regiment will be organized as prescribed by the act of congress approved July 22, 1861, to authorize the employment of volunteers, etc.

Mississippi, for subsistence, medical stores, clothing, camp and garrison equipage and all other supplies that may be needed. Upon completion of the organization of your regiment you will report to Major General Halleck, commanding Department of the Mississippi, for further instructions. I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, L. THOMAS, Adjutant General.

New York and Massachusetts have quain notions about lobbyists. The legislatures of both states are not indisposed to do business with the promoters. The problem is how to do it safely and profitably. Some members seem to be perplexed lest they go against the wrong man. Pay State law makers think the safest plan is to tag the makers think the safest plan is to tag the lobbyist and thus avoid disagreeable mistakes. New Yorkers take no stock in tags or tin cans. They propose that lobbyists desiring to do business shall make a showing of their cash capital. A statement o funds available for business is certainly more desirable than tags. There is no room for blunder in this method. Tags are liable to be lost before a deal is closed. But with cash in sight, transactions can be carried on in the neatness and celerity that characterized the deals of an Adirondacks member a few years ago. On his return from Albany he built a mountain castle that was the envy of the region. A dumbfounded neighbor who knew of the solon's previous poverty had the nerve to ask, "Where did you get it?" "Oh," responded the solon, Great Britain to persist in spreading such cheerily, "my wife saved it by doing her own housework last winter."

San Francisco Call: An eastern clergyman recently fought a professional rounder in a twenty-four-foot ring, according to Queensberry rules, to show that he was not a coward, and an Ohio preacher the other

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

day trounced his tailor because of a missit suit. The church is growing too militant. Chicago Times-Herald: A California preacher has resigned because he wants the privilege of dancing when he feels like it pines again announces the suppression of the and, to use his own words, "of occasionally slapping a friend on the back and saying 'Hello, there, Bill!' 'That poor fellow's parents ought to have known from the beginning that nature never intended him for

the ministry. He was born to drive a coal wagon. Indianapolis Journal: The most appropriate funeral text used in a long time was that selected by a Kentucky minister for the last tribute to one of the men killed in the recent shooting affair at Frankfort. The text was: "Be ye also ready." The readiness of and the text itself left to the individual taste of the audience the decision as to whether the admonition was intended to prepare men to defend themselves or to die. Indianapolis Press: The corner-stone of an Episcopal church was laid at Cohasset, Mass., last month and a Unitarian min-

ister took part in the proceedings. This aroused the ire of various clergymen and compromise of faith." in a salty letter, in which he told the objectors he thought he knew the people of Massachusetts better than they did and Cruel and unusual modes of shuffling off that, had the Episcopalians waited 200 years have found a community of heathens, record of this young year. She attempted stead of a pastor and people preaching and Chicago Chroniele: The Kentucky clergy-

men who have set apart a day for fasting and prayer, in view of the dangers that are alleged to threaten the commonwealth, are somewhat tardy in their manifestations of interest. It may ease the consciences of some of the ecclesiastical leaders to pray with fervor that further bloodshed may be averted and calmer counsels take the place of present factional strife in the political camps. But a pertinent query would be, How many of these praying Jeremiahs were out on election day working in the interest of their favorite candidates and how many of them helped to stir up the political caltion of the governor general were the dron to its present sizzling point? "Pray

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Detroit Journal: "But has she observed the usual period of mourning for her last husband?"
"No, barely the semi-colon, this time."

Indianapolis Journal: "I understand she objects to her daughter's marriage."

'Yes. You see, she is a widow and she holds that a dutiful daughter would give her mother first chance."

Somerville Journal: First Clubman—Do you suppose your wife will be awake when you get in? Second Clubman—I guess not. I put a Second Clubman—I guess not. I put a few drops of laudanum in her tea tonight Chicago News: Hattle - I'm positive

George loves me and wants me to be his wife.

Ella—Has he told you so?

Hattle—No, but he has taken such a strong dislike to mamma.

Chicago Record: The Bachelor—It is said that a man rarely marries his first love, The Widow—True, but he usually gets re-yenge by constantly holding her up as his ideal to the woman he does marry. Philadelphia Press: Willie—Now, that sister is going to marry Mr. Jenks why is it called an "engagement," pa?
Mr. Underthum—Probably because the real-battle comes later, my son.

New York Press: He—You needn't be angry. I could have kissed you two or three times then if I'd wanted to. She—Yes, I know it.

to be commended wherever shown, but it makes too great a contrast with the inert and weary to receive approval in official circles, particularly in Jersey.

Here is a document of historic interest to Nebraskans, taken from a volume of "The Records of the Rebellion:"

ADJUTTANT CHENERAL'S OFFICE

TOUCH OF THE VANISHED HAND.

Youth's Companion. We sigh for the touch of a vanished hand—
The hand of a friend most dear,
Who has passed from our side to the
shadowy land,
But what of the hand that is near?

To the living's touch is the soul inert That weeps o'er the silent urn? For the love that lives is our hand alert To make some sweet return?

Do we answer back in a fretful tone When life's duties press us sore?
Is our praise as full as if they were gone,
And could hear our praise no more?

As the days go by are our hands more swift For a trifle beyond their share Than to grasp—for a kindly helpful lift—

We sigh for the touch of a vanished hand, And we think ourselves sincere; But what of the friends that about us And the touch of the hand that's here?

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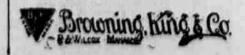
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