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There must be some Boers on the Quincy police force, judging by their

ability to shoot.

The manufacturers of baby carriages have decided to advance prices. Such discouragements to infant industry should be stopped at once.

The members of the State Board of Transportation have become so accustomed to dodging bricks that the last shower never touched them.

General Buller seems to be approaching Ladysmith at the same speed the frog jumped out of the well, rising two feet at a jump and slipping back three.

It will take a microscope to discover year who is not squarely on record in favor of municipal ownership of water rants.

The school board investigating committee expects to finish its work this week. The good results of this investigation, however, will be seen for years

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Omaha closes the month of January with a new trunk line between this city and Chicago, to say nothing of its connections to the south. As a railroad center Omaha is moving up right along.

In the course of getting even for prods in the past the defuncto candidate for U. S. S. is likely to be forcibly reminded there are other kinds of stingers besides those of ingratitude which make just as irritating a puncture.

If South Omaha is to be annexed to Omaha the union must be effected before the beginning of the census taking in June. After that Omaha will have no incentive to annex a bundle of overdrafts and debts.

Boreas serves unmistakable notice on the public that he has not retired from business, but having formed a combination with the iceman and coalman will soon be prepared to meet all of his customers at the old stand.

cratic press is taking up the cry against eral opinion in Russia that the British, the secretaries of the State Board of in going to war in South Africa, Transportation in the hope if they make started on a career of military conquest noise enough of securing a couple of and that the present display of force is extra places on the fusion state ticket bound to be followed by other displays this fall.

feel sure that if he would guarantee to find 158,000 people within the limits of the city of Onmha, Census Supervisor Wheeler would cheerfully turn over the job to bim.

Omaha must tear up several miles more of wooden block pavement next season. The property owners who get their petitions in first for the new pavement will have first consideration in the distribution of the street intersection paving fund.

Russian papers express the opinion that there will soon be some more broken China in the Orient for the powers to scramble after. It would be real mean to announce a dividend at present when John Bull is too busy to attend the stockholders' meeting

The senatorial investigating committee has found ope man mixed up in the Montana senatorial fight admitted to have had nothing to do with the bribery of members or with receiving a bribe. The popocratic crowd in Montana is not

so bad as it has been painted. The fate overtaken the gang that perpetrated the Shukert fur robbery in mahn discloses the desperate character of the men. A review of the case from Chief White one of the most clever pieces of detective work on record

LADYSAUTH DOOMED.

The military critics of the London conclusion that Ladysmith is doomed. It is believed that the garrison is very be impossible to relieve it before the supplies are exhausted. This is probably the situation. The garrison was on short rations, several weeks ago and these must be now reduced to a quantity barely sufficient to sustain life. As to relieving the place, that appears to be absolutely hopeless, to that the Boers, secure in their position, have only to wait for starvation to compel surrender. They do not need to sacrifice men in taking the place by assault and doubtless they will not.

The fall of this stronghold would be a terrible shock to British prestige, but this can hardly suffer much more than it has already. To the Boers it would be a most valuable victory, since the possession of that point would materially strengthen their military position power does not favor it. and would also exert a decided influence upon their sympathizers in Cape GAGE'S SECOND REPLY. Colony. It would compel an entire change in the British campaign, though this may come in any event, for it has been sufficiently demonstrated that the

tain an enormous loss in maintaining a persistent attack on the Boer intrench-It is thought that it will be several weeks before the British can recover from the last reverse so as to renew active operations and it is very doubtful if Ladysmith can hold out so long. General White is a brave soldier and if he should give up hope of relief may endeavor to fight his way out. It would be a most reckless undertaking, but to courageous men preferable to humiliating surrender.

plan which Buller has pursued can ac-

creased to two or three times the pres-

WHERE THE CREDIT RELONGS.

The time is within the memory of nearly every person in the state when state warrants bearing 7 per cent interest were selling at a discount ranging from 3 to 5 per cent. Notwithstanding the fact that the interest rate has been reduced from 7 to 5 per cent and again from 5 to 4 per cent, these warrants now command a liberal premium in the open market and anxious investors are never wanting. This is not such a bad showing considering we have only a farmer at the head of state government. Stuff and nonsense! It is all in the man, and his avocation in life has little or nothing to do with his ability or capacity as a public official.-Lincoln Post.

This is a creditable exhibit, but in what way is it due to a farmer gov ernor? Surely the governor of Nebraska does not claim credit for the general prosperity that prevalls all over the United States. Neither is he responsible for the good crops and steady demand for products of the farm and factory which enable people to pay their taxes the candidate seeking city office this promptly and place county and state treasurers in position to redeem war

> Is not the true explanation of the improved credit of Nebraska rather the restoration of confidence and financial stability resulting from the policy pursued by the national administration?

> > FEAR FOREIGN COMPLICATIONS.

British fear of possible European complications would seem to be growing. The recent warning of Mr. Morley that such a danger confronts England is echoed by some of the newspapers. Morley said that Great Britain not only faced the problem of the future appeasement of South Africa, but she might be called upon to face dangers in other quarters where the war had kindled passions and resentments. The London Post refers to this danger and urges that the navy should be prepared

for any emergency. The talk of a continental coalition or alliance against Great Britain is probably nowhere receiving serious consideration by the statesmen who direct European affairs. Nothing of that kind is at present practicable, but there are conceivable eventualities that might bring it about. If Great Britain should be victorious in South Africa and should follow up the war of conquest with movements elsewhere menacing the interests of other European powers,

an alliance of such powers would be The democratic portion of the popo- very likely. It is apparently the genin various directions. This is doubtless an erroneous view, but Russia may be Tax Commissioner Sackett ought to able to impress it upon some of the have been made census supervisor. We European powers and particularly upon France, which would perhaps be in greater danger than any other nation from a British policy of conquest. It seems certain, however, that Great Britain will be in no condition to adopt such a policy after the war in South Africa. It is evident that in order to conquer the Boers she will have to use all her military resources and that it will require a generation or longer of peace and rest to enable her to recover from the cost of this conflict. There is nothing, therefore, in the idea that the war in South Africa means the begin-

power will have advocates. As we have heretofore said. Great Britain's security against her European enemies is in the friendship of Germany and she will spare no effort to retain this friendship. A distinguished German writer says that the emperor believes that the task for Germany is to preserve the balance between all her, waste of space, because it could easily neighbors-to provide that the world be condensed into one sentence: "Nothshall never become either entirely Eng- ing but milk the treasury to the tune of lish or Russian. "A continental ailiance against England." he says, "would undoubtedly sooner or later mean a any unblased standpoint makes the re- general war against her. This war ple physically deformed have just as covery of the stolen furs by the late the emperor wants to avoid, or at any much right to exhibit themselves in rate not to provoke. So he looks for museums and sideshows as those who

ning of a career of military conquest.

yet it may not be easy to remove it from

the European mind and so long as it

is held there the hostility to Great

Britain will remain and the suggestion

of a continental coalition against that

policy run not against, but rather with, England as long as possible. German press appear to have at last reached the public opinion would prefer a policy openly directed against England by means of a continental alliance. The short of provisions and that it will now emperor sees that such an alliance would be ineffectual unless it was an alliance for war. Therefore he wishes to go hand-in-hand with England as long as this is possible." As foreign policies are shaped by the emperor the friendly relations between Germany and England will be maintained so long as the interests of the former are in no danger from the latter and it can be confidently assumed that England will do nothing to incur German displeasure.

There are substantial grounds, undoubtedly, for British apprehension of possible European complications, but for the present Great Britain is in no serious danger of a continental alliance against her, because an alliance without Germany would be futlle and that

Secretary Gage has made a second reply to the inquiry of the senate for information regarding the relations between the treasury and the National City bank of New York, and like his complish nothing decisive, unless the first response it is conclusively shown British forces on the Tugela are inthat his dealings with that bank were strictly in conformity to the law. The ent number and thus can afford to susanswer of Mr. Gage to the several questions propounded in the last senate inquiry must convince all fair-minded men that the transactions with the bank were conducted in a fair, straightforward and impartial way and with reference to what the secretary of the treasury believed was necessary in the public interest.

> much has been said, was certainly not creditable to its author and perhaps Mr. Gage would have pursued the proper course if he had returned it instead of placing it on file in the treasury, but he made no reply to it and there is no reason to believe that it had the slightest influence with him. The effort to make it appear that the political claim suggested by Hepburn had any effect upon the relations between the treasury and his bank will have no weight with those who are able to regard with fairness and candor the statement of Secretary Gage. One of the senate inquiries related to an alleged conference between Mr. Gage and two prominent financiers at Philadelphia, the fact being that no such conference was ever held.

One would suppose that these explicit and straightforward answers to the senate inquiries would satisfy the bitterest opponents of the administration, but a democratic member of the house wants a committee of investigation appointed and his resolution for this purpose has been referred to the ways and means committee. It should be adopted, in order that the opposition to the administration shall not have the chance to say that they were not permitted to thoroughly investigate the relations between the treasury and the banks. The republicans have nothing to apprehend from the fullest and most searching inquiry.

DRAW THE LINE THERE.

It is an open secret that several hun dred republicans in this city deserted the party colors last fall and assisted in defeating the principal candidates on the republican county ticket and to roll up a majority against Judge Reese. While some of these men were dupes of designing political desperadoes, others publicly gloried after the election over their dastardly work.

While all good republicans will join hands in every effort to harmonize the party and endeavor to heal up old sores. the line must be drawn somewhere. It is too early in the day to ask or expect loyal republicans, and especially friends of the ambushed candidates, to support for city offices men who notoriously knifed the ticket in November and have been gloating over its defeat ever since. Such candidates would provoke discord and reprisals and jeopardize the success of their associates on the ticket.

It may as well be understood therefore now as later that The Bee will give no countenance or support to bushwhacking politicians who deserted to the enemy out of mere factional spite. This class of patriots should remain on probation for at least six months until they have shown by their acts that they still belong to the republican party.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon is going to attempt to show Kansas people how Christ would run a newspaper if He were in the business. A Kansas newspaperman, not quite so pretentious, now proposes to show the minister how a newspaperman would run a pulpit if he had the chance and has offered to sub for the reverend gentleman while he is conducting the newspaper. The experiment should be tried by all means. Editors always think they know just what a has never been a doubt in the minds are to edit. of those who occupy the pulpit that they know how to run a newspaper, When they get through possibly both may be willing to stick to their own business.

Omaha's tax rate is certainly as high as it ought to be, taking into comparison wealth. Omaha, however, has a great many sources of revenue which are unexploited outside of the tax list which in other cities contribute liberally to the

Our amiable popocratic contemporary devotes two columns to trying to show \$6,000 a year."

rare in Chicago that one class is considered as much of a freak as the other.

Several of Them Boston Transcript Half a million dollars will be spent on the Olympia. While there is no work ahead for It, it is felt that it has earned a new dress.

Some Crncks in the Cornice.

De roit Journal. These reverses in South Africa probably do not affect the destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race further than to knock some of the manifestness off it.

Brenking the Monotony. Washington Post. Perhaps England should be congratulated apon her escape from the monotony entailed by the constant reports of victories. The news we receive from Otis is positively fatiguing.

A Blow Below the Belt.

Even strong protectionist papers are asking for the repeal of the tariff on wood pulp, now that paper prices have gone up so considerably. Well, our idea is, as we have often said, that every sensible man should be against any tariff tax that helps a trust or combination.

Fictitions Superiority.

That old theory that Boer superiority is due to the presence of German and French officers continues to be exploited in England, despite the fact that Great Britain's colonials have outdone her regulars in coping with the enemy. This fiction about the superiority of professional soldiers is remarkably persistent in countries which maintain large military establishments.

What the Seat May Cost Him

St. Louis Star. It is said that Senator Clark's seat cost nim \$600,000. It is also said that his income is \$5,000 per day; therefore, if both statements are true, it requires just 120 days to meet the bill. The senator is credited with the assertion that he would hold his The Hepburn letter, about which so seat if it cost him a round \$1,000,000. Did this mean that he would blow in an additional \$400,000 or put up an extra \$1,000. 000? In matters of this kind a man should be specific.

The Squeezed Must Organize.

Under the terms of a resolution adopted t Denver the other day by the Colorado Editorial association the members of that body are pledged to oppose for re-election any senator or representative in congress who does not favor immediate repeal of the duty on word pulp and all materials entering into the manufacture of white printing paper. Similar concert of action in the other states of the union would bring quick confusion to the plans of the Paper trust. When the squeezers are thoroughly organized the squeezed must organize, too or submit helplessly to the pressure.

A Medical Trust.

A trust among the doctors will be startling and, withal, disquieting event for that numerous class of citizens that is constitutionally opposed to paying doctor's bills. And yet the American Medical union. which has just been formed, has all the carmarks of a trust, however altruistic the prospectus of the organization as printed. Doubtless the doctors have the same constitutional right to combine for mutual protection as members of other callings, and will be at least a novelty to witness the harmonizing of trade-union features with he so-called code of professional ethics. Next in order will be a lawyers' trust and a ministers' trust, we suppose, if the learned professions succumb to the prevailing spirit.

CALLS FOR A GREAT SACRIFICE.

Popocratic Paper Demands Officials Swear Of on Posses.

You cannot serve God and Mammon. You cannot rive free on railroads and give earnest effort to reduction of rates. You cannot serve two masters, neither can

you serve one and deceive the other. The populist party has resolved in conention by a majority against the use of passes and pledged their nominees not to use them, therefore it is against the platorm of the populist party to use the little

Let the pops who are holding office "pass It is against the policy of the democratic

party as expressed in its resolutions to acept railroad passes. Democratic officials, "Pass 'em up. It is against the principles of the silver publicans as expressed in state convention and the only official of the state they have. the lieutenant governor, pays his fare. If there are any others who may have a pass now is a good time to send it in.

Pass riders will find it difficult getting ffice in this balliwick who will accept valuable favors from any company or combination in the way of passes or cash, the equivalent of passes.

WE PAY THE PREIGHT.

s of Congressional Speed Franked Through the Mails. Indianapolis Press.

We all know about the congressmen that keep their linen traveling in the mails between Washington and their homes, because they can send it back and forth for nothing, and it is cheaper to have it washed at home. We laugh at it as one of those contemptible little abuses, hardly worth correcting.

But the abuse of the franking privilege n another direction has grown to enormous proportions. Just now senators and reprecountry is wondering why they drone brough them to empty benches in the capitol. The explanation lies in the fact that many of these speeches are made to order for the use of political committees in the oming campaign. They are to form the body of the "campaign literature" which preacher should do and say and there | Hon. Mark Hanna and Hon. James K. Jones

This business of taking up the time of congress with political argument, intended to fire the enthusiasm of the partisan constituent, long ago became such a nuisance that the "leave to print" privilege was granted. This in turn has given rise to such abuses as the insertion of other speeches. pamphlets and even books in the alleged speeches of members, all of which must be the taxes in other cities of its size and printed in the Congressional Record, regardless of expense.

Then it is an official document, as "part of the Congressional Record," and Uncle Sam will carry it in unlimited quantities all over the United States for nothing. In every support of the local government. These campaign the political committees send out sources cannot be neglected much under the frank of members, not merely carloads, but trainloads of these pamphlets. The government pays the freight and furnishes men to sort and distribute these millions of packages throughout the country. There has never been any estimate of what what the State Board of Transportation this costs the government in a presidential has done in three years. This is purely a year, but the sum must be predigious, and

it is constantly growing. Of course, it is all wrong. Political partics, in conducting a "campaign of educashould pay their own expenses. It could be easily remedied by the passage of done. It would mean the shifting of this ury to the campaign funds, and this in turn would mean heavier campaign assessments ways and means to make German are beautiful. Human beauties are so on members of congress. Perish the thought! pany.

THE VIEW PROS SPIONKOP.

Baltimore American: The British capture of Splonkop appears to have been something on the order of the achievement of the famous king who, with all his men, rode up a hill and then rode down again.

Indianapolis Press: The Boer military tactios are equal to their diplomacy, and neither are back numbers, by long odds. Great Britain is up against the "toughest proposition" she has had since the American revolution.

Globe-Democrat: It is evident that the Boor artillerists sometime ago measured on , the ground on Spionkop and planted their batteries where their shells would search the mountain top. The British walked Inco the trap and lost many men. They were luckler than usual to find the exit open. St. Louis Republic: The logical outcome

of the occupation and loss of Spionkep will probably be the reorganization by Lords Roberts and Kitchener of the British armies now in South Africa, and a readjustment of a plan of campaign that has thus far been a failure. This may mean disaster to Ladysmith and Kimberley and Mafeking. and a prolonged and stubborn war, but it seems to be inevitable under existing condi- was forced on the party at the St. Louis tions.

Springfield Republican: How long the campaign in Natal will continue is a very And no party has disorganized more rapinteresting question. While it rages British idly since. efforts elsewhere seem paralyzed; and, as for the Boers, the longer they can keep a large

and that is the reason for the slight resistance offered by the Boers to the Britpoint upon which their masked batteries were trained with splendid accuracy. The and deadly for the best British generals. kop in vain. They had a eplendid view of fully contradict. the country.

Chicago Chronicle: General Buller's telegram to the British war office that "The is only a matter of time until it will lose men are splendid. I regret to inform you, Nebraska. et cetera," is in much the same vein as the skilled surgeon's announcement to his splendid success, but unfortunately the patient has died." No one doubts alone could win battles the British army would now be in possession of the Transvaal capital. For the first time in a generation Great Britain's military strategists are fighting against their peers, and the result is noted in the daily bulletin, "I regret to report, etc."

Philadelphia Record. "Our generals will give only one order-namely, 'Advance!' said the mighty Buller in his grandlloquent address to the British troops before crossing the Tugela. And the troops, whom Buller rightly called "splendid," a tall hill called Spionkop in fine style; but certain other generals whom Buller had not thought of (because they were mere Boers, perhaps) ordered the British to "Retreat!" and enforced the command by a most persuasive gunpowder argument. There is no particular moral to this incident, but it takes two sides to make a fight, and victories cannot be won by a mere ipse dixit of the commander on one

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Some critics call General Kitchener human iceberg. The situation he has tackled will warm him a few degrees.

Kentucky mountaineers are determined they have to inaugurate a revolution to "The new head of the Chinese empire,"

observes the Boston Transcript, "is only nine years old, a kind of illy Pu Chun discovery in the School Board office is now emperor. Eli Jimerson, a full-blooded Indian, who

is treasurer of the Seneca nation, is \$1,000 short in his accounts. Surely the Indian question is dwindling before the onward march of civilization.

Georgia is thinking of a constitutional youthful offenders. An amendment to the derelict parents, might do more good.

shaving of the chin, and is credited with saying hard things about it. fight with my chin," he said. A Pennsylvania man is deluging members of congress with letters to convince them that the earth's orbit is not elliptical, but circular. The man lives in Representative Brosius' district, and is well known to the

congressman, who declares that he is a mathematician of rare ability. Rear Admiral Schley is not very lonesome n South American waters. News comes from Buenos Ayres that the American residents there gave him a rousing reception and brilliant entertainment in his honor when the Chicago reached there. More than this, the American charge d'affaires invited Presi-

dent Roca to dine with the sailor.

Florence Nightingale, famous as the first war nurse, has written a letter in which she agrees with Governor Roosevelt in the desirability of an occasional war as a means of developing men. She contends that war sentatives are making set speeches, and the is an excellent means of bringing men to the fore, and making heroes of many who would otherwise be useless to the country.

COLONY SCHEMES IN CUBA.

Hungry and Homeless Victims of Nebraska Promoter. Capitalistic exploitation is already begin-

and Steamship company has started a colony in the province of Nuevitas and called it La Gloria, no doubt indicative of the glorious condition the colonists will find themselves when they arrive there. The company has secured the services of Paul Vandervoort as general colonization agent. Some of the people in the west may remember him, or have cause to. The company claims to have purchased 50,000 acres of land for colonization purposes. It is not very expensive land if the statement of returned colonists can be believed. Most of it is swampy and unfit for cultivation, and especially for colonization by Americans.

It would seem, however, that the general colonization agent has succeeded in inducing a number of people to emigrate fr m the states, and they are there now. Some posacased of sufficient means have returned, and will avoid a second vouture. Those vegetables. It is not plated whether the to breeding in and in. mpany will take the vegetables in payment A Chicago judge has decided that peo- from the frankable list, but it will not be when they have fruits and vegetables to sell, into weekday business. Prom present appearances it does not apgreat expense from the United States treas- pear that there will be much glory or pros- ligion naturally arises a neglect of the Sab

PUT ON YOUR WAR PAINT.

Disastrous Results of Fusion Policy and Leadership on Populism. J. B. Osborne in Prairie Home.

"Put on your war paint," Is the heading of an editorial in the Nebraska Independent, in which the editor pictures the perilous condition of the populist party in Nebraska owing to the action of some anti-fusion populist, and in one place makes this very misleading and false statement: "Everywhere and in all states where the party has had wise leadership, a leadership that worked for relief by the formation of all forces into one to oppose the gold standard and the domination of banks and syndicates it has grown in power and the number of its inherents. Where the opposite policy has been followed the results to the party have always and all the time been

disaster and defeat." Now I challenge the editor of the Independent to show one etate where fusion has added one single recruit to the populist organization. And I make this statement: rapid growth than the people's party until the endorsement of the national democracy convention by the pie-eating and officeholding populiste of Nebraska and the west, to go to the theological seminary.

British army struggling in the foothills of the democrats with 71,000 votes, the popu-ers and too little endeavor among the young the Drakensberg the better for their end lists 70,000 and the republicans 69,000, and people. We must combat materialism, and of the great game. Three and a half months since the fusion and the increase of the have passed since hostilities began, and, state vote we find the democrats, popullats with the fighting still on British soil, the and free eliver republicans all combined unworld is observing in this contest the enor- able to elect the greatest fusion advocate in mous value of securing the military initia- the union to the United States senate and live in war. The invasion of Natal by the the fusion state organ alarmed for fear of Boers was a consummate stroke in strategy. party defeat in the coming election. While, on Detroit Press: One thing is clearly es- the other hand, in the south, where the tablished by the abandonment of Spionkep, fusion policy never prevailed, the people's party made wonderful gains until the piehunters of the western states carried the ish occupation of the stronghold. The machinery of the party for fusion. The peocrafty Dutchmen were quite willing that ple's party in Georgia in 1892 cast 42,000 the enemy should go up and occupy the votes, in 1894 96,000 votes. National fusion reduced their vote to 85,000 in 1896. In Texas the people's party gained votes every Boer strategy still continues to be too adroit year, in 1892 casting 102,000, in 1894 163,000, and keeping clear of fusion even in 1896 But General Warren's men did not make cast 238,000. Here are some of the facts and the stealthy after-dark ascent of Spion- figures that the Independent cannot truth-

Fusion has lost Kansas for the populists; it has lost Colorado for the populists and it

Fusion is wrong in principle. If the dem ocratic party is good enough for populists class of students, "The operation was a and free silver republicans to fuse with then it is good enough for them to go into the bedily and there is no need of their separate valor of the British soldiers, and if valor existence. That they do all maintain separate party organizations is evidence that it is only a co-operation for spoils and the politicians of all parties know that is all there is in it and so does the Independent editor.

SCHOOL BOARD SCANDAL.

Paying Members No Assurance, of Honesty and Efficiency. Western Laborer, The suggestion of paying a salary to the nembers of the Board of Education is a

piece of folly. Paying a man without conscience and character a salary will not make an honest man out of one who is disposed to steal at every opportunity, Paying Henry Bolln, Joe Bartley, Eugene Moore, Barrett Scott and many other public officials did not prevent them from stealing public money. The only remedy is in the selection of candidates of a higher standard for responsible positions and this remedy is in the hands of the people who have entrusted their most important affairs in the hands of the rag-tag and bobtail of political parties-men who seek office for the purpose of prostituting it for their personal gain and whose chief desire is the opportunity to steal. The steamed envelope revelations are

work in Omaha. It is an old dodge, said to The difficulty experienced by Governor have been resorted to for years by the Roosevelt in getting rid of a Payri calls for Board of Public Works in condens to form Board of Public Works in order to favor certain contractors that always turned up as the lowest bidders by a fraction, and that the government shall be preserved, if how this was accomplished time after time puzzled the people until it was developed that the board officials were "silent contractors" in cahoots with the ever fortunate successful bidder. The steamed envelope up to Mr. Gillan and his pretended indignation is no answer to the question of "Who opened those bids that were in your care locked up, as you say, in your desk?" suggestion that anyone could have picked up castaway envelopes off the floor from under his desk and dressed them up as steamed is ridiculous and childish and will not be reamendment to provide a whipping post for ceived by mature minds. It is also singular that all this stealing and jobbery went on amendment, extending the punishment to and Mr. Gillan did not know a thing about derelict parents, might do more good. it—not a thing. If this is true then Mr. Lord Roberts does not comply with the Gillan is unfit for the place he occupies and British army regulation which directs the should be removed. He had better opportunities than Attorney Lunt had and the "I do not latter does not pretend that he didn't smell mice and left the building before the cats began to hunt up the boodlers. The reconstruction of the board will do little good. The law must punish the guilty and the people must clean out the whole gang—the 'innocent' secretary included.

ALLEGED DECLINE IN RELIGION.

Hampshire Governor Makes Charges Against the Pulpit. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Governor Rollins supplemented his famous fast day proclamation by an address hefore the Boston Ministers' union the other day. When he was done Rev. E. E. Hale who had introduced him, said he had heard more horse sense in that fifteen minutes of Governor Rollins than be had heard before in a whole day for twenty years. The governor said: "Though a member of the Episcopal church, I make no pretensions at being a specially religious man. But I am sure that there is a deep need of Christianity. Without it our government must go the same way that other governments have gone to decay. I am equally sure that Christianity is losing its hold over our people. I have been in every town in New

the people and am sure of my ground. "The Methodists, Baptists and Catholics ning to bear fruit in Cuba. The Cuban Land largely approved of my fast day proclamation, but the Congregational pulpits denied the truth of my statements and I have been flercely attacked as untrue to my native state. But, partly as a result of my proclamation, many districts have been improved and the Episcopal church has undertaken a house-to-house canvass of the whole

Hampshire, know a large percentage of

"The reason of this decline in religion i attribute to a loosening of religious faith. You clergymen are no longer the spiritual guides of the people, who now follow the rollgion of the newspapers. The ark has been overturned, the bible account of the escation denied. Jonah repudiated and the anchor of the old faith has been pulled up before the sails are set for the new. The best blood of the country towns of northern New England has for generations been going to Boston and New York, leaving in without means to return will have to re- places only the weaklings to do the work main, and what will become of them in the in the old country home. These less enend is hard to predict. The company, it is ergetic ones have intermarried, till in one said, expects them to go to work and culti- town I am acquainted with in Maine there wate the land and plant fruit trees and raise is an imbecile in almost every family, due

"Denominational discord is another cause for the land, nor is it explained on what of religious decline in the country town, when they have fruits and vegetables to sell. into weekday business, and thus weaken church influence. From this decline in reperity found in La Gioria by these believe bath, the introduction of European Sunday ing in the promises of the colonization com- customs. The playing of golf on Sunday is one of our problems in New Hampshire.

Shops are open, and Sunday theaters will be the next step. You will see them in Boston within a few years. The increase of foreign population is a gain rather than a loss to the country towns, for it brings in new blood, so greatly needed, and the people are usually strong Catholics, not irreligious, and their increase is a favorable

element. "What is to be the remedy? Such organizations as yours, the meeting of minlaters of all denominations to discuss religious problems is a good feature, as it the work of the Young Men's Christian association. But the keenest and strongest men in every community now hold entirely aloof from church work, and spend their Sundays in physical rest, and are seldom of over seen in church, which is now prin-

cipally run by the women. "The kind of men who go into the ministry is also a damage to the cause of religion. Young men who have no special call to anything else drift into the pulpit, where they seek a chance to get an easy Of course this does not apply to living. That there was never a party made more any of you gentlemen in this room, but the Protestant churches have much to learn from the Roman Catholics, who take care to select the brightest young men for the priesthood, not allowing any drones

"There is too much attention to amusement in the church, too many candy-pulls You may take Nebraska, and before fusion and too little straightforward gospel wan a part of the party policy here we find preached. There are too many endeavorthis can be best done by using the straight, old-fashioned gospel."

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

To be afraid of your friend is to lose him You cannot go to heaven looking back-Men of great force are apt to have great

God's glory does not depend on our A light head makes an easy running

tongue The culture of fools is but the cultivation of folly.

He who judges another writes his own sentence.

Zeal without knowledge is dashing into the dark. Religious bigotry turns the covenants

into curses.

Things that are hardly right are apt to be decidedly wrong. The world's need is both the cause and the cure of its greed.

The pleasures of fashion have never yet fashioned true pleasure.

THOUGHTS THAT TICKLE.

Puck: Quericus—Let's see; the married on all have better halves, don't they? Cynicus—Yes, Quericus—Then what do the bachclors have? Cynicus-Better quarters.

Chicago Record; Doctor—You can take this medicine either in capsules or liquid form. Which would you prefer? Patient—Which kills the slowest? Detroit Free Press: "How I envy an

"He always has an air of being such good company for himself." Baltimore American: A love-sick crow was importuning a fair young female crow to be his mate. But she would not answer "yes" to his entreaties. When he begged her to tell him why she objected to him, she giggled out: "Oh, 'caws!"

Somerville Journal: Mrs. Wiggles-Did your husband swear off smoking Jenuary 1? Mrs. Waggles-No, but you ought to have heard the language he used when he tried the first of those cigars that mother gave

Philadelphia Press: McJigger-Statisti-clains say that more than half the popula-tion of the world is feminine.

Thingumbob—I don't believe it.

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McJigger—But it's an acknowledged fact.
Thingumbob—My dear man, it is also a
fact that "one-half the world doesn't know
how the other half lives." nothing new in the prosecution of public

WHERE FLIES THE ENGLISH FLAG. Ah ha, the lion rages And roareth on the plain; He roars because a rival Stalks bold in his domain. or years among the jungles He prowled a kingly beast, and when his foes were sleep He sprang on them to feast.

Where flies the flag of England, He held the world at bay, And few men came before him To bar his right of way; His mane grew long and shaggy, His sides with flesh were trim, And those who saw his visage Cared not to war with him.

And now war-mad in Natal
His howlings rend the air,
Because a younger lion
Has crossed his pathway there.
He trembles while he crouches,
He makes the forests ring;
But, ah, that aged lion
Has grown too old to spring.

Where flies the flag of England
A shriek rings in the air,
Because that king of lions
Howls out in mad despair,
A rival holds the jungle—
A rival fighting fast,
And he'll decide the battle
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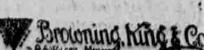
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