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The new council has started off smoothly, but it is idle to expect to have the wheels run on smooth pavement all the time.

If Peter Cooper had only known in advance about the split in the Peter Cooper club he would have seen to it that he was born twins.

Council Bluffs must have been testing itself for the census enumerator when it cast the largest vote in its history in its municipal election.

If there is anything in a name, Mr. Channel, the new engineer of the Nebraska State Irrigation board, must be the right man for the place.

been able to connect with another office that promises better returns.

The great question of the hour is, How can Omaha produce enough populists to organize and maintain two populist clubs at one and the same time?

South Omaha republicans are making years, and they certainly deserve to win.

John C. Sheehan has been again given a forcible reminder that Croker is still boss in New York democratic circles. The New York democratic politician who starts out to defy the Tammany boss soon finds himself with plenty of time on his hands to attend to his own private business

Hereafter each candidate for admission into fusion populist clubs will be investigated under the microscope to ascertain whether he has any middle-ofthe-road microbes concealed about him. The fusionists are firmly of the opinion not only that the disease is contagious. but that too many populists have already become afflicted with the complaint.

An exhibition of the partisanship which controls the popocratic governor of the great state of Nebraska is given in his appointments of delegates to the Tex., the list of ten containing only two republicans. It is as impossible for a popocratic officeholder to divorce politics from matters which have no relation to polities as it is for a camel to crawl through the eye of a needle.

Treasurer Meserve states it has been a long and hard fight to establish the legality of the State Board of Transportation and now another fight is before it to decide whether it can establish a rate. From the board's standpoint the first victory is the greater one, as it guarantees the continuance of salaries to the do-nothing secretaries. Now that this is assured, they need not hurry for a decision on the other point.

The steward of the Beatrice asylum has resigned as the result of the investigation of that institution by the governor and rumors are affoat in popceratic circles that the superintendent will also resign or be forced to walk the plank. The harmony which exists in the state institutions under popocratic administration closely resembles the first efforts of a student on a violin. It may be encouraging to the student, but hard on the victims.

"McKinley called a tippler" is the heading placed over an item in the local popocratic organ reciting that a Methodist gathering has denounced the army canteen. This is a sample of the outrageous methods of political mounte-President McKinley. No self-respecting person would call the president a tippler respect to intoxicants are known to be exemplary.

the "open door" in China. There is lit- pired contract and franchise. tle disclosed that was not already known in a general way, but the correspondence is interesting in giving a clear exposition of the position of our government on the subject, recog-

accomplished. It is noteworthy that this government, government, did not commit itself to any recognition of the exclusive rights any portion of the Chinese empire, but was moved to the course taken by a fear of complications between the treaty powers which might imperil the treaty rights of the United States in China. What was primarily sought was the safeguarding of American interests in the "spheres of interest" of the several powers, but concern was also expressed in behalf of a policy under which the commerce of the whole world would enjoy equal privileges in the Chinese markets, as well as for the maintenance of the integrity of that empire, in which it was said this government believed the whole western world is alike concerned.

Three requests were submitted by this government to the powers addressed. The first that there will be no interference with any treaty port or vested interest in any so-called "sphere of interest" in China. Second, that the Chinese s treaty tariff shall apply to all merchan-Less unsold and returned copies..., 10,006 dise going to ports in such "spheres," no that the former is actively making war-748,589 matter to what nationality it may be like preparations and that the tension long, duties to be collected by the between St. Petersburg and Constanti-Chinese government. Third, that there nople becomes every day more acute. shall be no discrimination in respect to The Issue grows out of demands made buildings already authorized from 15 to 20 such ports, or on goods transported by for valuable concessions in Asia Minor, rail within the sphere of any power. Thus the purpose of our government obtain a modification of these demands was not only to secure recognition and have been fruitless, the Russian minisrespect for the treaty rights of the ter of foreign affairs having recently United States, but at the same time to declared that his government was in noinsure equality of treatment for all commerce with China, believing that under such a policy all the nations concerned would be benefited and the danger of troublesome complications very greatly reduced if not entirely removed.

Great Britain was the first to acknowledge and assent to the declaration submitted by our government and the other powers having accepted the negotiations were concluded on March 20 and the question of the "open door" in China settled, at least for the present. The opinion has been expressed that there is little binding force in this understanding, but we are inclined to think that Another populist state officeholder has no power which is a party to it will be resigned, but it is only because he has disposed to violate the understanding at the risk of incurring the hostility of the others and thereby inviting injury to its Japan will certainly be faithful to understanding and the German government has given every indication of its purpose to do so. Russia and France may at some future time conceive it to be to their interest to abandon the a campaign the like to which has not understanding, but that time is remote, been known in that pushing burg in Some effort has been made to depreciate the value of this act of diplomacy, but we think all who are able to take a fairminded view of it must admit its importance.

THE WATER WORKS PROBLEM.

Mayor Moores correctly interprets the recent vote on the question of issuing water works bonds as an emphatic declaration by the people in favor of municipal ownership and the acquiring of the water works plant by the city at the earliest time practicable. The mayor is also most decidedly correct in his declaration that no action should be taken with reference to the issuance or disposal of the \$3,000,000 of water works bonds until the plan of acquiring the

water works plant is fully determined. When the water works bond ordinance was before the council on the eve of the recent city campaign, The Bee characterized the scheme of issuing bonds before the appraisement of the works as an attempt to put the cart before the horse. Although the bonds have been voted. The Bee still adheres to this view. Transmississippi congress at Houston, It would be not only premature and dangerous to issue these bonds before we know what the plant will cost, but also illegal and in conflict with the provisions of the charter governing the acquisition of water works.

The charter expressly maps out the steps to be taken before bonds shall issue for this purpose. First, the mayor and council must declare by ordinance that the appropriation of the water works has become a public necessity. Second, the mayor and council must appoint seven appraisers and the valuation agreed upon if recommended for approval by the advisory board and confirmed by the mayor and council must be submitted for ratification to the electors of the city at a general or special election. Third, if a majority of the voters voting on the proposition favor confirming the proposition, then the asessment shall be sustained and the mayor and council authorized to issue the necessary bonds for the purpose. This is so plain and conclusive that no one who reads the charter can fail to understand that the voting of the \$3, 000,000 in bonds at the late election was premature and contrary to the statutory provisions relating to this subject.

It was equally premature to vote the bonds if the property is to be acquired under the purchase clause of the contract. Under this clause the city is to appoint one appraiser, the company another and the two to choose a third, and the appraisement made by a majority of the three to be binding on both parties, banks eager to make capital against If this hazardous course is decided upon then the bonds already voted could not and should not be issued until we will when as a matter of fact his habits with know what the appraisement is to be. Inasmuch as there is a divergence of

espondence between the United States the contract expires and how much the delegate to the state convention, and European governments regarding city would have to pay for the unex-

DEATH OF JOUBERT. The greatest of the Boer commanders is dead and his loss will be a heavy blow to his countrymen, for with Cronje nized on all hands as of great impor- in exile there is no one who can fill the tance. The negotiations were begun last place of the dead soldier. Joubert was September and terminated only a week endowed with military talent of a very the sound money democrats an olive branch ness. In Japan, every street of every port Senator Allen of Nebraska was particularly ago, when the object sought was fully high order-talent that bordered close upon genius. He was at once a good organizer, an able strategist and tacin presenting the matter to the British tician and an intrepld fighter. He not only knew how to put an army in the of any power within or control over none of the advantages of the military she has any intention or necessity of kissschools, but he was more than a match for some who had and the best of the British generals were compelled to acknowledge his ability.

The tributes paid to Joubert, as a soldier and a man, by the press of England, are fully merited and it is highly man to candid eulogy. Perhaps no sincerely patriotic Boer hated the British more heartily or intensely than Jouhert, | but it is recorded of him that he was ever disposed to be just to them and to The plans he had made for the defense 1896. of his country will doubtless be followed reins of government. In 1897 the circulation many varieties of fine "jost" and "pina as far as practicable, but the greater leader, inspiring his countrymen by his wisdom and courage, is gone and his loss at this juncture is irreparable.

A RUSSO-TURKISH RUPTURE.

A serious rupture between Russia and Turkey is threatened. It is reported It appears that all efforts of Turkey to wise prepared to modify her demands, a statement regarded in European diplomatic circles in the light of an ultimatum. A council of ministers called by the sultan pronounced against the claim of the Russian government as inadmissible, without express reservations safeguarding the interests and dignity of the Turkish empire. The Russian de-Asia Minor and railway concessions,

many is supporting the Ottoman governa fact, however, that Germany is with and comparatively new. Turkey in this matter it is easy to understand that grave complications may ensue. It looks as if Russia had gone so British Side in the Boer War Likened own interests. Great Britain, Italy and far that she cannot abandon her demands without to some extent compromising her dignity, but she may elect to do this rather than become involved in a war with Turkey, backed by Germany and doubtless also Great Britain. Perhaps, therefore, the reported warlike preparations may turn out to be no more than a bluff and that when Russia is assured it will not work she will modify sions as the Ottoman government may be willing to make.

A conflict between these powers would be the beginning of a general European is prepared to assume responsibility for such a calamity.

An ordinance to repeal the bicycle Why this regulation should now be repealed is yet to be explained. Bicyclists hand the public has some rights which bicyclists should respect. The lamp ordinance was not a frivolous imposition, but a salutary measure for the protection of pedestrians liable to be run down and injured by reckless riders. It is no more unreasonable to require lamps on bicycles than to require lamps on street railway cars or omnibuses and cabs. This regulation is enforced in almost every city of any consequence and there is no good reason why Omaha should be an exception. The time may come when all our thoroughfares will be so generally illuminated as to make bicycle lamps needless, but that is yet in dim and distant future.

There is a fair prospect that Iowa will have a valued policy insurance law after a legislative struggle of several years, as the bill has passed the senate by a decisive vote. In Iowa, as elsewhere, the insurance companies have fought the passage of such laws and when once passed have never let an opportunity go by to repeal them. No other business man in the world except an insurance man would think of arguing that a law which compelled the performance of a specific and legal contract was unjust, but the insurance companies insist that it is wrong to compel them to pay the amount upon which they have collected premiums. A valued policy law has been in effect for several years in Nebraska and has given satisfaction to all except the insurance com-

The most amusing thing of all is the attempt of the local popocratic organ to make out that the impending republican primaries to select delegates to the state convention represent the act of the machine "ramming a list of delegates down the throats of the republican rank and file." Coming from the organ of the fusion machine-which did not even dare to trust the voters to elect delegates to its state convention, but assumed to it self the right of appointing the delegates

THE "OPEN DOOR" CORRESPONDENCE. city may avail itself of the purchasing cidedly rich. Every republican voter in In response to a resolution of the clause in the contract, the only thing Douglas county will have an opportunity house of representatives the Depart that remains to be done at this time Friday to go to the polls and vote for ment of State has made public the cor- is to ascertain through the courts when any person whom he may choose for

Weary of the Husks.

The only prospect ahead for political excitement comes from the fact that the populists are a great party for not following a cut and dried program

The Club in Sight. Globe-Democrat

Bryan's Nebraska convention extended to with leaves stripped off and presenting the at which he touches is full of him. general appearance of a war club.

A Theory Demolished

Queen Victoria's recent profuse compli ments to the Irish troops in her majesty's field, but also how to lead it. He had service render untenable the theory that ing the blarney stone on her visit to Ireland.

Prophets Without Honor.

The constant improvement in the values of cattle, hogs and horses must remind those who are selling them that the 16-to-1 advocates who declared in 1896 that the absorb the spirit of those peoples them- | if you get the gold, creditable to those papers that they thus gold standard would deprive all farm selves." recognize the claims of this distinguished products of the then existing value are not the brand of prophets in whom they can take stock.

Speaking About Financial Inflation.

Under President Cleveland's administrawas \$22.49, \$24.71 in 1898 and \$25.60 in 1899. greater before the end of the year. The the mails to their friends, democrats are inflationiets, if they can do the nflating by wildcat methods, but the republicans are inflationists by old and reliable methods that create confidence and bring money from the hiding places.

Check on Government Building.

Springfield Republican, The great advance in the prices of building naterial seriously affects the national govrnment. It will necessitate the passage of a harbor dues between vessels entering by Russia upon the Turkish government per cent. In view of this fact no public building bill is likely to get through at the present session of congress. It would contribute much to the stability in industrial should be postponed so far as possible in flush times and expanded to the limits of reasonable requirements in times of depres-

Courting and Court Rules.

Chicago Times-Herald A Nebraska judge has issued an injunction forbidding a man to court a girl while his wife is suing him for divorce. Here in Chicago such a ruling would not be necessary. Chicago people are so thoroughly acquainted with the rules of polite society that the judges do not have to interfere. The man or woman who is being sued for divorce here mands embrace a coaling station in nearly always refrains for at least three days after the trial from appearing in public with of the action at law no respectable respondent ever holds the co-respondent's hands in ment, but previous information was to court or even passes a candy box to her the effect that the German government across the lawyers' table. But Nebraska

A GROTESQUE ARGUMENT.

to the American Revolution. Springfield (Mass.) Republican

In trying to explain why a marked preonderance of Americans sympathize with the Boers rather than the British Sydney Brooks, in a North American Review article brings up again incidentally the argument that Americans ought to favor the British because the British are fighting for "a primary American principle"-no taxation without representation. The insistence upon that point by British advocates has become ilmost grotesque. There has never been the her demands and accept such conces- slightest relevancy in the parallel between the situation in the Transvaal and that in the American colonies. The American colonlsts were British subjects, and they started from that fact in enunciating the principle, no taxation without representation. But war and no power, we venture to think, they never dreamed of declaring that aliens in a country have a right to representation in the legislative body of the country that taxes them. There used to be an Irish peer who owned large tracts of land in Illinois, but he never claimed political rights in regulation that requires riders to attach the United States or in Illinois because he a lamp to their wheels after dark has had to pay taxes on his land. If he had been introduced in the new city council, claimed them he would have been laughed at, or told to get himself naturalized first as an American citizen. The old American principle of no taxation without representahave already been put to the expense of tion applied to the relations between a govpurchasing lamps and therefore will not ernment and the subjects or citizens who be materially benefited. On the other acknowledged political allegiance to that government, and it was founded on justice. The new British principle in the Transvaal was made to apply to the relations between a government and aliens who acknowledge no political allegiance to it and such a principle is founded on effrontery.

AMERICANS WHO GO ABROAD. Huge Sums Spent by Them in Touring

Cleveland Leader The average number of cabin passengers was 128,247 in the fiscal year ending June know could have done." The steerage passengers average about 150,000 a year. They were only 127,761 who go abroad for pleasure are most numer- is evidently derived from the stage. ous. In hard times the steerage business swells to great proportions, because a larger ish general commanding in South Africa: number of foreign-born wage-carners then go back to their old homes.

As for the average amount of American C. I. E., V. C., D. C. L., L.L. D." And yet money taken to Europe and other foreign he is the shortest general in the service. lands by this great army of travelers it may be said with entire safety that the who was on the suburbs of the Christmas the world, we begin to understand what the cabin passengers do not average less than shake of San Jacinto mountains, gets off a pulp interest is able to command in the way \$500 apiece. Too many spend from \$1.000 little pleasantry at the expense of the railapiece upward to permit a lower average. It must be remembered that not a few are formla this winter," he writes. "Take the existence or curtail its enormous profits. students who stay for a year or more in 'Earthquake Limited' on the Santa Fe route. cities like Paris or Berlin, where their ex- Or take the 'Overland' if you hate excitepenses cannot be light. And for the pas- ment." sengers on the most expensive ships not much is left of \$500 when the cost of the voyage both ways is deducted.

It seems certain, therefore, that last year cabin passengers spent not less than \$65 .home to remain and carried with them little him and explained the reason why. fortunes running up to several thousand

foreign tourists or immigrants. opinion in regard to the time when the without holding primaries-this is de trade balances in favorsof this country.

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Senator Albert J. Reveridge of Indiana. who made an extensive four of the Philippines last year while the first volunteer regiments were camping on the trail of the insurgents, pays a very landatory tribute to the character of the men composing the invading army. Writing in the Philadelphia Post he says: "The American soldier looks the master; his face is the face of nobility; his stride is the stride of a prince. In the formation" on this and that subject. Philippines, in China, in Japan, he looks the He has the spirit of a quisitive inquisitive. the ocean bed specified was off Cape Nomeshops are infested by him. He inspects the were being tampered with.

palaces with the curiosity of intelligence. finally submerges all. He is a learner at peded, first hand. No printed books or papers for him when the book of the world is before mission necessary is to prevent injury to No dry nor fanciful account for him of can result. the strange peoples of humanity's first. All that is needed is a scoop and govhomes when he may see and know and ernment permission and you are a rich man

Dr. Charles F. Mason, a volunteer army surgeon, writes from the Philippines to the but we may expect later in the season to Medical Record that there is danger of the hear it bobbling up with this feature supcommunication of variola and smallpox in pressed. this country to friends of soldiers through souvenirs sent to them. He says that these tion the money circulation per capita was diseases are almost universal there among faithfully observe all obligations to them. \$24.98 in 1894, \$22.93 in \$18.95 and \$21.10 in all classes, and that the people have their Then President McKinley took the own looms in their homes, and manufacture cloth, which are much sought after by It is even greater now and will be still | American soldiers and by them sent through

> Dean C. Worcester, one of the Philippine the air over and over for him and he wrote out the music after half an hour's work. affairs if public undertakings of this kind Then he drilled the band, and in the course of a day or two the band played it excellently. The village priest was so glad to see General Lawton that he introduced the Star Spangled Banner' into the regular mass music of the church, to show, as he expressed it, that he appreciated what the Americans had done for them. The priest told General Lawton that he was always going to have the 'Star Spangled Banner' played as part of the mass, and as long as we were there he did so."

"The scarcity of carriages for hire in Manila is a constant and considerable source of trouble," reports the Manila Times. 'You send out your servant to get some sort of a carriage, because you have to go The latest advices imply that Ger. the new candidate and during the progress out; he comes back in half an hour and says he can't get one. Or you get tired of out yourself. It comes to the same thing. You see an endless, aquirming procession was passive and disinterested. If it be is several hundred miles west of Chicago, of carriages crawling and struggling up the Escolta, and when you see one empty you provision is to preserve the independence doesn't ven. He just grins.

virtue triumphs and patience is rewarded.

you get into the quilez. killed him."

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Congressman Littlefield of Maine always resses in black. Even his ties are of that cember bue

Subscriptions to the fund for the benefit of Mrs. Guy V. Henry, widow of General Henry, have already reached the sum of \$5.702.25.

T. C. Steele has just finished a life-sized hree-quarters length oil portrait of ex- used for navigation and for water-power President Harrison, which is to be placed in This is probably a step looking to legislation the Commercial club of Indianapolis Governor Louisbury has appointed Friday,

April 13, (Good Friday), as a day of fasting and prayer in Connecticut, and says he does maintaining the present extortionate prices so "in accordance with a custom instituted of white paper. Carefully prepared statistics y a generation which feared God and kept His commandments." Archbishop Chapelle, the papal delegate

the greatest admiration for General Otia, He has had a difficult task, but he has nearly who go abroad exceeds 100,000 a year. It completed it, and done so as few whom I

The Boston Transcript explains that an 'absent-minded beggar' is a man who forin the last fiscal year, but in the fiscal gets sordid considerations in his desire to year of 1894 they numbered no less than serve his country and is therefore a hero-216,665. In good times the cabin passengers The Transcript's estimate of Tommy Atkins This is the official designation of the Brit

> ord, P. C., K. P., G. C. B., G. C. S. I., G. An Omaha man wintering in California, roads.

"Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Water-

Because Admiral Dewey canceled his acceptance of an invitation to visit the city scarcity of the supply of pulp or increase of Atlanta last November that city has just in the cost of manufacture. It is mainly besnubbed him severely. Georgia congressional delegation sent word 000,000 in foreign lands. The passengers that an invitation to visit Atlanta would be is another name for the octopus that is bent other than cabin surely left at least half accepted by the adeniral during his present on swallowing a large share of the profit in as much in other countries. Many of them southern trip, and the mayor promptly telestayed through the winter. Others went graphed back that Atlanta did not want

Verment has a law prohibiting the sale of Still others took to their native liquor in any town unless the citizens so obtained to destroy its rivals. lands a good deal of money to help poor thereof vote for such sale and then it must relatives. If \$25,000,000 he set aside as the be dispensed by a town agency and only for least sum to be allowed for the expenditures medicinal purposes or use in the arts. Northof steerage passengers the total for all field, a town of 3,000 population, has had classes must have reached \$100,000,000. It such an agency and its receipts from sales was probably enough above that sum to have lately been so large that the temper offset any possible inflow of money brought ance people have succeeded in having passed to the United States and spent here by a law requiring the publication of purchasers' names once each month. The first pub-In years when the surplus of our exports lication was made last week with surprising over imports is not more than \$100,000,000 results, some of the healthiest and least the whole sum is probably offset by the artistic people being the largest patrons. expenditures of Americans traveling or liv- Freight and express companies are now do ing in Europe. That goes a long way toward ing a rushing business in shipping in plain, imposition of an export duty upon wood pulp wiping out any but the most extraordinary unmarked packages from points outside of or timber to be converted into pulp. United

MAKING CAMPAIGN MATERIALS Putile Attempts of the Pusionists to

Secure Political Balt. Minneapolis Journal. The attempt to manufacture campaign material for this summer and fall takes much of the time of the busy lawmakers at

Washington. The search for the elusive roorback is usually backed up by calls on the departments of the government "for in-Recently there was a report abroad that lord of the land. He has a fine loftiness of the government or rather Mr. Root had conduct. He goes every place. All doors leased the bottom of the ocean "to a open before him. He absorbs everything, syndicate" to dredge for gold. The part of

Mr. Root's department pulled itself to-"He wanders among the temples of the seiher and replied that it had given persuccent gods, a modern Omar meditating a mission to everybody that had asked it new Rubaiyat. At the giant tombs of the to dredge along the shores of Alaska and dethroned Shoguns he sits and muses on the should continue to do so with the condition ceaseless tide of time which changes all and that navigation should be in no way im-

concerned lest his rights on the ocean bottom

The object of the law that makes per him. No painted map for him when the harbor bottoms from injudicious dredging, chart of the earth itself is beneath his feet. but as there is no harbor at Nome no harm

The fact that no monopoly had been granted in the bed of the vasty deep removed the campaign value from the story,

CONGRESSMEN ON COMMISSIONS.

Significant Rider Attached to an propriation by the Senate. Baltimore American.

The United States senate on Saturday passed the bill for the appointment of a com mission to report on the commercial and industrial conditions of China and Japan and appropriated \$75,000 for expenses, but the senate attached a very significant amendommissioners, tells the following story of ment to the bill. It provides that no memthe late General Lawton: "I was with ber of either branch of congress shall here-General Lawton at the village of Imus after after serve under appointment made by the our soldiers occupied it. The natives were executive department of the government very glad to see us, and they soon formed an while holding office as such member. The affection for General Lawton, who never American has repeatedly called attention to tired of listening to their complaints and the vicious custom at which this amendhelping them. The Filipinos are natural ment is aimed. While there may have been musicians, and I suggested one day that we isolated instances of the appointment of teach, if possible, the village band of Imus members of congress on executive commisto play the 'Star Spangled Banner,' General sions prior to the administration of Mr Lawton was greatly interested. I took the Cleveland, the practice first attracted attenleader of the band to my hut and whistled | tion at that time, and, like all bad practices, when not promptly rebuked, it has gradually grown until it threatens to become a recognized feature of the government.

The action of the senate is timely and made necessary for the preservation of its own dignity. The constitution says: "No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of th United States, which shall have been created or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time, and no person holding any office under the United States shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office." It has been at tempted to show that the appointment of members of congress on commissions does pendent and illimitable free coinage of silver not contravene this section of the constitu- at the ratio of 16 to 1, thus proposing to load tion, because such commissionerships are not technically civil offices, but the contention is exceedingly doubtful from the most technical which must be maintained by the people at waiting for him to come back, and so you go standpoint and it will scarcely be questioned that such appointments are directly opposed to the spirit of the constitution. The main purpose of this constitutional

shout: 'Oye, cochero, ven aqui!' But he of a member of congress. By accepting an appointment as commissioner to inquire into run mad. There is just one brief sentence "Then suppose you ultimately do get a or negotiate matters from the standpoint of that should have been added by Bryan to quilez. Once in a million times you do, the administration, which matters he will be his Nebraska triple platform, and that is-Very good. With an exuitation born of the subsequently compelled to page upon in his "After me, the deluge!" mistaken idea that this world is not so bad | legislative capacity, he necessarily surrenders after all, and that there are moments when his independence as a member of congress. He is appointed by the administration to act for the administration and to sustain its "Then you go in your quilez to your view, which may be opposed to the view of destination, and enter telling the cochero to the body to which he has been elected by the wait. Perhaps, by way of inducing him to people. He may be perfectly honest in his realize that you want him again, you leave convictions, but the appointment itself your hat and umbrella in his caravan. Wrong prejudices him in favor of the administratactics; better to take with you the cochero's ition's standpoint and when in his capacity hat and whip, or, while you are at it, put as legislator he is called upon to vote he his horse in your pocket so as to make sure no longer a free agent. Obviously if this he won't bolt. Otherwise he does, without custom of appointing congressmen to comfail; or some ruffian takes him by force missions should become the settled practice in spite of remonstrance. Statistics have it would be in the power of an administrashown that out of 5,723 vehicles that plied tion, where the vote was close, to destroy the Manila streets last year only one ever the independence of congress and make stayed while the passenger went indoors, and merely the register of the government's that was because the pony happened to die. wishes. The time to break up a vicious Perhaps he stayed voluntarily and the effort political custom is when it is young and its evile fresh in the public mind. The senate has vindicated its dignity and the house should follow its example.

GENEROSITY OF THE PULP TRUST. Latest Move of the Combine to Make Its Monopoly Secure. Philadelphia Times.

The Paper trust is now fearful that the cutting of trees for wood pulp is denuding our forests to such an extent as seriously to decrease the rainfall and to affect the rivers to limit the pulp supply. The latest report made by the United States government completely disproves this specious excuse for show that 37 per cent of the area of the United States is covered by woods, a very large proportion of which are available for o the Philippines, said recently: "I have paper-making. The encouragement of forestry in many states is confidently believed to be adding to rather than diminishing the timber area within their borders The cutting of trees for lumber is the chief cause of denudation of timber lands. Official reports prove that from thirty to forty times as much timber is cut for lumber as is used for white paper pulp. Indeed, adding the amount of wood for fuel, which is roughly estimated as being four times as much as is felled for all other purposes, we find that the trees destroyed to make pulp are less than 1 per cent of the entire timber cut in this country!

When it is remembered that the total value of the white paper made in the United States last year equalled \$190,000,000, or more than 25 per cent of the total output of of money for the purpose of preventing legis "Of course you are coming to Cali- lation that will in any degree threaten its The modern newspaper is greatly oppressed

and hampered by the recent increase of nearly 100 per cent in the price of printing paper. This advance is not due to any Members of the cause the mills have gone under the control of the International Paper company, which producing the low-priced newspaper of to day. Having grown strong and rich under our system of "protection to infant industries," this trust is now using the wealth satisfied with that. it arrogates to itself the right to may what newspapers shall survive. It is obviously trying to force up the circulating price, but the low-priced journal has come to stay and an increase in a annual rate would be practically impos

> The latest move on the part of the Canadian Paper Manufacturers' association largely controlled by and co-operating with the trust on this side of the St. Lawrence. has been to increase the price of all kinds of paper about 50 per cent and to secure the States Consul Ledeux, at Three Rivers,

wible:

Quebec, reports that the Quebec provincial government has already imposed an export luty of \$1.50 per ton on pulp and wood ex ported from that province to the United This is clearly a discrimination against the United States and practically shuts off the Canadian supply for our mills. This suits the trust. The effect will be to more tightly fasten the trust's extertion about the neck of the newspaper, periodical and book publishing interests of the United States.

Surely there is a great opportunity for semebody in this country to make a fight against this high-handed extertion. The forests of Porto Rico will be opened to the paper-making industry the instant free trade with the United States is given to the island Pulpy woods are found in abundance and ils numerous mountain streams furnish ample water. We confidently expect to fine large paper mills built there at an early

Meanwhile, let the independent owners start up the rag-paper mills throughout the country. There is a good profit in rag paper at present prices.

HOW HAVE THE MIGHTY FALLEN! Democratic View of the Degeneracy of the Democratic Party.

Philadelphia Times (ind. dem.) There is no longer a national democratic party, as it seems to be accepted that the once proud democracy of the nation has become a mere Bryan party, and William Jennings Bryan has openly preclaimed himelf as the master.

Three conventions were summoned to meet it Lincoln, Neb., on Monday last, the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Bryan's birth, and the emocrats, the populists and the silver republicans held their several conventions, ccepted their platform and principles from Bryan himself; and the democratic convenion at Kansas City, where the cilver republicans will meet at the same time in nass meeting, and the populist convention that will be held at Sloux Falls, are to nominate Bryan for president and proclaim the platform that he has prepared and had ac-

epted by his metley state conventions. . . . The Bryan platform that the democratic envention must accept unless it shall exhibit sufficient courage to assert democracy over Bryanism in the national convention is simply an awkwardly framed combination of lap-trap political utterances. The only vital feature in it is its pronounced sympathy with Aguinaldo and his murderous insurgents in the Philippines, who would have abandoned the hopeless contest long since but for like treasonable utterances conveyed to them from this country. The only inspiration they now have to continue the murder of our brave troops by stealth and surprise, while avoiding battle, is the hope that Bryan will be the next president and recognize their independence. This declaration will become stench in the nostrils of every patriotic American citizen.

The conservative democratic elements have loped that the cheap money, repudiation vagary of 1896, that appealed with some orce to conditions of poverty and general prostration of business, would be abandoned or subordinated in the campaign of 1900, but there is no one thing more distinctly emphasized in the Bryan platform that the democracy must now accept than the indethe government with the guaranty of new hundreds of millions of 45-cent dollars par with gold. There is no business or industrial interest

that now demands it; on the contrary all have every interest in opposing it and the emphatic reassertion of the free silver craze is simply "wild and woolly" western politics

LINES TO A SMILE.

Detroit Journal: "Your capital is not "But quite sufficient. You see, our business is peculiar in that it does not necessitate any evasion of the laws."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "They say the nventor of ice cream soda is dead."
"Let's hope he's gone where it doesn't

Washington Star: "How did be sequire that fine Russian accent?" asked one linguist.
"Very easily," answered the other, made a deliberate practice of putting too much pepper on his omelet."

Indianapolis Journal: Doctor-I think you intracted this bad sore throat by running bout the neighborhood with slippers on Fair Patient-Nonsense, doctor; I had on my heavy cloth suit and my fur boa.

Pittsburg Chronicle: Mr. Dinwiddle—The Inited States will act as intermediary to estore peace between Great Britain and the Mr. Van Braam-Then perhaps we could induce Queen Victoria or President Kruger to mediate in the Kentucky conflict. Detroit Free Press: "After I had sprained my ankle," said Mrs. Bellingham. "the pain was so severe that I could not speak."

Then you actually suffered untold agcommented Mrs. Kingsford Chicago Tribune: "Why is it," asked Miss Birdie, "that the nearest way to a man's heart is through his stomach?" "Because," said Miss Flyppe, with that cold, illusion-destroying knowledge of man-

kind that comes sooner or later to all of us," that is the inside track." Philadelphia Press: "She's a saleslady,

"Oh! no, indeed!"
"Why, she certainly works in Jobiotz's "Exactly; she 'works' there, and that nakes her a saleswoman. Salesladies don't makes her a saleswoman. Salesiadies don't work; they simply look pretty and in the opposite direction when you wish to be

Philadelphia Press: "Pa." said little Wil-ic, pausing in his reading, "what is 'food or the gods." "Well," replied Pa, who is a patron of replied Pa, who is a patron of he drama, "perhaps it means peanuts and

terved.

Brooklyn Eagle: Managing Editor-Your opartment is evidently in sympathy with

he Beers.
Foreman of Composing Room—Why so?
Managing Editor—In my head for the war
tory last night I said the British army
yon a victory that was remarkable. In the
apper this morning it reads: "The British

paper this morning it reads: "The British army won a victory. That was remark-A HINT OF SPRING.

W. J. Lampton in New York Sun. There's a lazy time a-comin' And it's comin' purty soon; It'll git a start in April And'll keep it up through June

The sun'll come a-streakin' Crosst the valleys and the hills. Vith its warmin' light a-drivin' Out the shivers and the chills. It'll loaf around the gardens

And'll roost among the trees.

A-coaxin' and persuadin'
With a mighty power to please Till the earth will be in color, With the roses all in bloom And the trees in leaf, and Nater

It'll ketch a feller workin' In the house er out of doc And'll start the tired feelin' Oozin' out of all his pores. of doors.

It'll make his eyelids heavy. l set his brain on dreams he cool and shady places By the quiet runnin' streams Then's the time to go a-fishin', For the lazy time is best, 'Cause a fish sin't hardly human, And it never wants to rest.

By the ripplin' of the waters,
Makin' music all the day,
Ie can atretch out where it's shady
And jest fish his life away.

It's the sunshine time, the fishin' time,
The lazy time that's best.
When a feller don't want nothin'
But to soak his soul in rest.