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A \$10,000,000 fire could hardly occur in the country.

board must believe in expansion-expansion of the tax rate.

To hedge or not to hedge? That is the question that will soon be up to the Kansas City convention.

Bemonstrating his popularity. He is over he goes.

It looks as if that great anti-monopolist, M. F. Harrington, is another one of those fighters who simply rolls his fist In his pocket.

minder that the dangers encountered by modern war ships do not always come from the enemy.

Mr. Towne says he will cross the bridge of withdrawal when he gets to It. Which means that he still hopes he will not have to cross.

If the authorities are in earnest about catching those Bradshaw train robbers they should watch for them in the neighborhood of Kansas City.

Colonel Bryan will not go to Kansas City, but his front porch at Lincoln will be open to any of the delegates who may wish to call before they go home.

It has been judicially decided in Omaha that a believer in Christian science is not necessarily insane. The abuses of the Christian science propaganda must be met by some other route.

hospital scandal which overtops any that Does not the common enemy comprise were developed during the Spanish-'American war. War is not a pleasure are trying to hold all political parties by excursion, no matter by what nation it the throat, ailled with the popocratic is conducted.

The concensus of opinion from Paris is to the effect that the American exposition commissioners are enjoying themselves hugely. As that is what tion dictation inside of the populist they went there for it is to be hoped all party it is time for them to throw off concerned will be satisfied.

The Clark-Daly controversy will be threshed over again in a contest for the Montana delegation at Kansas City. Why no put the seats up at auction and let them go to the highest bidder? It fined as the other powers could wish. would amount to the same thing.

While the cat is away the mice will play, and while the Jacksonian and County Democracy cohorts take their exodus to the convention it might be yet, however, there has been no distinct well for them to leave a sentinel on guard to keep an eye on the Moislans.

The California delegation may count on being the most popular at Kansas City in view of the announcement that At is to be the distributing center for a Jarge consignment of California bottled The headquarters will not be located in prohibition Kansas, either.

The people who urge quick work in the Kansas City convention will not advance their popularity in that vicinity. Kansas City folks do not want the delegates and spectators to go home until they have paid the entire expense of tainly have no very friendly feeling. If the convention, including a new conven-

The great fire in New York did not go up in smoke this year, as heretofore, These are questions quite likely to through the carelessness of people worry the European governments, if handling fireworks. Each recurring there is such an agreement. Fourth is an expensive celebration when

and the state of the property of the state o

issue in the campaign now opened is consideration in every way. It would the ejection of a republican legislature. relieve this country of a grave responsi-It scarcely needs to be emphasized that bility. But whether the European govthe election of a republican legislature ernments, except France, would approve depends upon the character and stand- it under an independent understanding ing of the candidates on legislative between Japan and Russia, is doubtful.

tickets. Up to this time about one-third of the entire 133 members have been named by the republicans. Complaints have ocrats who want an excuse for accepting reached us from some districts that Bryan, that in the event of his election grave mistakes have been made and he could not do much toward reversing party success jeopardized. It is to be the settlement of the currency issue hoped that in the districts yet to make made by the gold standard act, is renominations the republicans will exer- garded by the New York Times as a cise caution and sound judgment.

First and foremost they should see how practical and sensible men of to it that no man is placed on the ticket affairs can possibly be content with it who has a bad record to defend politically or otherwise. It is unsafe if not granted that the election of Bryan would dangerous to run the risk of defeat by carry with it the election of a majority the nomination of local party workers of Bryanites in the house of representaor leaders who have shown a lack of tives. "The margin there at present is integrity in any official position with a bure dozen," says that paper, "and which they have heretofore been hon- when we remember that in the congresored or who have unsavory reputations sional election of 1898 twenty-five seats as business men or citizens.

and foolhardy to nominate any candidit will be seen that any revolution that date whose allegiance to corporations could carry Bryan into the presidency strings tied to him that will prevent vantage now possessed by his opponents him from honestly and fearlessly rep- in the house." In regard to the view resenting the people in lawmaking and that the senate cannot be changed at in the election of United States senators. the earliest before 1903, the Times re-The issue between the people and the marks that even if such were the case corporations has been forced upon the there would be rather scant comfort in party time and again and has brought the prospect of a delay of only two disaster with it whenever the party has years. But it is not true, contends the yielded to corporate domination.

loyalty to the people will be applied by a revulsion of popular opinion strong to candidates more than ever and those enough to elect Bryan, and it very weights on the party ticket and liable to be brought about. "So far as the polit opinion, that he was kept in Cuba and this fall by the wayside. While national ical possibilities are concerned," says country. General Chaffee is another of the issues will occupy the forefront of the the Times, "it is a plain proposition in battle it must not be imagined that the arithmetic that Bryan's election would individual fitness and records of every carry with it a Bryan majority in both legislative candidate will not be closely houses of congress. No sane man is scanned and the outcome depend upon justified and only an insane one can be the ability of republican candidates to excused if he votes in disregard of this inspire confidence of the farmers and fact." producers, whose votes will determine the election.

A NEW REFORM CODE. In a card over his own name M. Harrington, who has figured as one of any other place than the metropolis of the leaders of the anti-monopoly sentiment in the populist party of this state and posed as one of its uncompromising The popocratic majority of the county advocates of reform, calls on the populists disgusted with the corporation leanings of their present governor to suspend their opposition to his renomination and to accept the situation as it is. This advice furnishes a new code for reform quite different from that which was followed by the original founders Roosevelt's trip westward is already of the populist party. These men, who were sincere opponents of political domibound to take the people by storm where nation by the corporations, had been fighting against the intrusion of the railroads in the two old parties and left them to form a new organization, convinced that in no other way could they throw off the corporation yoke. After outstanding bonds in silver." The fact four years of supremacy in the state government they find that the corporation influence has been stronger with the so-called reformers whom they elected to office than it ever was with their predecessors.

No one has pointed this out more clearly than Mr. Harrington himself, who has exposed the utter subserviency of the state house machine to the railroad managers, so odious to the rank and file of the party. No one has done more to put the fusion state officers on record for their corporate masters and against the farmers and producers than Mr. Harrington, who now advises reform populists to abandon their principles and yield obedience to the orders

from railroad headquarters. The excuse for this advice is that the railroads have already succeeded in tying up enough populist delegations to the state convention to deliver the nomination to the men named on the railroad slate and that further protest against this program would simply produce turmoll and weaken the onslaught on the common enemy. But the question is, the corporations and monopolies, that office seekers and patronage mongers who are willing to sell out their principles for a glimpse of official preferment? If it is disloyalty for the antimonopoly populists to oppose corporathe populist yoke and fight for reform outside of that party.

The attitude of Russia toward the Chinese situation is not so clearly de-It is very naturally suspected that the Russian government intends to take advantage of the outbreak to strengthen its hold upon China and if possible to become the dominating power there. As indication of such a purpose. Russia is co-operating with the other powers apparently in good faith and nothing has emanated from St. Petersburg to war Europe and particularly in England.

The statement that Russia has notified the powers of an agreement with Japan by which the latter is to have a free commissioner is to go as a fraternal delhand to deal with the disturbance in China is perhaps not incredible, though to be held at Hudderfield, England, next it seems most improbable that Russia September. Here is another chance for would make such an agreement with a the reformers to howl about a threatenpower which it has been commonly be- ing Anglo-American alliance. lieved she would like to wholly exclude from China and for which she can certhe report shall be confirmed it will in- in the percentage of increase as comcrease the mystification in regard to pared with last year. Omaha will keep Russia's aim and purpose. Why should its place as a business center no matter she make an independent agreement how many other cities jump it in the originate in the use of Fourth of July with Japan? What is her motive for census population schedule. explosives, but we may be certain that such a course and what concessions or millions of dollars worth of property will assurances are given on either side?

Our government undoubtedly would be the losses for the whole country are well satisfied to have Japan assume the

A CAUTION TO REPUBLICANS.

Cause it could depend upon that country just now somewhat distinguised and will have to carrying Nebraska for Mc to respect all American rights in China to be straightened out with the most con-Kinley and Roosevelt, the paramount and to accord the United States just

A DANGEROUS PLEA. The plea of those sound money demvery dangerous plea and it cannot see

were lost by the republicans in states In the next place it would be impolitic overwhelmingly anti-Bryanite in 1896, Times, that the senate could not be In the coming campaign the test of changed at the same time as the house who cannot pass muster will be dead clearly points out how the change might

> But harm could be done far short of the repeal of the gold standard law and the initiation of silver coinage. In the exercise of the discretion given the secretary of the treasury by the currency act of 1900 a man not in sympathy with that law and who held it to be his duty to restore the function of silver as a to do the things necessary to keep up dered shipwrecked sailors. the steady payment of the notes of the United States on demand in gold." A Bryanite secretary of the treasury, further says the Times, "a man, for instance, like Mr. Altgeld, who is said to aspire to that position in case of the triumph of his party, and to whom Bryan is under the greatest political and personal obligations, would not need to await an opportunity to act under the specific provisions of the currency law of last March. He could, with the approval of the president, begin at once the payment of the interest of the

and to the welfare of the country, would have no weight with a free silver administration. Tuese are matters for the serious con sideration of every citizen who desires the maintenance of a sound currency. the preservation of the public credit and the continuance of prosperity. It is a most mistaken view that these are secure against assault from a free sliver

that this would be an act of bad faith.

violation of the government's obliga

tions and a blow to the public credit

administration. Original platforms of the first politica national conventions consisted of the reenactment of declarations previously adopted, with the addition of a number of supplemental resolutions supposed to cover new issues and meet new conditions. More recently, however, each platform has been a separate and distinct enunciation and the precedents already set by the republicans and populists in their national gatherings are not likely to be reversed by the dem-

ocrats. Democratic organs profess to regard the civil service plank of the republican platform as an insincere declaration. But the Kansas City convention will re affirm the Chicago platform, which was an ill-concealed attack upon the entire civil service system. If the democrats should get in control of the national government again the out-turning of federal employes would be a resurrection of the spoils system as it existed before the civil war.

The foreign visitors to the Paris ex with the exhibit of refrigerators in the American collection and evince a dispo sition to test their usefulness. When they come to import American ice chests
they might take a few American ice activity and the largest and most profitable trusts along with them.

Nearly \$9,000 in architects' fees draws out of the school fund in scarce a year explains why the fight of the architect for control of the school board has been so determined. The position of architect rant the distrust and misgiving felt in of the school board is plainly the best thing within the gift of that body.

egate to the British trade union congress

Omaha's bank clearings exhibit cor tinnes to show this city well to the front

Arguments that Count.

At this immediate juncture it may be doubted whether the nineteen additional issionaries whom the Presbyterians are dispatching to China will accomplish much unless they are provided with the well task of suppressing the disturbance, be Maxim and Galling. The Mongolian mind is states.

vincing logic.

They can hurrab pyer Roosevelt as much as they please, and Teddy may accept until ing Ignatius Donneils. Ignatius already has his safely accepted.

Benefits of Rubbering. Washington Post.

It appears that the beathen have actually discarded the bow and arrow, the gong and the stink pot for the rapid-fire gun. Li Hung evidently observed quite closely on the occasion of his recent visit to civilization.

Fauntle Fabrications.

The prohibitionists denounce the army canteen as if they thought it was a wicked device to debauch the army and make est diers drunkards. In reality it was devised The Times says it may be taken for as a means of curbing the drink habit and lessening its evils in the army, and the testimony of officers and soldiers that it has had and does have that effect is simply overwhelming. But fanatics are proverb fally indifferent to facts.

Judicial Dictum on Dogs.

Cieveland Plain Dealer.
Out in lowa the supreme court has just backed up the award of damages given to a Hawkeye woman by a lower court as a plasso the court set forth this somewhat remarkable declaration: "A dog has no right to brood over his wrongs and remember in malice." Now, if the Iowa supreme bench will have the very first dog who violates this solemn opinion yanked up for contempt of court it may go a long ways toward reducing the amount of dog bite litigation.

The selection of General Chaffee to command in China meets universal approval. He was an important and heroic figure in the fighting around Santiago and the government's failure to send him to the Philippine has seemed hard to explain. His appoint no lack of capacity, in the government's successful soldiers who were not educated at West Point, but who learned the military art in the civil war.

New York Sun.

In 1803 we fought in Trpoli, and in 1805 our men marched 600 miles through Africa and stormed the principal fortress of Derne, and on April 27 planted the American flag for the first time on a fortress in the old world. Jefferson was president. In 1832 we took the Sumatran fort of Quallah Batoo in punishment of pirates and

burned the town. This was some of Andrew Jackson's work. In 1858 we fought with Fijis, who had murdered Americans.

In 1860 we defeated the Kumassi natives "primary money metal." might "omit on the west coast of Afirca who had mur-In 1863 we took the forts at Shimonosek a treaty and permitted wrecked sailors to be malterated.

> the killing of our ship wrecked sailors being the cause. In 1871 we were fighting in Corea, where American ships had been burned and sailors killed. We destroyed the forts. In 1890 we were by the king of Korea's

In 1867 we smoth the pirates of Formosa

side, guarding him against attack by revosionaries or ministers or citizens resident appear to have been abused or threatened.

BATTLE OF THE STANDARDS.

Some of our esteemed democratic contemporaries in Colorado and elsewhere manifest a good deal of excitement because the republican platform this year is a trifle standard than was the St. Louis platform four years ago, but unless all the present signs fail they will have still greater cause for disappointment with the democratic platform to be adopted at Kansas City next

All the democratic state conventions which have met recently have avoided the issue of 16 to 1 as carefully as possible and it is quite certain now that no serious attempt will be made to inject that particudemand into the platform upon which Mr. Bryan will be renominated this year.

A feeble attempt will be made in some quarters to convince voters that a brief reaffirmation of the Chicago platform of 1896 will be equivalent to a repetition of the present time, but nobody familiar with politicians and their methods will be misled by that easy false pretense.

The simple truth is that the stern logic of events has relegated the battle of the standards to the rear in this campaign in spite of the hopes or fears of the political managers of any party. The last presi dential election was fought to a finish on that question and, whether wisely or un wisely, a very large majority of the people of the United States decided in favor of the gold standard.

If the evils foretold and dreaded by the advocates of bimetallism had followed the success of the republican party in 1896, or in other words, if falling prices, business stagnation and general bankruptcy had continued to afflict the country the last four years as they did during Mr. Cleveland's second term, and if these evils had been emphasized and increased by the enactment of the currency bill last winter, there can be no doubt that the demand for the re position are said to be greatly taken habilitation of silver would be much stronger now than it was four years ago. But a wonderful series of accidents and incidents occurring during the present ademployment of labor in its whole history and, as a matter of natural consequence, a very large percentage of the voters of both parties have lost temporarily at least, whatever fear they wainy have once felt regarding the evils and perils of the gold

The question may weins up again at some future time through dauses which cannot now be clearly foreseen A large falling off in the output of the world mines of the world for a considerable period of time might aid in that direction, or the leading countries of Europe may yet be kirced to the conclusion that in the struggle for supremacy be-tween the great commercial nations the United States is surente feet more than its share of prosperity under the gold standard and they may unite in a request for the

But, however that may be, the mone question cannot be made an important issuin the pending presidential election and that is why the democratic leaders of Kansas completely as possible when they frame their platform a week hence. Ninety-nine out of every 100 of them believe firmly that to embody the old demand for the "free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the consent or co-operation of any other nation," in their forth coming declaration of principles would be equivalent to the suicide of their party. As they think more of success than of sliver, they will dodge the issue as neatly as possible, without giving too much offense to the inhabitants of the silver-producing POINTING TOWARD PEKIN.

New York World: The report of a disagreement among the allied troops in Chins is one of the unpleasant but almost inevitable features of the situation.

Boston Transcript: Minister Wu Ting Fang is a philosopher. The rebuff of his request that no United States troops be sent into China has been followed by suggestion that he may be kept here as a hostage for the safety of Minister Conger. To this Mr. Wu replies with his blandest smile that he would find an enforced stay mong his American friends very pleasant

Chicago Chronicle: For a "disorganize mob" the Chinese army seems to be doing pretty well, thank you. It will be remem bered that some remarks about disorganized mobs were heard respecting the forces of the venerable Mr. Kruger along in last Oc tober. It is now conceded that those remarks were premature and ill advised. It appears not unlikely that the preconceived opinion of the celestial cohorts will also have to be revised.

Philadelphia Ledger: There is a widespread feeling that the present complications in China will end in the long looked for dismemberment of that country and its partition among the great powers. Of ourse it is possible that this may be the outcome. Russia, Germany and France, it is well known, desire such a partition, but as long as England, Japan and the United States are in opposition it is not likely

Philadelphia Times: Admiral Seymout commanding the combined forces sent from Taku, is reported some miles from Tien Tsin "terribly harrassed," with 300 of his men incapacitated by wounds and sickness and calling urgently for relief. It is a painful reflection that among the sailors and marines thus exposed to death, by no fault of their own, are a large contingent from the United States squadron. And the most painful reflection is that these Americans are under command of a British admiral.

Indianapolis News: No voice thus far has been raised in remonstrance against the course of the United States in protecting its acts on the present high plane. But it is entertaining, to say the least, to hear some of the wild talk about the "heathen Chinee. This government has long excluded Chinese from this country. It is not with much the course of the Chinese when they seek to expel foreigners-no matter for what high and lofty reason foreigners may be there. Of course, the objection has force that the act of expulsion is accompanied with violence and murder. But we shall have to admit that the Chinese have as much right to expel foreigners from China as the Americans have to expel the Chinese from America.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

With the assistance of a Missouri court Dr. Pigg changed his name to Peak. The change gives some point to a grunt. The esteemed Abdul Hamid is much pleased by the attentions of Uncle Sam. daily dun helps to brush away the flies.

Small boys and old boys can materially reduce the doctor's bill by fooling with the buzz saw instead of the cannon cracker. tively engaged in public school work both This is the season of the year when retired stalwarts of democracy ruminate on the open grave,

Former Governor Bob Taylor of Tenness has fiddled a surplus of \$30,000 into his his second term as county superintendent. purse, and doesn't care a continental whether 16 to 1 keeps or not. Assimilation is leavening the lumps

Prince David Kawananatoa of Hawaii was a delegate to the Philadelphia convention Admiral Dewey's Chinese boy, it is said, has developed an ambition to play the cornet, and practices it at every opportunity. This looks as though the Chinese were

carrying the war into the enemy's country. The reports of wholesale rottenness in the commissary department of the British army who wanted to be state auditor, and have in South Africa are a rude shock to the Johnnies, who sneered at American cannod where he will have no earthly show. And roast beef. Consuming pride precedes a Ulyases Grant II, who led the California lelegation at the republican national con-

vention at Philadelphia, looks more and more ike his father. He has the same girth, the same cut of whiskers and the same stolid would never have received the nomination willing to contribute \$1,000,000 to the

lemocratic campaign fund. That amount t is believed, would produce the desired forgetfulness of Helenaic events outside It is something of a coincidence that the

nanagers of both the Harvard and Yale university crews should be named Schueppe The two boys, however, are brothers. Bu that each should be chosen to manage his university crew became the more noteworthy for that reason and is good testimony of made at Lincoln on July 11. Douglas county heir managerial abilities. The boys are from St. Louis, the sons of a well known merchant of the Missouri metropolis. They had a wild, joycus time at Three

Oaks, Mich., last Thursday. A Dewey cannon from Manila was planted on the pub lic square and unveiled by Miss Helen prettiest as she pulled the string and the multitude cheered rapturously. Then the bands crashed. Whereupon, the reports say, Bill May's gray mare shied and dashed at glorious day for Three Oaks

FAREWELL TO THE ENVOYS.

Support for the Boer Cause. Baltimore American.

The three Boer envoys, who have been in he United States for about a month, sailed for Havre Wednesday. The National Boei Relief Fund association, which was organized in New York at the outbreak of the war in South Africa, has closed up its work and turned over to the returning envoys the last of the funds raised for their cause. It has handled a large amount of money, raised from Americans in all parts of the country, and most of it was expended in such a way as to relieve the war of some of its horrors. It went mainly to the hospital service of the Boers and afforded proof not only of the sentiment of the givera regarding the issues in the Transvaal, but also of the readiness of the American people to contribute to the relief of suffering wher The mission of the Boer envoys to this

country was necessarily a fatture, if measured by its effect upon the war. That struggle was nearly ended when they arrived and their cause was, to all intente and purposes, lost before they set foot upon these shores. They received, as the em'ssaries of a struggling republic and as the representatives of a liberty-loving people most cordial reception in every city which in spite of the delicacy of the subject and the danger of misinterpretation of any words spoken by representatives of this government, they could find no cause to complain of their treatment. They found that Americans sympathized with them, but cause or in the interests of peace were out of the question. The government had gone as far as it could early in the war by its friendly offer of mediation and, no matter what American sentiment might be, any further steps would have involved the country in serious trouble with a friendly

SIDELIGHTS ON STATES POLITICS.

Ord Times (rep.): No doubt the populist state convention will put a plank in its platform pointing with pride to the management of the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice.

Howell Journal (dem.): It is almost a foregone conclusion that W. D. Oldham will be the fusion nominee for attorney general. Oldham would make a worthy successor to Smyth, who has won the reputation of being the best attorney general Nebraska has Battle Creek Republican: It seems pe-

in the game, would offer to bet \$100 that Dietrich will be elected governor, but such a case is reported in Madison county. And it is only one straw tending to show which way the wind blows. Richardson county for governor. If all that

culiar that a prominent democrat, thus early

is said of him be true he is first-class gubdo well to consider his claims. Superior Journal (rep.): Congressman have the most implicit confidence, Sutherland was at Hastings the other day and referred to the backers of Shallenbarger as "a few hungry democrats." They may to bring Sutherland home from Washington six weeks earlier than he had intended, in order that he might save his political career

from wreck. Silver Creek Times (sil. rep.): If Poynte is not renominated he will have only himself to blame. It was possible for him, if he had the ability and fitness that a man in official position ought to have, to make his administration so good that a renomination would have come by acclamation and without the asking, and no men would have been more pleased with such a result than those who now think his renomination would seriously endanger success.

Beatrice Express (rep.): The democrats in Gage county are getting rather tired of the fusion idea and no unprejudiced person can blame them. They have been working with the populists for several years and the populists insist upon having the chicken and giving them the feathers. There is much dissatisfaction among the democrats in other parts of the state; they feel that they are getting the worst end of every bargain that is made and the evidence shows that they are right. Yet they deserve discomfiture. People who are democrats in name only cannot expect too much consideration.

Grand Island Democrat: The Democra has not, up to the present, said aught pro or con of and concerning the renomination of Governor Poynter, nor has it much to say now. What it does say will not be in defense of the governor for the very competent reason that he needs no defense. His public record as chief executive of a great state is open as a book and has been so distinctively upright, conservative and honorable that all the malicious attacks and garbled and displaying one of those rag-time tunes." con of and concerning the renomination of torted records of his acts by the republican machine, aided by peevish soreheads and "pried loose" discontents, have failed to discolor that record to the governor's undoing. Hastings Public Opinion (pop.): Adams county presents the name of Prof. R. D. dent of public instruction. Few men in the state are as well fitted both in learning and experience for this important office. For over ten years Prof. Moritz has been ac-

life as a teacher has been one of continuous success, having begun as normal school teacher, he has taught in all grades, served as a high school principal and now serves Few men have in so short a time attained such distinction.

Auburn Post (rep.): Editor Dundas made a statement in last week's Granger that if the fusionists saw fit to nominate him for an honorable campaign and if elected he would only serve the people two years. Mr. Dundas is not the kind of man that the fusionists are hunting to make state officials of. He is too much like Edgar How ard of the Papillion Times, sincere and con scientious. So they sidetracked Howard, placed him on the congressional race course they will do something with Dundas before the convention is over. Frank Ransom and his gang of reformers could not manage Mr Dundas in the senate. They know that they cannot manage him as a state official; there fore he will never get a chance to run. He for state senator four years ago if the part; Copper King Clark of Montana is said to leaders had had any idea that he would have

> Howell Journal (dem.): The Douglas county democrats are at this time making great claims upon the party for representation up the state ticket. They have never been over modest, and that virtue is no bothering them any in this year of our Lord. They are only asking for two places on the ticket. This is about what they have figured out will be awarded to the democrats when the division of loaves and fishes is has no great claims upon the democracy of Nebraska. True, they make a great deal of noise and cast a large number of votes in every state convention, but when election day comes their county, with cruel regularity, rolls up a republican majority that i calculated to make the average democrat sick at heart. They usually have a scrap or hand, and at the present time are divided by a senseless fight that may be taken into the forthcoming convention. We are in favor of saying to the democrats of Douglas county: Harmonize among yourselves, redeem your county from republican bondage and then come to the democracy of the stat and receive your reward. Until such time let us be content with rewarding the counties that, through thick and thin, have been faithful to the cause of democracy. Douglas

county democrats need a little training to the school of true democracy and if we mistake not they will be given a lesson when

the state convention meets at Lincoln. O'Neill Independent (pop.): Every friend of Samuel B. Howard in Nebraska should endeaver to further his candidacy for the nomination for state treasurer. The office of state treasurer is a most important one; the state treasurer not only is expected to handle the finances of the state in a business-like manner, but as a member of the various boards his services to the taxpayers of the state are fraught with the utmost importance. Mr. Howard is a true blue anti-monopolist; he is one of the best posted men in north Nebraska, keeping constantly in touch with the needs and interests of the people, thoroughly understanding the pledges made to the taxpayers by the people's party and cannot be deterred from Neligh Yeoman (pop.): The Central their execution if elected to the office of City Democrat has a strong editorial en- state treasurer. Giving Mr. Howard a postdorsing the candidacy of Farmer Abbott of tion in the state house would revive the interest of the farmers' alliance populists over the state and give them a representaernatorial timber, and the convention will tive in which every lover of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none" could

PLASHES OF FUN.

Philadelphia Post: It is easy to dream big things in a hammock.

Detroit Journal: The saying that a bird on the hat is worth two in the bush is no joke; that is, supposing a bird on the hat to be worth anywhere near what it costs.

Judge: Mr. Sparks—Can't you get that stovepipe together, John? Rev. Mr. Sparks—No, I cannot, Mary, and if it wasn't that I'm a minister of the gospel I'd kick the whole darn business to Pittsburg Chronicle: "I am told that you write poetry," said the Snake Editor to the proofreader.
"Yes, sir," was the reply, "I right poetry and I right prose, too."

Indianapolis Journal: "You married me for my money!" she exclaimed angrily. "Oh, well," he replied soothingly, "don't blame me. I couldn't get it any other way, you know."

Chicago Tribune: "Has it been your observation," asked the person who was in search of information, "that a presidential campaign injures trade?"
"Well," replied the country merchant, shifting his guid to the other cheek, "that depends a good deal on what the people think about the way the campaign is going to end."

Philadelphia Press: This bone," said the professor of anatomy, "is the humerus. Now, then, designate its proper location in the human body."
"It's located in the elbow," said the first scholar, "and is more commonly known as the funny bone."

Detroit Journal: It would be difficult to decide which of us first observed that the trillionaire wore four-dollar transers.

"He evidently doesn't worry," I said, "about the creases in his pants!"

"No, he thinks only of the Croesus in his pants," said my companion.

Now for this I should have struck the fellow dead, only it was against the law.

Chicago Post: "That boy seems to have no ambition in life."
"There's where you do him an injustice. He wants to be the husband of an actress, and no one has worked more industriously than he to acquire the necessary liking for fur-lined coats, champagne and diamonds."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Bixby is lucky to have such a plump wife."
"Why so?"
"Because the flies never bother him while she's around." of much discernment," said the girl in blue.
"Why, he proposed to me only last evening," returned the girl in pink.
"Yes; I said he wasn't a man of much discernment," repeated the girl in blue.

Chicago Tribune: "Isn't it too bad?" ex-claimed the bride, almost tearfully. "It's raining—and on our wedding day!" "That's all right, dear," whispered the rapturous bridegroom. "The heavens are weeping for joy!"

Philadelphia Press: "I understand," remarked the unscrupulous poet, "that you were pleased to say I used a great deal of gray matter in composing my elegiac poem on "The Rustic Graveyard?"

"Not exactly," replied the editor, "I said you used a great deal of Gray's matter."

TOWN MEETING MODERATOR.

Lewiston (Me.) Journal. Whang, whang, whang! He would pessle and he'd bang at the old scarred table on the town

stage, And, p-foo! The dust would rise While through it, s'r, his eyes Looked jest about as savage as a meat-ax

We never had a moderator up to snuff like him.

He was little, he was squizzled, he was old and bent and slim;

But when he slammed the table with his old black cane

He'd quiet down a hooraw quicker'n any man in Maine.

man in Maine.
There was Uncle Cephas Johnson who'd git up and haw and ham
With about as much ability to speak, sir, as a clam,
And I reckon if ye'd let him he would gabble on all day
Bout the ro'd in Perkins' deestrict and the tax he had to pay.
There was Deacon Ira Patterson and Squire Ezry Goff,
There'd never been a chairman who could seem to shet 'em off.
But the Mister Moderator that I'm tellin' ye about
He'd jump, s'r, like a cricket—give the

ye about
He'd Jump, s'r, like a cricket—give the
table-top a clout
And I ain't got words to tell to ye the awful
way he'd frown
When he'd holler, "Shet that tater-trap!
Set down, I say, set down!"
And—did—they—set?
Wal, now—you—bet!

Whang, whang, whang!

—It was just a stiddy bang

When they didn't tend to bus'ness in
way they ought to do.

When it come to moderate,
Warn't a critter in the state

That had go good a notion how to
town meetin's through.

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