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The chances are good that several popocratic fakirs with elastic imaginations will soon be hunting jobs. Omaha challenges St. Joseph to test the population figures by the election returns.

As if preparing for final collapse, our amiable popocratic contemporary remarks on the morning of election day: "The Lord loves a cheerful loser."

In addition to the vast sums in the national banks of Nebraska there is on deposit in the state banks \$26,805,084. Nebraska people are doing quite well.

The force of habit is so strong that it is hardly to be expected that democratic papers can fall into the way of telling the truth immediately after election.

The spectacle of a sheriff hiding to evade service of an order of court, whose orders he is himself sworn to enforce, is reserved for the present fusion incumbent in Douglas county.

Russia also fights shy of the third clause of the Anglo-German agreement regarding China. The powers all pretend to be opposed to any division of China, but do not care to bury the carving knife so deep that it cannot be found in case there is something to pass around.

The queen of Portugal has demonstrated that royalty can make itself useful if given a chance. Her boatman was dumped into the water and was likely to drown, when the queen plunged into the surf and rescued him. It isn't every fellow who is lucky enough to have a queen handy when he falls into the water.

The auditorium project has had an excellent start and can be pushed to successful fruition before the building season arrives if the proper action is taken by the committee, which consists of some of Omaha's most pushing and enterprising citizens, and their efforts should be seconded by every man, woman and child in the community.

The Cuban constitutional convention was opened amid scenes of the greatest enthusiasm and evidences of a disposition among the delegates to work harmoniously toward the accomplishment of the object for which they have assembled.

McKINLEY RE-ELECTED.

The intelligence, the integrity and the patriotism of the American people have triumphed. The re-election of William McKinley attests the satisfaction of a majority of the people with the industrial and business conditions that have prevailed under a republican administration.

lavor. We ought to have this industry. With every resource for ship building, there is no reason why we should not develop the industry to as large or larger proportions than that of the United Kingdom.

THE CUBAN CONVENTION.

The convention to frame a constitution for an independent Cuban government assembled in Havana Monday. A dispatch from Havana General Wood states that perfect harmony prevailed at the opening and that there was great enthusiasm and cheering for the United States.

Republican victory means a continuation of the conditions which have given to the country prosperity and a stimulus to enlarge investments and new enterprises. It means the strengthening of financial confidence. It means further industrial and commercial development.

Experience has shown that it takes two and sometimes three days for the people of Nebraska to secure complete returns of their election. This is due to the fact that many of the election precincts are entirely without communication by telegraph or telephone and some of them without mail facilities.

In a presidential year, with a large and complicated ballot and an unusual number of offices to fill, the work of the canvassing boards is necessarily protracted and delayed. Should the election be close the result cannot be accurately announced until the complete returns are at hand.

While the Cuban people are more or less dependent upon the United States for their future form of government, we are not disposed to give any credence to reports of a purpose on the part of our government to insist upon conditions which would not be compatible with Cuba's independence.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL DECLINE.

A London correspondent, referring to the decline in Britain's naval strength, says there are five causes which have contributed to it. These are that the naval program for men, ships and material is insufficient, the program proposed by Parliament is the least compatible with safety.

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