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The report of Secretary of the Treasury Gage differs from democratic re- The figures on the electors on the opports in one material particular-the balance is not on the red side of the ledger.

The city council wants to have the Advisory board inquire whether the garbage contract has not been violated. Why does not the city council investigate for itself?

The Peter Cooper club is in hard lines. With a deficit in the treasury, no hope of office for its members and winter coming on there is little consolation in being reformers.

There are now 800 schools in the island of Porto Rico, an increase of 187 during the year. At this rate the next ponent. generation of Porto Ricans will be pretty thoroughly Americanized.

Now that the Commercial club has given formal welcome to the manufacturers and jobbers recently located here the general public should follow it up by according them a full share of their patronage.

GERMANS DISPLEASED. The reference in the president's message to the relations between the United States and Germany displeases the Ger- medium of exchange and for instru- fear of a general plague. mans, judging from the comments of ments of credit, which a proper bank the newspapers. They complain that note furnishes, and the investment the language used by the president in price or value of government bonds, describing the relations is not only less which is at present the most influential factor in determining the currency supcordial than he employed in his message of a year ago, but it is also cold in ply, there is no discernible relation Judging from his action in the Dreyfus comparison with the terms in which he whatever." The secretary merely urges this upon the attention of conspeaks of the relations of this country

CONDITIONS IN PORTO RICO.

the outlook for the island, under Ameri-

All of which serves to demonstrate

come.

with Great Britain and with France. gress, making no suggestions as to legis-The message says that "good will pre- lation and probably nothing will be done as to this matter at the present vails in our relations with the German empire." while it states that "our session. It can wait, of course, withfriendly relations with Great Britain out injury to any interest, for consideracontinue." The German newspapers detion by the next congress, but legislatect in this an implication that the tion that will make the bank currency line. It was shoved off. president feels less friendly toward Gerresponsive to the requirements of commany than toward England. merce and industry should not be un-

It appears to be a case of supersensinecessarily deferred. iveness. Germany has had abundant evidence during the McKinley administration of the earnest desire of this The message of Governor Allen of government to cultivate friendly rela-Porto Rico to the legislature shows that tions and there is not the slightest reathe financial condition of the island is son to doubt that this feeling is as satisfactory, there being a generous balstrong now as at any time. Germany's ance in the public treasury. The numpolicy of discrimination as to some of ber of schools has increased during the our products, especially meats, and the past year and is now 800. It is evident pronounced commercial hostility of a large element of her people toward the operated to the disadvantage of Porto United States, have been exceedingly Rico, but the governor recommends an irritating and deemed by many to jusequitable system of taxation, which if tify retaliation, but the present administration has never shown any dispositariff. tion to favor a policy that would im-The first commissioner to the Ameripair friendly relations between the countries. As a matter of fact the United States has shown a greater deand says the people of the island are sire to cultivate friendship than Gergenerally satisfied with the administramany has, in view of which the comtion given by this government. There plaint now made by the German newspapers is, to say the least, ungracious.

ANOTHER DISCLOSURE OF THE RETURNS Another interesting disclosure of the official canvass on president in the election in Nebraska is that Mr. Bryan failed to poll as many votes in his home state in 1900 as he did in 1896. posing tickets receiving the highest number of votes are as follows:

McKinley, Bryan, 114,013 115.933 From this table it is readily seen that while McKinley made a gain in Nebraska, comparing the two elections, of 18.771, Bryan suffered a loss of 1,920. Taken in connection with the large increase in the total vote cast, this positive loss in the Bryan column means much more than it otherwise would; it must be explained not by stay-at-homes, but by the revulsion of sentiment

against Bryan that transferred to Mc-Kinley votes formerly cast for his op-

This change was clearly visible all during the campaign. The Bryanites tried to reinspire confidence in their cause by asserting that the reported changes from Bryan to McKinley were either fictitious or sure to be offset by equal or greater changes the other way, but the story of the ballots proves conjustified by results. clusively that they were wrong.

not entirely, to the price of government Philippines. Fortunately few acute and bonds in the market. Between the dangerous cases are reported, and with needs of trade and commerce for a ordinary precautions there need be no

> General Mercier has again found a way to bring himself before the public. He announces a plan by which the invasion of England would be easy. case it would be safe to predict that in case the attempt were made the general would be found several miles in the rear of the firing line.

The Way it Happened. Kansas City Journal. It is hardly correct to say that President

McKinley's vote "fell off" in North Caro-

They Heard the News.

Globe-Democrat. Thousands of bolomen in the Philippines are taking the oath of allegiance to the United States as a result of the election. Even the bow and arrow men have heard the news.

The Only Sure Way.

Minneapolis Times. A South Dakota editor has secured judgnent in the sum of \$500 against certain citizens who took exceptions to matter appearing in his paper and destroyed his plant. The only way to get even for an that the 15 per cent tariff has not offensive article is to destroy the editor.

Migration of Populism. Indianapolis Journal.

Nebraska populists, including those who instituted will at once do away with the are going out of office, propose to emigrate to the Indian territory that they may not be in a state in which they are in the The first commissioner to the Ameri-can congress elected by the people of a portion of the Indian territory and keep Porto Rico is now in the United States it for those who hold the populist faith.

Craelty at West Point. Minneapolis Times.

The superintendent of West Point mill are some who do not yet fully under. tary academy admits that a young cadet stand it and these are suspicious, but was hazed there to the point of death, but justifies the outrage on the ground that the the more intelligent Porto Ricans are cadet in question had shown the white perfectly satisfied. Planters and mer- feather, and needed to be disciplined. But chants, the commissioner said, have al- what an example of bravery it must have ready recognized the benefits they have been to him to have been held by haif a derived since Porto Rico became an a concoction of tobasco sauce and other American possession and the lower hot ingredients down his throat. classes will soon realize it. He regards

Hot Fire in the Rear. Philadelphia Ledger.

can rule, as excellent. Labor is better There appears to be a general impression paid than formerly, good progress is in England that Kitchener, who is now in being made in educational work and the sole charge of military operations in South conditions generally have improved. Africa, will deal much more harship with the Boers than Lord Roberts did. In that The commissioner said: "There is no case he will hear from a large and rapidly mistake that there is a rapidly growing growing army of hostile critics at home. belief in Porto Rico that the American The crueities reported of the army in the Boer country have called out strong proform of government is a great improvetests in England, and an aggravation of ment. There is more freedom on the them, under the merciless policy attributed island and the people are quick to rec- to Kitchener, will certainly raise a storm ognize it. I am very hopeful of the out- of protest that must be heard in the Transvaal.

Looting Pekin's Observatory. Springfield Republican

that it would have been a grave mistake It is possible that the theft of the celeto have adopted for Porto Rico the polbrated Chinese astronomical instruments in icy advocated by the democrats and a the observatory at Pekin by the godly few republicans in congress. Sooner or Germans and French may be checked, now later, undoubtedly, the people of the that a protest by several of the foreign to which their president has been admiraisland will be given a larger measure of ministers has been sent to Count von Walself-government than they now have. derses. These instruments, which are magnificent bronzes of venerable age and great Possibly they will be accorded the same artistic quality, were already boxed up political privileges that are enjoyed by ready for shipment to Berlin and Paris. citizens of our territories. But for the it is to be hoped that the Chinese are present the policy applied to Porto Rico liking Christendom, better and better beis the most desirable and is being fully cause of these little idiosyncrasies in west ern morality.

> An Old Swindle Revived. New York Tribu An ingenious set of swindlers is fleecing ignorant negroes by persuading them to slaves. The number of colored men and would steal pennies from a dead man' eyes. Hustle them off to jail!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.): As indicated in the president's message, our policy is to stand firm in China, to go forward in the Philippines and to maintain our rights in Alaska.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (rep.); It is a long message, but the country is growing larger, and its concerns at home and abroad naturally keep pace with this expansion The president's recommendations will, in most cases, find favor from congress, it is safe to predict. The message is broad, sane and thoroughly American.

St. Paul Pioneer Press (rep.): In general it may be said that the message breathes the spirit of patriotic statesmanship which pervades all the president's utterances. It s a splendid record of what has been achieved under his administration, and is pregnant with the promise of still more splendid achievements in the future. Chicago Times-Herald (rep.): The con-

luding paragraph of the message is a timely appeal to congress to guard against the temptations to extravagant expenditures incident to national prosperity and a surplus revenue, and its last words are a reminder that "the foundation of our government is liberty, its superstructure peace.

Chicago Chronicle (dem.): Not even President McKinley's warmest admirers will be likely to call his message to congress a great state paper. It is a clerkly ocument-a recital of certain facts and alleged facts-and that is all. It does not initiate a new policy. It contains practically nothing that congress and the people lid not know before.

Kansas City Star (ind.): This message, oming from the official head of a government declared by the minority party to be rushing to "imperialism," concludes with these exalted words: "Our growing power brings with it temptations and perils requiring constant vigilance to avoid. must not be used to invite conflicts, nor for oppression, but for the more effective maintenance of those principles of equality and justice upon which our institutions and bappiness depend. Let us keep always in n ind that the foundation of our government is liberty, its superstructure peace."

Denver Post (fus.): The president's message is a diplomatic, deftly conceived document, which reads very much like the silver plank in the national republican platform of four years ago. It is in no sense radical and it is in every sense plausible. Whenever it is possible to reach a point by indirection that is done. Therefore the message may be considered to lack in robustness and virility, while on the other hand whatever it lacks in these respects is more than made up in its safe. conservative tone, which will strongly appeal to the business elements of the country

nesslike message closes with a patriotic utterance for economy, caution, freedom, simplicity and peace. The message should favorably received. For that reason it will be. The people have shown their confidence in a chief magistrate who has always trusted them. Between him and his party is accord. Between him and the people is the fact of faith felt, based on the record of faith kept. The first term, as it rounds to the second, will close an epoch-making chapter in American history. of which the people have been worthy and bly adequate and equal.

As Lord Rosebery views it, "Prosperity, while it endures, is the drug, the hashish, which blinds the patient to all but golden lsions.

Chancellor Snow of the Kansas State university has been granted a year's leave of absence, owing to the condition of his health, which has been bad for some time. Governor Crane of Massachusetts attended a dinner given to the poor of Boston on Thanksgiving day and ate with a party of well known men at the general board. Richard T. Ely, professor of political economy in the University of Wisconsin, is reported to have refused the offer of the

WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Fillmore Chronicle.

A good many hard things have been said of Editor Rosewater of The Omaba Bee and, from the Chronicle's standpoint, he deserves a good many of them. But we believe in giving everyone his due. Nebraska is republican this year and all who assisted in the good work are entitled to credit. A very liberal slice of the credit is due to Edward Rosewater and The Bee, for he fought for republican victory with every weapon at his command-and they were

many. And everyone who knows Rosewater knows he would make a creditable United States senator. If we are not all for him. we can at least afford to be fair. ****************

VOTE OF THE SOUTH.

Marked Effect of Distranchising Laws and General Apathy. Philadelphia Press.

One of the most interesting results of the recent national election is the vote in the in that section, and of these all but four show a marked falling off in the vote polled as compared with the vote of 1896. The four states showing an increased vote are Delaware Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky, and the three first were carried by about 5,000 in Florida to 103,000 in Texas. The following table gives the vote cast

States. Alabama . Arkansas. Delawara Dem. 96,338 81,142 18,856 28,007 81,700 235,103 49,502 122,271 51,706 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 351,913 157,736 157,756 157,7576 157,756 Rep. 55,6439 44,700 22,467 7,499 35,035 227,128 125,335 126,212 5,753 314,093 132,997 3,625 125,861 121,175 115,865 119,851 Rep. 54,737 37,512 16,804 11,288 60,091 218,171 22,037 136,959 5,130 304,930 155,222 9,281 148,773 167,520 135,368 106,368 lorida.... Georgia. Kentucky. Louisiana. Maryland. Mississippi. Missouri. 104,725 63,880 363,667 174,48 58,798 168,376 870,434 154,709 94,480

Totals. 1.478,158 1,980,775 1,589,191 2,230,363 The total vote of these sixteen states in 1896 was 3.819.554, of which the republicans cast 1,589,191 and the democrats cast 2,230. 363. But in 1900 the total vote of these same states is 3,458,913, of which the republicans cast 1,478,158 and the democrats 1.980,755. The total vote fell off 360,641. the republicans losing 111,033 and the democrats 249,608, or more than twice as many. The republicans gained votes in six states and lost in ten states, while the democrats gained in only four states and lost in twelve states. Their loss in Alabama, Arkansas and Texas is large in each case, amounting in the last state to over 100,000 votes. As Texas has increased in population about 350,000 since 1896, warranting an

The general apathy which appears to have prevailed in three-fourths of the southern

the colored voters is noticeable. Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina cast, in the aggregate only about 179,000 votes. Twenty years ago these same states cast 383,000 votes, or more than double what they did this year, notwithstanding the increase in population of the last two decades.

weight of unfair taxation. He can take care of himself if he shall set about it. If instead of abandoning his farm and remaining away from the polls on the day of election he should attend the party primaries and make himself felt in the choice of proper officials he would soon be master of the situation. If the farmers should use their power all the professional politicians of the country could not keep them from the attainment of just weight in the conduct of government. The farmers can compel the corporations and combinations to fair dealing whenever they shall choose to do so.

FIRED TOO SOON.

Caustle Comment on Bryan's Post-Mortem Remarks. Boston Herald.

Mr. Bryan's comments on the election, as made in the North American Review, are not of much worth. He would have done better to decline the honorarium by which he was tempted to give out his extemporaneous judgment on that event and have kept silence until he had fully digested the meaning of his overwhelming defeat. He only makes it plain that he does not realize what has happened. What he says is little more than a repetition of the talk he was induiging in before the election, to which he then prefixed an if. "If we are defeated it will be because," etc., etc. The lefeat was so emphatic and conclusive that he would have done better to think it over a few weeks or months in calm and candid south. Sixteen states are usually placed seriousness, having, if possible, divested himself of the overweening egotism that distorts his vision of the causes of the popular rebuke. If it were possible for him to look critically at himself as another person, to project himself and his political following upon a distant screen and observe the republicans. The increase in the fourth the spectacle fearlessly, he might possibly state, Kentucky, is due to the active can- discover his own wrong moves in playing vass made. In the other twelve states of the game and learn that the offensive thing the south there were losses, ranging from which caused the people to take sides against his party was Bryanism. So long as he assumes that William Jennings Bryan by the republicans and democrats in these is the only wise man in American politics sixteen southern states, and compares it his reflections on the meaning of events with the vote cast by the same parties in will be chiefly profitable to the magazines.

LAUGHING GAS.

Indianapolis Journal: "Alarm clocks are

no good." "Why do you say so?" "I was carrying one under my arm when that thief stole my pocketbook."

Pittsburg Chronicle: "One would not ex-pect to find egotism among postage stamps," remarked the snake editor to the horse editor.

horse editor. "No." "And yet when I put a few postage stamps in my pocket I soon find them stuck on themselves."

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Detroit Journal: Here the Despairing Soul blew out the gas "Death, also, it would seem, is the more effectively courted in the dark!" she mut-tered, with ghastly wit.

Indianapolis Press: "Why should not Woman aspire?" asked the Sweet Young Thing. "She should," said the Savage Bachelor, "If she could only get the fool notion out of her head that aspiring was mainly com-posed of throwing fits."

Detroit Free Press: Tomson-Say, old man, why don't you join our club? Johnson-I've only been married six months. Come around a year or so from now.

Indianapolis Press: "This, you see," said the architect, "will insure free ventilation." "I vont have it." said the gentleman that was about to build a theater. "I vill haf nothing free!"

Somerville Journal: The average man is a good deal prouder of his ancestors than his ancestors would probably be of him.

prevailed in three-fourths of the southern states cannot be explained entirely by the knowledge that these states were certain to go democratic in any event. It was un-doubtedly due, in a large measure, to the unpopularity of the democratic candidate and platform. The constantly decreasing vote in the states while have differentiated and have enjoyed pulling his whiskers so much. It was too cute for

1896 N. Caro ina S. Carolina Tennessee... Texas.... Virginia... W. Va....

Brooklyn Eagle (ind.): A notably bush

PERSONAL NOTES

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Consul Stowe at Capetown says he cannot comprehend what caused Webster Davis to make his recent flop. There is a suspicion abroad that Webwhy he did it.

Remember that you can make your holiday purchases just as cheaply and with an almost equal variety for choice cago or New York. Patronize your home merchants.

Turkish naval officers who examined the ship since it has been lying at Smyrna express great admiration for the Kentucky. The sultan was not favored with a personal inspection, but evidently has a wholesome respect for the vessel.

Every one with an az to grind is now busy drawing up bills to be submitted to the coming legislature. With the addition which the members themselves will make to the list every indication is that the crop will be fully up to the average.

The entire Nebraska delegation was of the gold standard beyond all doubt. on hand at the opening of congress with He suggests an amendment to the act the exception of Senator Allen, who probably construes the election of a republican legislature to choose his successor as notice that his constituents will not insist on his services any longer than necessary.

The optical peculiarities of a radical prohibitionist are one of the strangest things in the world. He can see three or four times as many saloous in Manila as the official and best posted private persons report, while he could not possibly see a liquor joint in a prohibition state.

The London Globe insists that the United States must be careful or it will get spanked over the Nicaragua canal next four years, yet it would be as well matter. If the British government cannot be induced to perform the task the Globe editor will take a day off and do it himself. The Globe would be alarming if it were not so funny.

Governor Lind of Minnesota should call upon Governor Poynter to help him power is committed to such legislation out of the dilemma by which he pro- as will better make the currency refesses to be embarrassed in finding sponsive to the varying needs of busisome one to accept an appointment to ness at all seasons and in all sections." the senatorial vacancy created by the While the provision of the act of last death of the late Senator Davis. Governor Poynter has several applications bank note issue has resulted in making for apppointive senatorial honors left a material addition to the bank curover from the last time.

district. We may be sure Howard will make interesting reading in his paper. but whether he can coin his editorials remotely, if at all, influenced by the the disease has been spread chiefly into credentials for congress will depend upon future developments.

The report of the secretary of the AS TO CURRENCY LEGISLATION. President McKinley made no specific State Banking board on the business of recommendation in his message regard- the building and loan associations in contribute small sums to promote an effort ing currency legislation. He merely Nebraska makes a remarkable showing to prevail upon congress to pension former ster is himself unable to comprehend suggested that it will be the duty of for prosperity. While there are not so women who were in bondage in the southcongress to provide whatever further many associations doing business as ern states at the time of the empancipaegislation is needed to insure the con- there have been in former years, the tion proclamation and who still survive is tinued parity under all conditions be- number of shares outstanding is greater by no means inconsiderable. Of course tween silver and gold. Secretary Gage, by far than ever before and the total there is no conceivable possibility that in his annual report, points out that as assets almost equal to the high water the trickers of the relation of

> watchful officer to protect fully the gold reserve, there appears to be lacking sufficient mandatory requirement to the better conditions generally obtaintinued parity, under all conditions, be-

tween our two forms of metallic money. silver and gold." He suggests that upon this point further legislation may pecome desirable. Representative Overstreet of Indiana, who had charge of the currency bill in tutions.

the house last winter, is of the opinion that there should be further legislation

to put the question of the permanency changeability of all forms of money. "Interchangeability," said Mr. Overstreet, "does not mean redemption, for redemption means payment. Interchangeability merely establishes the absolute equality of all forms of money used by this government." An amendment providing for this need not occupy the attention of congress for any considerable time. It would not require extended discussion, for it is not probable that there would be much opposi tion to it. Such an amendment would

undeniably strengthen the gold standard law and while there is no urgent demand for it, because that law will be administered in its true spirit for the

to adopt it at the present session as to leave it for the next congress. There is another matter which it would seem might receive considera-

tion at this session without interfering with other business. The president said in his message: "The party in

March liberalizing the conditions of rency, the secretary of the treasury

points out that there is under our pres-Our old friend Edgar Howard has ent system no assurance whatever that simply changed his point of destination the volume of bank currency will be and instead of going to Washington he continuously responsive to the counhas decided to locate in Columbus. Neb., try's needs, either by expanding as such where he will assume active charge of needs require or by contracting when the management of the Columbus Tele- superfluous in amount. Secretary Gage gram without waiting for the aid or con- says: "The truth is that, safe and de- contagion were pretty well scattered all sent of the voters of this congressional sirable as is our currency system in over the United States, although in no many respects, it is not properly re- place has it reached the stage of epilated. The supply of currency is but demic. The natural inference is that

right here in Omaha as you can in Chi- to the redemption fund provided for in mark. The secretary nimself, although from them under false pretenses is of a the act of March 14 last, known as the a member of the calamity party, cannot particularly despicable sort. Such fellows gold standard law, "while the powers help expressing his "sense of gratificaconferred upon the secretary are prob- tion in the material growth and imably ample to enable a zealous and proved condition of the building and

loan associations of the state during the last four years," which he ascribes to furnish complete confidence in the con- ing and to a wider experience on the part of the management of the institu- One of the first results of a separation of tions. Nebraska has been singularly fortunate of late in escaping injury from wildcat loan associations, and by exercising careful supervision can protect

investors in this class of savings insti-

When the Twenty-fourth street viaduct is completed Omaha will be fairly well equipped with means of transit over the tracks that divide the south gained. of last March providing for the inter- part of the city. If another viaduct is needed later it would probably be located at Twentleth street where the traffic would justify it. With these viaducts open, the north and south artery of trade between Omaha and South

Omaha may be expected to move westward. Only a few years ago it was by way of Thirteenth street, while now Sixteenth street is the principal thoroughfare. The Twenty-fourth street line is sure to be the coming route.

The arrival of General Lee to take command of the Department of the Missouri terminates the temporary command of General Merriam, who will now confine his attention exclusively to the Department of Colorado. While General Merriam has retained his residence in Denver and favored Omaha only so far as official duties required, his work here has been uniformly in harmony with both his subordinates and the com-

munity and our people will always have for him only the best and most friendly remembrance.

State Treasurer Meserve appears finally to have found a place for the \$500 fine assessed upon The Bee by the supreme court by transferring it to the temporary school fund to be apportioned to the various counties in the December distribution, although there is no law to tell him just where this money should go. If the supreme court had only come to the rescue often enough Treasurer Meserve might have played for a still

portionment.

ever changing requirements of trade and through the return of the soldiers who industry. It is related most largely, if were exposed while in service in the 142,395.

Democracy and Populism. Chicago Chronicle (dem.)

One of the immediate effects of the fusion of democracy and populism was the disappearance from the democratic party of mer of affairs who had formerly acted with it. populism from democracy will be a return by this element to its original political milations.

Populism has associated itself in the publi mind with unreasoning hostility to property. It has assailed credit, public and private. It has stood in the path of progress. It has been a menace to enterprise. It has sought blunderingly and fanatically to reg-

ulate matters of which it was ignorant and its policies have proved destructive. It deserves the bad repute which it has

Penalty for Dying Abroad. Louisville Courier-Journal

American millionaires who find England an agreeable place in which to live had better be careful about dying there. Mr. William Louis Winans of New Jersey went abroad in 1858 and leased two houses in England, besides a very large estate in Scotland, though he did not become a British citizen. He died worth about \$15,-000,000, and on the ground that he had acquired a domicile the Queen's bench division has decided that the crown is entitled to 8 per cent legacy duties on his entire estate, or \$1,200,000. The native-born American

who will abandon the glorious privilege of dwelling under the star-spangled banner leserves all the taxation his estate has to bear when he dies, and Mr. Winan's heirs made a vain attempt to prevent the collection.

FEATURES OF THE POPULAR VOTE.

Number of Ballots Cast Less Four Years Ago.

New York World. The total vote cast for president in 1896 was 13,923,387 out of an estimated total electorate of 14,250,000. The total vote cast for president in 1900 was 13,883,943 out of an estimated electorate of 15,500,000.

The vote this year was therefore 39,435 less than it was four years ago, although the electorate had increased at least 1.250,-060. While the vote four years ago was within a quarter of a million of the total electorate, the "stay-at-home" vote this ytar reached 1,250,000. One voter in every dozen the country through refrained from expressing any opinion upon the presidency. Except the presidential election of 1864.

when the southern states were not repre-One of our ideal days of Indian summer, sented, this is the first presidential elec tion at which the popular vote has been which has given a continuous performance in this favored region for six weeks past less than at the preceding presidential drifted down into Massachusetts last week

and evoked this glowing note from the Except that election of 1864 this is the first presidential election at which the Springfield Republican: "Let it be remempopular vote has not been much greater. bered that the second day of December, in greater in proper proportion, than at the one of the most exquisite examples of Inpreceding election. Mr. McKinley's popular vote in 1896 was dian summer weather known in this lati-7 102,272. His popular vote in 1900 was 7,238,130, a gain of 135,858. Mr. Bryan's ude. We are unusually blest, for snows popular vote in 1896 was 6,502,925. His popu- and northeast of us, and all along the hills upon the market as real butter. lar vote in 1900 was 6,360,530, a loss of of western Massachusetts our rains have been ice storms."

corresponding chair in the University of The vote in North Carolina, the other dis California. franchising state, fell off about 42,000. The Senator Lodge of Massachusetts does not loss would have been larger had the sufreglect literature in his cultivation of polifrage amendment adopted last August been tics. He sets aside a part of every day in force at this election. It does not take for reading and for writing of a purely effect until next year, when it will doubtless

literary character. Lawrence M. Jacobs, who has been ap pointed statistician of the Philippine comnission, was formerly one of the experts fourth of the votes cast in the forty-five

in the loan and currency division of the Treasury department. John W. Campbell, chief of police of St

country. The average proportion of voters Louis, who is spoken of as head of the to population is about one in seven, or an Manila department, has been connected average far below what prevails in the with the St. Louis force for several years northern states. This absence of interest and has a remarkable record for efficiency George S. Godard, the new state librarian

f Connecticut, was graduated from Wesleyan university in 1892, and received the degree of B. D. from Yale in 1895. He beame assistant librarian of the state library in 1898.

Governor Sayers of Texas is said to have contributed to the Galveston relief fund more money in proportion to his private vania which the census returns show have means than any other person interested but his gifts were distributed secretly, and 1890. were not publicly acknowledged.

At Brookville, Ind., resides Harrison Seal, who at the recent election deposited his twentieth vote for president. He was born

The main industry of the inhabitants is in Miami, O., in 1808, but has been a resi farming. dent of Franklin county, Indiana, since he was 2 years old. Mr. Seal lives on a farm which he purchased in 1836. London Truth is authority for the state-

ment that, upon his retirement from active diplomatic service next year. Lord Pauncefote will be offered either the title of vis count or earl in recognition of his distinguished services to the crown, especially connection with his mission to the in the population of New York state has United States.

Joseph W. Steckler of Orange, N. J., will and manufacturing districts. The drift is erect a monument in Athens, Pa., in com- cityward; the towns grow; the strictly memoration of the soldiers and sailors of rural populations dwindle. Men and wo-Bradford county. It will stand in the cen- men go where life is most attractive. It ter of the old academy lawn on the exact may be easier to subsist in town than in spot where General Sullivan of revolution- the country; but that is not a desirable ary fame camped on his famous march state of things. Goldsmith's celebrated against the Six Nations in New York in plaint is as true now as when he wrote it:

779. Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey Where wealth accumulates, and men decay. On November 6 fifty years had elapsed since Carl Schurz, as a medical student, It is the duty of statesmen to consider

helped the poet Gottfried Kinkel, who had how far bad legislation has been responbeen condemned to life imprisonment for sible for the hard conditions which make political reasons, to escape from Spandau farming in the eastern and middle states of the union a less and less inviting occuto England. Kinkel subsequently became a professor at Zurich, and after his pardon in pation. The cheap and productive lands he '70s he returned and lectured in Ger- of the western states, aided by remarkably low rates of transportation on farm

many. products, have made it impossible for east-The brothers Andreas and Anton Lang. who recently acted the parts of Christ and the high priest in the "Passion Play" at of the great staples of export to foreign Oberammergau, were in Rome not long ago. countries. Ever since the inflated green-They called at the vatican to request an audience with the pope and the guards been overvalued for purposes of taxation. The exemption of farm lands from state were stricken with terror on seeing them taxation in Pennsylvania has only had the some of the soldiers actually believing Andreas to be Christ in person. The pope re-

effect of making more costly the service of corporations, which apparently bear the ceived them cordially and gave each of the brothers a gold medal. ourden of shifted taxation, but which are really only state agencies of tax, collection The farmers have been driven to dairying, trucking and fruit growing. The small

furmers who have not gone west or to town have largely given up the struggle to make ends meet. Improved processes of butter and cheese production are rapidly this last year of the nineteenth century, was changing the dairying business into a more strictly manufacturing occupation. The reameries will soon monopolize not only the making of butter, but of butter sub of several storms lie northwest and north stitutes, which are now fraudulently put

> What is the farmer to do? He has it in his power to relieve himself of the

vote in the states which have disfranchised

result in a large reduction in the number

The southern states polled less than one-

about one-third of the population of the

Rural Districts.

Philadelphia Record.

counties contain large towns.

ern farmers to compete in the productio

back days of the civil war time farms have

of votes cast.

Boston Transcript: Giles-When you look over a family photograph album do you ever speculate about the thoughts of the originals of the pictures? Wilton-Yes. I think most of them, if they could see their pictures today, would de-voutly wish they hadn't.

Indianapolis Press: "Er-who was that ellow you introduced me to last night?" "That, sir, was the noted champion of he downtrodden."

the downtrodden." "Huh! He didn't look like a reformer." "He isn't. He is in the business of get-ting paving contracts."

Smart Set: "I wanted to go out shopping today." sighed young Mrs. Maddox, "but I couldn't on account of the rain." "Wanted to try to get something for nothing, as usual. I suppose," said her husband, attempting to be facetious, "Well. I did think of getting you some neckwear," repiled Mrs. Maddox, inno-cently. states in the union, although they must have cently.

FAREWELL TO FOOT BALL.

Pittsburg Chronicle.

The grid, Where oft they slid, in national political questions is not healthful, but it will doubtless continue as long as present conditions prevail in the south.

passed, raced, chased, clashed WHAT IS THE FARMER TO DO! Deeline in Population in Eastern

And clashed, And smashed— Where oft they used to roll While struggling for the goal, And in the widespread mud, And in the widespread mud, Went down with awagome thud, Went down other piled There are sixteen counties in Pennsyl

Went down with awagone thud And on each other piled Till some got riled. And others limped away Bruised victims of the fray-The white-lined grid. Where all the things they did Evoked the cheers. Or teers. less population in 1900 than they had in There are sixteen other counties in

each of which the increase of population has been less than 1,000. None of these r briefly bellowed songs thirty-two counties contains large towns.

Or watching throngs— This often torn-up grid At last is rid Of players, crowds and noise And griefs and loys. Because the season's at an end, And herces to the common plane descend. The same conditions are shown by the census returns for New York state. Twenty-two of the farming counties in that mmonwealth show a loss of population

since 1890, and in each of five others the The crowds that used to root And toot

gain was less than 1,000. None of these And toot The ear-appalling horn Till people wished they'd ne'er been born, Are scattered far and wide, Their zeal to other tasks applied, And many are the thanks expressed By citizens who get a rest. The gain of 19.8 per cent in the popula tion of Pennsylvania and of 21.1 per cent been made nearly altogether in the urban

The heroes of the gam Who fiercely strove fo for fame, Who fiercely strove for fame, Where are they now? Some proudly pose with laureled brow Some bruised, and prone, and still, Are objects of the suregon's skill; Some limp along with crutch or cane, Their every step creating pain; And some, by lengthy sitting vexed, Await the busy barber's "Next" with laureled browt



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higher record on the school fund ap-It begins to look as if the smallpox