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HAZING AT WEST POINT.

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Wanted-A sympathetic reporter. Apply at once to the Omaha Woman's

Of course, "the best people in town" prefer to attend incog when they go.

Miss Omaha to Santa Claus-"How nice it would be to find a full-grown auditorium in my Christmas stocking."

It looks as if Omaha for once were going to dispense altogether with a charter revision committee this year.

According to the local paper known as the Prize Fighters' Own "everything is ties at West Point. in fine shape" for another pugilistic bout in Omaha next week. Where are the great deal of attention from the newsministers who are shocked at naughty papers and the action of the house of billboard pictures?

An arbitration agreement would be If such brutality is practiced at the An arbitration agreement would be in such biotening a problem as is al-the most acceptable thing for Oom Paul to find in his Christmas stocking, but leged to have taken place in the case of limit in deferring action. Aside from from present indications Santa Claus Cadet Booz measures should be taken matters of legislation pending in that

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1900.

A COLOSSAL CONSPIRACY. While the testimony in the legislative great an extent as it is prudent and exchangeable for gold at the rate of two contest cases is not yet completed. enough evidence has already been ad- cumulating surplus, while on the other tion of the status of the inhabitants of duced to prove conclusively that the hand they wish to avoid a deficit. It the islands. The scarcity of coin at Mawhole election in South Omaha was one is simply a question of practical states. nila and other island ports seriously incolossal swindle perpetrated by a con- manship. If the treasury estimates are terferes with business. The Mexican dollar spiracy in the interest of the fusion approximately correct a reduction in is the standard coin of the natives. ticket. The conspirators, of course, will taxation to the extent of \$40,000,000 is not come to the front to testify against as far as congress should go at this themselves, but the corroborating time. It is understood to be the opinstories of various witnesses to the ion of the administration that the tangible evidence of the conspiracy amount is too large. As to the demoleaves no scintilla of doubt that the cratic position, it is manifestly unsound build by way of Nicaragua. Their project normal democratic majority in South and untenable. To wipe out seventy mil-Omaha was doubled only by the grossest lions of revenue at this time might reviolation of law, including nearly every sult in serious embarrassment to the specie of election fraud.

The evidence shows that the registra- revenue through an income tax is at ture. A third of the proposed work is tion books were systematically loaded present utterly idle, while any modifica- finished and the engineering difficulties prewith dummy names of men planted on tion of the tariff law at this session of vacant lots or transients without any congress is quite out of the question.

right to the suffrage. To cover up this colonization the registration books were REVIVAL OF THE IRISH PARTY. kept in a way to prevent its detection The convention of Irishmen that met until after the mischief had been comin Dublin Tuesday, described by Mr. mitted, while to shield them the voters John Redmond, who presided, as "the were not sworn as the law requires. parliament of the Irish people." evi-The evidence shows further that the dences the fact that Irish patriotism colonized dummies were voted, not only has lost none of its ardor and that on the fake names, but in some instances there is no abandonment of the deby assuming the names of other voters termination of the people of Ireland or by fraudulent certificates. To make to secure the political rights for which s.geo sure the goods were delivered to the fusion candidates, the endless chain 370 scheme was put into operation, the balis to unite Irishmen for the promotion 8,410 lots being taken out of the booth and of home rule and for securing needed marked for the voter on the outside. reforms. The leaders in the movement The exact number of these colonized seek to do away with the factional convoters, repeaters and illegal ballots will troversies and conflicts which have ers of coal. If America is able to sell coal probably never be known, but it is cer- proved disastrous in the past to the tain that they aggregate into the huncause of home rule and inimical to dreds. On a fair ballot and an honest count every map on the republican ticket Irish people. If this can be accom-

doubtless still remote. The time would seem to be auspi-

Oscar L. Booz, formerly a cadet at Great Britain been in greater need of beside our other great commodities for ex-West Point, who is alleged to have died the loyal support of all her people than of the wonderful possibilities abroad. With from the effects of injuries received she is at this time and perhaps never one coal transport line started, and the are clamoring for prize fights, but they there at the hands of other cadets. before was the nation's obligation to ability to quickly get other similar fleets The young man himself asserted that the Irish people stronger than it now in being, nothing more than ordinary comhis illness was due to hazing and his is. They responded freely to the call parents aver that when he entered the for soldiers and their services have been can capital and the wage-carnings military academy he was sound men- distinguished by the gallantry in war American workingmen. tally and physically, but after the for which the race is proverbial. This

treatment he was subjected to he be- renewed evidence of loyalty and fidelity came despondent and his health was has greatly strengthened their claim impaired. They charge that the dis- to consideration. Irishmen everywhere ease from which he died was superin- and all who sympathize with the cause duced by the severe treatment he re- of Ireland will regard with interest the ceived. This is denied by the authori- deliberations of the Dublin convention The circumstance has received a it has in view will be attained.

The senate might emulate the exrepresentatives in ordering an investiample of the house in the matter of disgation will be very generally approved. posing of business. While the house

body it has so delayed action on many

pending treatles that it has been found

agreements extending the time fixed for

ratification by one year. The sena-

torial mind is undoubtedly a ponderous

affair, but there should be some way of

Richard Croker, who resides in Eng-

land and draws on New York for a

Triumph of American Skill.

New York Tribune.

"For it is Written." Etc.

Baltimore American.

Now You're Talking.

Portland Oregonian.

.ouisville Courier-Journal

One of the Big Leaks.

Globe-Democrat.

forms in carrying second-class mail matter.

Postmuster General Smith again call

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getting it in motion once in a while.

lessen the burden of taxation to as with 50 cents' worth of silver in it and safe to do so. They do not want an ac. silver dollars for one gold dollar. Such

Two Ditches Across the Neck.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The officials of the Panama Canal company proclaim their purpose to build the caral, notwithstanding the certainty now the United States government will that will not, of course, be lightly abandoned. Tens of millions of dollars have been sunl in it already and, while much of this money has been wasted, there is still solid government and the talk of providing schievement to show for the vast expendisented by the rest of it have been solved. It is thus quite possible that the work will go on, though the prospect of two canals subjected to insult and brutality at almost where one would have hard work to pay a

fair return on the investment cannot be alluring to French or other investors.

AMERICA'S NEW "KING."

"Merry King Coal" Annexes a Siles of the Old World. Leslie's Weekly.

Strangest of all, however, is the thought that America is at last "carrying coals to Newcastle," or doing something very like it. A few weeks ago a ship steamed up the Thames with a big cargo of American coal. they have been contending for gene- The quality of that shipment has proved rations. The object of this convention to be good, and the price low enough. English and Welsh coal operators have proposed to double the price of their output during the coming winter. If they carry out their threat, this action should open the best of all foreign markets to our sellin England for less than is asked for the native output, all that will hinder a commercial triumph will be lack of transpornearly every reform demanded by the tation. Unfortunately, at this time of the year about all of the bottoms that could in Douglas county was elected by a plished and a strong party is formed be made available for coal transport will safe majority and those who failed to and held together, there is reasonable be employed to their full capacity in carryget their certificates of election were hope that it will be able to secure from and wheat for which the old world already simply counted out by a most audacious the British government compliance with depends upon us. This obstacle, however, and shrewd conspiracy to nullify the some of its demands for reforms, is not likely to last long. Now that we are though the realization of the foremost out-exporting every nation on earth, it will aspiration of Irishmen, home rule, is not be long before American capital will realize the vital necessity of having our own ships to carry our trade.

Given the huge fleet which we must soo dered an investigation of the death of clous for such a movement. Never has have, American coal will take its place ary schools. mercial wakefulness is needed to add millions annually to the dividends on Ameri-

BRYANISM IN THE SOUTH.

Effect of the Populistic Alliance of the Total Vote Cast. New York World.

In no other section of the country are the figures of the popular vote so significant and will earnestly hope that the object stituting the large remnant of the "solid upon their face as in the twelve states consouth"-Viriginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri Arkansas, Texas. The figures of their popular vote in the three last presidential elections are:

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HAZING OF CADET BOOZ. Brutal Treatment the Primary Cause

the Young Man's Death. Philadelphia Times. The recent death of Cadet Oscar L. Booz

of Bristol, Pa., has brought out before the public a condition of affairs at West Point that should be exhaustively inquired into by a committee of congress and the evil corrected by the most stringent legislation Many complaints have been given to the public about the brutality of hazing at both West Point and Annapolis and it is quite time that congress should absolutely elimipate the brutal feature from our naval and military education.

It is a well known fact that a Hebrew cadet at either West Point or Annapolis is subjected to every conceivable indignity and every possible form of brutality that can be inflicted anywhere in sight of the ordinary methods of hazing, and it is equally true that a cadet of either of those institutions who is a sincerely religious man and who aims to live a consistent, religious life is every turn. In other words the cadets of West Point and Annapolis, who are the beaeficiaries of the government, assume to make unwritten laws for themselves, which practically excludes from the ordinary benefits of these institutions both the Hebrew and the religious Christian.

Colonel Mills, the superintendent of the military academy, has made informal investigation of the charges of the brutal hazing of Cadet Booz by his associates and he is compelled to confess to the public that the accusations are substantially true. Booz was hated and brutally hazed by his classmates chiefly because he chose to live a consistently religious life. For that offense to his classmates he was insolently spoken of as "Bible Booz" and when Booz was forced into a dispute with one of his associates, who challenged him to a fist fight, a ring was pitched outside the precincts of the academy and Booz was hounded as a coward because he refused to fight his classmate and was forced to drink a flery liquid that blistered his throat as a punishment. The fact that such brutality can be practiced at the military and naval academies of the nation and that the right of redress and protection for those who are thus brutally treated cannot be had clearly shows that the officers in charge of our naval and military academies are either derelict in their duty, or are without power to enforce decent conduct on the part of the cadets A complaint of Cadet Booz to the commander of West Point that he was persistently and malignantly insulted by his classmates because of his religious convicions and that he was denounced as coward because he refused to engage in a rowdy figt fight should promptly bring the severest punishment to the guilty partles, but it is obvious that there is no such protection at either of our naval or mili-

GENERAL CHAFFEE IS RIGHT. Upheld American Standards

American Precedents. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Chaffee and his American methods. They complain of the guard that he posted to

isters are offended by General Chaffee's individual assumption of authority in issuing orders to prevent looting and that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee is not pleased with the independent tone of General Chaffee's communications to headquarters. They report also that General Chaffee has created dissatisfaction by his refusal to join the other governments in giving inreased salaries to officers assigned to duty in the provisional government at Tien Tsin

ent of the Inter Ocean at Pekin takes a different view. He reports that the provisional government at Tien Tsin is cumbersome, expensive and unsatisfactory; that 2.607.000 its chief object seems to be to supply inecures for military officers; that the high salaries paid condemn western government in the eyes of the Chinese and that the provisional government has made a demand for unlimited power regarding public works, the levying of taxes, contributions, import duties, etc.

...... WHAT PINGREE WISHES DONE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION

Rushville Recorder.

Edward Rosewater is neither as

He is a man of many parts, able,

shrewd and energetic, while as a

the peer of any in this half of the

United States. His policy and re-

please all sections of the party;

nevertheless, there is one thing

quite clear, and that is, he favors

measures of a far-reaching and

public-spirited character. While

Mr. Rosewater is a small man in

stature, he is undoubtedly a large

man in ideas. Energetic and

somewhat bumptious, he fights

manfully for Omaha and the state

generally. He has conducted The

Bee to a proud position and the

a public-spirited man should be

recognized. Whatever mistakes he

may have made in the past, they

are not to be the criterion of his

present fitness for recognition. All

men have and do make some mis-

takes, but failing to recognize

their good qualities will not either

do them justice or help the public

weal. At this time the claims of

Mr. Rosewater are worthy of dis-

passionate analysis and fair rec-

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Informs State Legislature that Special Seasion Should Be Devoted to Assessment Problems.

well known nor as popular here as LANSING, Mich., Dec. 12 .- For the third in the eastern part of the state. ime in two years the state legislature convened here today in special session called by Governor Pingree. Consideration of a measure taxing railroads, telephone and newspaper man we consider him telegraph companies, express companies and other forms of corporation property on the cash value of their property instead of publicanism are not of the brand to specifically upon their earnings, as under the present law, is the object of the session. In his message to the legislature Governor Pingree urges, in explaining his reasons for calling the special session, that this legislature is more familiar with the subject of taxation than the next legislature will be; that therefore the debate need only relate to the provisions of the law under consideration; that they have passed the Atkinson bill (which was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court), and their work at this session is merely the reenactment of that law, with such changes as may be deemed advisable. The govtime is at hand when his efforts as ernor asserts that a conservative estimate of the taxes that would be paid by railroads under the proposed law, if assessed on actual cash value at the average general rate of taxation in the state as the constitutional amendment adopted at the last election provides, will be more than \$2,250,000, as against \$1,240,845, the taxes received for the year 1899, which were assessed specifically on the roads' earnings. The governor then submits the report of

the expert appraisers, who have been at work for the last three months, on the physical property of thirty of the smaller railroads in the state, explaining that the appraisers have not yet finished their work. Representative Sever of Detroit will introduce the tax bill tomorrow. It is modeled after the former Atkinson bill and provides that the state tax commission shall constitute a board of assessors and that all franchises and intangible property shall be taxed, as well as physical property.

TO CHOOSE OUAY'S SUCCESSOR

Pennsylvania's Legislature Will Try to Select United States Senator January 25.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 12 .- Announceto do with creating this sentiment, based ment is made today that the republican on a belief that the Cubans are not steadfast caucus to agree upon a candidate for United enough in purpose, are not actuated by the States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of M. S. Quay will be called to meet on Tuesday night, January 1, at 8 o'clock. The legislature meets in biennial session at noon that day. The republican caucuses to select candidates for speaker of the house of representatives and president pro tem of the senate will meet, it is stated, the previous night. The republicans have a majority in both branches, but both factions of the republican party are claiming control of the legislature, the anti-Quay republican leaders asserting that they will be in the ascendancy by reason of an agreement with the democrats. The legislature will vote for senator on January 25.

BRDEZY REMARKS.

Detroit Free Press: "Papa, why do they call actresses by their first names when they are married"" "That, my son, is the only way to pre-serve their identity."

Indianapolis Journal: "Our clergyman plays golt." "Has it done him good?" "Well, it has cured him of preaching so serve their identity."

ing characteristic so far shown; next to that a barbarous desire for revenge. Are Blackstone has political aspirations, hasn't

The Pekin correspondents of the London newspapers do not approve of General prevent looting. They report that the min-

This is a British view. The correspondbe bloody civil war raging from Havan to the eastern cape, and the civilized world would demand, and rightly, that we step in and put an end once for all to a state of affairs so intolerable. Annex Cuba, give her the same government and the same protection that every territory in the union has; thus, and thus only, will Cuba be free in the

ANNEXATION OF CUBA. Question for the Future, Not for the Present.

ognition

Buffalo Express. That there is a strong feeling in this country that the future welfare of Cuba lepends on annexation to the United States s evident. Frequent arguments in that line are found in print and they are often heard where people gather. Events in Cuba n the last year probably have had much

best of motives, are not fair-minded enough to create a government that shall work for the best interests of the residents of the island. Much was said and much was done prior to the election of delegates to the constitution convention to strengthen the feeling. There was plauply manifest on the part of many leaders in Cuba an intention of make a rule in which Spanish interests of whatever nature should have practically no consideration. And there has been, too, no particular gratitude expressed for what the United States has done and is still doing for Cuba. We have forced all sorts of ugly problems upon ourselves by interfering in the name of humanity , with affairs in Cuba. So, it is but natural that such expressions as this from the Nashville American should be heard:

"In no way can Cuba be placed in the position that is rightfully hers save as an integral part of the United States. The methods that have obtained there since the yoke was plucked from her people by this country show only too plainly that the mongrel race which is most eager to seize the reins of government is in no degree fit to be trusted. Ingratitude is the most strik-

word."

has the market cornered.

on president last month shows that McKinley has a clear majority over all competitors close to 280,000 and a plurality over Bryan of more than \$50,000. Significant figures these.

The days are getting shorter and the nights correspondingly longer. It is really too bad that the popocratic officeholders, whose careers are drawing to a close, should have their last hours enveloped in an excess of gloom.

Omaha's 4 per cent bonds elicit bids for good round premiums from the bond brokers. As the brokers are never accused of being in the bond market simply for their health, the high standing of Omaha in the money world needs no further proof.

When the popocrats began howling previous to the recent election about alleged republican registration frauds The Bee at once characterized it as a stop-thief cry. The convincing disclosures of fusion frauds in the South Omaha registration and election clinches the argument.

The sultan of Turkey is a man of extraordinary resources. He did not relish the visit of the battleship Kentucky to Smyrna, but he did not dare to commit any overt act of hostility. He got even with the officers and crew, however, by sending them a quantity of cigarettes.

According to cable advices Lord Roberts made "an eloquent address" on the occasion of his reception and sword presentation at Capetown. Lord Roberts has made his reputation on the farthest limit in the amount of reducbattlefield and if he profits by the ex- tion with due regard to prevention of ample of other great military leaders deficits. He pointed out that the revhe will be extremely cautious about in- enue from war taxes after the proposed dulging in eloquence.

Congressman Stark is always active, result of the Spanish war. The interif you can believe his friends, in behalf of Nebraska. This activity is only army he stated would augment expendinoticed when he wants a re-election. tures to the extent of \$60,000,000, to Since he reads his title clear to another term he is the one member from Ne- crease in naval expenditure. There is braska who is not assisting in the fight the possibility of foreign complications protably expire before he can be properly to retain for the state its present membership in the house.

It is announced that the house committee on rivers and harbors has de- are not impossible and sagacious statescided to abandon the effort to control manship will not leave them out of the Missouri river. It is too old to send to the reform school and too much confirmed in its bad habits to reform. There appears to be no other resource than for its neighbors to put up with its tute an income tax would cause an imantics with as much grace as possible.

The only hope of the fusionists in Ne- nish a dollar of additional revenue. As braska lies in mistakes by repub- to abolishing the additional tax on beer, re-invested with responsibillicans ity. That is why the fusion organs committee said that while reducing the are so eager to tell the republicans what revenues \$23,000,000, it would at the any sort of protectorate over the island, same time produce the grossest injustice to do at the coming legislature. That is why, too, the fusionists are so clamor- and he urged that the beer tax should ous for the republicans to refuse recog- never be wiped out until every other nition to men whose leadership they vestige of the war taxes is removed. fear would be fatal to fusion hopes.

to put an end to it. Representative Driggs of New York declared in the house that the practice of infamously Official tabulation of the popular vote hazing "plebes" at West Point was notorious, while on the other hand Representative Clayton of New York, a graduate of the military academy, asserted that he knew from his own personal experience that the reports of hazing were greatly exaggerated, that the sentiment of the cadets was against brutality or doing anything unfair. A con- living, has been assessed in England on gressional investigation should deter- an income of \$100,000 yearly. The

mine which of these statements is the only way in which Richard can avoid correct one and it is very much to be payment is to prove that his income is desired that the investigation shall be less and to do so must disclose the thorough.

source of every dollar of it. Mafly people in New York would be willing to DISCUSSING TAX REDUCTION chip in and help pay the tax, provided Consideration of the bill for the re-Croker would make an accurate showduction of war taxes was begun in the ing of all his income and the actual house of representatives Tuesday. The source from which it is derived. There president in his message and the secreis no danger of his doing so, however. tary of the treasury in his report recommended a reduction to the amount of Since the early days of Boston common \$30,000,000. The bill framed by the Young America has not been backward republican majority of the ways and in asserting his rights or claiming his means committee provides for a reducprivileges. Young Omaha does not protion of about \$40,000,000. The demopose to be behind, and when the councratic minority favors a larger reduccil decided to drain his skating pond he tion. The democrats of the ways and

rose up with a protest which was loud means committee, in their report on the enough and strong enough to carry his bill, express the opinion that the surplus for the fiscal year 1902 will be very much larger than the estimate of the Young America. secretary of the treasury, if proper economy in expenditures shall be observed, and they urge that the reduction in taxation should not be less than Talk of sending coals to Newcastle! \$70,000,000. Of course they argue for a America is shipping cabbages to Germany for sauerkraut. modification of the tariff and also favor an income tax.

In opening the debate on the bill the President Kruger finds the necessity chairman of the committee on ways and greater than ever to rely upon the prommeans, Mr. Payne of New York, said ises of the Old Testament for consolathe committee felt that it had gone to the ; tion. Brewers have petitioned for reduction the tax on beer. Inasmuch as their product reduction would not equal the extrais a powerful civilizer, as attested by shipordinary expenses sure to follow as a ments of it to the Philippines, their request will have full consideration. est on the war bonds and the increased Time for Classification Too Short. Towne, within a few months republican silver republican, populist, democrat, goes which must be added \$10,000,000 for into the senate through appointment by populist governor. His short term will

and also of a decline in revenue from business depression that should be taken

into account. Neither condition, it is true, appears at all probable, but they to \$20,000,000 a year can be saved by reconsideration.

which largely consists of penny dreadfuls. Regarding the propositions of the dem-Congress could cut war taxation ocratic minority, Mr. Payne said that freely by looking after this long-needed reto abolish the war revenue and substivision.

Can the Bar Be Lowered! mediate deficiency, since the enactment Indianapolis Journal. of a new income tax law would not fur-The foint resolution of congress, unde which the war against Spain was begun declares "That the people of the island

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of Cuba are and of right ought to be free the chairman of the ways and means and independent." That will make it very difficult for the United States to establish as some are proposing.

> Reviving the Trade Dollar. Philadelphia Record.

The government is considering a proposition to coin for circulation in the Phil-The republicans in congress desire to ippine archipeiago a Filipino silver dollar president in 1904.

1900-

necessary to negotiate supplemental Democratic-Populist fusion., 1,475,009 9.468.00 A glance at these figures shows that some owerful force has been attacking the demo-

cratic party in the south. It is idle to say that the decline in the totals of the popular vote is due to the disfranchisement of the legro, for the republican vote was greater

in 1896 than in 1892, and its increase in 1900 over 1896 was no less than 182,000. If the south was indifferent as to the result, if the disfranchisement of the negroes in subthe totals, why did the republican party make these gains? If the democratic-populist alliance of

vote of 1896 would certainly have been at least about equal to the sum of the democratic and populist votes at the election of 1892-that is, about 2,245,000. But the Bryan vote of 1896 was only 1,796,776, nearly 500,-000 under what it should have been. And at the last election it fell to 1.475,000, 750 .-000 under the combined vote of 1892, actually less than the democratic vote in that year. eight years ago.

SILVERISM ON THE WANE.

Significant Features in the Vote o Colorado Pointed Out.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The official vote of Colorado, which has just been announced, tells a significant tale. In 1896 Bryan received, in round figures, point. You may fool some of the old 181,000 votes in Colorado and McKinley ones regarding what they want, but not 26,000. In 1900 Bryan's total in that state was 122,000 and McKinley's 93,000. Bryan's plurality in Colorado over McKinley four years ago was 135,000. It is only 29,000 in that state this year. It is pretty easy to point out the moral in this shrinkage of the Bryan vote in 1900 in the state which incited Bryanism in 1896.

It was the bolt of Senator Teller from the republican convention in St. Louis in June, 1896, which nerved the democrats to declare for free silver in the Chicago assemblage a month later, without waiting for the ald or consent of any other nation Teller took the lead in the bolt, and he was a big factor in the calculations of the western and southern element of the democracy-the faction which captured the convention of four years ago and which got possession of the machinery of the democratic party all over the countryfrom the hour in which he walked out of the republican gathering in St. Louis four years ago until the voting took place little more than four months later. Senator Teller declared a few days ago

hat the silver question was still a live issue, and that he would stick to it until the cause triumphed. The recent vote of his state makes a highly impressive commentary upon that statement. Colorado which created the bolt at St. Louis among the republicant four years ago, and which thus incited the Bryanite eruption in Chicago a few weeks later, has declared that the silver issue is settled and that it is attention to the fact that from \$12,000,000 settled in a way contrary to that which Mr. Teller desired. Nearly everybody in Colorado in 1896, of all ages, both sexes and all races, was a Bryanite. In the elecmore tions since then the Bryanite plurality has

been steadily shrinking. In that of 1900 it almost touched the vanishing point. There is no room for doubt that in the congressional election of 1902 the republican vote will exceed the democratic in Cole rado, and that in 1904 the republican candidate for president will receive a goodsized majority in that state. The immense shrinkage in the Bryanite vote in Colorado. the great increase of the republican vote. and the change from the Bryanite to the republican side in Utah, Kansas, Wyoming Washington, South Dakota and Nebraska in 1900, as compared with 1896, shows that the silver issue is dead in the United States. Senator Teller will be making

To all this General Chaffee, commanding literal and lofty meaning of that glorious the American troops, objected. He opposed the proposition to give the Tien Tsin provisional government unlimited control of the territory. He declined to approve the stitution for former intimidation affected proposition to inaugurate new public works except such as were temporarily necessary and he instructed Captain Foote, the American representative in the governpronounced than the view that ultimately 1896 had been a success, the total Bryan ment, not to accept any remuneration bethat is what will happen. But Cuba will yond his army pay.

not be annexed right away, whatever hap-In all this General Chaffee was clearly pens in the future. The United States has pledged itself that Cuba shall be free. That right. He was acting up to American standards and in accordance with American pledge it must and will keep. If thereprocedents. He declined to permit his own after events shall prove to Cubans the men to do any looting and he declined to wisdom of annexation then the United permit any other soldiers to loot the terri-States may properly consider the questory under American guard. He insisted tion. that American officers in China should act

under instructions similar given to officers in Cuba and the Philippines. Every position he has taken is warranted by his own instructions and by the policy of the government.

In contrast with the complaining tone the British press is the spirit of the Rus- from two bulletholes in the back. sian press. One of the leading journals of St. Petersburg, speaking of the satisfactory is debarred from occupying his seat in the situation at Pekin, says: "The credit for British House of Lords because he doesn't the existing entente really belongs to pay his debts, he is reported as paying America. England begrudges President Mc- \$3,000 for prize buildogs in New York. Kinley his just prestige because he has Marshall Oliver, professor of mathematmanifested his friendship for Russia." ics at the Annapolis Naval academy, who However this may be, General Chaffee is died a few days ago, had been connected right in holding his soldiers and himself with that place since his appointment as assistant professor of drawing in 1869.

selling newspapers on the streets of New Bedford, Mass. He then went into a grocery store, getting \$3 a week and board.

Oscar E. Heard has just closed a sixteen-Nicholas society of New York the other year term as state's attorney of Stephenevening, overwhelmed the members-most son county, Illinois. In that time he has of them opulent and eminently respectable secured the conviction of 2,241 criminals, persons-by the ardor of his praises of erong the number three murderers, two their city. He concluded with this glowof whom were hanged.

"Gentlemen, you have the best municipa government in the world, and the purest and most fragrant. The very angels envy you and wish they could establish a government like it in heaven. You got it by a noble fidelity to civic duty. You got it by next election. stern and over-watchful exertion of the great powers with which you are charged, by the rights which were handed down to you by your forefathers, by your manly refusal to let base men invade the high places

thought a miracle was taking place before tion when any public officer has insulted you in the city's name by swerving in the their eyes. The city of Birmingham, Ala., has alslightest from the upright and full performance of his duty. It is you who have ready begun to make preparations for a made this city the envy of the cities of the 'metallic exposition," to be opened there world. God will bless you for it. Why, the November 15, 1904, and continue until May 15, 1905. Its charter name is to be the angels of heaven, when you approach the final resting place, will gather at the gates International Metallic and Industrial Ex-

'Here they come! Show them to the archangles' box and turn the limelight on

The rich and elderly gentlemen applauded this heartily, until some one whispered "sarcasm," and then they stopped their hand-clapping and grew red. But their wrath was only passing. When it broke upon their able intellects that the humorist course, every Briton stood up and removed his head covering. A number of Hollandhad rebuked them by placing the blame ers, however, remained seated and covered, for bad municipal government where it be-The Britons were very angry, and it was longs-on the doorsteps of the "good" citizen, the "leading" citizen, the "better feared that serious trouble might follow. The anxious captain privately consulted classes"-they applauded again. That was General Buller. "Sir," he said, "I wish you to the credit at once of the intelligence would tell me what you would do under the and conscience of the St. Nicholas rociety circumstances if you were commander of of New York, which everywhere in the this ship." speeches for the republican nominee for United States has an enormous unorganized should ask the band not to play 'God Save and unnamed honorary membership. ;. the Queen.'

the attrib self-government? Were American control to be withdrawn tomorrow, by the time the Christmas bells were ringing there would

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"Me?" replied Buller:

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Becond Lawyer-Why do you think so? First Lawyer-I notice he calls all the arkeepers by their first names. Chicago Tribune: "What seems to be the matter with him?" asked the doctor, ap-proaching the bedside of the man who lay swathed in bandages. "He found the gas leak," brief ex-plained the nurse gas leak," brief

plained the nurse.

Philadelphia Press: "So you're in busi-

"Thanks: I don't see how I can possibly fail. While there's a market for pig's jowl and pig's feet I'm bound to make both ends meat."

In some respects this is doubtless an Chicago Post: "Why do you say that bonnet is adorable?" he demanded irritably. "That's not the word to use. You might as well say it is lovable, and you can't love a exaggerated view. Conditions are not likely to become as bad as the American professes to believe. And yet the view that Cubs would be better off as a part of the United "You can't," she replied quietly. "but I States is general. It is but little more can.

Standard and Times: "It's easy enough to make friends," remarked the dyspeptic-looking man, "but it's hard to keep them." "O, I don't know." replied the other, who was jovial and wealthy and notoriously "easy." "I find that my friends are quite satisfied to let me keep them."

Philadelphia Record: Hoax-What are you thinking about? Joax-I was just wondering. Hoax-What? Joax-Can a man be said to be on a terra

-Can a man be said to be on a terra bust when he's painting the town

The medical skill of certain members Chicago Tribune: "Doc," said his dis-tant relative, "what do you do when you have an awfully bad cold?" Whereupon the doctor merely coughed, as if to show him, and extended his hand with the palm upward. of the Chicago police was brilliantly displayed the other day when they diagnosed as preumonia the case of a negro suffering At the same time the duke of Manchester

Detroit Journal: The Wolf related several instances of him having escaped being shot in virtue of wearing sheep's clothing. "Bo far as my own experience goes," con-cluded the Wolf, "this talk of wool being cluded the Wolf, "this talk on e's skin is argely fad!"

Washington Post: "So you let your lead-ing man go?" answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "He was too realistic in his ideas." "Interfered with your work on the

Henry H. Rogers, the New York millionstage?" "No, not on the stage. In the box office, He wanted real money." aire and copper king, was, fifty years ago.

Somerville Journal: Hoskins-Have a cigar, old man?" Haskins-Js it one of the same box that you had last week?" Hoskins-Yes. I believe so. Haskins-No, thank you, old boy; I don't feel like smoking."

THE THREE FOOLS.

Josh Wink in Baltimore American. E. Q. Dingley, son of the late congress-Josh wink in Baltimore American. Three souls once met upon the way— The way from Here to There— The way that leads from this old world, And finds its end Somewhere. Three souls—they met, and greeted there, As souls are wont to do And each soul to the others said: "Before this—what were you?" man, is looked upon as a coming man in Maine politics. He has just been re-elected to the legislature, and is now spoken of as a possible candidate for governor at the Andreas Lang, who, until lately, played

The first soul drew his airy shape Up to its proudest height. "I was a Statesman," answered he: "A man of mind and might. I led my people. With my words I held them by my side. I heard their proud acclaims each day, And then-and then-I died." the part of Christ in the Oberammergau 'Passion Play," was recently in Rome and, applying for admission to the vatican, considerably startled the guards who, owing to his likeness to the Christ pictures

The next soul smiled a gracious smile, With condescension filled, And said: "I was a Sage. I wrote, And men thought as I willed. I wrote, I speck-I taught the world What it should feel, and see. My books were studied everywhere-And then-they buried me.

The third soul walked in silence on. Then turned the other two. And murmured: "Tell us, brother soul, Pray tell us, what were you?" "I knew no statecraft." said the third. "I did not head a school. I only tried to make men smile. I, brothers, was a Fool."

"I sang, I jibed. I jested, too: I gave the best I had, Yet all the impulse deep I felt Was but to make men glad." The other souls fell back a pace, With manner grave and cool. And as they moved with stately tread They scowled, and said "A Fool!"

"Twas thus they came unto the Gate, And craved an entrance there. They told their names and deeds again-The Fool and then the pair. The Keeper smiled, swung wide the gate, And, in a voice of cheer. He cried: "Make way upon the street, Three fools would enter here!"

o a strict line of conduct in China. THE LEADING CITIZEN. Satirical Roast for the Opulent an Eminently Respectable. Philadelphia North-American. Mark Twain, in addressing the St

ing peroration:

of your government and by instant retalia-

and cry out:

them!''

position. The state is expected to con-tribute \$100,000 toward the expense, and congress is to be asked to give \$500,000. The war correspondent of the London Daily News, who returned to England in the same vessel with General Buller, says that each evening the band played "God Save the Queen" after dinner on deck. Of