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When preachers disagree laymen must decide for themselves.

for some time yet.

loons in Topeka, which is another proof will deal honorably and justly with States from Europe this year than last, that prohibition does not prohibit.

Rev. John Williams has sounded his reach.

build them?

It is barely possible the cadets at West Point may have taken undue liberties with Cadet Booz-just because the name has a suspicious sound.

are unanimous in favor of the immedi- ample guaranties for peace and se- to show they were perfectly willing to ate repeal of the beer war tax without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation on earth.

The Federation of Labor refuses to concur in the demand for a reduction of the tax on beer. The delegates, evidently, have no fear that the price of beer will go above 5 cents a glass, whatever may happen.

exposure of the South Omaha election out that the democratic proposition, unfrauds is causing a great deal of mer- doubtedly made for political effect, that riment among the fusion reformers. But they may find out when the legislature convenes that they have laughed first.

Several Nebraska towns are preparing to put in electric lighting plants. The state has never been so prosperous in ducing the tax on beer which does not its history and the people are evidently apply with as great force to the reduc of the opinion that they can afford to tion of the entire additional tax on tohave some of the luxuries as they go bacco, amounting to \$18,000,000, or the along.

Another prospective bridegroom has disappeared in Omnha. Women desirous of having the ceremony performed on schedule time should be careful about allowing their intended swains to come to view the allurements of the city.

It is announced by telegraph all the way from Louisville that Mr. Gompers will succeed himself as president of the American Federation of Labor. If that be true, the unexpected will not have happened. Mr. Gompers appears to have a life tenure to that office.

One reason why the Nebraska lawyers are all interested in relieving the supreme court is that contingent fees have urging congress to cut off \$23,000,000 of try giving a continuous performance. or four years for returns on his invest- much. ment of oratory and sheepskin.

Commissioner Kent has considerable to say about his free employment bureau. Such an institution might be a good thing in democratic times, but reployment for labor without the necessity of requisitions on the state commissioner.

rendered a judicial opinion that a woeverlasting gratitude of thousands of women, but might fail of re-election having his contract forfeited. when the men get a chance at him.

The fron industry is generally conceded to be the barometer of trade conditions. Reports from this industry indicate that it was never in a more healthy condition. The production of contract. pig iron for the month just passed shows an increase over the preceding one and even better than the last one.

PRELIMINARY TERMS AGREED TO. any material point.

That portion of the statement of terms abandoned his contract and will not which relates to the infliction of the again resume it. this demand and it was the understand- which are physically impossible. ing that the view of the United States had prevailed. At any rate it may be assumed as certain that our govern-

ers are said to have agreed to. lowed very soon by the beginning of from foreign lands. .813,421 to consider the conditions laid down been in excess of the supply, and as 30,447 by the powers. It appears to be the the outlook is favorable to a continued Don't all rush for the state house ple want peace and are anxious to arrive showed an increase over the preceding counter. The distribution will continue at a fair and honorable settlement. year and was considerably larger than A crusade has been started against sa- asking in return only that the powers more people will come to the United trumpet once more. The trumpet of this government has exerted in the convention of the American Federation Rev. Mr. Williams is always within easy matter of preliminary terms will un- of Labor was judicious and commenddoubtedly continue to be felt in the ne- able. gotiations for a final settlement. The Electric tramways would be of great United States may confidently be exvalue to our business interests, but the pected to disapprove any proposition or propriate all the money the retiring state question is. How to get the capital to plan which might menace, however re- officials ask for what a howl about exmotely, the territorial integrity of the travagance would go up from the popo-Chinese empire, or any scheme looking crat camps when another election rolled to the overthrow of the reigning around. The fact that these recom-

THE TAX ON BEER.

for the spoliation or the dismember-

ment of China.

curity in the future, but we shall counte

We think there will be very general concurrence in the view of the chairman of the house committee on ways and be wiped out until every other vestige According to the World-Herald the of the war taxes is removed. He pointed the entire additional tax on beer be abolished, would reduce the revenues of the government to the extent of \$23,-000,000 and would produce the grossest injustice. "What argument is there," said Chairman Payne, "in favor of retax on bankers and brokers, amounting to nearly \$4,000,000, and the remaining

taxes amounting to \$15,000,000?" Why should the government relintax does not fall upon those who use are forced to put up, but they can have the beverage, and the consumer would the satisfaction of knowing that their get no advantage from its abolition. course meets with approval at home. Perhaps the retailer would get some benefit, but the principal gain would go to the brewers and it is they who are to accomplish his object it will not be plied his bloody trade. I know the sourging that the additional tax be abol- because he lacks in persistence. He called Hooligan, said Mr. Davies to the ished. There is no popular demand for has called the legislature of that state

we are aware, are not asking it. is entitled to fair consideration, but in present plan does not win he might to wait the final adjudication of the revenue in behalf of that interest, under case and no lawyer likes to wait three existing conditions, it is asking too

AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY.

vaporings of a yellow journal about the like to have done. publican policies have furnished em- alleged misery caused by the offensive garbage contract, has projected a scheme that will compel the garbage contractor to release his grip. This scheme involves nothing more nor less than an order The abboond of Swat is "next," and then Justice Andrews of New York has from the mayor and council and sant- it will be up to the grand llama of Thibet. tary boards compelling the garbage conman should be at home by midnight, tractor to clean the streets, alleys and If the legal luminary will now pass on back yards, covering every foot of the question of how late it is admissible ground within the city limits, within ten taxes carried on the books of the state for a man to remain down town with days, and to respond to the call of every of Nebraska. Now there is but \$3,000,000. an old college chum he will earn the householder, for the removal of garbage, There is a hint of the reason why Nebraska within forty-eight hours, at the risk of went republican that Mr. Bryan overlooked.

This is a very excellent plan, but it would involve an appeal to the courts and a decree forfeiting the contract before it could be executed, which would mean a delay for a longer period, per-

A speedler and more certain remedy such conflicting advice? would be to require a jury of twelve the rail mills have contracted for a men, each man averaging not less than larger tonnage than last year, which 200 pounds, to sit upon the body of Garwas exceptionally good. There is every bage Contractor Macdonald, pronounce reason to believe that business condi- him guilty, suspend him by the neck people refuse to accept our standard coins. of propriety were relaxed a little, and the sanship' he instituted many improvements allowed to go on in their natural course

quart of prussic acid down his throat, The powers, it is announced, have following this treatment by placing the come to an agreement as to the terms body in a barrel filled with spikes, to be upon which they will negotiate with rolled down Dodge street hill; then soak China for a final settlement. The State | the remains in quicklime and send the department at Washington has been ad- bones to competent osteopathists, who vised by the American minister at Pekin will make a report and submit the exof a suggested amendment by the Brit- hibit to a coroner's jury, which will find ish government, but this is understood that he came to his death as a result of to be a mere change in form, which does his own suicidal course; finally, serve not alter the scope of the agreement at official notice upon the mayor and council that the garbage contractor has

death penalty on certain ringleaders of This remedy, it is believed, would the anti-foreign uprising is very likely prove more effectual than any attempt erroneous, since our government took to compel Macdonald to relinquish the issue with England and Germany on contract by ordering him to do things

NOT AGAINST IMMIGRATION. The convention of the American Fedthe approval of the country, concur in structing the executive council to pre- question." it. There are one or two other features pare and endeavor to secure the passage of the reported terms which this gov- of a bill in congress for restricting imtations of executive authority, but is noteworthy and is commended to the agreement on these points is perhaps attention of those who are constantly not absolutely necessary to the begin- agitating for the further restriction of ning of negotiations. It will undoubt- immigration. It evidences the fact that edly be found, therefore, that the terms the skilled labor represented in the worth ninety-nine full treatises on flat and which were stated to the Reichstag federation does not fear that its inter- 16 to 1. nearly a month ago by the German im- ests and welfare will be jeopardized by perial chancellor are in some very im- the workers who come here from portant respects different from those abroad, the most of whom sooner or which the plenipotentiaries of the pow- later join the labor organizations. Undoubtedly a large percentage of the The agreement on terms should be fol- members of the federation came here

negotiations. The next step will be the | During the last three years not much formal presentation to the Chinese plen- has been heard of the anti-immigration ipotentiaries of the agreement arrived agitation, due to the fact that the deat, who will be given a reasonable time mand for labor has most of that time general opinion that while some modi- good demand for several years to come fication of the terms may be asked by the agitation is not likely to be soon the representatives of the Chinese gov- renewed. It will be heard again, howernment, they will offer no decided op- ever, as soon as a change in industrial position to them. The disposition thus conditions comes. Meanwhile immigrafar manifested by the imperial authorition is not heavy as compared with that ties is altogether conciliatory. They of some years ago. That of last year There appears to be no doubt that they in the period of industrial depression, are prepared to do whatever is just, but it was readily absorbed. Probably China. Of this there is ample assurbut there is no reason to apprehend ance so far as the United States is con- that this labor will work any injury to cerned and the good influence which that aiready here. The action of the

If the incoming legislature should apdynasty. We shall demand the pun- mendations were made when the ofishment, "within the rational limits of ficials confidently expected to be re- Springfield Republican thus sketches him in retributive justice," of those responsible turned to power or be succeeded by his native heath: 188 It is needless to say that the brewers for outrages, adequate indemnity and members of their own party only goes defined, is not simply a young ruffian. He nance no schemes, wherever originating, tunately a republican legislature will age of 22 or 23 it not unfrequently hapmake the appropriations and repub- pens that he joins the army and becomes galety. lican officials will control the expenditure of the money.

> Ohio is just now competing for the championship in the robbery and holdup line. The Ohio men appear to have improved upon the wildest style of working the trick of touching up the banks, but what is needed is the importation of a few men like the Coffeyville (Kan.) liveryman who laid out the Dalton gang, or the Goodland sheriff, who disposed of the train robbers. Ohio is welcome to the glory of having the champion holdups, but if it desires an effective antidote it might send out west

American officers serving under General Chaffee in China are forbidden by him to receive any compensation for serving on the boards provided for the temporary government of the territory occupied other than their regular army pay. The army regulations also forbid quish one-fifth of its income under the it. This may appear a little hard when war revenue act when the general pub- these officers see those of other nations lic would not be benefited? The beer fattening on salaries which the Chinese

If Governor Pingree of Michigan fails it. The consumers of beer, so far as in special session for the third time in two years to act on measures regard-The brewing interest of the country ing the taxation of railroads. If the dragged around by their drunken parents,

more street cleaning, more street pay- in the dark. They don't brawl, or 'whoop ing, more improvements of every de- it up;' they don't molest women or go scription. But few people in Omaha who about in gangs. If they rifle a house of A well-meaning but somewhat imprac- are taxpayers are willing to have their kill a man they do it without estentation. ticable clergyman, whose sympathies taxes increased. It takes a good deal of an idler, as everybody seems to suppose, have been aroused by the hypocritical money to do the things that people would and he doesn't come from the bitter slum

> Reawakening the Ancients. The shah of Persia has been traveling through his dominions upon an automobile.

One Reason Overlooked. Buffalo Express. Four years ago there was \$7,000,000 back

Take the Middle Path.

Indianapolis Journal Bishop Potter says the greatest evil of the time is the greed for gain. Mr. Russell will not be so easy to stop him. Hereto-Sage says the greatest evil of the time is fore his healthy fear of the sturdy Lonthe lack of thrift. To save is a virtue, says | don policeman has kept him in check. But Mr. Sage. Now, it is obvious that in or- that fear has been diminished by a series haps, than the term of the unexpired der to save it is necessary first to gain, so of extraordinary manifestations of human

The United States will coin trade dolone hour, take him down and pour a faced with the touchstone eagle. Here being frowned upon by bobby."

Is Democracy Daft?

Unless the democratic party is hopelessly least to admit, the difference between livdaft or is reconciled to death Mr. Bryan ing questions and a dead question. has written himself out of its leadership. Over his signature he declares that "the democratic part must be consistent"-even, us to abandon anything for which we have fought"-not even 16 to 1

we now inderse imperialism" and abate hysteria and lunacy in the Chicago conven- Smith should give attention to if he does the lives lost at Johnstown, as well as the our opposition to a large standing army, tion of 1896. to trusts, to a monopoly-fostering tariff? able to insist that the democratic party should accept the republican position on time more disastrously than the last, until ment would not, after taking the post- eration of Labor, at its session on these questions as to say that it must tion it did respecting this demand, with Wednesday, rejected a resolution in accept the republican position on the gold

position on the gold question is precisely pient remark that "the democratic party that occupied by the democrats from the must be consistent!" ernment had accepted with certain res- migration. This action on the part of time of Jefferson and Jackson and Benton to ervations, made necessary by the limit the representatives of organized labor that of Tilden and Cleveland. But the hope- no amount of "braying in a mortar" will

Riches Not in Dollars.

volumes. If some of our public men had

accumulated more books and fewer dol-

lars they would be the richer in the public

Keeping His Hand In.

The Bluff Oriental.

The sultan of Turkey may forget to pay

tertainment of the officers of the battle-

ship Kentucky at dinner was a fine piece of

Graveyard of Millions.

The Panama people state calmly that

their canal is haif built already and they

less of what the United States does. Any

dollars loose will find a nice hole for it in

HOOLIGANS OF LONDON.

Some Facts About the Genus Hoodlum

of the British Capital.

Frequent mention is made in London dis-

patches of the operations of gangs of

ruffians nicknamed "hooligans," and the

terrorism they have inspired in various sec-

tions of the city. "Hooligan" is the

equivalent of "hoodlum" in America, but

the American hoodlum never approaches in

number and "toughness" the professional

ruffian of London A correspondent of the

middle-aged at 25. His most distinctive

headquarters in some beer dive. He earns

money enough to buy his share of the

bers of the gang who get arrested, and

usually to have a girl. He lives, after a

fashion, with his parents. He rarely

smokes a pipe like his more law-abiding

brethren, but nearly always has a cigarette

in his mouth. His costume has distinctive

features, the muffler and cap, a leather belt

in lieu of braces and trousers tight at the

knee and broad at the ankle. He dearly

loves a good fight, and goes up a step in the

scale of his society when he has served a

turn in prison. He prowis about at night

in companies of four or five, looking for a

scrap with rival gangs, for women that he

can frighten or perhaps molest or for lonely

wayfarers whom he can torment and per-

haps rob. Such attacks have grown in

frequency of late, and have added to the

don thrown more closely in touch with the

lower classes than the churchmen of the

slum districts, and perhaps none of them

knows poverty in its bitterest phases bet-

ter than the Rev. W. H. Davles, at first

curate and slum worker and now rector

and slum worker of the church in Spital-

fields, where 23,000 people are crowded upon

a district of seventy acres, and beside

which Whitechapel has been described as a

paradise and Drury Lane as a fashionable

resort. Here it was that Jack the Ripper

writer, 'although we do not breed him

here. The lives led by the wretched chil-

dren that you see swarming in our streets

result in a different type. These children,

living on crusts, sleeping in hallways or in

the streets, familiar at 5 or 6 years with

more victousness than most men attain at

30, develop into the shifty thief, the fly-by-

night burg ar; morose, self-contained, work-

"The hooligan, on the other hand, is not

districts. He is the boy or young fellow

who works in the factory and who 'lets off

they do not live in a slum. Westminster,

Hexton, Bethnal Green and Clerkenwell

practically respectable quarters, are the

breeding places of the hooligan. His

being what he is is due to the flaws in the

social condition of his kith and kin, the

absence of family life, the indifference of

parents. I don't speak as a bigoted par-

get the parents to take no interest in their

occasionally, and once he gets a-going it

children's welfare."

son, but I can say that, in working for re-

"The hooligan is the germ of as lively a

"Probably there is no class of men in Lon-

general alarm.

estimation.

at present.

Oriental bluff.

Panama.

New York World (dem.)

Every other issue that he mentions is apparently, to the point of repeating its money scare into the campaign. Not is best postal accessories, system and expert suicide for the third time. "Defeat," he it as though this year's was the first ver- talent, the name of Mr. Vilas goes into the declares, "does not make it necessary for dict of the people upon the silver question. advertised letter list. This often occurs The Johnstown Water company has had the The reasoning by which Mr. Bryan at- 1892 joined hands with the populists and there are many Washingtons and not a tempts to sustain this hopeless bourbonism free silver republicans the very next year few Smiths. But for the singular and promiis transparently sophistical. Because the and the fusion and the folly waxed stronger nent name of Vilas it argues the existence democrats were beaten, he says, "must and fiercer each year until the climax of of something that Postmaster General

In seven successive elections the demo-"It would," he argues, "be just as reason- cratic party has been beaten on this com- undefinable. Mr. Vilas is practicing law at floods, the policy of fostering forests is cound of ignorance and dishonesty, each now-after the completest Waterloo, when its candidate received only thirteen electoral votes outside the old solid south-To begin with, the so-called republican Mr. Bryan bobs up with the serenely sa-

This is simply stark folly, of the kind that lessness of Mr. Bryan's state of mind is elimate from its possessor. And we think his apparent inability to recognize, or at the democratic party has had enough of it.

is a lesson for Bryanites and Coin Harveys REBUKING THE LOOTERS.

Buffalo Express: General Chaffee has incurred the wrath of Count von Waldersee in a good cause if he has angered the German commander by protesting against The greater part of the estate left by the looting of the Pekin observatory. Senator Davis was his library of 8,000

Chicago Post: Chaffee may have allowed a little too much vigorous United States to creep into that letter to Waldersee, but it was scarcely too strong for the occasion. It was not the American general's language but his indiscreet truthfulness that riled the German field marshal.

Vice President-elect Roosevelt's trip to Minneapolis Tribune: Our General Colorado to shoot mountain lions may be Chaffee in China jarred the sensibilities of tame compared with his recent trip to the German commander, Count von chase the feroclous Bryanite from his lair, Waldersee, the other day, by suggesting but it is the most strenuous thing available that the looting by the allied troops should stop, and although Chaffee afterwards made amends for the undiplomatic character of his language, it is noticeable that the looting has stopped. Since that little exchange between Admirals Dewey and Dietrich in his debts, but he never forgets to be Manila harbor what an American officer suave and polite to his creditors. His enabroad says generally goes.

New York Mail and Express: Above all. General Chaffee, the American commander in China, is a soldier, and his hearty contempt for the thefts committed by foreign troops under the orders or with the permission of Waldersee is such as a true soldier ought to feel. It is a pity that an intend to go right on and finish it regard- officer of his traditions and instincts could not have been chosen to direct the interperson with a couple of hundred million national army of occupation, instead of a representative of a body of European officers whose most obvious military characteristic, as thus for demonstrated, seems to be an abnormally keen scent for loot; there would then have been less to regret in the "holy crusade" preached by the kaiser. It may be hoped that Walder see, complaisant while the French and Germans were removing the Jesuit astronomical instruments from the Pekin city wall, but indignant when Chaffee protested to him against the outrage, does not Hlustrate the distinctive ideals of honor sin. Iowa and Minnesota. For many years fostered by a century of militarism among

PERSONAL NOTES.

the continental officers.

the fell destroyer, the wo

The late Dr. Thomas Arnold of Dublin a first-rate soldier or settles down into a moderately sober workman, who has lived was about the last survivor of the asso rapidly between 15 and 20 that he is sociates of Cardinal Newman in the endeavor to found in that city an Irish feature is that he belongs to a gang with Catholic university.

Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson has sold his ranch in Barber county, Kansas, and drinks, to pay his share of the fines of mem- will buy one in the far west. Barber county was becoming too crowded for him. Next year he will travel for a Kansas City commission house, in which he is interested.

> Pope Leo XIII is one of the most sparing eaters among living men. A biscuit steeped in black coffee usually serves for his breakfast, a little soup and a little chicken and fruit for his dinner and the remnants from this meal are generally converted into his supper.

The German emperor recently presented Baron Beck, chief of the staff of the Austrian army, with a marble bust of himself. The bust is on a large scale and weighs 1,800 pounds. Baron Beck is having his house thoroughly overhauled by military engineers to test if there is any spot in it capable of bearing a weight so enormous.

A Cape Town correspondent has interviewed Mrs. Dewet, wife of the Boer general. She said: "You Englishmen will never catch my husband. He is going to win back for the Free Staters and Transvaalers what they have lost. He has enough food and ammunition to last for three years, and that is just how long the war is going to last."

London Truth has called attention to a prejudice in the British army which seems as lacking in sense as anything can be. It appears that, however, near-sighted an officer may be, he will not wear spectacles. One officer, for example, mistook a herd of cattle not over half a mile away for a troop of cavalry. Needless to say no such convention obtains among the Boers. General Dewet, according to Conan Doyle, goes around in blue goggles.

An old legal paper has been unearthed in the prothonotary's office in Wilkesbarre, Pa. It was an affidavit of defense prepared by the late Jay Gould, in his handwriting, and bears date of 1885. Gould was then in the tanning business at Gouldsboro, this state, and he had difficulty with his creditors. In his defense he claimed he had built the largest tannery in the world, and instead of being hounded by his creditors he thought he should receive encouragement for developing the resources steam' after hours. His family is poor, but of the country.

EPHEMERAL FAME.

Solomon's Exclamation Borne Out in Modern Times.

It is only six years since Hon. William F. Vilas retired from the United States senate to resume the practice of his profession at Madison, yet this comparatively short period of time has sufficied to place him in the ligious ends among such people, we can category of unknowns in the Washington postoffice. Such is the significance of an advertised letter in the list at the Wash ington postoffice, addressed to W. F. Vilas riot as any modern city has seen. He has The clerks in the Washington postoffice far more stamina than his French con- evidently do not burden their minds with frere, who has turned Paris upside down the names of former prominent men. A Washington correspondent tells the story of the Vilas letter as follows:

"A singular commentary on the Washing ton postoffice appears in the list of advertised letters published today. By this list it seems that there is a letter in the what is a poor man to do in the face of nature over episodes of the war. The cables office for one William F. Vilas, whose reported at the time that staid old London identity and whereabouts are unknown to 'had gone mad' and was 'holding carnithe office. A few years ago Mr. Vilas val' over various victories. What really was postmaster general. His word was law happened was a quickly subsiding outburst in the making of many thousands of postmasters, besides promulgating a certain of patriotism, followed by a festival for lars for the Pilipinos, because those wary the hooligan. In the general joy the bonds political doctrine as to 'offensive partitions during the coming year will be from a telegraph pole for not less than the stamp of the United States, and are to let himself out correspondingly without do his duty that when Mr. Lamar, the sec-

of the supreme court. Mr. Vilas was transferred to the Interior department, whose importance in the matter of administrative control of Indian, land and patent business almost as unfortunate in its effect on the called for a good lawyer and capable executive talent. Mr. Vilas was not forgotten when the first Cleveland administration true: "In felling trees growing on the went out, for his state, Wisconsin, sent sides and summits of mountains, men him to the senate, where he distinguished under all climates prepare for subsequent vital-but upon none of them were the himself as an orator and statesman. Yet, people permitted a square vote, because Mr. in what is generally regarded as the model Bryan, with fatal fatuity, interjected the postoffice of the country, supplied with the freshet that caused the Johnstown flood in The advocates of 16 to 1 who were beaten with the name of George Washington, as region examined by the division of in the democratic national convention in it might with that of William Smith, for forestry and the experts have recomnot wish to have his own name bulletined in the advertised list of the unknown and destroyed. In addition to the prevention of Madison, Wis.

The scarcity of democrats in the Washington postoffice may have something to do with the case of Mr. Vilas, yet one would think that even republican clerks would remember the name of a former postmaster by Bryanism is well illustrated by this incident. It may be necessary to equip the stand any chance of being identified future.

THIRD OF A CENTURY RECORD

Eagle Beacon

The candidacy of Hon. Edward Rosewater for United States senator is meeting with a great deal of encouragement throughout the state. Mr. Rosewater has stood up for the republican party in Nebraska for almost a third of a century and has never asked for political preferment of so high a character. The influence of Mr. Rosewater and The Omaha Bee has been felt in many a campaign, as well as in the one just closed. When you stop to consider all these matters carefully you are at once convinced that Mr. Rosewater has done a great deal for the party and has never been rewarded. All the other candidates north of the river, not a single one of them but what has held office at different times. The Nebraska press, which assisted greatly in the late campaign, will feel that its work is recognized if Mr. Rosewater is elected.

IN THE CENTRAL WEST.

Political Phases of the November Vote Subjected to Analysis.

The vote in the central west is one of the most interesting and encouraging of the results of the recent presidential campaign. The seven states comprising this region are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconthese were known as the western states and the two last were placed later among the northwestern states. But the development of the region between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains and the If Mr. Dooley and the czar both escape need of applying the term western to the states inch even a loafer, and after he has reached the son to congratulate itself on saving two a new designation of the states in the important contributors to its light and northern half of the Mississippi river and Ohio river valleys. They are now appropriately known as

This great region is an empire in itself. having an area of 338,405 square miles and a population of 19,987,203. six representatives in congress and its growth in population during the last decade will entitle it to an increased representation under the new apportionment. The attitude of so important a section of country on the questions submitted to the people November 6 must be of national interest. The vote cast by the republicans and democrats in each of the states composing this region, both in 1900 and 1896 is given in the following table, the vote of

Michigan alone being estimated: Rep. 597,967 336,063 307,808 334,000 158,829 543,917 Rep. 607,130 323,754 289,292 293,582 193,501 525,991 268,135 501,975 309,584 209,265 230,000 111,814 474,882 169,291 ndiana ... lowa Michigan Minnesota Wisconsin. 265,293

Totals ...2,573,877 1,995,811 2,501,385 2,018,303 An analysis of the table shows that the sum of the votes cast by the republican and democratic parties in the central west in 1896 was 4,514,688, and that the sum of the vote cast by the same two parties in 1900 was 4,570,688, an increase of 56,000, comparatively small increase considering the growth in population in four years. In 1896 the democrats polled 2,013,303 votes and in 1900 they polled 1,996,811, a loss of 16,492 votes. The republicans polled in the same region four years ago 2,501,385 votes and this year 2,573,877, an increase of 72,492 votes. The republicans increased their vote in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio and lost slightly in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The democrats increased their vote considerably in Illinois and slightly in Indiana and decreased their vote in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. The plurality of McKinley decreased in lilinois, but increased in each of the six other states. The total republican plurality in these seven states was four years ago, 488,082. This year it it 577,-066, an increase of 88,984. The fact that this great central region of

the country, containing more than onefourth of the population and casting nearly one-third of the vote polled last month, is solidly for an honest currency and against the demagogical theories known as Bryanism is one of the most encouraging results of the recent election. In 1875 this region was permeated by "soft money" ideas and it was only by the most strenuous efforts that it was prevented from going for an unlimited paper currency, but in two successive national elections now it has been solid for sound money, giving in each election from two-thirds to three-fourths the total popular majority McKinley has obtained in the whole country. This is a significant evidence of the advance the people of the central west have made during the last quarter of a century and of how well adapted that region has become to act as the political balance wheel of country.

FOREST PRESERVATION

ommendable Efforts of the Government in that Direction. Kansas City Star.

United States geological survey which is investigating the forests of the country, finds that 37 per cent of the land is wooded. In the various states the percentages vary from 1 in South Dakota, to 7 in Kansas, to 18 in Illinois. to 22 in California, to 40 to 80 along the Atlantic border and to 71 in Washing ton. The vast amount of timber in the United States made people careless about taking measures for its preservation, and i is generally agreed that if things had been And yet our dollars contain 100 cents, bear hooligan took advantage of the opportunity and reforms in the service. So well did he timber famine would have resulted in two or three generations. For several years retary of the interior, was made a justice past the government has been laboring to

avert such an outcome, and further steps in this direction are now agitated. A great searcity of timber would water supply as on the industries which use lumber. Humboldt's warning is still

generations two calamities at once-a lack of firewood and a lack of water." 1899 was attributed in part to the cutting of timber from the Mill creek watershed mended that bare land be planted with trees and that the whole district be care fully guarded from fire. Such measures taken thirty years ago might have saved ten million dollars' worth of property necessary for irrigation and for developing water power. The government's efforts to protect tim

ber by its system of forest reserves are familiar to westerners. Wooded areas of 70,000 acres have already been set aside general. The oblivion into which the former on the Pacific coast and in the other westleaders of the democracy have been driven ern and northern states. It is now proposed to extend the system. Reservations are wanted in northern Minnesota at the people more generally with the "Who's headwaters of the Mississippi, and in books if our ex-statesmen are to western North Carolina among the Appalachian mountains. Advocates of a Minnesota park of 600,000 acres of land think that it is essential to Mississippi navigation. The Appalachian reservation would be of value in preserving the head waters of important southern rivers. Both parks could be used as game preserves and as profitable timber land. If conditions are favorable the attention of congress will probably be called to at least one of the proposed plans during the present session. but one thing that congress is not likely to do is to remove the tariff from lumber. which would do more to preserve the forests in this country than anything else.

MAKES EXTRADITION EASIER

United States and Great Britain Remedy Troublesome Imperfection of Former Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- A treaty has been concluded between the United States and Great Britain amendatory of the existing extradition treaty and intended to correct certain imperfections in that instrument developed by recent experience. The changes do not materially affect the scope or principles of the existing treaty, the chief item in the list being a provision classifying as a crime subject to extradition the obtaining of money under false pretenses. At present the treaty makes extraditable the reception of money obtained under false pretenses, and to remedy the omission of the principal in the crime, constituting a manifest absurdity, the amenda.ent is made.

POPULARITY OF THE BEE

WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 10,-To the Editor of The Bee: I am so taken with your Illustrated Bee that I must express my interest in and admiration for the general features which are making it so popular.

For years I have learned more about foreign countries from Mr. Carpenter's letters than any other ource, and I emphasize especially his unequaled, exhaustive and popular letters about the Philippines, and now about China. His last letter about China's new opening for American corn products will, I think, prove to be all gold to our commercial men, and will not only relieve us of a surplus, but must materially help to advance prices here and open a new market for our growing product. Truly yours,

REV. J. R. HOAG.

******************* POINTED REMARKS.

Detroit Journal: To whitewash China at this time would be to degrade diplomacy to the level of mere ceramics. Syracuse Herald: Fair Helen-I hear you

have a secret.
Fair Grace—Well, 1 did have one, but it Indianapolis Journal: "We had to shut down on our Indian vaudeville." "What for?" "One of the redmen got absent-minded and scalped the man who beat the bass

Pittsburg Chronicle: "It grows cold," re-marked the Observant Boarder: "I wonder when we shall have snow for sleighing." "Perhaps," added the Cross-Eyed Boarder, "It will be a winter of sleighless snows."

Detroit Free Press: "You must have had a very serious quarrel with your husband:"
"Why do you think so?"
"That's such a very handsome sealskin sacque he gave you."

Boston Transcript: Clinton—And so you finally got up courage to ask Miss Pelton to have you? And did she say no?

Dumleigh—No, she didn't go so far as that. She merely said the idea was absurd.

Washington Star: "He is not a man of very polished diction," said the member of congress. "But he has some very pro-nounced ideas."
"I am compelled to disagree with you."
answered the colleague. "His ideas are al-

most invariably mispronounced.

Chicago Tribune: With a sharp exclamation the doctor jumped out of the way of the coach and four that came rattiling around the corner. the coach and four that came rattling around the corner.

"I'd like to have the privilege of tying that four-in-hand!" he muttered, savagely.
"Ascot," suggested the professor, trying his best to keek alongside of him.

Philadelphia Press: "What are you grumbling about?" demanded His Satanic Majesty. "We've got lots of people here quite as good as you, who are perfectly satisfied."

satisfied."
"O! I don't mind being here; it's a very interesting place," replied the eminent explorer. "but what jars me is that I can't go back and lecture about it."

TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

Grace W. Curran in Little Folks. L-THE CHILD'S. The policeman in the park is big and flerce

He stands upon the corner whenever I go And looks right straight at me just as if

. I'm very much afraid, although can't tell why. Once when I was playing all alone beneath He came so close to me that I couldn't help but cry.
When I'm a grown-up man if he looks that way at me
I'll walk close up to him and I'll ask the reason why.

II.-THE POLICEMAN'S. like to watch the children who come here the to watch the children who come here every day;
They look up sideways at me, then quickly hurry by,
And when I come close to them they always stop their play—
They seem to be afraid, although I can't tell why.

once I saw a little boy alone beneath a But when I came to him he at once began feared that he was lost, and only went to

Oh, they should not be afraid, for there's

no reason why