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Notary Public.

A deadlock must be an outgrowth of too much live political timber.

It looks as if there were a deadlock between the coal dealer and the weather

The senatorial game is young yet and out before the session ends.

It is evident that the Nebraska legislature does not count many cigarette fiends among its membership.

The chairman of the county board has agine that he is enjoying a soft seat.

Omaha's bank clearings continue to show up most creditably to the city senate. with substantial figures in the increase column as compared with a year ago. Omaha is experiencing business expansion all the time.

favoring the investment of \$10,000 in a provided for by the house bill and \$1.85 municipal lodging house. The Chicago under the existing law, and the reduccity fathers want to provide a refuge tion of the tax on manufactured toavailable when they make their final bacco and snuff to 9 cents a pound inexit from city office.

great surprise that Omaha is not on completely reversed the house bill, as, hand with a big charter bill controversy. for instance, the house left the stamp A legislative session without an Omaha taxes on bonds of every description excharter fight threatens to be an anomaly not easily understood.

redemption has yet to be clinehed by another republican victory next fall Nebraska republicans charged with executing the party responsibilities should keep that in mind all the time.

When President McKinley uttered his famous saying about opening the mills he did not have the legislative mills in mind. But from the present output of the legislatures one would imagine that they were the only mills in operation.

The British tradesmen who laid in a will profit by their shrewdness. From this point of view the death of the duction must wait for the next conthat an ill wind blows good to somebody.

precise cause of Queen Victoria's death. upon it will rest the responsibility if the threat that Colonel Roosevelt may find The queen had reached that age when proposed legislation falls. her taking off was merely a question of surrounding conditions. Had she been less well cared for she would

Had Nebraska gone for Bryan and fusion none but popocrats would be to have said that it has two sides and Stevenson, who had proved by previous playing hands in the senatorial game having remarked that some of the allies experience that his abilities were not with any chance to win. And does any- have conducted warfare in a fashion one imagine any popocrat would have been in with the dealer who had not tion, reference being had to the looting taken a foremost part in keeping the that has been practiced, the envoy explan to have the taxpayers pay pre-

The first case of insanity superinduced by the Cudaliy kidnaping is reported from a little town in Nebraska where the victim is possessed of the delusion that he is a detective on the track of the culprits with the \$25,000 reward almost within reach. Several other people seem to be possessed of an insane desire to capture that reward.

the pugilistic brigade in the so-called ing good a deficit in the finances of the charitable institutions all over the country if afforded the slightest opportunity

transaction of business.

WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS rect in this. While foreign troops re safe to say that the legislature will not the talk to the contrary, that the ad- peditions are sent out that do little else federal relations committee. tion is occupying a position of absolute size of the garrisons, all of which is lican column at the last election. non-interference, what it wants and reasonable. what it does not want can none the | The plenipotentiaries have given re-

The administration wants republicans their government to act in good faith in the senate who can uphold the prin- and there ought to be no doubt as to ciples of the party and co-operate in this. What they ask is that China applying them to current conditions, shall not be called upon to No the im-It wants senators who have ability to possible. The government is prepared grapple with the great problems con- to concede all fair and just demands, fronting the nation, arising out of its ex- but it asks that in making their depanded sphere of action, and who can mands the powers shall take into conrender useful assistance in solving the sideration what China can do. There questions it is constantly called upon is certainly nothing unreasonable in to meet.

The administration wants men in the some of the powers to make the conpublic affairs and profound study of the Chinese suggestions. all public questions, rather than men who have everything to learn and who 28,210 must wait for their cue before taking a position on national subjects.

The administration wants men in the 27,310 senate who will be leaders in their respective states, who command the confidence of their people and know their ling their time to conferences with memneeds and can count upon their sup-27,240 port in shaping the national policy.

From the party standpoint the administration wants men chosen to high position of leadership who have demonstrated their capacity to achieve success and avoid disaster. It wants men who will help elevate the standard of public office and inspire public confidence by the character of the persons recommended for federal appointments. It wants the party organization strengthened and built up by the recognition of party service as an example for loyal devotion on the part of other aspiring members.

In a word, the administration wants exactly what the people of Nebraska want: The election as United States the lights need not necessarily be put senators of the two men best qualified for the position who can accomplish most for the state and the nation when invested with these high honors.

THE TAX REDUCTION BILL.

The bill passed by the house of repbeen provided with an upholstered chair resentatives reducing the war taxes was at a cost of \$33 to the taxpayers. After not satisfactory to all interests. The sitting in it for a year he is liable to im- senate finance committee has framed an entirely new measure, but there is objection to some of its features and it will undoubtedly be amended in the

The main differences in the two bills

are the retention of the tax on bank checks, which yielded \$7,000,000 last year, and which was stricken out in the house bill, the reduction of the tax stead of the 12 cents in the existing law, which was not changed by the The members of the legislature profess house bill. In some cases the senate cepting on indemnity bonds. The senate bill takes the taxes off from bonds of every description with the exception Nebraska has been redeemed, but the of indemnity bonds, on which the tax is retained. Under this arrangement the Since November the dealings have not government would lose revenue to the only been large, but prices have been amount of \$3,000,000. Such changes as this appear all through the senate file. making it probable that no agreement between the two houses on this measure can be reached. It is believed that if legislation reducing taxes is to be had at this session, it will be necessary It is most unlikely, however, that this could be done in the short time remainsupply of mourning goods opportunely ing of the session, so that there seems latter, so strong is its position that it to be considerable danger that tax requeen verifies the truth of the saying gress. This would be very disappointis that the senate finance committee has not manifested a very earnest desire to People are still speculating upon the give the people relief in this matter and

THE CHINESE SUGGESTIONS.

The shrewdness and sagacity of Chidoubtless have succumbed several years | nese diplomacy are seen in the suggestions that have come from the plenipotentiaries. In regard to the question of indemnity, Prince Ching is reported unparalleled in the history of civilizapressed the confident belief that the ables that have been taken from Chi- ulating the rates demanded. It would nese merchants and private citizens.

justified by every rule of equity. Such purpose of milking the coconnut if they of the allies whose forces have been had the exclusive right to furnish these bers. guilty of looting-and happily the United | bonds and the people no alternative but States is not one of them-should not to pay the bill, hesitate to make some allowance for it in the settlement of indemnity. It may sparring contest on the pretext of mak- be a very difficult matter to ascertain cover several mares' nests in the senawhat the allowance should be, but this last sangerfest. Prize fighters will find counter claim on the part of China deficits in the funds of the various should receive recognition there ought a ballot to be taken on senator at least to be no question. The trouble is, however, that China may derive little bene- for votes cannot be interrupted to await to crawl in through such a hole in the fit from it, since the amenable powers, the investigation. It is just possible

Omaha's Indian supply depot should | Another thing urged by the Chinese be made more than a mere berth for a plenipotentiaries is that the province of few government employes. The object Pe Chi Li be gradually evacuated and its committee on federal relations beof the depot is to make Omaha a pure that the so-called punitive expeditions cause the state has no federal relations chasing station for the supplies fur- be abandoned. They assert that evacu- to maintain. The committee in Illinois who have patriotic pride in the citizenship journey will signify death." The remainder nished the Indians by the federal gov ation is necessary to save the situation, and elsewhere is a relic of states' rights of Nebraska that senators of the best and ernment. The only way the local bus: that it is the solution of all the troubles doctrine under which the states were highest character-intellectual and social- amounting to a few thousand marks, to his iness interests can profit by its location and that it is essential to a revival of supposed to negotiate with the federal men distinguished for straightforward hon- sister, the other half to his brother, who

demand for indemnity extortionate.

the state. But while the administra- be maintained and what is to be the carrying Nebraska back into the repub-

As The Bee has remarked once or gation to the interests of Mr. Rosewater.

An Incomplete Job.

It is palpable that the West Point cadet who was insolent before the congressional committee has not been hazed into a gentle-

this, but it seems to be the purpose of Fifty years hence, says Chauncey M. Depew, the country will have 50,000 great of their own, based upon experience in are not expected to favorably consider welcome many of the 49.995 and bid them

Putile Resolves of Mossbacks.

The near approach of the time for Filipinos by the thousand are taking the making the next tax levy is witnessing oath of allegiance to the United States, the the usual manifestation of interest on action of the democrats in the Missouri and Arkansas legislatures seeming to afthe part of large property owners and ford them no encouragement to stay out. heavy taxpayers, who are freely devot-

HOLDING DOWN THE TAX RATE.

interests of the city at large. Everyone

the growth of a community, while low

Public bodies vested with the taxing

power usually gauge their revenues by

necessary salary at the time it is pro-

posed by the council or school board.

courts to prevent any illegal or unau-

while the levy is under discussion.

that business conditions are excellent.

a low tax rate.

and business enterprise.

rate are forming.

funding proposition.

fer to be sent to the islands. They undoubtedly believe that good business op-No one has any right to find fault with these citizens in their efforts to protect their term of enlistment shall have extheir own interests and, incidentally, the pired.

knows high tax rates are injurious to tax rates encourage increased population It is deplorable, however, that the citizens who are the most concerned should ing some of the mines idle enables the comnot manifest an equal interest in the bination to shut down "struck" collieries management of public affairs when the and reopen others in their place and the elements that determine the annual tax | managers have announced that such is to be their policy. "Divide and conquer" is the motto of the coal trust.

Burdens of the Grief Stricken

Chicago Chro There are some inflictions which even devoted loyalty will not endure.

Monarchy and Democracy.

they would have a better check upon the The death of a great and good monarch is one of the most impressive arguments tax rate and might in time reduce the which can possibly be made against the floating debt without resorting to a monarchical system of government. forces upon the attention of all men the If, however, the authorities are left to spend the public money as they see fit, A Chicago city council committee is on beer to \$1.50 a barrel instead of \$1.60 the year, only to be cautioned to proceed one life is ended, and the people are im more economically after all the steps mortal for all practical purposes.

have been taken, these annual protests are not likely to have much effect. An New York World. organization that would appeal to the vithout colonies we are growing and exthorized expenditure by the public authorities, no matter who the beneficiary may be, would accomplish more toward all the world's cotton and corn, one-quarter holding down the tax rate than all the of all its wheat, one-third of all its meat conferences that could be arranged third of all its coal, more gold than any other country save Africa, and more manufactured goods than England, France and All the trade reviews unite in saying Germany combined.

ouisville Courier-Journ more stable than for any similar length The pope is reported to have announced to of time in many years. The past week has witnessed the placing of large contracts by leading firms at current age makes the supposition most reasonable. prices, which is the best indication that those who should be in a position to know have faith in the future. The to throw aside both the house and the trade of every country in Europe has king of Denmark is still another, though been disturbed by prevailing conditions he does not belong to such a potential class present electoral college are John R. Benin South Africa and China, and, while as the three first named.

Philadelphia Record

The apparent great advantage of the has not been felt. It is such evidence, United States over the nations of Europe in connection with the competition at in that the former have no large standtheir own doors, which alarms the ing to all interests affected. The fact manufacturers of Europe and tells them by the increasing sum that is annually appropriated for military pensions. It is now thirty-six years since the close of the civil war, yet the pending pension appro-Colonel Bryan deplores the dire priation bill carries \$145,245,230-more than five times the amount paid for pensions his strenuous activities bottled up for The total number of pensioners (mostly survivers of the civil war) now on the rolls is 593,529. Twenty years ago the number was 250,802, and ten years ago, More than 40,000 new claims were 537.944. allowed last year, which exceeds the rebottled up by enforced retirement to duction occasioned by the death of old has displayed such astonishing ability in pensioners.

SENATORIAL QUALIFICATIONS. Thoughtful, Sober Words of Disin-

J. Sterling Morton's Conservative.

The smallness and permanence of the influence on its character. tribute to one main cause of its success,

Among the many prominent candidates now before the legislature at Lincoln are some men who quite acceptably fill the here is to get it in readiness for the industrial and commercial activity. government on practically the same and the conscience of the state should be sisting of scientific works, on condition export will again be doubled in the first

SOME SENATORIAL TOPICS.

Kearney Hub: Some newspapers charge

for United States senator at Lincoln is the when they make the change. It is to be evidence of jealousy on the part of news- hoped that something can be devised more paper men. Never before has the press of convenient than the Waterbury watch Nebraska had as good opportunity to assist spring contraption that is now in use. newed assurances of the intention of twice before, the other senatorial candidates only wish they had a following as senatorship, and yet their efforts are of legislature innumerable bills are intro- looking to popular votes for United States staunchly loyal as is the Douglas dele- largely directed in keeping him back. The duced for the establishment of normal senators. The reason behind this plan is, fact that Rosewater is conducting the greatest newspaper in the state and in the west seems to be cause for bitter opposition on the part of rivals, or would-be rivals, and no man in the race has been more roundly abused than he. In spite of this opposition, Mr. Rosewater is putting up a strong fight and one that is likely to win. It has quite frequently been the custom that when a man of certain profession or line of bust ness has aspired for promotion, others engaged in a similar work would rush to their support, thus honoring the calling. It has senate who have views and convictions ditions of peace impossible and these men. Here's hoping Chauncey will live to been said that this fellowship did not exist in the same degree with newspaper men. and the present seems to prove it. Opposition from the organs of the other party does not look so had, but when papers of the republican party lead in the fight on Mr. Rosewater without apparent cause than envy gives it a bad flavor

Dakota City Eagle: Until the Nebraska egislature gets the senatorial matter off their bands they will hardly be in a suitable frame of mind to take up the graver matters of wider import. Selecting a senator affects one man; the laws you enact or refuse to enact affect over a million persons choose representative men for senators (if they don't they ought to: who will size up portunities will await them there after to the senatorial standing. There should be no difficulty in doing this, for the material is quite plentiful. The Eagle, in the exercise of its right and judgment, has on several occasions spoken of one who away above the standard, more eminently fitted for the position than any of the rest-Edward Rosewater of Omaha. We know there are others who do not agree with us That is their right and privilege; we do not agree with them. It is fortunate for humanity, and particularly this section of it. that everybody does not agree with everybody, for life would be as stagment as frog pend. If our selection should be made we will have a most excellent good opinion and accuracy of discrimination of the republican members of the legislature, but if not we have accumulated an over abundant stock of philosophy for pudding against such

Blair Pilot: The Nebraska state legis ture levies, their only alternatives are to is obviously bent upon repeating the dose if sible for the election of two United States senators and two good representative men want to see a popular uprising before his It would seem to an outsider that a few members of both houses have gone into the increasing with accumulated interest. Austin to the tower and keep him there, triffing business and not only are they trifling with then selves but they are trifling with the people. Nebraska is prepared to take her place alongside of states half a century older than she is and if the legislators do their full duty they will grasp the opportunity. Five times the legislators have voted for two United States senators and names of men unknown except in their home of barbers over the state, but at the presdistricts. The republicans of Nebraska do ent time no one seems to know of any ada state reputation, if not national. It is sorbed the amount collected, to a cent, in ing horse and get down to business. It introduced in the present state senate lookis time they recognized the wishes of the people. A business administration has been hold the confidence of the people they must make the promise good. The personal wish barber shops are the only ones who have the distinction of having had distinguished factory pace. Within its own borders the of an individual is of little account when United States now produces eight-tenths of weighed against the interest of the party or the state. Of the fifteen or more men so others only on patronage thrown them by minds of the new comers that accidents of far being voted for there are not to exceed and iron, two-fifths of all its steel, one- five who have thus far made a record that makes them worthy of promotion to the United States senate. It doesn't take a very smart man to see that. Are the legis lators men or mud hens? Let them prove which. They can do it by voting for men of recognized ability, instead of voting for personal favorites.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

If Cincinnati is not the largest city is Ohio, it proposes to be the hottest. Recent events in England have made conspicuous the fact that the highly ornate mayor of London possesses the prosaic name of Frank Green.

nett of Michigan and Robert L. Offutt of Kentucky, aged 83 and 34 respectively. The "abandoned" farms of Massachusette are fast being taken up. Three years ago there were 330 thus classed in the state. A recent coumeration shows there are now but 136. All the rest have been sold to

The oldest and youngest members of the

persons who desired them for cultivation or for summer homes. An appropriation is to be asked of the New Hampshire legislature for the erection on the capitol grounds of a statue of Franklin Pierce, the only New Hampshire man who has been president of the United States. The body of Mr. Pierce rests in

Concord in the old North cometery. Alfred De Cordova, the Wall stree broker, announces his intention to adopt Georgiana Billings, the Mentana girl who drawing and painting. Mr. De Cordova has no children of his own and he has become deeply interested in this child of genius.

A bill which has been introduced in Par liament will confer an additional title on King Edward VII of England. He is now "his majesty, Albert Edward, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great bered states during the last ten years. The Britain and Ireland; king, defender of the read, the Conservative finds the following, faith and emperor of India." The new which members of the Nebraska legislature | bill adds to this "sultan of South Africa." received official notification of his election but that the source of supply is failing. as a member of the Societe Astronomique de France. He was nominated by Camille senate have, however, another important Flammarion and M. Touchet, after writing for the monthly review of the society.

Andree directed to be opened at the end of 1900, was found a bundle of papers inscribed, "Not to be read, but burned," Then came letters from scientific men encouraging him, and one from M. de Fouvilledissuading him. On the latter Andree had written in pencil: "It is possible that he s right, but it is now too late. Have made all preparations, and cannot now draw The will itself is very short. The introduction seems to show that Andree divined the fate that awaited bim. text begins as follows: "The will I write today is probably my last testament, and s, therefore, legally valid. I write on the eve of a journey full of dangers such as measure for United States senators, de. history has yet never been able to show. scribed by Mr. Bryce. It is hoped by all My presentiment tells me that this terrible of the will allots one-half of his fortune. esty may be speedily elected. The honor also inherits his large library, mostly con- is every reason to believe that our lumber

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE POLITICS.

O Nelli Independent (pop.) C. J. Smyth,

good thing to be said of the present form and only one. That is that this committee can't possibly stumble onto a worse one Minden Gazette (rep.). At every session

other in the southwestern part of the state. Ord Quiz (rep.): One of the best bills in-

\$200 for the sale of cigarettes, and was introduced by Representative Murray. Such a law now exists in Iowa, and it is claimed

Ransom, a silver republican, could easily but the same procedure every session. management, but people want the truth regard the mandate, and the legislature will know better what is needed. McCook Tribune (rep.): The effort to Facts Refute the Assertions of Sena-

unload sundry buildings onto the state for normal school purposes seems to be destined to defeat. If the legislature decides to authorize the building of another normal justice to place the building somewhere as his text, do not seem to meet with a in the western part of the state, and not the eastern part of the state, where they now have more schools than they need or can support. It seems to be difficult for the average eastern Nebraskan to believe that the state of Nebraska extends more than a few miles west of the Missouri, when it is a matter of appropriation for state institutions of any kind.

Blair Pilot (rep.): The State Barbers' the payment of salaries. A bill has been ing to the immediate repeal of the law, After the law is repealed we may look the rule to take particular pains to take for fully as good service as has been given the conceit out of any plebe who was so under the state board. The patrons of it in their power to make better barbers. Inexperienced barbers do not thrive and one object of hazing was to impress on the the public

OUR TIMBER SUPPLY.

Necessity for Effective Measures of Porest Preservation. Portland Oregonian.

The bureau of statistics in Washington

standing timber in the United States that, of soldiering they can acquire after their when completed and given to the public. will be of great value. Advance sheets of this report give estimates showing that an area of 1,094,946 square miles is covered by timber, and that this standing timber represents 2,300,000,000 feet. Of states having the greatest area of standing timber. Oregon stands second with 54,000 square miles of forest to her credit. Texas leads with 64,000 square miles; Minnesota follows closely upon Oregon with 52,000 square miles; Washington comes next with 47,700. Other states mentioned in the list of those having the largest timber area are: Arkansas, 45,000; California, 44,700; Montana, 42,000; Georgia 42,000, and Missouri, 41,000 square miles. Following this estimate our standing

timber area and the possibilities which it represents to the lumber trade is the statement that we are cutting our timber at the rate of about 40,000,000 feet a year, an average of which, if continued, will exhaust the present supply in about sixty years. The effort to restore our forests is, of course, not taken into account in this calculation, the object being to show what will result in case the present wasteful policy of using without replacing timber or protecting young timber is pursued through two more generations. In Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, where the logger's ax and the lumberman's mill have been persistently active during the present generation, there are indications of a slight abatement in activities during the last year. There has, indeed, been a steady reduction of the average production of lumber in these originally magnificent timmaximum therein was reached in 1890, after which a gradual reduction was noted, until in 1898 the minimum was reached. This Prof. Paul J. Robert of Mobile, Ala., has shows, not that the demand has weakened, Nature cannot, by ordinary processes or

unaided growth, supply the vast inroads that have been and are being made upon several lunar and meteorological reports her forest wealth. This is conceded, and, while representatives of the National For-There are only twenty-three members in estry association are working in conjunction with officials of the government to the United States, four of whom are woinaugurate a system whereby the loss through commercial demands may be made good by growth, the agents of the great And eke ve "kittens," too, And feedeth them with many a "gem" through commercial demands may be made lumber companies are scouring the northwest, and have penetrated even to the Pacific coast, for the purpose of securing a supply to meet the demands of their business. Large tracts of timber have been bought up in this interest in our own state within the last few years-a perfectly legitimate business transaction, by the way -and for the first time in our history the fact that the forest wealth of Oregon may not be inexhaustible has been, though The still vaguely, presented to our people. The export of lumber is becoming a very important item in our foreign commerce. Statistics show that it has very nearly doubled in the last ten years. The total exports of wood and wood manufactures last year were valued at \$50,598,000, most of these forest products having been shipped from Pacific coast ports to South America and the Asiatic countries. There that he bequeath it to a public library. decade of the century. To meet this fact

forests that represent the growth of cen curies will fall. It will be the part of prudence-prudence of the Benjamin Frank Rosewster with attempting to block a sens- our able ex-attorney general of Nebraska. In type, that is regardful of the interests

SEXATORS BY POPULAR VOTE Formidable Agitation Secessary to Secure the Change. Portland Oregoniar

is worth noting that Governor Hunt

of Idaho joins in Governor's Geer's recommendation for an overture to congress schools in different parts of the state. It of course, conviction that hope of favorable is done at the instance of ambitious towns action by the senate itself is vain unless which want a state institution. The bills some formidable expression of opinion can never pass, yet the legislature might do be made from sources which congress is worse than to create two more normal bound to heed. Resolutions from many schools, one in the northwestern and the states, while they might not be sufficient to secure a national convention for the purpose, would certainly tend to increase the number of senators favorable to the retroduced thus far in the legislature was form. Meanwhile the biennial senatorial passed by the house of representavies Mon-day. The bill requires the annual payment of country are supplying the usual arguments from experience. There are deadlocks at four capitals, not counting the Oregon situation, and there is again grave danger that it accomplishes the purpose for which that at least two of the states will be unit was passed, namely, that of keeping the able to escape one or more vacancies in deadly cigarette from the small boy. With a tew such laws as these in existence the the mischief of these impediments to legislife of the "paper pipe" would not be long. lation has been enhanced by extended use Stanton Register (pop.): We want to go of the organization of the legislature in on record favoring an equal division of the the interest of senatorial candidates. We state ticket in 1902 between the democrats have already witnessed the spectacle of the and populists and in favor of nominat- appropriations of a session being apper ing the strongest man in the state for su- tioned among the supporters of a successpreme judge next fall regardless of what ful aspirant, and now we are called upon branch of fusion he belongs to. Westover, to contemplate the use of committee places Allen or M. F. Harrington are strong popu- and clerkship appointments to the same lists, Smyth and Manahan are strong men sort of end. This is abominable, and the from the democratic branch, and Frank worst of it is that we need expect nothing win if nominated. Let us have a full dis- is doubtless in vain that the sufferers by cussion and nominate the strongest man, the arrangement protest, for if they are Grand Island Independent (rep.): The triumphant next time they will proceed to legislative committee that visited the peni- avenge themselves for this chastisement. tentiary and found things looking rather So that the task of legislative election of the worse for wear, did a good thing, and senators gains steadily in noxious qualities. they ought to follow it up with upan- It has always taken up the time and innounced visits to all the state institutions, terest of the session. Now it undertakes It is the only way they will be able to to dictate all the laws and control all apdiscover the real condition of affairs, as a pointments. Let the legislature pass some formal visit is always prepared for and bill or other providing for popular vote the committee will see things at their best, on senators, and the legislature will hardly It may be somewhat embarrassing to the brave public opinion hardily enough to dis-

DEMOCRATIC WEST POINT.

tor Allen. Buffalo Express

The fulminations of Mr. Allen, the populist senator from Nebraska, against West school under state control, it ought in Point, with the hazing at that institution very strong response from the country at down about Lincoln or other localities in large. He has charged that the general rule at West Point is to squeeze out the "deserving young men from the farm and the workshop" to make room for "aristocrats." As an offset to his argument the New York Sun points out that in the fiftyseven years between 1842 and 1899 there were 362 sons of officers of the army at West Point or 6.35 per year. During the same period there were 1.149 farmers' and planters' sons (mostly farmers') at the board, created by the legislature two years academy, 341 mechanics' sons, and 151 manufive times there appears in the list the ago, was intended to raise the standard facturers' sons. There were, besides, 722 merchants' sons, 645 lawyers' sons, 367 physicians' sons, 128 clergymen's sons, 99 not want men of untried ability for sena- vantages gained by anyone except the board clerks' sons, 30 bank officers' sons, 85 sons tors. They do want men who have proven itself. The board has received in fess or of United States civil officers, 74 county their business ability and who at least have licenses something over \$5,000, and has ab-

The fact is that West Point is probably the most democratic school of its standing in the country. It seems to have been unfortunate as to go to West Point with parents. It has always been declared that birth had nothing whatever to do with the standing of a cadet. It is his own strength of muscle and power of individuality which give him position among his fellows.

West Point is necessary to the country Officers must be educated in the theory of their profession. That education they can s preparing a statement in regard to the not get in the field, but the practical side

SAID IN FUN.

Indianapolis Press: "I wonder why eaper sauce is always served with leg of mutton?" remarked the Observant Boarder.

It is the leg that does the capering.

Chicago Post: "Are you engaged to her?" isked his chum.
"I think so," answered the student of ine nature

remining nature.
"Aren't you sure?"
"Only reasonably so. There is always an element of doubt in these matters. We were engaged yesterday, but I haven't opened this morning's mail yet." Somerville Journal: Mrs. Wiggles-Does our husband have a 'den?'
Mrs. Waggles-No, he roars all over the

Pittsburg Chronicle: Mr. Hoamley-Do you refuse me because I'm a self-made Miss Pert-Oh, are you? That may ac-

ount for it.

Mr. Hosmiey—How account for it?

Miss Pert—Probably you didn't use a
ooking-glass when you were on the job. Philadelphia Press: Mrs. Nexdore-What

Finadespria Frees. Mrs. Nextore—What sort of a piano player do you consider my daughter by this time? Mrs. Pepprey—I should say "Nonunion." Mrs. Nexdore—How do you mean? Mrs. Pepprey—She doesn't seem to con-sider eight hours of labor sufficient for a

THE NIGHT EDITOR.

Monroe H. Rosenfeld in the Journalist. It is ye bold night editor That sitteth at his post; His eye is bright, his heart is light And what he liketh most Is just as often as he can The space writer to roast.

His scepter is ye lead pencil Of sad cerulean hue; And with a grin he doth begin To wave it over you.

That mortal man could be. And woe to any luckless "bard" That calleth him to see. Ah! better dead were he!

always are to him A "litter" ary crew?)

It was ye bold night editor, As mentioned heretofore; His eye was dim. there came from him A prolongated snore: Ye office "cat" jumped up, she heard A "rat" tat at the door.

Then in there strode a motley throng. In gorgeous armor dight: Each held a lance, seen at a glance. To be both sharp and bright. Appeared from left to

They well upon that woeful man
Ye bold night editor;
They tweaked his nose, they rent his
clothes.
They rolled him o'er and o'er.
For every fell space writer there
Was thirsting for his gore!

He woke from out that frightful dream, No pencil he remoraclessly
Now uses to our grief;
But his remark is: "Boys, dear boys,
Your copy's far too brief!"

There is reason to believe they are cor basis as with a foreign nation. It is incarnated in its senators.

four years in the contracted limits of the vice presidency. Had Colonel Bryan only had his way Colonel Roosevelt would have been more effectually private life, leaving the innocuous desuctude of the vice presidency to Adlai cramped by vice-presidential uselessness. Before the legislature takes up miums on all official bonds furnished good feeling of the allies will make a by the guaranty companies it should due allowance, when the question of throw some measure of protection for two United States senators, study indemnities is discussed, for the valu- around the treasury in the way of reg-

their former supremacy is gone.

not be hard for the bond companies to This is a perfectly fair suggestion, get together in a combination for the Those legislative inquisitors might untorial situation if they set about their work in earnest. But the law requires

having this in view, may make their the report of the inquisition may come in after all the excitement is over. The Illinois state senate has abolished

once every legislative day, so the chase

It goes without saying, in spite of all main in the province and military ex- suffer grievously by the abolition of its

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H to serve in the senate who will reflect be indicated and that some idea be in the re-districting bill the republicans Rosewater, and he is quite excusable if he credit upon the party as well as upon given as to where foreign garrisons shall will claim it as part of the reward for declines to walk into any bear-traps. Norfolk News: One feature of the contest

What We Are Coming To.

make themselves perfectly at home.

Attractions for Recruits. bers of the council and school board for That the Philippine war is not unpopular the purpose of impressing upon them is shown by the fact that the greater numthe imperative necessity of economy and ber of recruits enlisting in the army pre- and then some. They will, of course,

Grip of the Coal Barons. Philadelphia North American The anthracite coal combination now controls so many mines that it can impose upon the miners any terms it chooses and defy any strike that is not general. The trust method of limiting output and keep-

their expenditures rather than expendi-Providence evidently is determined to tures by their revenues. When they go spare the unfortunate British no pans. Mr. a lack of appreciation. on exhausting funds and piling up out-Alfred Austin has already ground out an standing obligations to be met from fu- | elegiac ode seven and a half yards long and | lature will be held, by the people, responhe is not stopped. If Edward VII doesn't collect in the money by taxation or carry along a floating debt constantly reign is fairly begun he will consign Mr. If the taxpayers would call a halt at every extravagant appropriation or un-

terrible importance under any system of hereditary rule, of the chance of life and death for a single individual. Great parties without remonstrance, eleven months in in a popular government do not perish when A Great Country. The fact ought not to be overlooked that panding right here at home at a very satis-

> Aged Rulers of Europe. Queen Victoria was not the only aged ruler whose term of years is almost ended. his cardinals that he has no expectation of surviving beyond the year, and his extreme Another of the great sovereigns, Francis Joseph of Austria, has already passed the scriptural limit of days, and at the best

the United States has suffered from the incle Sam's Pension Roll.

terested Observers. In the work of James Bryce on the government of the United States, which every thoughtful and patriotic citizen ought to may, at this critical juncture of a contest possible profit:

the superior intellectual quality of its mem-Every European who has described t has dwelt on the capacity of those who men. compose it, and most have followed De Tocqueville in attributing this capacity to the method of double election. The choice of senstors by the state legislatures is sup posed to have proved a better means of discovering and selecting the fittest men. It is no more surprising that the average capacity of the senate should surpass that of the house than that the average cabinet minister of Europe should be abler than the average member of the legislature * * A man must have had considerable experience of affairs, and of human nature in its less engaging aspects, before he enters this august conclave."