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Notary Public.

Making franchises "attractive" in orbusiness. The county commissioners must remember this.

aroused by the presence of a great disaster.

tongue of a scold is the only edged tool

Russia is expected to demand 30,000,-000 taels as an inducement to get out of Manchuria. At the rate the powers are proceeding to mortgage China a deficiency judgment will be demanded.

The unsparing application of the ax to the assessment roll suggests the upon the foreign nations for everything 49 per cent of the imports were agrithought that the Board of Equalization has lost its pruning knife. Revenue reform has not yet reached its zenith in Omaha.

The shrick which Freedom emitted Poland. Which proves that ruling as a foreign commerce, monarch over people in whose hearts the seed of democracy has taken root has its drawbacks.

ing faith with the public.

Perpetual franchises in relation to both as to time and scope.

variably sponsored by a popocrat.

The semi-annual bill to prevent the giving away of railroad passes and punish the giver and recipient has made its appearance at Lincoln. When it was read every other man in the chamber searched his pocket to see if his pasteboard was all right.

sidered.

The War department clerks are busy preparing information requested by Senator Pettigrew. After March 4 the various departments will be relieved of the responsibility of educating the South Dakotan and will have more time to devote to routine business.

The city council doesn't seem disposed to defy the order of the court at the behest of the men who are protesting against the tax levy. Moral support is all right, but would hardly operate to keep a council out of fail or to alleviate the conditions that attend confinement. And then in the end the court must be obeyed.

It is not so material how the matter is of a law which will prevent people onto the general public through a legal technicality. Omaha taxpayers have \$750,000 worth of this kind of experience and are not looking for any more.

never more clearly demonstrated than bravely and with no uncertain sound in congress the other day. The mem- for humanity and brotherhood, for mag- The United States is taking an emiber from Oklahoma accused a Texas nanimity and justice, and never for par-

ONE-SIDED DEVELOPMENT.

neglected utierly the equally important will be followed. question, if we are to be a world power, of our position upon the ocean. Our development and growth have been Business Letters and remittances should docks of our Atlantic and Pacific coasts manufactured product can be shipped to manity suffers the American pockettion to Europe, to Asia, to Africa, to panies. hazards of foreign wars."

it would be much larger if during the year. last thirty years we had possessed an being dependent upon foreigners for our can ships under the American flag.

der that they may sell well is dangerous policy that will encourage capital to cultural and meat products. A report Two millions of dollars contributed to tection, so magnificently successful in by presenting figures that are as gratthe relief of Gaiveston is a measure of developing our industries, to the creatifying as they are stupendous. the generosity of Americans when tion of a merchant marine for the ocean- During the last year, according to Mrs. Nation is verifying the truth of of our shipbuilding industry and the increase of more than \$2,009,000,000 over Washington Irving's epigram that the employment of our American labor. The the volume of foreign trade in the year which does not grow dull through con- applied to every application of the for 1900 were valued at \$1,370,763,571, or

we produce, except agriculture." leglect its position on the sea. It

# THE CHINESE SITUATION.

The difficulties in the Chinese situa-Every cold wave which has struck ther trouble and complications are problist of twelve items that comprise nine-Nebraska this winter turned back dis. able. The other powers having insisted tenths of the produce the people of the gusted after a few hours' effort. The upon carrying on negotiations at Pekin United States are compelled to import, state has been advertised as a winter as to all the matters to be settled with several offer an opportunity for the resort and Nebraskans believe in keep. China, the United States has acquiesced | American farmer, particularly the farand special instructions have been sent mer of the west. quasi-public functions are a menace, that our government is disposed to be More than 4,000,000,000 pounds of There can be no doubt about that. Any lenient, but that is not the case with this article were purchased abroad for charter granted by the county should some of the other powers if reports are home consumption last year. This in contain specific and definite limitations to be trusted. These state that Russia despite of the great increase in output The bill for the relief of newspapers less exacting. If this is their deter- various times in support of measures or the supposed interests of parties. lacking in circulation keeps coming up infination and it is persisted in it can to foster the production of beet sugar have reached a point in our national In the legislature almost as regularly as hardly fail to create a very grave situal in the north and cane sugar in the growth when it is necessary to rise above any of the other time-tried and fire- tion, for there is reason to believe that south. This report from official sources tested holdup measures. And it is in- China will not complacently submit to is but an added argument. The im-If the Commercial club's committee peace and a fair and honorable settle cess of the home production is the Field Marshal Roberts, who was present at only does its duty, the franchise for an ment, there still remains enough of greatest possible incentive to an inelectric car line over the country roads spirit and of patriotism, it is not to crease in the home industry. There bardly have failed to be impressed with the will never pass in its present form. It be doubted, to resist demands that is no longer any question as to the feasiis the interest of the people and not the would mean intolerable hardship and bility of the growth of sugar beets over in the right place than by forty or fifty profit of promoters that must be con- perhaps ruin to the empire. China is a large area, which includes the whole

quiesced in the demand for the execu- tain return. tion of several of the minor officers who China would be remote, if, indeed, war did not result. It is quite possible that accomplished as it is to have some kind of their protestations to the contrary it may fairly be doubted if either of world. who have benefited by improvements those powers is really opposed to the from throwing the expense of them partition of China, which would be the

possible conditions.

inevitable result of war. The present degeneracy of Texas was council board of nations, it has spoken its domestic product is exhausted.

terrible penalty of misguided policy." courts of the land. There are two Senator Depew, in his speech on the The United States has indicated the naval vessels in Venezuelan ports to ship subsidy bill, made a forceful point path in which safety lies, but the at protect the lives of Americans, but when he said that we have been so titude of some of the powers does not neither good policy nor justice warabsorbed in production that we have give favorable promise that this path rant the use of force to establish prop-

DISCRIMINATES AGAINST OMAHA. Another very excellent opportunity one-sided. "We have," said Mr. Depew, for the Commercial club's active inter- The final report of the contributions he did so much to brighten and improve. he licked about thirty cadets." "erowded upon our ralls, our lakes, our ference is presented in the case of the to aid the sufferers from the storm He will have outlived Oneen Victoria by rivers and our canals an output from Bemis Omaha Bag company. This firm which wrecked the city of Galveston every avenue of production which must had all plans arranged for the erection shows that the contributions were only find markets or produce stagnation and of a large factory in addition to its a trifle less than \$2,000,000, practically been spent in peace, contemplation and prize. distress beyond our dreams, without present plant in Omaha, but has aban- all of which came from the people of screne bappiness. Out of his well-carned product of Stillwater on the Croix. Some appropriation of the public revenues, but it any provision, so far as our government | doned the venture because of the unsat | the United States. It is to such things or our people or our flag is concerned, isfactory classification of freight rates as this the American people point when for its carriage beyond our own sea- made by the local rallroads. Mr. A. F. foreigners accuse us of being sordid hoard. The farm, the factory and the Bemis, head of the company, says that and of being solely actuated by a demine have filled the warehouses and the at present rates are so adjusted that the sire to make money. Wherever huwith their contributions to national Omaha as cheaply as the raw material, book is the first to open and the last wealth, employment and the happiness a change having recently been made in to close. of our people, and left their transporta- the classification by the railroad com-

annually for carrying our products to the readjustment of this rate in order is taken. foreign markets and great as our trade that the proposed increase in the local has become, it is not to be doubted that plant will not be abandoned, even for a

American merchant marine instead of AGRICULTURALEXPORTS AND IMPORTS. matter of economy are serious and it delightful, fragrant, tender memories as its intellectual requirements, so he went Much boasting has been done in retransportation. This is certainly true cent times of the wonderful advance of the trade with South America. Hav- made by the United States in the way ing pushed our industrial development of exports of manufactured articles. As to a point far beyond domestic require a nation we have outstripped all others, ments, the question is whether we shall and now stand in the front rank with continue to depend upon the ships of a slight but nevertheless appreciable our commercial rivals to carry our prod- lead over Great Britain, which has unucts to the markets of the world, or til very recently led the world. In the shall send these products out in Ameri- exultation over this great accomplishment of our commerce we have over-The republican party favors the latter looked the growth of one feature in and in order to attain it proposes a which we have long led, that of agriinvest in American ships, built in Americ just issued from the Agricultural decan shippards with American labor. It partment at Washington has brought advocates applying the principle of pro- this branch of national growth to mind

carrying trade. The opposition to this the report from the Agricultural depolicy proposes free ships, which leaves partment, our entire foreign trade out of consideration entirely the growth amounted to nearly \$2,250,000,000, an proposition is the same that has been 1800. Of the total the domestic exports protective policy by the advocates of more than forty times what they were in free trade-a proposition which, as was 1800, and the imports were valued at said by Senator Depew, "turned from \$849,941,184, less than ten times as large the ocean into the land, would have as in 1800. In these figures is told the taken away the protective principle story of our national growth. Agrifrom our industries at the beginning cultural and meat products formed and we would be upon the land just about 62 per cent of the total of dowhere we are upon the sea, dependent mestic exports. On the other hand, but cultural products.

The United States should no longer | Twelve lines-sugar, hides and skins, coffee, silk, vegetable fibres, wool, fruit must not continue indefinitely to be and nuts, tobacco, tea, wine, vegetable dependent upon foreign shipowners, oils and cocoa-formed 90 per cent of We must have an American merchant the total of agricultural imports. It is when Kosciusko fell is still echoing in marine equal to the demands of our in this feature of the table that the western farmer finds his food for study. His attention has been directed to the production of foodstuffs for export, with not more than a passing tion have not been overcome and fur- thought for his home market. In the

to the American minister in regard to Sugar is easily the leading item of egnize General Shafter's leadership in the the question of indemnity. It is said agricultural import to the United States. will demand an enormous indemnity of the western and southern factories. and that Germany is likely to be hardly Much has been said by The Bee at being plundered. Anxious as the gov- mense amount of sugar annually conernment and people undoubtedly are for sumed by the American people in exwilling to do all that can reasonably be of Nebraska. There is a steady market asked, but she will not submit to im- for the product of the field and factory, at a good profit, and there should be an The question of the punishment of equivalent readiness on the part of certain officials is also a serious one. farmer and capitalist to embark in a ticularly "flush" last Saturday and spent It appears that our government has ac- venture that offers so apparently a cer-

In regard to other main items of imwere connected with the anti-foreign port, less can be said. The livestock carrying \$77,000,000 and authorizing the uprising, but the American minister is interests of America are supplying hides expenditure of more than \$15,000,000 for new vigorously opposing such punishment and skin and wool apparently to the ships, and in the way of small change it for the higher officials charged with extent of possibility. At any rate, the put through seventy-seven private pension participation in the outbreak, for the herd owners and flock masters have reason that the position of these officials had for several years the encourageis such that an attempt on the part of ment of high prices and a steady dethe government to execute them might mand, and if they have not been able bring on a revolution. Whether or not to supply all that has been required, it this attitude of Minister Conger will has not been for lack of encourageavail anything remains to be seen ment. In silks, tropical fruits, and the Should the German government insist like, our home product is necessarily as showing the Cuban idea of republicanism are vivid and he has a large collection of upon its demand for the execution of far behind the requirements, but there and what are likely to be the general these high officials it may be able to is much being done in favored localities secure the support of the other powers to reduce the necessity of importation. He and a local regime for each of the six ports. In these lines the United States but these departments have not the desuch a danger will have no influence stand without a serious rival. We send gree of sovereignty enjoyed by our states. with Germany and Russia, for in spite abroad other things, but we have these that of the United States. great staple lines in which we lead the

There is much of detail in the report In a recent address Dr. Hill, assistant portance than the statement that the secretary of state, said in reference to United States continues to import more

denied.

tection of foreign flags and to the of a large addition to the present plant as the larger cities. The desire to make has retarded our commercial growth, or the rate on the manufactured product as an advertisement. The state is down owners from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 task of the Commercial club to secure surprise people when the next census modern, scholarly and spontaneous work.

Omaha's Indian supply depot is not out of danger yet. The differences bewill take close watching to prevent the they evoke in the men and women of the into systematic training. appropriation for the Omaha depot being present generation, and still more of that stricken out in interest of some other entrancing were to them the lyrical item, Nebraska's representatives in congress should be on the alert, and rising generation, brought up on Wag-Omaha business men should not allow ner, Brahms, the latter-day Verdi, Gouthem to falter.

rest amid such stately pomp as was their production. never before witnessed. But no amount of material display can add to the and had nothing to aid him in his struggle tribute already paid her memory by the for recognition, influence and fame-nothsincere tears of millions of devoted subjects and the honestly expressed sorrow the unhappy Mozart, or the equally unand admiration of other millions who happy Schubert, who lavished their rich owed her no other allegiance than that and glorious inheritance on an unapprewhich the world pays to an honest woman.

Foreign officers in China admit that are still his debtors. Peace to his ashes! the American soldier is a good fighter. but hold that he is entirely too free in discussing the actions of officers and Modern Organization Provided For in the general conduct of affairs. As the American officers make no complaint on that score, possibly the foreign officers might avoid the distasteful criticism by changing their methods.

to the street railway company that it is sion.

#### Intensifying National Grief. Globe-Democrat.

Laureate Austin's poetry is doing much to intensify and prolong the period of mourning in Great Britain.

#### Cleaning the Platter. Chicago Record

Members of congress evidently fear that it will be construed as a reflection on their statesmanship if any of the surplus is lef over for the next congress.

# Hero's Place in History.

Representative Hull of Iowa reveals an intimate relation with the "world's history" in his declaration that it would rec-Santiago campaign as one of the most brilliant on record.

#### Consider National Interests. Indianapolis Journal.

The question of an extra session of congress should be decided with relation to at its maximum, for the full force is national interests and without reference to required to care for the costly guns of our the individual preferences of congressmen new and claborate seacoast fortifications. party consideration of that kind.

# High Titles Easily Earned.

The Emperor William has been made the ceremony, is a reflective person he can circumstance that it is much easier to beyears of hard military service in the four quarters of the globe.

# The House in Action

Philadelphia North American house of representatives felt par money like water. Within a period of three hours it passed the army bill, which requires the expenditure of about \$115,000,000 bills to fill in surplus time

# Cuba's Constitution.

The constitution drafted by the central committee will doubtless be considerably modified before its final adoption by the convention as the basic law of the new republic. In its present form it is interesting outlines of the government to be founded.

and in that event a settlement with Breadstuffs, cotton and meat products departments, with its governor and single This experiness is a survival of the incontinue our principal agricultural ex- assembly, both elected by popular vote, ventor's early experience as a telegraph while the national power is greater than at San Francisco, has gone into business

# Wa Ting Fang as a Critic.

Minister Wu Ting Fang, a wit himwhich will be of interest to the student, self, is not disposed to look upon our wit but there is no one thing of more im- and humor as being ephemeral. The minis-China that so far as the voice of the than 4,000,000,000 pounds of sugar probable that they used those terms in the language perfectly, and it is now re- ward. United States has been heard at the gnnually to supply the demand after a rhetorical sense. Every well informed called that General Grant had several prian extensive religious institution and that its devotees outnumber any other religiounently proper course on the disturbed nating public has enjoyed Mr. Wu's com- spent fifteen months of his foreign tour traditions. member of dishenesty and the Lone Star | tition and plunder, adding: "Unless the | condition of affairs in Venezuela and the | parisons and contrasts and wouldn't have | A facsimile of the message was published congressman simply rose to a question great eastern question is settled in a interests of Americans in that country. It him modify or change them in any way. of privilege. If it had been Joe Bailey, when that gentleman was at his best, he would have raised—something else.

If it had been Joe Bailey, or prosperity and he limit the architecture of the nation insomuch as they are very happiness to my friends in the empire. They have added something to the gaiety of the nation insomuch as they are very happiness to my friends in the empire. They have added something to the gaiety of the nation insomuch as they are very happiness to my friends in the empire. They have added something to the gaiety of the nation insomuch as they are very happiness to my friends in the empire. And we'll get the glory for it—for the good true and correct, and so far as they shame to my enemies—on Christianity are very just.

And he limit the architecture of the name of the nation insomuch as they have added something to the gaiety of the nation insomuch as they are very happiness to my friends in the empire. And we'll get the glory for it—for the good true and correct, and so far as they shame to my enemies—on Christianity are very just.

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#### PASSING OF A MASTER MUSICIAN. Verdi's Long Lite and His immortal Compositions.

Yew of the great representatives of the nineisenth century-its work and progerty rights which are in dispute until ress-are left us. The great Italian comcivil remedies have been exhausted or poser. Verdi, who celebrated his 87th birthday in October last, is about to depart from this mundanc sphere, which He fought five men in one day and in all example in their legislation of that wise a few days, though, unlike the British sov- neither a monument or a tablet at the Point, creign, his active life and service had ended excited widespread interest and inquiry. some years ago. His last years have Kentucky claimed him as a Blue Grass of December last. treasure he had made ample provision for intimations were dropped that the prize is to be feared that they are in no mood gentleress and sweetness of his nature.

Musically speaking, Verdi's name will not Herald puts up the best claim of all, backed be associated in history with any revolu- by names, dates and a rattling good story swell the total beyond the \$1,500,000,000 tion or turning point in the art he has of the way the wonder dressed down the mark. enriched. His development was gradual, gang at the academy some twelve years easy, natural. He escaped controversy and ago. attack, though some of his compositions the world had outgrown before he surprised | infantry, is the prodigy. He needs no mon-The detailed census returns of the even his most devoted admirers by pro- ument or tablet, for in the traditions of South America and to Australia to the It is a serious condition of affairs, in. State are now out and it appears that ducing masterpieces embodying the spirit West Point he will long be remembered as greed of foreign shipowners, to the pro- asmuch as it involves the construction the smaller towns are in the same boat of the modern muisic-drama. Verdi's the piebe who whipped 'everything in career divides itself into three distinct sight," who fought five men "to a finish" in changes. The first gave the world "Il one day, and "knocked out" his most acof the company. It is also in the nature a good showing ten years ago prompted Trovatore," "Travlata" and several similar complished shtagonist after twenty-eight This neglect of our position on the of a discrimination against Omaha and the enumerators to see double in many but less popular works. The second stage rounds. In the army he has gone right ocean has cost the American people en- in favor of eastern factories. Either instances. The result is a showing this reached its climax in "Aida," unquestion- ahead whipping Spaniards, Filipinos and ormously in money and unquestionably the rate on the raw material is too high year which is by no means gratifying ably the most splendid, gorgeous, colorful Chinese Boxers impartially whenever opand dramatic opera born of Italian genius, portunity offered. while the final stage found its mature ex We have been paying to foreign ship is too low. It should be the immediate to a solid basis now, however, and will pression in "Falstan"—an amazingly

The two operas named last would alone secure, if not immortal. But while his When Frank decided to try for a West ficiency, to be supplied by new impositions earlier works are now but seldom revived. and the next decade of the present centween the senate and the house in the tury may even refuse to hear them, what now declining toward advanced age! How gems of the early Verdi operas! The ned and, Tschalkowsky, may turn superciliously from them, but there is a world Queen Victoria will be borne to her the changed conceptions of opera preclude of beauty and loveliness in them, though

Verdi was the son of a poor innkeeper, ing but the divine gift of musical genius. How fortunate he was as compared with ciative audience and were condemned to a life of misery and an early death! Verdi deserved all the material and emotional tributes that the world paid him, and we

#### THE NEW ARMY BILL

All Branches of the Service.

Boston Journal. There are a few weak points in the new army bill as it goes to enactment, but, these minor defects excepted, the bill is a good one and the organization provided for all branches of the service is thoroughly mod-There may be a demand in Omaha for ern and effective. The ten cavalry regi-'owl' cars, but it has never manifested ments of the old regular army are increased itself in a way that gave any indication to fifteen, the twenty-five infantry regiments to thirty and the seven artillery regiments to twelve. In conference the serious. You may depend upon it that senate yields to the house and merges the whenever there is business enough to twelve regiments in an artillery corps. warrant it the company will supply the Thus the greatest proportionate ircrease is "owl" cars without statutory compul- made in the cavalry and artillery arms, knowledge of which is most difficult to takes fully twice as long to make a good artilleryman or trooper as it does to make a good infantryman and it is the United States, the trained nucleus of the greater army which we should require in case of war, should be strongest in those expert scientific branches of the service where volunteers and militia are necessarily deficient.

Just as the total strength of the army ranges from 60,000 to 100,000 at the discretion of the president, so the strength of a eavalry regiment may be 839 officers and men, with the army at its minimum, or 1,259 with the army at its maximum, and the strength of an infantry regiment may

be \$38 officers and men, or 1,858. Thus, the total cavalry strength of the army of 60,000 will be 12,585, and of the army of 100,000, 18,885. The total infantry strength of the army of 60,000 will be 25,140 and of the army of 100,000, 65,740. The strength of the artillery will range from 14.320 to 20,016. It is probable that the artillery will constantly be maintained Besides the fighting line of the army

there will be the engineers and other special service corps, organized very much as they are at present, but given increased numbers. This army will be commanded by a conservative number of officers of high rank-one lieutenant general, six major generals and fifteen brigadier generals, or no more than would actually be required to lead an army of 100,000 men in war. Thus the new organization consistently preserves the modest traditions of a peace-loving republic.

# PERSONAL POINTERS.

News from South Africa indicates that Kitchener has another regret to report. Charles Quincy Hillebrand, the new congressman from the Sixth Ohio district, was once a professional base ball player.

Elmer Dover, Senator Hanna's private secretary, began his career as a newspaper writer at 15, when he was a reporter on the McConnellsville (O.) Herald.

that he was a blot on the face of civilization and a pimple on the neck of the universe, or words to that effect. Friends and classmates of Hamilton Fish.

Guasimas, Cuba, have decided to have a bronze bas-relief erected to his memory at Columbia university, New York. Daniel Moulton of Lewiston, Me., is one of the few surviving friends of "Sam" Houston. His recollections of Santa Ana letters written by Houston and his friends.

Thomas A. Edison writes rapidly in a hand that is described as "!tke copper plate, operator. How Yow, the Chinese consul general

as a breeder of trotting horses. He has seer, will employ only Chinese,

and humor as being ephemeral. The miniatery of the miniatery which have denounced Confucianism a lish, his present negotiations with the repersultative of the United States and Great fail," were not at all serious, since it is probable that they used those terms in a rhetorical sense. Every well informed American knows that Confucianism is quite an extensive religious institution and that ald of an interpreter.

Chang declared he knew very little English, his present negotiations with the repersultations of the United States and Great them erect and then with a shove or a like from behind forced the laggards forward.

And the glad and glorious tidings of the proper shoe or boot. Let us lift the peor old heathen from the box wherein he seven-shooter follows up its asking in them to their feet as though they were mere pigmies the officers planted them erect and then with a shove or a like from behind forced the laggards forward.

The crisis was past. Once on their feet and then with a shove or a like from behind forced the laggards forward.

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The crisis was past. Once on their feet and then with a shove or a like from behind forced the laggards forward.

The crisis was past. Once on their feet and full-dress suit.

The crisis was past. Once on their feet and full-dress planted them erect and then with a shove or a like from behind forced the laggards forward.

The crisis was past. Once on their feet and full-dress suit.

The crisis was past. Once on their feet and full-dress suit.

The crisis was past. Once on their feet and full-dres

PRIZE HERO OF THE PLEBES.

Man Who Smashed Thirty Fourth-Class tadets at West Point. During the congressional investigation into the charges of hazing at West Point one of the cadets testified that he heard of but one "plebe" who escaped the ordeal. "He was a 'plebe' in 1888," said the witness 'He whipped every man pitted against him. The: identity of this wonderful piebe, who has

Frank Schoeffel, now captain of the Ninth

Schooffel is 6 feet 112 inches in height, is aggressively red-headed and comes of fighting stock, being the son of Colonel suffice to make Verdi's fame abiding and Francis A. Schoeffel of Rochester, N. Y. Point cadetship in 1887 he already had of taxes or by such cheese-paring in the his growth. He had heard something of bext congress as will necessitate a serious West Point's physical standards, as well reduction in appropriations that are legiti-

He ran many miles daily along the canal towpath, he swung Indian clubs and dumbbells, he punched the bag, skipped the rope and took boxing lessons from the best instructor in Rochester. A year later, when Frank got his coveted appointment, he might have served as the model for a statue of the gladiator.

Of course he was promptly "called out." West Point could not show the white feather just because this particular plebe We believe that Mr. Reed's proposition looked hig enough and strong enough to will be accepted by fair-minded men of sweep the parade ground with any two of whatever party as a truthful exposition of the upper-class men.

History mercifully conceals the names of the thirty men whom Schoeffel met suc- the more money a government spends the cessively before he established his right to better off financially are its people. It immunity from persecution. He left marks may be conceded that the expenditure on most of them, "knocked them out" in makes the beneficiaries better off, but the from one to twenty-eight rounds, and dur- vast mass of the population can derive no ing the young giant's first year he supplied adequate compensation from moneys raised material for at least one ward in the hospital, with great regularity.

One particularly obnoxious upper-class man, with the reputation of a bully, an- same time. This may be illustrated by our gered Schoeffel, who told him plainly that municipal experience. How does it profit he was not fit for the company of gentlemen. Of course the bully had to fight, pay extravagant prices for electric lighting which pleased Schoeffel mightily. nestness and precision the Rochester youth of the city departments? The proposition decorated first one eye and then the other. really requires no argument, yet congress-Then he spoiled two front teeth. Finally men when reproached for their extravathe bully was carried to the hospital.

ing five picked bruisers successively in a much richer. single day. This test was expected to humble his pride, but Frank sent one after of power, but should that be abused it another down and out, and then asked if will meet with a day of reckoning. The anybody else had aspirations. After this party in opposition will not always be his supremacy was very generally conceded blinded by the free sliver heresy and will and he had some available time for study. be quick to take advantage of new issues, So deep an impression did Frank Schoe fel's prowess leave upon his comrades that dustrial progress shall be halted by unwhen, a few years later, his brother Bernard favorable conditions. The people have not entirely proper that the regular army of came along as a piebe and the cadets ob- given the administration or the republican served that the stripling was built on the same lines as the redoubtable Frank, and learned that he had enjoyed similar athletic November's verdict. privileges, he was accepted on his apparent merits and did not have to fight his way to fame. The elder brother had established the family's status in a class by itself and

> thenceforth stood unchallenged. Shoulder to shoulder these sturdy brothers have since fought their way at Santiago, in | saw the Philippines and at Pekin, sharing in all the honors of the glorious old Ninth infantry. It was their fortune to be detailed to the same regiment. When Brigadier General Hawkins, bareheaded, his long, snow-white hair streaming like the plume of Henry of Navarre, led his regulars up the bullet-swept slopes of San Juan, First Lieutenant Frank Schoeffel and his company were among the first to gain the summit. They made him a lieutenant after that, and Bernard was a lieutenant in his brother's company when the fighting Ninth was ordered to General Lawton's command

in the Philippines. Only about 15 per cent of the men now in the Ninth were the veterans of Santiago. The regiment had been recruited with a lot of good, but raw material that had never stood under fire. It was during Lawton's famous turning movement, directed against the towns lying south of Mantla. The boys called it the "trip across the

desert. Not a drop of water to drink the hottest day of the season; sweltering, parched, the troops had straugled behind or fallen out by hundreds. Their officers rallied them, and after a night of rest the advance was resumed the next morning along a creek bottom. Emerging from a bamboo thicket into a valley covered with swampy rice fields, the skirmishers were greeted with a hot fire from one of the hills that flanked the valley. The Filipinos were there in

Lawton was between two fires. The men advancing to the assault were being shot at from in front and behind. The general here achieved a remarkable evolution with Mrs. Nation told the governor of Kansas a command under double fire. He ordered the Ninth right about face, and started it charging toward the hill from which came the second attack, while the rest of the command continued to assault the posijr., the first Rough Rider killed at Las tion first heard from.

As the Ninth advanced it was met with such a galling fire that the men were ordered to lie down in the rice fields. During this trying ordeal many of the raw recruits lost their nerve and were on the verge of panic. When the fire slackened slightly the order came to resume the assault. But some of the men of Captain Schoeffel's command, in common with others, simply refused to rise and face the fire again. They buried their noses in

fire again. They buried their noses in the rice roots and lay low. It was a critical moment.

Then down the line like a pair of avenging furies strode two giant figures. The West Point athlete was again on his mettle. Cursing them roundly for cowards, Captain Frank Schoeffel and his brother Bernard, one after another, lifted those hought a farm for the purpose near San Captain Frank Schoeffel and his brother Lest Jose and, except for an American over- Bernard, one after another, lifted those scared recruits bodily, as an irate parent Let us teach him that the bolo and the dag-Although when in this country Li Hung lifts a naughty child for punishment, and Chang declared he knew very little Eng- awinging them to their feet as though they

the men of the Ninth straightened out in Mark Twain sent a characteristic greet- good form and cleared that perilous hill ists except the Buddhists. The discrimiting to his friends in Vienna, where he in a style worthy of its best regimental

> Once their men were upright and adin the Neues Wiener Tageblatt Christmas vancing the Schoeffel brothers no longer

A PRODIGAL CONGRESS

#### Need of Setting the Brakes on Government Appropriations.

Philadelphia Ledger (rep.) In our great presperity we must gund against the danger it invites of extravagance in government expenditures and appropriations, and the chosen representatives of the people will, I doubt not, furnish an economy which in a season of plenty husbands for the future. Such was the admonition conveyed to

congress in President McKinley's message It should have Minnesotans insisted he was a suggested to the lawmakers caution in their less fortunate musicians, and his whole hero of the plebes hailed from Omaha, for the practice of economy. Almost every career has furnished illustrations of the But these claims were indefinite and un-appropriation bill shows a marked increase supported by evidence. The New York In the allowance voted, while there are under consideration various projects Together with deficiencies, it is estimated that the regular appropriations for the Fifty-sixth congress will approxi mate \$1,493,525,666. Other bills aggregating \$63,000,000 are also being pressed, and include ship subsidies, Nicaragua canal Pacific cable, St. Louis fair and cotton claims, while desperate efforts are being made by members from western states to embark the United States on an irrigation. enterprise that may in time, in its extravagance, dwarf the river and harbor appropriations.

Many of the members of congress are disposed to regard the late republican victory as an endorsement of all forms of extravagance, and are acting in keeping with this sentiment. If the brake be not applied the proposed reduction of the war revenue will only result in a huge demate. It is not improbable that wanter liberality, for which republican congresses are notable, is due to a belief in the half truth that the foreigner pays the tax. The internal revenue taxes are, of course, excluded from the category, as they are wholly borne by our own citizens, and as for the customs taxes, we have the declaration of so respectable a republican authority as ex-Speaker Reed that sometimes the foreigner pays the tax, sometimes the consumer pays it and sometimes they share it. the sources of our customs revenue.

It is an old and oft-repeated fallacy that by taxation and improvidently appropriated. In this respect a nation is like a family-it cannot spend what it has and keep at the the Philadelphia taxpayer for councils to With or to multiply needlessly the subordinates gance will merely reply that this is a rich country and that appropriations keep money Before Schoeffel had compelled recognition in circulation. On this basis congress might as the undisputed fistic champion of the be charged with negligence because it does academy his friends of the upper classes not appropriate three billions instead of subjected him to the trying ordeal of meet- one and one-half and make the nation so

The republican party is in full possession especially if, as is not unlikely, our in party carte blanche to be prodigal. That is not the construction to be placed upon last

# GENIAL RAYS.

Somerville Journal: Happy is the man who has never seen his wife with her crimps in process of manufacture.

Chicago Tribune: Wildun—Last time I saw you, old fellow, you had a big wart on your right knuckle that you had just tried a charm on. How did it work?

Woolley—It left there and went over on one of my left knuckles. It didn't go out of business—it merely changed hands.

Philadelphia Press: "My opinion of Splf-ins," said Bloomfield, hotly, "is that he is a liar pure and simple. What is you opin-ion, Bellefield?" "I," repiled Bellefield, "should omit the word 'pure."

Washington Star: "So you are an in-ventor!" said the rudely inquisitive man.

What do you invent?" 'Principally stories about the things I expect to invent some time

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I suppose usen is allowed more latitude than rincess." "I suppose so."
"Then I hope that Queen Alexandria will a permitted to put up her monotonous hair in some new way.

Chicago Post: "Oh, no; she's not at all what you would call a really feminine woman. She affects masculine ways."
"How?"
"Well, for instance, yesterday I saw her give a street car conductor a nickel when give a street car conductor a nick-she had five pennies in her purse.

Brooklyn Life: He—Oh, yes! I do a little that way now and then; I've written one or two plays.

She—How perfectly delightful! And have you met with much success?

"Pretty well, so far. I once got a manuscript of mine back from the manager."

Detroit Free Press: "I sold our clock and bought this lovely new chair." "How will you know what time it is?" I'll telephone over to those folks

Philadelphia Press: "Have you Moore's pooms?" Inquired the sweet young thing. "I think so, miss, I'll look in a minute." replied the clerk in the book store. "By the way, here's a fine new story just out. It's called 'Just One Kiss,' and." I' want Moore," sha interrupted haughter.

# THE POOR HEATHEN.

Josh Wink in Baltimore American. Let us go and find the heathen; let us take Let us go and find the heathen, let us take him by the hand;
Let us take his evil from him; let us also take his land;
Let us break it to him gently that it's wrong to be so nude.

And inculcate proper notions of the style, as it's pursued.
Let us show him all the glories of the white man's singlem come. man's kingdom come.

And, by way of introduction, sell him lots

of white man's rum. Let us seek our heathen brother in be-

ger are not right; n. the seven-shooter follows up its

Thus we'll labor with the pagan till he un-derstands our ways.

And will pender with a shudder on his old. unhappy days.
We will stock his land with clothing, we will dot it with golf links.
And he'll hall the architecture of the home