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The auditorium brick supply is limited to 20,000. Come early and avoid the

Perhaps those Cubans will convince themselves sooner or later that Uncle Sam is not to be trifled with after all.

What's the matter with Kansas? Nothing in particular just now, except that it is still a trifle too distant from Omaha.

of the wet.

If no one else wants to confess to having perpetrated the Cudahy kidnaping. the public will have to return the credit again to the Hon. P. Crowe.

Aguinaido has not yet announced his lecture tour. He will not come up to expectations, however, if he does not follow the footsteps of illustrious predecessors to the lecture platform.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew has eelerated his sixty-seventh birthday. We await anxiously the specially-brewed new story sprung by the great afterdinner senator in celebration of that auspicious event.

If Nebraska republicans will only leave the management of the party and the selection of its candidates to the popocratic press it will have an easy way out, but they will hardly satisfy either republicans or popocrats.

A local popocratic contemporary is shuddering over the "unmanly sport of live bird shooting." The unmanly the court the opinion refers to a numsport of prize-fighting carried on at South Omaha under the nose of the fusion county attorney does not feaze it notable being that in which Chief Jus-

The National Educational association is preparing for its annual convention to be held at Detroit next July. The last convention was held in the south and the west should come in for the of the federal constitution is very simmeeting of 1902. Why not go after it tier to that of Pennsylvania and Nefor Omaha?

Our popocratic friends seem to have more interest in the journey of Nebraska's new republican senators to Washington than they ever had in the doings of their popocratic predecessor. Of course this interest is purely unselfish

Nebraska is to contribute a notable installment of red men off its reservations to the Indian congress at Buffalo. The Indians who have had a monopoly of trinket selling at Niagara Falls for a century or more will do well to look to the laurels that they have so long maintained.

If the proposed new railroad to Emporia covers new territory exclusively without competing with existing lines of raising revenue for current expendithe other railroads will doubtless enter tures, but also of providing for the very no objections. If it gives promise of dividing present traffic it will not take long for the roads now here to discover rican conflict has caused. It is not genthat it is not needed.

Nebraska's bank balance sheet, as prepared by the secretary of the State of millions of dollars already expended Banking board, makes a gratifying exhibition of reflected prosperity in the be made before the pacification of this substantial increase in the amounts on country is to be accomplished. The deposit and the items of loans and dis- blue book which was presented in Parcounts. Nebraska's banks are on a substantial footing these days.

The attorneys general of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois have gotten together for a in order to restore peace and order in combined campaign against fraudulent insurance companies. The combination the Transvaal under British control. should not be kept exclusive to those three states, as there is work along the same lines in all the western territory, Let Nebraska's attorney general apply ers. It does not contemplate any for admission.

South Omaha live stock figures do not indicate that that market has yet suffered any by the autouncement that one and giving them a participation in the of the packers has transferred his prin- government to be established. If the cipal business to St. Joseph. On the British government shall adopt that contrary, the receipts have gone up in | policy the pacification of South Africa stead of down since the announcement will not be very difficult. was made. Depend on South Omaha to

A CASE PRECISELY IN POINT.

The question raised by The Bee in a recent editorial as to the effect of the attempted veto by Governor Dietrich of the constitutional amendment agreed to blind to everything regarding the ma by the Nebraska legislature seems to terial interests and welfare of the nahave been passed on in a lately reported decision of the Pennsylvania supreme court, which holds squarely that the governor has no part in the submission of constitutional amendments. This case, entitled Commonwealth against Griest, arose from an application for mandamus to compel the secretary of the commonwealth to cause the publication of a proposed amendment that had been vetoed by the governor of Pennsylvania. The constitution of Pennsylvania, with reference to the veto power, is closely akin to that of Nebraska. It contains a provision similar to ours requiring the approvaof the governor to every bill, order, resolution or vote, to which the concur rence of both houses may be necessary. before it shall become a law; and the article relating to amendment requires agreement by a prescribed majority of each legislative branch and publication for a designated period before ratification or rejection by the voters at the

polls. The opinion of Justice Green of the Pennsylvania supreme court, which goes into the question in great detail, is clear Says:

It will be observed that the method o creating amendments to the constitution is fully provided for by this article of the existing constitution. It is a separate and independent article, standing alone and entirely unconnected with any other subject. Nor does it contain any reference to any other provision of the constitution as being needed or to be used in carrying out the particular work to which the eighteenth article is devoted. It is a system entirely complete in itself, requiring no extraneous aid, either in matters of detail or of general scope, to its effectual execution. It is also necessary to bear in mind the character of the work for which it provides. I is constitution-making; it is a concentra tion of all the power of the people in establishing organic law for the commonwealth. It is not lawmaking, which is distinct and separate function, but it is specific exercise of the power of a people to make its constitution.

The court goes on to show that the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth to cause publication is a mandatory one, following immediately upon the entry on the journals of the vote the people of the flood-swept Ohio val- of their membership, and that he cannot ley to come to Nebraska and get out excuse himself for non-performance by setting up the advice, opinion or action of any other person, organization or department, official or otherwise, for the simple reason that the article of the constitution which prescribes his duty does not allow it.

> Referring to the section of the constitution relating to the veto power the judge says that this power "is confined exclusively to the subject of legislation. It is entitled, 'Of Legislation,' and only purports to be an authorization and limitation of the legislation of the commonwealth. It prescribes the manner in be conducted, and the subjects with reference to which it may and may not be exercised, but nowhere is there the slightest reference to or provision for the subject of amendments to the constitution. It is not even alluded to in the remotest manner. On the contrary, the entire article is confined exclusively to the subject of legislation; that is, the actual exercise of the lawmaking power of the commonwealth, in its usual and ordinary acceptation."

In support of the position taken by ber of other cases in which the same conclusion has been reached, the most tice Chase of the United States supreme court held that amendments to the federal constitution do not require the approval of the president before submission to the various states for ratification, although the amendment article

braska. If this decision enunciates the law in the case it seems clear that the veto message filed by Governor Dietrich with the proposed amendment to the Nebraska constitution is altogether beyond his authority and can have no legal effect. The secretary of state, when fore but whether they are as well off as the time comes, will have no alternative people living under the American flag are but to accept the records of the legislature as his only guide and to cause the publication of the amendment and have it printed on the official ballot for an expression from the people, without regard to the attempted veto.

## THE CRISIS IN ENGLAND.

The British government is today confronted with the most serious problem in its history. It is a question not only large deficits that are involved in the erally understood how great the South African campaign has been in expense to Great Britain. It means hundreds and a great deal more of outlay yet to thority of Governor General Milner, in a very clear and definite way stated what the government would have to do the provinces and bring the people of The policy outlined by Milner is one of reasonable magnanimity and will appeal to the best instincts of the burghharsh treatment of the people who have been at war against Great Britain, but rather adopts the American idea of treating them with proper consideration

As the situation now stands, however,

of the British government doing any thing to improve conditions at home or abroad. The men who are at the head of affairs seem to be absolutely tion and looking only for political advantage. The whole aim of Chamberlain, who is the dominating influence in the government, appears to be absolutely political and it is by no means of a nature to reassure the British public.

England is confronted by a crisis of the most serious nature and it is not a reckless prediction that within the next ten years that country will experience a decline of financial and commercial power that will place it in the both the method of amendment and to third position among the nations of the to the Ninth judicial district and ordered world.

THE PROPOSED OMAHA-EMPORIA LINE. The proposition to construct a railroad line from Omaha to Emporia, Kan., with a view to affording the city a southern outlet and connections with the Santa Fe and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas deserves careful consideration.

On the face of it the proposition made by the promoters seems to be a business proposition, but more thorough investigation will be needed before a definite answer can be given to the question whether it would pay Omaha and Douglas county to vote the \$250,000 in bonds cut. After quoting the constitution he asked as a consideration from our

That Omaha's foundation for substan tial growth rests upon its unequaled distribution facilities afforded by railroads radiating in nearly every direction goes without saying. Of the territory within reach of Omaha jobbers and manufacturers, rail connections are lacking in only two or three directions. While we doubt whether the dream of north and south trunk lines with Gulf of Mexico outlets diverting European exportation will be realized in this generation, the necessity of north and south lines for local traffic is constantly present, and the proposed Emporta line would unquestionably satisfy part of that demand.

When it comes to voting bonds as subsidy for construction it will devolve upon the parties interested to formulate their scheme into definite terms and conditions. This proposition will then be a proper subject for public discussion, on which the people should be thoroughly enlightened by the time they are asked showing that the proposed amendment to record themselves at the election at An invitation is cordially extended to has secured the constitutional majority which the proposition is submitted for their endorsement.

Chancellor Andrews of the State uni versity is said to have taken occasion to hit at Governor Dietrich in an address at Chicago before a newly-organized branch of the University Alumni association. Taking a hit at Governor Dietrich may afford satisfaction to the fusion backers of the imported chancellor, but it is hardly in keeping with the dignity and scholarship supposed to be included in the qualifications of the head of a great institution of learning.

Nebraska's commissioner to the Buffalo exposition will have to get a move on him if Nebraska's exhibit is to be in place within reasonable time after the opening of the exposition, May 1. To get the full benefit of the exhibit it should be installed as soon as possible. Nebraska will be fairly well represented from the start on the Midway according to the lists of the commissionaires, but its substantial advertising has to come from the official state exhibit.

Omaha's street improvements are waiting on the acceptance of a form of petition which will comply with the law and safeguard the city against property owners who may attack their signatures n the courts after the work is done. It s to be hoped these preliminary proceedings will be expedited as much as possil.e. as many of the streets are in crying need of new pavements, and delay in the commencement of the work is likely to throw it into cold weather.

Prophets in Waiting. Washington Star. The gentlemen who declared some time ago that the prosperity was only for elec-

turn for prophetic vindication. Core of the Question. Buffalo Express. is not so much a question whether the Porto Ricans are better off than ever be-

tioneering purposes are still waiting their

entitled to be. Pretense and Practice.

Cleveland Leader. The invasion of China was started in th name of civilization and Christianity, but the motive was soon forgotten. Loot was the only thing thought of after the troops had been landed It was a bad start for

the twentieth century.

How It Will Work Out. New York Herald. There isn't beef enough in England to around" and give every man a slice. If the soldier gets the home product, the rest of the population—the four hundred and four million-will depend on this country for war expenditures which the South Af- something to eat. American exportations will not be affected in the least.

Kicking at the Senates. There is hardly any sort of a senate it the Anglo-Saxon world that is satisfactory to the people of whose legislation it has We are talking of changing the charge. method of electing members of our senate, Great Britain wishes to abolish her House of Lords and now in Canada a cry has liament a few days ago, on the au- arisen for making a clean sweep of the Dominion Senate.

Uncle Sam's Gold Pile.

About half of the \$500,000,000 of gold the United States treasury is owned by the government, the other half being owned by the people, who hold gold certificates as security for it. There is no danger that the certificates will be turned in, as the holders would rather have them than the metal: but there is satisfaction in knowing that the government could pay them all and have quite enough gold left to carry on business.

No Warrant for Pessimism. Brooklyn Eagle.

there seems to be no flattering prospect now than ever before, since knowledge is membership.

more, unselfishness is more, altruism more, courtesy is more and vanity, vapidity, vapor, virulence and venality are far

Bucking the Festive Option.

The lowa bank defaulter declares that it was the "board of trade business" which caused his ruin. It is the same old story and it will continue to be repeated until men learn that, in the long run, the outside operator in options is a loser in nine cases of ten.

Constitution and the Flag.

The act organizing the territory of Hawall gave its courts independent jurisdiction, under which the contention was set up that there was no appeal to the courts of the United States. The supreme court of the United States has assigned Hawaii the circuit court of appeals to show cause why it should not take jurisdiction over Hawaiian cases. This is an indication of the opinion of the court on the question some uneasiness as to the fate of the Philippines and Porto Rico cases.

Man's Social Standing in the West.

W. D. Lyman in the Atlantic. The majority of western men are out of their element in anything except business and politics. The wife usually acts as head of the family in all manner of social and religious crises, as inviting a ministerial guest to ask a blessing at table or conduct family worship, while the masculine partner slouches around at such times in hulking and uncomfortable conclousness of his own lack of piety and colish. That solemn sense of his own dignity as head of the house, that shrinking deference paid to him by the "weaker vessels" of his family, which magnifies the pater familias in England, and to some degree in the old-fashioned New England community -this never lightens up the pathway of the average western householder. He may consider himself in great luck if he is not discrowned entirely

## DRY ROT IN SOCIETY.

Paucity of Children in the Palaces of Boston Globe.

The New York clergy are making vigorous attack upon modern American conditions in the abodes of wealth. Dr. Rains ford declares that women in the higher walks of life shirk the duties of motherhood in order to be free for the pursuit of pleasure, while other pastors of wealthy churches deplore the spread of gambling among their Reports from twelve prominent churches attended by families of wealth and school of a church which has 1,000 mem-

Investigation shows that the homes three of those costly and beautiful homes. good government. In a single tenement house were found nore than four times as many children as in a whole mile of mansions extending along Fifth avenue.

not be misunderstood. For the love of fashion and ease the race is being sacrificed. Nature is silent at such social blasphemy, but her laws will not be defied without a fitting penalty in the end.

HISTORY IN BRONZE TABLETS.

Confidence in Its Accuracy is Being Springfield (Mass.) Republican. There seems to be almost an epidemic of historical inaccuracy on bronze tablets. The of the American Revolution of New York

have unveiled a tablet in the register's office of the Brooklyn bridge. This is the inscription: This Tablet Marks the Site of the

Where Patriots Died for the Cause of Freedom About A. D. 1758.

Mary Washington Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution April 15, A. D. 1901.

Revolutionary patriots are meant. soldiers who died for "the cause of freedom" in the old Provost prison were soldiers of the revolutionary war, and that war did not begin until 1775. Yet this tablet has fixed the revolutionary war about wenty years too soon.

This is the third case of the sort that has come under our observation within a short time. One was very near home, and involved the historical status of the founder of Springfield. The tablet said one thing and the truth said another, but that was an error which was speedily rectified by an amendment to the inscription on the tablet. Then came Mrs. Logan's choice selection of senators from different parts of a period covering sixteen years to on a tablet representing her husband taking the oath of office in the senate chamber. Mrs. Logan wished to make the tablet "interesting." And now comes Mary Washington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution setting back the war for independence twenty years.

It is quite needless to say that our conin bronze tablet history is being sadly shakep. But, if it is so easy to make the most obvious errors on bronze tablets, which are months in making, and which contain the briefest and barest outline of facts, can it be cause for surprise that written history itself should be so full of controverted points? Did General Rosethe plan for the relief of Chattanooga? The point is in dispute. Did Marcus Whitman "save Oregon?" The point is in dispute. When we pass from special controversies into the larger field of historical interpretation, the chance for wide differences in opinion becomes even greater. Was the American civil war inevitable Two recent writers hold views exactly contrary on that point. Our civil conflict, says Spenser Wilkinson, a British student of long and gradual growth, rendering an ultimate explosion inevitable." On the other hand, Prof. Macy, in his "Political Parties in the United States," condemns the view that whatever has happened is "in the nature of the case inevitable." He regards our civil war as by no means inevitable. "It is an undeniable truth," he writes, that the civil war occurred as the result of a series of political crimes and blun-

The whole field of historical study, from dates on bronze tablets to the broad generalizations which historians draw from epochs, may be reduced in reality to the simple problem of getting things straight. To solve it is one of the most difficult things that the human mind can undertake to do. A history absolutely accurate was never yet written. The historian who will get his interpretations and his facts altogether straight will be the perfect man.

Corneratone of St. Paul's

# A Lesson in Journalism

suspended publication recently, should distillusionize a horde of people who believe the road to success in journalism is an easy one to travel. The Indianapolis News was built up by John H. Holliday and William J. Richards, who devoted a quarter of a century to the work. So successful were they that when the property brought nearly \$1,000,000 at public auction. Holliday and Richards retired and immediately established the Press to compete with the paper they had just disposed of, but with no thought of destroy-

Few newspaper experiments have attracted so much attention as has the Press. The men behind the enterprise knew the Indianapolis newspaper field as intimately too, all the ins and outs of the art of whether the constitution follows the flag making a complete, clean, vigorous and which may give administration lawyers attractive paper. Before a single number of the Press had been printed Messrs. Holliday and Richards invested \$250,000 in their plant, thereby procuring an equipment capable of producing a perfect newspaper. In addition they surrounded themselves with talent of an unusually high order. The result was that from its first issue the Press was a model newspaper, carefully prepared, expertly edited and possessed of most prominent qualities of taste and elegance in appearance and in contents.

But it did not succeed. From the outset it was a losing venture. Now, after sixteen months, in which time the losses, in addition to the original investment aggregated over \$200,000, the experiment has been adjudged a failure and the paper has suspended publication. The amount of the loss-\$450,000 in all-is staggering when all the facts are considered. while this sum gives some idea of the duction of a complete newspaper, it is see an opening for success in this but an incident, and aside from the moral peculiar field of labor.

Baltimore American.

The experience of the Indianapolis Press, of this case. The Press was in every way equipped for success, yet it failed. did it not succeed?

The answer appears on its face. The days of mushroom growths in journalism are passed. The successful papers of today are those established ones having perma nent qualities. They fill the field; in them the public has confidence, their opinions was sold to dissolve a partnership it are respected, their dignity recognized, their power for good, to the public and to the business men who patronize their ad-vertising columns, is demonstrated, a mat-what we need in Custer county and the ter of common knowledge. Other papers that appear in competition are soon force to confess to failure. They may flouris awhile, but the people always go back their favorites. This is so true that there is no case on record in recent years where a new journalistic venture has sertously interfered with the prosperity of the established newspapers. In the case of the Press its competition increased the popularity of the News.

onclude that success in journalism is a give to your community a few trees that thing of exceedingly slow growth. The business has grown to such gigantic size landscape. If this be done as well in the that new ventures are virtually barred by reason of the enormous capital required. no more stretches of barren prairie land. Even where money is spent with almost in times to come a grateful posterity will wanton liberality, as in the case of the rise up and call him blessed who shall press, to insure the publication of a complete paper, failure is more often the reward than is success. The very slowness of the successful growth is a guaranty of its stability, and, though other ventures may be made and rewarded by an ephemeral success, the established paper is able to and vigorous in tone and spirit. This is anties for Cuban order and our own mabeacuse there is no power competent to destroy the successfully established paper ex- sentiment is practically unanimous, indecept itself. So long, therefore, as it does not commit suicide it is free from danger. These facts may easily be gleaned from the enormous expense connected with the pro- Press experiment by men who think they

STARTS FUSION DISCUSSION.

of Douglas county have put their seal of dis- are of so direct and specific a nature that approval or fusion. They have declared Secretary Wilson is in duty bound to inthat hereafter they will go it alone. They vestigate them, and if well founded bring tween President McKinley and the comdo not propose to mix and divide the spoils with populists or silver republicans. Where will Ransom be at?

Grand Island Democrat: The Douglas County Democracy, one of the strongest political clubs of the state, has adopted a resolution pledging the organization to herefashion showed a total membership of 9,661, after oppose any and all efforts to bring with but 1,500 children on the rolls of the about fusion between democrats, populists Sunday schools. It was reported that only and silver republicans. Their declaration sixty-one children attended the Sunday is, in effect, that in the future the democratic party should go it alone. The Democrat believes that two or three forces aiming at the same result can best achieve the rich are practically childless. In the the end sought by union of strength. There mile of palaces on Fifth avenue between is no decided difference in essential prin-Fifty-seventh and Seventy-second streets ciples between democracy and populism, and there are only fifteen children under 12 a party name should not be allowed to beyears of age. The average is about one child come a stumbling-block in the pathway of

Norfolk News (rep.): It is possible tha the Douglas County democracy may not have set the pace against fusion in the state, but certain it is that it has recog-The inevitable result of such facts can- pixed the ultimate failure of that political policy and is the first to make a show of independence from the combine, and may be paving the way for ultimate victory on an number of lesser generals so honored is independent platform. Fusionists have persistently regarded republican criticism of that policy as induced by hope of political the Chicago cornpit have made him nopreferment, but are now recognizing that torious, is a boyish-look supporting several separate and distinct hard at work. parties and platforms, when voters look for a firm stand on one set of principles. The time to win an a fusion movement is past, or passing, and voters will insist on affiliating with one party or another that has a firm and abiding policy.

> Howell Journal (dem.): There will be no heads are allowed to have their way. There who was deeply interested in polar are democrats and populists who will lay awake nights trying to defeat fusion, and hey will receive no end of encouragement from republican friends. These men will publican success, if it is within their power who have the interests of the state at heart. favor fusion, and can be counted upon to do all in their power to bring a union of forces about. By the means of fusion many reforms were accomplished in Nebraska. It is true some unworthy men got into office, but, taken as a whole, our reform officials have been competent and honest. In Colfax county fusion has worked to the satisfaction of all concerned. We have had no scrap over the division of spoils and, without an exception, have put good men in office. We can truthfully say that the reform forces of this county are a upit in favor of fusion. There will be fusion the county whether there is in the state or not. We cannot understand how any consistent reformer can oppose fusion when he must know that a three-cornered fight one impecunious clerk has dubbed it. means that Nebraska is to remain under republican control and corporation hirelings sent to represent us in both bouses of congress. Public good demands that the reform forces continue to fight under one and cabbage, which he was washing down

FRAUD IN SEED DISTRIBUTION. Quality and Quantity of the Congressional Prize Packages.

Philadelphia Times. One of the reasons given for the select tion of the canny Scotchman, James Wilson, as secretary of agriculture, was that he was a practical as well as a book farmer, and that crooked contractors and congressmen with axes to grind couldn't fool him. His sponsors seem to have thundered louder fashion. There will be a faint outline of a in the index than his record warrants. Sec- vest of taffets silk embroidered in colored retary Wilson may know tobacco seed from turnip seed when he sees them, but if down the front. The bodice is finished with charges by the Wholesale Seedmen's league a lace bertin around the shoulders. Say, are true the public is being badly imposed wouldn't that rig jar you? upon in the weight, variety and quality of war, "had its origin in conditions of the seeds now distributed and the coutractors are being paid double what the seeds are worth.

These are a few of the charges publicly made at a meeting of the Seedmen's league mand of the department in which I served held in New York last week. In the packages sent out under the contract for 1901 all the important specifications have been ignored. Instead of named varieties the done by the regiment. I consider him brave officer and a gentleman." packages are merely marked selected seeds. The packages are smaller than required by the speifications. Packages of cucumber 904 to the pound. Onion seed, which should run 96, run 106 to the pound. Peas, which should run 160, run 304 to the bushel. Sweet corn packages, required to run 60 to he bushel, actually run 290 to the bushel. Packages marked tobacco seed contain turnip and other vegetable seeds instead. Many cheap seeds not called for in the contracts are included. The contract was let for \$78,000, which is twice what the 16,000 -000 or 17,000,000 packages of seeds with

Brooklyn Eagle.

We know that it is the habit of not a few in comparing the present with the past to magnify the past and to minimize the present. But everybody and everything in the present can, in the broat view of the progress of the race, be regarded as better than their prior approximate analogues, for the world is better and humanity is better now than ever before, since knowledge is now than ever before, since knowledge is a control of the cornerstone of St. Paul's Lutheran church was control of the cornerstone of St. Paul's Lutheran church was control of the department's work was a feature of the department's work was a costly humbur. These charges indicate it to be corrupt as well as costly. It is not to be supposed that Secretary Wilson. Shrewd Scotchman that he is, can stand guard over his but he is bound to stand guard over his ball.

Cornerstone of St. Paul's Lour (Special Corrections of the cornerstone of St. Paul's Lour (ITY, Ia., April 22.—(Special Corrections of the building committee took of the university the committee took mittee of the new hall of liberal arts. Costly humbur. These charges indicate it to be corrupt as well as costly. It is not to be supposed that Secretary Wilson. Shrewd Scotchman that he is, can stand guard over every package of seeds sent out, but he is bound to stand guard over his hall.

corps of inspectors and see that they compe the obsevrance of plain contract specifica-Tekamah Herald (rep.): The democrats tions. The charges of the Seedmen's league rascally contractors and negligent inspectors up with a round turn. It is not Secpassed laws providing for a costly distribution of seeds which fail to be of any public benefit, but it will be his fault if contractors are permitted to cheat the government in the quality and quantity of the seeds furnished. If Secretary Wilson is fit for his place he should be able to prevent costly frauds of this nature.

#### PERSONAL NOTES.

The Boers have not captured General French and no attempt has been made to kill President Kruger. Honors are even. W. Foster, secretary of state in Harrison's cabinet, have each given \$1,000 for the monument to the late ex-president.

Ex-Alderman Benjamin James of Boston who died recently, was a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child of English parents born in New England. It is a fact not generally known that there is no statue in the national capital to Grant, Sherman or Meade, although the

very large. George H, Phillips, whose operations in

Envious paragraphers have cut in two the million-dollar salary of the manager of the steel combine. Mr. Schwab declined to discuss the question, "How to live on \$2.50 week," and was promptly punished.

The ship which will carry the German Antarctic expedition has been named for the fusion in Nebraska next fell if a few hot- late Karl Frederick Gauss of Gottingen. search. The name was selected by the kalser.

The new invasion of the south by northern men-and by sons of the south living wreck fusion, and by so doing insure re- in the north—to advance education recalls Whittier's closing lines to Virginia: to do so. Honest democrats and populists, every gate she bars to hate shall open wide to love."

A memorial to the late Archibald Forbes he newspaper correspondent and author. has been presented by his widow to the University of Aberdeen. / It is a large bronze cross with an inscription and will stand in the chapel.

Tom Johnson, the reform mayor of Cleveland, insists that 3-cent street car fares are the right thing for the town. But Tom turns a deaf ear to the request for 3-cent reform in a Pennsylvania town where owns the street car lines.

"Steel Trust alley" is the new nickname given to upper Fifth avenue, New York, where Warner Leeds, Henry Phipps, Andrew Carnegie and other manufacturers have purchased property. "Paradise alley"

Senator Quay's gastronomical taste is a trifle peculiar. A friend who called on the Pennsylvania boss recently found him demolishing a large dish of corned beef with liberal quantities of champagne.

A new inheritance tax law in Minnesota avoids the unconstitutional feature of the old law by providing for a tax on both real and personal property. The rate is 5 per cent on collateral and 1 per cent on direct inheritances, with an exemption of \$5,000. The shirtwaists planned for letter carriers for summer wear are to be of gray gingham or cheviot, with turndown collar, dark tie and neat belt. This is a meager outline of what promises to be a stunning polka dots, open enough to show the lace

Colonel Henry B. Freeman, late commander of the Twenty-fourth infantry, retired under the age limit, says: "I am very much pleased that Funston has been made a brigadier general. He was in comand he was most courteous to me in every way, never giving me an order and always sending congratulations when anything was

At the St. Nicholas dinner in New York Prof. Wilson of Princeton related the story seed that should run 80 to the pound run of the Scotchman and his dog in reply to the plaint of anti-imperialists: A Scotchman and his dog entered a fish store, where man and his dog entered a fish store, where
the dog's tail was seized by a lobster. As
the animal bolted down the street the fish
dealer yelled: "Whustle to your dog!"
"Nay," replied the dog's owner. "rather
whustle to your lobster!" "International
destiny has us by the tail." said Prof. Wilson; "whustle to the character of the age,
not to us!"

To he sway—because the folks are cleaning

Takes Possession of Hall.

ARBOR DAY AND ITS FOUNDER.

Leigh World: The citizens of Nebrasks will think of J. Sterling Morton next Monday, when the beads of perspiration are standing out on their brows, when they are digging the hole in which to plant the tender slip which some day makes the stately elm. We commend to our readers to honor the father of Arbor day by planting a tree. If you can't plant an elm or an ash

plant a cottonwood Callaway Courier: The annual recurrence of Arbor day, which comes this month, ought to remind every citizen that he can in no way better subserve the interests of the country or of posterity than man who makes even one to grow is to that extent a benefactor of the race and will leave behind him a monument which, if not more lasting than chiseled marble, will certainly be more useful.

Columbus Telegram: Monday next will be Arbor day, a day that should inspire every true son of Nebraska with the holy desire to perpetuate the forests of our great commonwealth. Plant trees. Let the example of Nebraska's distinguished In this day and age it is, then, safe to son, J. Sterling Morton, be your guide and will add materially to the beauty of the future as in the past we shall soon have naught but cactus had grown before.

## DEALING WITH CUBA.

New York Sun: We must remain in Cuba until we are enabled to withdraw competition if it keeps itself young from there through the perfection of guartional peace. Toward this policy American pendent of partisan divisions.

New York Tribune: It will probably be a good thing for the delegates of the Cuban constitutional convention to come to the United States and have a talk with the president. They will doubtless learn several things, to their own edification and to the benefit of their island, and we shall hope that on their return they will declare, as Aguinaldo did the other day, that

they are "satisfied with America." Philadelphia Record: It is not difficult to forecast the result of the conference bemittee appointed by the Cuban constitutional convention to proceed to Washington Wilson's fault that congress has in order to discuss the propositions contained in the Platt amendment. That precious measure was embodied in the army appropriation act mainly, if not wholly, for the purpose of getting the president out of a hole and tiding him over the recess of congress. Mr. McKinley will not be likely to show his hand at this juncture, and with the exception of oleaginous words of little meaning the Cuban committee will get nothing for its trouble

New York Evening Post: The truth is that the transfer of Porto Rico from Spanish to American sovereignty was an operation requiring the most delicate skill, and Senator Fairbanks of Indiana and John that we went about it in rough, though good-natured, carelessness. The island was densely populated. Population pressed hard upon subsistence. Industry, agriculture, commerce were all in a state of unstable equilibrium and a push would send them sprawling. Our method was to give them a succession of pushes. We tinkered the island's tariff laws, and then we retinkered them. We kept suffocated trade hung up for months, not knowing what to expect. We have remodeled Porto Rican finances and codes and laws and taxation. No wonder that the nice adjustment of population to means of livelihood was broken up, and that widespread istress followed. We were given a watch to repair and we set about it with a crowbar and sledgehammer.

## POINTED REMARKS.

Detroit Journal: Doctor's fees are often stigmatized as robbery. A nicer usage, perhaps, would call them pillage. Chicago Record-Herald: He

heaven, I never wrote you any love letters.
She-Oh, well: they probably wouldn't have been literary enough to publish, even f you had.

Washington Star: "Why do you wander aimlessly from place to place?" inquired the philanthropist.
"Well." answered Meandering Mike, "cight hours sleep a day is enough fur anybody. An' we've gotter do somet'ing wit' de other sixteen hours, ain't we?"

Philadelphia Press: Visitor (from beyond the suburbs)—What's one of them automobiles wuth?

Salesman—I can sell you this one at a bargain. It's only \$975.

Visitor (the fire in his eye dying out)—Show me some of your wheelbarrahs.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "A New York woman left \$10,000 for the comfort of her pet dog."
"Married woman."
"No. Old maid."
"Then it's all right. If she had been married some other puppy would have gotten it."

Philadelphia Press: "Isn't it kind of Brother Harry?" said Mrs. De Style, "he has promised to buy me one of those fash-ionable poodles for a pet." "Madam," replied Mr. De Style, who de-spises these poodles, "I give you fair warn-ing. If your brother leaves a pet in this house I shall leave this house in a pet."

Washington Star: "You cannot deny that you are scared," said the minister, as a bombshell exploded near the palace.
"I don't wish to deny that I am scared," answered the czar, haughtily. "To deny that I am scared would be simply to confess that I am foolish."

Pittsburg Chronicle: "I'm hungry, sir," said the beggar. "Won't you give me enough to get a meal?" "Here, my good man," said Mr. Pompus, "here's a penny for you." "Oh, thank you, sir! By the way, have you got a pepsin tablet about you? I always get dyspepsia when I overeat myself." Chicago Tribune: Maud+I made the worst break last night I ever made in my

Mabel—How?
Maud—Broke off my engagement with
Maud—Broke off my engagement with
Ing and left him independently rich. Hadn't
you heard?

Philadelphia Press: "What with croup, measies and all children are a great care," remarked the family man, "but they're blessings."
/'Indeed they are," cordially responded
/'Indeed they are," cordially responded the stranger. "I don't know how we shoul get along without them. Ah! You are a family man yourself?" "No. A physician."

# HOUSECLEANING CAROL.

Josh Wink, in Baltimore American. The melancholy days have come—the sad-dest of the year— The carpet's on the clothesline, and inces-The carpet's on the clothesine, and incessant whacks we hear;
The bedding's in the kitchen and the beds are in the hall.
The pictures are upon the floor while some one dusts the wall.
We eat cold meat and crackers from a wabbly kitchen chair.
For this is glad housecleaning time—so free from toll and care.

To hie away—because the folks are cleaning house at home.