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Notary Public. PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER.

Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business office, in person or by mail. The address will be changed as often as desired.

"Bryan points the path," exclaims the World-Herald. But where to?

Is it not stretching it a little to make the proposed traction consolidation wait for the power canal to furnish the

Horses are returned at from \$1 to \$5 a head by the assessor of West Omaha. If wishes were horses in West Omaha even beggars could not ride.

The well-attended horse sales that are being held at different points through- 000. out this western country afford new evidence that the demonetization of the horse has not been a glittering success.

The German emperor is so well and he has at last discovered where to

erty whether the street shall have a new pavement that will retain for it its prestige of being the principal retail thoroughfare of the city.

King Edward of England has recently held a public auction of a large quantity of old wine. The dispatches do not state whether his royal highness has sworn drinking up his entire stock during his remaining years.

The East Omaha bridge is not the only bridge in this district that is undervalued on the tax list. None of the bridges that span the Missouri at this point are in any immediate danger of sinking under the weight of tax burdens.

Permission has been granted to cut the dead timber in the Black Hills forest reserve. There can be no legitimate objection to this, but in the past timber cutters have not been any too careful to pick out the dead trees. All timber looks alike to the forest poachers.

The first commercial fruits of the invasion of China and the capture of Pekin are apparent. A German firm has secured the contract for lighting the city with electricity. The first time a Chinaman takes hold of a live wire the distrust of the "foreign devils" is likely to break out afresh.

The plan to ship unemployed from New York to Kansas to help harvest the crop might be worse, but if to be of any benefit the New York aldermen must push the scheme through as rapidly as they do a franchise ordinance when the ways have been carefully and thoroughly greased.

South Omaha's bull fight promoters assure the Humane society officers that if anyone is hurt in the arena, either man or beast, it will be the result of pure accident. If the bull chooses to commit suicide against the wishes of the bull baiters that certainly could not come within the domain of the Humane society.

Agoncillo still insists that the war in the Philippines is not yet over. He has been having a nice time in Europe, while his friends at home have been chasing through the brush to escape being killed or captured. But if he insists on fighting when he gets back to the islands he will find General Chaffee ready to accommodate him.

A protest has been filed against Minister Wu of China being the orator of the day at the Fourth of July celebration in Philadelphia. The Philadelphians should take a look beyond their own narrow limits. Mr. Wu has demonstrated that he is one of the broadminded men of the day, from whom even a Philadelphian can learn some-

TAX REFORM--OHIO AND NEBRASKA. One of the planks of the platform reads as follows:

We favor such revision of the tax laws of the state as will require all classes of property to bear their equal and just share of taxation, and we recommend the creation of such machinery for fixing and equalizing valuations as will be adequate at all times to correct error and take notice of changes to value.

The crying need of tax reform is fair distribution of tax burdens in Obio, but there is not even a shadow of equity in Nebraska.

This applies with equal force to city assessments, county assessments and state assessments. The so-called equalization of taxes, whether by republican boards or popocratic boards, has been a sham and a fraud.

The fault is not with the constitution of Nebraska, which expressly requires a portance. fair division of all the tax burdens upon the property of individuals and the property of corporations and their franchises. It is not the fault even of the statutes enacted under the constitution, but is due chiefly to the misinterpretation of the revenue laws and the tampering with assessors and the undue influence and pressure brought upon the equalizing boards.

Whenever flagrant favoritism and rank discrimination are pointed out, the attorneys of corporate taxshirkers are on hand to bulldoze and browbeat the public officials charged with the revision of the tax lists and every possible influence is centered to prevent the correction of these abuses, while the rank and file of taxpayers are not represented either directly or by proxy. The crying need of tax reform is admitted, but no reform can be expected until the taxpaying voters of all parties rise in their might and force their assessors and the men charged with revision of tax returns to perform their duties without fear or favor.

Incidentally it may become imperative to revise the revenue laws so that no loopholes will remain for tax evasion or failure to enforce the law.

# PAYING THE PUBLIC DEBT.

One policy of the present administration which has received less attention than it merits is that of paying off the public debt and thereby reducing the burden imposed upon the taxpayers by the annual interest charges. In the spring of 1899 the bonded debt of the government, including the issue of bonds for carrying on the Spanish war, was \$1,040,048,750. Since then reductions have been made amounting to about \$58,000,000, but still greater reductions in proportion have been made in the annual interest charge for debt. the latter amounting to nearly \$11,000,-

It has been the policy of Secretary

Gage to apply the large surplus to the purchase and redemption of the debt where it could be done without wasteful extravagance in the prices paid for pleased with his American-built yacht unmatured bonds. In pursuing this judicious policy the financial skill of the never content without having the best secretary of the treasury has been particularly shown in the matter of reducing the interest charge, in which he has of course been favored by the ex-It is up to the people who collect the ceptional condition of the money market. rents for North Sixteenth street prop- It is an interesting fact that the government is now getting the use of money for about half the rate of a generation ago and is getting twice as much in proportion at the present time as could have been obtained by a given expenditure in interest in 1870. The change is largely due to the refunding law and is a notable justification of off or whether he had despaired of had the hearty support of the adminthe wisdom of that legislation, which istration. The policy of reducing the public debt will undoubtedly be adhered to so long as there is a surplus available for this purpose. Whether or not the cutting off of revenue which goes into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1, will do away with the surplus is a question that cannot now be determined.

IN FAVOR OF RECIPROCITY.

The Ohlo republican platform reaffirms all declarations heretofore made by the republican party in favor of reciprocity. This is to be regarded as an endorsement of the position of President McKinley in respect to this policy and commits the Ohio republican senstors and representatives in congress to The most explicit declaration of the

republican party in regard to reciprocity was made in the platform of 1896. It of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last republican administration was a national calamity and we demand their renewal and extension on such terms as will equalize our trade with other nations, remove the restrictions which now obstruct the sale of American products in the ports of other countries and secure enlarged markets for the products of our farms, forests and factories. Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of republican policy and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both and both must be re-established." This declaration was endorsed by the country in the election of William McKinley and protection was re-established, but while the administration took steps to carry out the other demand of the party the United States senate failed to do its part, notwithstanding the fact that the national platform of 1900 also declared

The republicans of President McKinley's state having reaffirmed these decla rations, it is highly probable that the republican conventions of other states will follow their example. In that event, with the administration fully committed to reciprocity, it would seem that the republicans of the United States senate would be compelled to give this question serious consideration, instead of ignoring it, as was done at the last two sessions. The reasons that were given in behalf of commercial reciprocity in 1806 are equally sound and applicable now. It is desirable as a means of removing restrictions which obstruct the sale of American products

for reciprocity.

securing enlarged markets for the prodadopted by the republicans of Ohio ucts of our farms, forests and factories. Mr. McKinley has said that reciprocity is necessary to the expansion of our foreign commerce and this view is very largely held by American manufacturers, as was shown in their annual convention a few weeks ago.

Doubtless no reciprocity arrangement can be devised that will not meet objection from some interests, but the ques greater in Nebraska than it is in Ohio. tion should be determined with referseeking to extend our foreign trade. We ing chairs, want larger markets abroad for our surplus production. There is being manifested a disposition to make it more difficult for us to enter some of these has increased more than ten times in two markets. To avert this we shall doubt- years. The school follows the flag and the less have to make some concessions. flag follows the school. So much, at least, Commercial reciprocity is one way to for American occupation the Cubans may do this. From a trade point of view there is no subject of greater im-

CHINESE EXCLUSION LAW. continuance will be determined at the next session of congress. Already Reppared a bill providing for the extension anywhere else. of the Geary act and the legislatures of the Pacific coast states have passed resolutions favoring a continuance of

the present policy of Chinese exclusion. the United States have organized a commission, and as Admiral Bob Evans movement, in which the Chinese min- has no naval war on his hands, the two ister and consuls to this country are enlisted, to exert what influence they can against an extension of the law. A memorial will be presented to congress urging that the law is unjust in discriminating against the Chinese, that as a people they are unusually free from crime and pauperism and that they are capable, economical and cheap workers in the field of labor. In an article in one of the magazines some time ago the Chinese minister to the United States discussed the policy of this country toward the Chinese and with much force pointed out what he conceived to be the wrong and injustice done his countrymen by that policy. The matter has also been most intelligently discussed by the Chinese consul general at New York. What these representatives of China chiefly object to is the discrimination, the singling out of their countrymen for exclusion from the United States.

But as the Portland Oregonian re marks, while in equity the Chinese have a good case, their movement against the exclusion act will not succeed. "Neither of the great political parties," says that paper, "dares open this country to an unrestricted influx and swearing at the millionaires is one of of cheap Chinese labor. The Pacific the things which the American youth who coast would be a unit against it and expects to get on in the world will have to the whole working class would oppose it." It is pertinent in this connection to note that the Ohio republican platform declares in favor of extending the ex-

clusion law. succumbed to its faith in trusts. It There is no evidence that he has at any 3-cent piece. The new coin is to bought the bonds of the writing paper combine only to learn when too late that they were comparatively worthless. The overcupitalised organizations are sure to prove the ruin of investors who blindly put their money in them. The capitalization of too many of these orcanizations is pure water and some way should be provided of reaching promoters who impose on the credulity of the public. Some of them constitute as much a confidence game as that worked by the man who pretends to put a \$5 bill in a box of soap and sells the package for \$1.

Information comes from South Omaha that the corporation managers appear to be resigned to the situation and will enter no serious kick against the action of the Board of Review increasing their city assessments \$125,000. One would think they would be cheerfully resigned to the action of the Board of Review which still leaves them with a comparatively nominal assessment. If they have no reason to complain against the raise by the South Omaha city authorities they will have no more reason to complain against the county equalizing board if it moves their returns up to somewhere near where they belong.

The railroad magnates are not to have everything their own way when they have brought about the community of interest and directly or indirectly raised freight rates. Heavy shippers are preparing to meet combination with combination to demand relief from the was as follows: "We believe the repeal Interstate Commerce commission and ultimately from congress. With legitimate economies of operation and methods of increasing net revenues the public has no quarrel, but the magnates will undoubtedly discover that the publie will find a way, ultimately, to protect itself from arbitrary exaction.

The wreck of the steamer Lusitants shows what thorough discipline, coupled with the nobler traits of manhood, can accomplish. Although frightened passengers made a rush for the boats. ignoring the motto of the sea, "Women and children first." the officers and crew stood up manfully and succeeded, not only in giving the more helpless the first chance for life, but in enabling all to reach land in safety. Such incidents as these, repeated time and time again, demonstrate the superiority of the true heroism over the false.

The council has a peculiar practice of adopting resolutions for new fire hydrants or street lamps in response to requests of outlying residents and then of promptly sustaining the mayor in vetoing the resolutious because they call for an overdraft of the water or lighting funds. Would it not be a much better idea for the council to find out in advance whether the proposed expenditure will be legal and save the mayor the necessity of penning all these vetoes?

Puts Aside the Tempter.

Detroit Free Press Senator Allison almost convinces the people of the country that he might make a good president, after all. It is the excep-

in the ports of other countries and of tional man who will put aside such an ambition upon his own motion and explain that he is too old for the undertaking.

> John Chinaman's Horse Sense. St. Louis Republic. All doubts of Chinese shrewdness should be dispelled by the fact that they prefer American cotton goods to British.

> > Tendency to a Spill. Detroit Journal.

Eventually, presumably, the enemies of the Anglo-Saxon will be made his footstool, as promised, but just now those Boers act There is some semblance of equity and ence to the general welfare. We are more like one of your old-fashioned rock-

# Schools Follow the Flag

Boston Globe. The number of public schools in Cuba well be thankful.

### Shakes Home and David.

Minneapolis Journal. David Nation has issued a statement to the public saying that Mrs. Nation, having The Chinese exclusion law will ex- left her home in Medicine Lodge, Kan., pire next year and the question of its never to return, according to her own declaration, he will hereafter make his home with his daughter at Iberia, O. Mrs. Nation's hatchet seems to have done more resentative Kahn of California has pre-

> Go to Sen and Settle It. Minneapolis Tribune,

As former Senator Chandler of New Hampshire is just now not very busy, Meanwhile the Chinese residents of being a member of the Spanish claims might take a boat somewhere out into the ocean and settle their differences. The country is not particularly interested in

## Deluge of Dividends.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. The payments of dividends and interest due July 1 in New York City alone will, according to reliable estimates, amount to between \$120,000,000 and \$125,000,000. Add to this the amounts which will be similarly disbursed in other cities, and the magnitude of the "distribution of wealth" which is to take place nine days hence is something not only beyond all precedent, bu amazing to not easily astonished Americans. However, the Pactolian flood will be so controlled that no bridges will be swept away or lives lost.

#### Success Watts on Hard Work. Chicago Chronicle.

Mr. Rockefeller's convocation address a the University of Chicago was happy in many respects, but particularly so in his late he said: "The chances of success are better today than ever before. Success is attained by perseverance and pluck, coupled with any amount of hard work, and you need not expect to achieve it in any other ters that it may be gained by sitting around

#### Good Service Rewarded. Baltimore American.

motion of General Chaffee to be military governor of the Philippines is a All the medals will be of bronze. deserved honore Chaffes is one of the best One New England bank has already representatives of the American soldier. for advancement, a statement that cannot expected by those who knew him best, and under conditions that would naturally provoke irritation, to use no stronger term, important results as could probably have been achieved by any officer in the service.

# BOTH SINES BRAVE.

## Observations of an American Officer in South Africa. New York Tribune

Of all which has been written about the actual conduct of the South African warand it has been much-nothing seems more deserving of serious attention than the report of Captain Slocum, U. S. A. That officer was detailed to accompany the British headquarters staff and from the vantage ground thus afforded observed the conduct of the war with the eye of an im partial expert. His chronicles and comments are now published by the War department, with only the omission of certain passages in which certain operations are discussed in a way valuable to the military service, but so frank and critical as to seem undesirable for general publica

This report contains much which was already well known, and also much which may be too-technical to command popular interest. It contains, however, much that is of popular interest and which cannot easily be too often repeated or be too well kept in mind by those who would form a just estimate of that unhappy struggle and its participants. In this latter category we must place conspicuously Captain Slocum's judgments of the respective characters, from a military point of view, of the Boers and the British. Some of his statements, while not to be disputed, set forth facts which must ever be cause for regret; such, for example, as his confirmation of the sad tales of violation of flags of truce and use of explosive bullets by the Boers. But most of what he says is calculated to send a thrill of pride through every sympathetic reader. Thus of the Boers, especially of General Cronje and his comrades, he says: "Words fail me to express adequately my admiration for their tenacious and brave defense." That is what we might have expected a just observer to say of the descendants of the defenders of Rochelle and Leyden. And of the British he declares: "If ever a people or a nation exemplified the phrase to a fault, it is the British. . . . For indomitable courage, uncomplaining fortitude and implicit obedience they are beyond criticism." That, too, was to be expected as a true tribute to the sons of those who fought at Londonderry and Lucknow. Both brave. That is this American soldier's verdict upon both Boer and British. It is that which the discriminating and judicious world has already and long ago passed upon them, but it is none the less pleasant to have it impartially and officially repeated. Three races are there at war. They are the three in which New York has the greatest historic interest, be-

founders of this city. In the days of

and fruitless strife!

cause they are the three which were the founding they were all three renowned the world over for their valor. It is welcome to know that they have not degenerated, but that the opening of the twentieth century finds them every whit as heroic as did the opening of the seventeenth. Both-or rather all three-brave; French, Dutch and British. But what a to decide upon a qualification for a good thousand pitles that their valor should so long continue to be spent in a wasteful call a good cook another would consider

# Millions in Corn

Chicago Chronicle.

If the farmer is to get riches he must of selecting seed for planting. This advice get them out of the soil. Neither the Chi- is to go through the field and select corn cago Board of Trade nor the free coinage from the largest stakes for seed purposes. of 50-cent dollars will make him rich. The Not one farmer in 10,000 ever thought of hocus-pocus politicians cannot add a doing such a thing. The uniform practice bushel to the productiveness of his land, of farmers is to select the largest ears nor can the "kings" of the corn pit add from the crib for seed. anything permanently to the value of his

There's more money in corn than in the up for emulation the man who makes two blades grow where only one grew before. tific experiments now being conducted by How to do this is what Secretary Wilson in the high chair at the table and give me is trying to show the farmers. In the the bottle." meantime the products from corn, such as oil, glucose, rubber, cellulose, paper and flour are being multiplied and their value breeding the nitrogen contents of the corn. increased.

are increased and the number of ears to a stalk are increased. Experiments made millions in corn. If Colone Sellers were n growing 10,000 specimens of these hybrids on earth today there is little doubt that have already demonstrated that it is poshe would begin planting core on a large

sible to double the yield of corn from a The value of the corn crop of the United States in 1899 was \$629,210,110, or more than double the gold output of the whole In addition to conducting these experiments the department is sending out some valuable advise to farmers in the matter

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Having accepted these obvious truisms

the farmer will be interested in the scien-

the Department of Agriculture, with a

view to increasing the corn crop of this

country without additional expense or labor.

The scientists have found that by cross-

Scenes and Incidents Observed at the National Capital.

given number of plants.

At the urgent request of Rear Admiral Schley the opposition of his admirers to the design for a medal commemorating the deeds of the West Indian fleet in the war and worked to a better advantage. It is of 1898 has been withdrawn and the profile of Rear Admiral Sampson, commander of ing masters, the men who purchase the the fleet, will appear upon them. The designs approved by Secretary Long are regarded as exceedingly artistic and striking. The West Indian medal contains on the obverse side a profile likeness of Rear Ad- istered class have the same rights as those miral Sampson, surrounded by a wreath of of the educational class—that is, that they oak leaves, and has the inscription in cannot be removed without being furnished plain lettering, "United States Naval Campaign in the West Indies, 1898-William Thomas Sampson, Commander-in-Chief." On the reverse is a representation of "the man behind the gun." It shows the deck a party would consider a man a good cook, of a naval vessel and a group, consisting of a seaman stripped to the waist, a beardless young naval officer and a marine in his ters so that cooks were excluded from the shirt sleeves holding a rifle, all standing in the rear of a small-caliber rapid-fire gun. by officers in charge of parties or by stew-In the background are the outlines of an ards or boarding masters for as long or armored vessel of the conventional type, as short a time as is desired, the only partly concealed in the smoke of battle. requisite being that their cooking shall Just below the group will be the inscrip- please those who have to eat it." tion commemorating the principal battle in which the recipient participated. The designer gives the following example of the inscription:

"Santiago, July 3, 1898 .-- John Smith, Sea-

man, U. S. S. Texas." The medal will be held to the pin-bar by a crimson and blue ribbon, white being advice to the students who were about to eliminated because it soils so quickly. For enter upon the activities of life. On a every other engagement in which a resubject that has been greatly discussed of cipient of the medal participated there will be a bar containing the proper inscription. The meritorious service medal consists of wreath of laurel leaves, holding a fivepointed star, each point being attached to privilege as his comrade in the army to the inner rim of the wreath, and the space between the points being open. The star has an anchor in the center, while the points bear the inscription: "Navy of the United States in the War

with Spain." At the bottom of the wreath

time intrigued at Washington or elsewhere nickel and its radical difference from all as would be open to them in business other coins with Uncle Sam's mint mark | professional life in civil employment on be made of some army officers, and on them lies in the fact that it will have a shore. A man or a boy who undertakes a wherever he has been sent he has always hole in the center. It is the supposition mavai career ought to be able, through done his duty. Before the war with Spain that this hole in the middle will enable the industry, meritorious performance of duty his service was chiefly in the west, where hurried handler of the coin to detect its and skill in his profession to reach a comhe worked quietly, but effectively. In value by the sense of feeling. Some such mission and, by application to his duties, Cuba, in 1895, he did just what was to be safeguard is considered necessary for the good conduct, sobriety or heroic perform reason that it is to be about the size and ance of service to be advanced afterward China, in a trying situation, Chaffee's weight of the present nickel 5-cent piece. good sense, fairness and his self-restraint The size of the center hole in the proposed coin will be large enough to make it merely a ring of metal, this hole being about one has accomplished for the United States as half the diameter of the coin. It will prevent one of the difficulties which handlers of small silver coins were troubled with in ability to reach the highest place by when the metal money began to circulate after the era of paper money. The small coins, which got into the hands of children and some classes in the remote districts, were treated as curiosities and great prizes To secure their safekeeping a favorite method was to punch a hole in them and tie them on a string. This destroyed the circulation value of the coins and dealers who subsequently took them in had to stand the loss, a fixed scale being finally arranged for deduction for punched dimes, nickels or other pieces. The new piece can be strung

> Kentucky republicans are giving a pretty exhibition of blue grass gallantry in Washington. A number of them are antagoniz ing the reappointment of Mrs. Gertrude Saunders, postmistress at Newcastle, Ky. Saunders is a comely widow has many strong friends at But Senator Deboe and In-Collector ternal Cureton Revenue wanted the place for a male worker and went so far as to request President Mc Kinley to displace the widow. All this came to the attention of Mrs. Saunders and she went to Washington to plead her own cause. On reaching the capital she went at once to the Raleigh, where she saw both the senator and collector and upbraided them for trying to displace her. She talked somewhat excitedly and did not hesttate to arraign the gentlemen for what she her and her children of a livelihood. She kept excellent control of herself until she had finished her arraignment and then womanlike she sat down in one of the easy chairs of the lobby and cried convulsively.

without injuring it.

"The Civil Service commission has had in operation for over three years a series of what are known as 'practical examinations' for the trades or non-educational positions the service of the government," explained an official of the commission to a Washington Star reporter, "and it has been found to work very satisfactorily, although he may be unable to sign his name to hi application. Throughout the south there are thousands of colored mechanics who are unable to write, but under the rule the application is just as good when signed by a cross as if signed in full. The commission has established local boards of examiners in hundreds of cities whose duties are to classify and grade applicants. The classifications are made on age, character as workman, experience and physical condition, though in the latter no physician's certificate is necessary. The highest grade for age is given those between 25 and 45 The character of the workman graded in quality, ability and industry. This has to be established by vouchers signed by three former employers. From this information registers of eligibles are made up on which officials draw when they need the service of workmen. Every kind of tradesman is registered, including pilots and divers. There are hundreds of cooks employed by the government, but after repeated effort it is found absolutely impracticable to classify or grade them, and finally cooks were excluded from the classified service altogether. It was impossible cook, for what one section or state would a very poor one. The wages paid cooks

by the War department in its different branches run all the way from \$25 to \$80 per month, which, of course, includes board and lodging. Throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, in connection with the gangs of men at work on river and levee work, it has been found better to board the workmen, so that they can be kept together an easy task to secure stewards and boardsupplies, but when it comes to getting cooks the whole system seemed likely to go to pieces. The Civil Service commission having decided that appointees of the regwith written charges, which they are to be allowed to answer-it was necessary to furnish cooks with written charges to get them out of the service. Often one-half of while the other half would be sure he was a thoroughly bad one. It tangled up matclassified service, and now can be hired

# PROMOTION IN THE NAVY.

Why the Man Behind the Gun Should Be Encouraged.

Rear Admiral Schley in Success. I am unalterably in favor of giving the men of the navy every opportunity for gaining commissions. Upon this subject I recorded my opinions in an official report published in 1886 or 1887, while chief of the bureau of equipment. The man behind the gun in the navy ought to have the same gain a commission. I am in favor of granting to him, after gaining his promotion, the opportunity of a course of say, two years at the academy, that he may acquire sufficient knowledge of mathematics and other sciences and not be at a disad-

from grade to grade to the highest.

Once establish the fact that the way is open from the forecastle to the quarter deck and the details of promotion will soon adjust themselves, and I feel sure that the improving every opportunity for distinction. I think, further, the result would be good in bringing the navy closer to the people of our country. But, over and above all else, no man who enters the navy should for that reason lose any of the chances of rising to the higher places, as he could do under similar circumstances in civil employment. This is more in harmony with the true spirit of our institutions, which offer to every man opportunities for rising to any position in land through talent, industry and worthi

# PERSONAL NOTES.

Senator Burrows of Michigan gets an LL D. from Kalamazoo college. Vice President Roosevelt and Mark Twaln have been invited to deliver addresses in Kansas City at the celebration on August 10 of the eightieth anniversary of Missouri's admission to the union.

Mother Parlington has a few disciples left. "Mighty hot day," remarked a perspiring individual to the elevator "No wonder," responded the latter, "the atmosphere is full of humanity." It seems to be settled that Rear Admira

Schley will remain on waiting orders until the date of his retirement for age, which is October 9. Some of the friends of Admiral Schley have urged that he be de tailed to prominent shore duty to round

out his career; but the Navy department has no place to which he could be assigned and he is likely to fill in his period

active service on waiting orders. General MacArthur will soon complete thirty-nine years of military service. When he is relieved of his command in the Philippines he expects to visit South Africa and Europe before returning to the United States.

A retiring Harvard professor said at the farewell dinner in his honor the other evening: "When I was 20 I thought I was 40. promises of politicians. The bible holds when I was 30 I thought I was 50, when I was 40 I thought I was 25, and when I was 50 I wondered if they were going to bring

Harrison W. Gourley, who was appointed by Abraham Lincoln to a minor clerkship in the New York custom house, has just completed forty years of service in that in stitution, having risen meantime to the post of special deputy naval officer and controller. Mr. Gourley is a native of Springfield, Mass.

### CHEERY CHAFF.

Brooklyn Life: Nodd—Are you renting a ottage at the seashore this summer?"
Todd—No; I couldn't afford it. I'm buy-

Detroit Free Press: "I want you to come around and take a look at that horse you sold me the other day."
"Good heavens, is that animal still alive." Chicago Record-Herald: John, didn't you

earn any distinction whatever at college?"
"Yes; they say I ate more than any two
other men at our class spreads. Boston Transcript: Hargett-Was that your son I saw you with last evening? Tisson-I have always supposed so, until within a few years. Now I am uncertain as to whether he is not my father or at

least my employer. Washington Star: "What makes that friend of yours keep clamoring for the young man in politics?"
"I don't know," answered Senator Sorghum, "unless he thinks that some of the older fellows are getting too wary and hard to handle."

Puck: Sarah Prymm (virtuously)-Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine!
Hiram Knipper (in an injured air)—Wall,
nobody asked ye to treat! I didn't even
know that ye kept liquor in the house!

Detroit Journal: Waiter (suavely)—Yes'r hat's the exact amount of your bill; but er h'm!—you have forgotten the waiter. Guest (savagely)-Well, I didn't eat the waiter, did 1?

## CONSIDER THE PICNIC.

Baltimore American. Consider now the piculc and the man who

Consider now the picnic and the man who goes there.

Likewise the lady picnicker with garlands in her hair;

And let us turn our minds upon the way in which they toil

To dodge the festive woodtick and the other things that spoil

The day for them that would enjoy the pure, unfettered fun

Of picking bugs and splinters from the newly buttered bun.

Consider first the lady; lo, she worketh day and night and cooketh rie and

day and night and cocketh pic and chicken, too, and with the cook doth fight; emptieth her jelly jars and baketh frosted cake, and yet she voweth to her friends that she hath naugh to

take, spendeth many shekels for a filmsy sort of dress, and garbeth all ner children in a way that means distress; hustleth round upon the morn-the day the picnic's set; and then her husband asketh her: "Say, ain't you ready yet?"

with Spain." At the bottom of the wreath are the words: "Meritorious Service."

The name of the recipient will be engraved on the reverse. The medal is attached to a broad crimson and blue ribbon, which forms a background for it. All the medals will be of bronze.

I do not pretend to discuss the details of the plan that should be adopted, for they may be left safely to the authorities, but I have thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take thought for many years that the men of the navy who are so intelligent, so the plan take they may catch the train. The man, he luggeth packages upon his lusty arms, and gableth on unceasingly about Dame Nature's charms.

He telleth all within his reach about his woodcraft lore.

And maketh of himself a large and takey telleth of ther dames about her children's aches and how she hopes

And all the other ladies talk away to beat the band, until the wonder of it is how each can understand The things they all are saying, but it worryeth them not, for women always have been thus since times that are forset.

nave been thus since times that are forgot.

Behold, when they at last arrive upon the picnic place the sun retireth in a cloud and showeth not his face.

Or if he shineth-once at all he sizzleth with a gleam that maketh every one of them think he will turn to steam

And first, of all the children dear inquire in accepts sweet.

accents sweet;
"Say, maw! Oh, maw! Please tell us if it isn't time to eat?"

Yet very soon, the table's spread beneath the bending trees, and all the crowd attempts to sit and eat from off its wicked boy-he gamboleth with joyful

The wicked boy—he gamboleth with joytul shout and cry. He walketh through the butter plate and sitteth on the ple; The ant and all his family for generations back
Appeareth in the marmalade and leaveth
there his track;
The spider hiketh to the scene and layeth
in the wreck,
And maketh much excitement when he
climbeth some one's neck;
The cunning little chigger goeth walking on
the spine.

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And other points of all the folks who are about to dine;

And then somebody sputtereth that some one is at fault, because the lemonade hath been composed with nasty sait!

Oh, hearken to me, now my son, whenever Suggesteth going picnicking, you just get up and run, And shun the deadly picnic when it lifteth

up its head, unless you'd eat some beetles and some leaves upon your

beetles and some leaves upon your bread.

For it is better that you live in beaneries, and such, than that you let the plenic day hold you within its clutch.

It meaneth naught but sundry bites—about the same, to-wit: you do not do the biting, but you are the one that's bit. It meaneth sunburn on the nose, and rankles in the soul,

And other things that fill the purse with one impressive hole.

So eat thy ple and sandwiches within thy diningroom, where no outside ingredients can fill the same with gloom.

The picnic, verily, my child, it is a direful fake, composed of worn-out pickies and a bargain counter cake.

Is this not true, just as we have considered it this morn?

Yea, verily, it is a fact, as sure as you are born.



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