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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this list day of August, A. D. 1901. M. B. HUNGATE. Notary Public. The Schley controversy again has the

center of the stage.

Omaha is still waiting patiently for the consummation of that power canal project.

Police Judge Gordon was a silver republican on principle. He is now a convert to democracy for revenue.

If they have good luck in Buffalo. they may find a few men on the jury panel who have not yet heard that Mc-Kinley is dead.

If the school board has any new bond propositions to submit to the voters this fall the earlier it takes the taxpayers into its confidence the better.

The settlement of the steel strike is another sad disappointment to popcratic politicians who were figuring on drawing on it for campaign capital.

Douglas county poor farm manage ment has been very poor, off and on, but it has never been poorer than it has been during the last twelve months.

The fusion state platforms are full of boquets for former fusion state officers on the old theory that if they do not sing their own praises, no one else

With the socialist candidates duly nominated, Nebraska voters are sure to have at least four state tickets to choose from on the official ballot this

The farming out of public funds for private gain is subversive of the letter and spirit of the law, and speculation with public funds is the first step to defalcation.

Douglas county is safely republican by from 1,200 to 1,500 majority, but the republican party cannot hope to succeed unless it nominates men in whom the people have confidence.

When we look back and realize through what a crisis the nation has just passed, the only wonder is that the business of the country should have been disturbed as little as it has been.

The undervaluation of the property of great corporations for assessment and taxation is an abuse that must be corrected at its very source. No man should be elected as an assessor unless he is known to be strictly honest and

unpurchasable.

Under the constitution congress con venes the first Monday in December unless sooner called together by presidential proclamation. It looks as if we would have to get along without cougress until the usual time arrives when the president can't help himself.

The aggregate bonded and floating indebtedness of South Omaha now exceeds \$500,000, and there is no telling where it will stop if the people allow themselves to be buncoed into voting more bonds every time the mayor and council are confronted with an overlap.

As governor of New York, President Roosevelt demonstrated that he was actuated by conscientious devotion to public duty from which no outside inexecutive of the nation he may be confidently relied on to hew just as straight to the line as he did as chief executive of the great Empire state.

A writer in a populist paper says that he had great hopes that the assassin of President McKinley would turn out to be a Filipino because in that case he the same as if one of Washington's friends had gone over and shot the king of England." What a sublime conception of patriotism! As if assassination could ever be glorified! the country, protection and a sound

IN M'RINLEY'S FOOTSTEPS.

The positive announcement of Presilic confidence in him by predictions of these policies. president in the historic speech delivests and welfare.

ered at the Buffalo exposition. In a discussion along this line, the Chicago Chronicle, for example, advances as the principal reason why policy for him, therefore, to pursue the policy of Mr. McKinley to the utmost. He could in this way, in some degree, evade responsibility in case of unfavorable results, and he could say to the critics in his own party that they must bear with him to the end of this term and wait until the next term for the execution of their more aggressive pur-

The theory advanced by the Chronicle is an insult to the intelligence of the American people. Theodore Roosevelt is the last man on earth who could be truthfully accused of lacking the courage of his convictions. He has decided to follow in the footsteps of William McKinley not because he wants to pander to sentimentalism but because he believes that in so doing he will promote the welfare of the country which has powers, animated by the most pacific enjoyed unexampled prosperity under intentions, and who, while able to make the administration of McKinley. In other words President Roosevelt will injure in any way the rights of others, follow in the footsteps of McKinley because he is convinced that by so doing he will follow the safe and beaten track on the great highway of national progress and prestige.

This does not necessarily shackle the new president in meeting every emergency and problem as it comes up in the light of his own judgment and experience nor does it commit him to a policy that would estrange him either from personal friends or party leaders who were attached to him before he assumed the duties devolving on the chief executive of the nation.

As to the ambition of President Roosevelt to hold the presidential office by election, all speculation or conjecture is premature. It is fortunate for the country that Theodore Roosevelt is an ambitious man inspired by a desire to merit popular respect and confidence. The desire to gratify this, his life's highest ambition, will within itself afford the guaranty of an exemplary administration.

It is already patent that the democracy dread the accession of Roosevelt to the presidency because they know of his stamp is sure of popular endorsement if he should decide to enter the arena in 1904. Unless their leaders and conflict within the republican party they see no possible future for the lemocracy in national affairs within their own generation.

GOOD WORDS FROM THE SOUTH.

In no section of the country was the assassination of McKinley more earnestly reprobated and his death more sincerely mourned than in the south. the character and the work of the late president came from that section, whose surances of confidence and support mation. from the south which must be highly of North Carolina, democrats. Mr. Liv-

contribute everything in his power to make the administration a success and clerk of the district court and county there is reason to think that in this he attorney and insist that the people have expressed the feeling of other southern democratic representatives. The reply election, although no vacancies occur of the president was characteristic. It in these offices this year. The demowould be his sim. he said, to be the president of the whole people, without of nomination for governor with the distinctions; that it was the welfare of all which he should seek to promote. "I am going to be president of the United States and not any section," declared Mr. Roosevelt, and there can be no doubt of its sincerity.

The south can trust President Roose velt and if it consults its own interests and welfare it will not oppose the policles to which he is committed. The south needs commercial expansion, it wants a larger market in the Orient for its staple product, it is as greatly interested as any other portion of the country in a transisthmian canal, it desires the continuance of its industrial development, which has been so marked during the last few years. All this is contemplated in the policies which the president has announced his adherence to. Southern support may not be required to carry these policies into effect. There is a republican congress with a good working majority in both branches. But none the less self-interest should dictate to the south the wisdom and expediency of supporting the administration's policies, rather than fluence could swerve him. As chief for political reasons to obstruct and at-

tempt to defeat them. It is time that southern statesmen, the representatives of that secton in con gress, gave more attention to material conditions, to the development of its resources. What has been accomplished in this direction owes nothing to the party that dominates the south. It is our president feels it necessary to have due wholly to republican policies. A himself constantly surrounded with an could rightfully be "classed as a patriot large majority of the people of the south have persistently stood for unsound money and free trade, which would have been disastrous to their interests. The republican party gave

sections the south has developed and picalities. dent Roosevelt that he will follow as been prosperous. Now the republican closely as possible along the lines of party has other policies which contempolicy pursued by his predecessor is al- plate further progress and greater prosready being distorted and discredited perity for the country and it will be by the opposition press. These critics wise on the part of the south not to expense of a trip to Washington. not only call in question the sincerity of withhold its support, even though that the president but seek to weaken pub- be not necessary to the carrying out of

an early rupture with the former ad- The expressions coming from that secvisors of McKinley and a departure thon warrant the belief that the south is under the blanket to keep warm. from the course marked out by the late | really awakening to its material inter-

THE ALLIANCE SECURE

Emperor Nicholas got safely out of France Saturday, the dispatches stating President Roosevelt has adopted the that there was no untoward incident program of McKinley as one personal to during his visit, which it seems be enhimself. "He is known," it says, "to loyed as much as was possible under be ambitious to hold the presidential the constraints which were deemed to office by election. It would be good be necessary to his security. The visit was improved, as expected, in reaffirming the allience between France and Russia and declaring the close friend ship and the hearty good will between the two powers. There may have been something of perfunctoriness in this, but the speech of President Loubet and the response of the czar were certainly very earnest in tone. European commentators have found expressions in both which seem to them peculiarly suggestive, but the salient point is that the union of the two powers has for its chief purpose the maintenance of the peace of Europe.

That is the all-important fact conveyed in the speeches. Loubet spoke of the alliance as "a necessary condition of peace," while the czar said that "the intimate union of the two great their rights respected, do not seek to ent what Virgina does about it. is a precious element of appeasement for the whole of humanity." France and Russia allied in the interest of peace is an influence which the rest of Europe is sure to respect and therefore the friends of peace everywhere will read with gratification the undoubtedly sincere utterances of the French president and the Russian emperor. They are eminently reassuring, even though there is at present no menace to European peace. They are messages to the world that cannot fall to strengthen confidence in the indefinite continuance of the existing friendly relations between all the great powers and the uninterrupted efforts of each for industrial and commercial advancement.

HAS LOCKED HIMSELF OUT.

The pretense of Commissioner Con nolly and his fool friends that because the republicans have failed to enter formal protest against the filing of his nomination certificate for the Second commissioner district that they have of his own purposes than do the Washhereby lost their rights and that his ington correspondents. name must be placed on the official ballot, is the most ridiculous that has yet been held out. In his anxiety to inthat an upright and conscientious man sure his own re-election Commissioner Councily has turned the key the wrong incendiarism, defective flues were the way and locked himself out.

The gerrymandering re-districting resorgans can succeed in forcing factional olution has proved a boomerang, in that, as to slam the door in the face of Mr. Connolly and lock him out altogether. nstead of building a sure democratic district for him, as he intended. So far as the document filed with the county clerk, purporting to be a certificate of nomination for county commissioner in the Second district, is con-Some of the most eloquent tributes to whatever. The court has decided that the election this year is to take place in the First commissioner district and people had learned to know Mr. Mc has ordered the county clerk to frame Kinley as their friend. Ever anxious the election proclamation accordingly, to promote their interests and welfare. and he must make up his official ballot President Roosevelt has received as in conformity with the election procla-

The democrats might just as well gratifying to him, as it will be to all have filed a certificate of nomination for citizens who desire the permanent ob- the district represented by Commisliteration of all sectional feeling. On sioner Ostrom, although the election Saturday several southern men called does not take place for a year, or for on the president, among them Senator the commissioner district represented by Money of Mississippi and Representa- Mr. Hofeldt, in which an election is tives Livingston of Georgia and Kluttz not to take place for two years, and expect the county clerk to place the names ingston told the president that as a on the official ballot if no profest is ensouthern man and a Georgian he would tered against it. The republicans might file certificates of nomination for a right to vote on them at the coming crats might just as well file a certificate regard to geographical lines or class secretary of state, although no gubernatorial election is called this year, and contend that it must be placed on the official ballot because no one is foolish enough to protest.

Commissioner Connolly is privileged to file all the certificates of election he pleases for any district he pleases, but so long as the election has been ordered for a district in which he does not reside and which he cannot represent, he will have only his pains for his trouble.

The populists in Nebraska have all along had their state committee organized upon county membership while the democrats and republicans have made the senatorial district the unit of representation. In this way the populist committee when full, has been almost three times as large as the democratic or republican committee. The disadvantage of the populists has been constantly apparent, their membership has seldom been complete and the size of the committee has led the chairman and his immediate associates to proceed without waiting for the aid or consent of the others. Over in lowa, the state committee organization is based on congressional districts giving a body only one-third as large as that in Nebraska.

be even more unpopular with President have not yet reached the point where armed human trocha to keep his fellow citizens at a distance.

Giving Life to the Landscape.

Those exiled Boers persist in chasing their exilers all over the landscape, Some of William McKinley.

currency and in common with all other people have no respect for important tech- TWO-RING SHOW IS A TAME AFFAIR.

A Profitable Tip

Philadelphia Ledger. Roosevelt's prompt announcement of his policy may save many an officeseeker the

Cold Blows the Wind. Chicago Tribune.

Early Birds Get a Frost.

Kansas City Star. An act of the new president which has

afforded especial gratification to the people was his prompt suppression of the cabinet makers. Keeping Up the Circulation.

Chicago News,

Capture of 200 British soldiers and three guns by the Boers at Scheepers Nek is another slight hitch in General Kitchener's work of banishment Footing the Bills.

Somerville Journal.

The man who has to foot the bills often feels that he would like to kick those who reversed and the mountain had gone to contracted them-even though in that case he should get kicked worst of all himself.

Too Sparing with Figures. Washington Post.

The esteemed Department of Agriculture estimates that the ravages of insects cost the United States \$300,000,000 a year. Why didn't it make it \$999,000,000,000? It would sound so much more pretentious and at- rock-ribbed democrat, was nominated for ract every bit as much credence. Passion Going to Extremes

Buffalo Express.

Under the influence of the prevailing horhor of anarchist preaching, the Virgina constitution convention has abolished the guarantee of freedom of speech. As that guarantee remains in the United States constitution, however, it makes little differ-

Conventees of High Standards.

Springfield Republican. Civil service reformers will expect much of Fresident Roosevelt, whose early record as a national civil service commissioner and later record in securing the passage of an excellent civil service law for the state of New York are apparently guarantees of high standards to be followed during his soministration.

An Inspiring Example. Indianapolis Journal. As Abraham Lincoln's personality ome to be the guiding star to generations o follow so will the ricollection of William McKinley's personal virtues exercise a healthy and inspiring influence as long as

Pressure on Hot Air Pipes

republic shall be written and read.

the history of the worthiest spirits of the

Philadelphia Record. President Roosevelt has already been compelled to deny an alleged indelicate and untimely reference to his candidacy for the presidency in 1904 attributed to him in press dispatches from Washington It will keep him busy if he shall undertake to make people believe that he knows more

Look After the Flues.

New York Herald. Statistics of fire losses in the United States for last year show that, next to largest factor in the destruction of \$161 .-000,000 worth of property. The time for lighting up grates and furnaces in city householders will look after their flues now, instead of waiting for disastrous fires to show where defects may exist.

Youngsters in the White House. Chicago Post being six children in the family. The long-

PERSONAL NOTES.

The soldiers are about the only persons in France who are getting a good look at the czar. For the second time in American history

Ohio to New York. The emperor of China is not quite ready yet to receive congratulations on having resumed his throne.

death shifts the scepter of power from

Hon. G. Fred Williams has returned from Europe in time to smite the democrats of Massachusetts who are spurning the Chicago platform. Hon. Arthur James Balfour entered Par-

liament at 25, was a cabinet minister at

38 and led the House at 43. In Britain, too, the young man has a chance Joseph Jefferson is coming out of the ummer with rosy cheeks, bright eyes, a firm step and health generally renewed.

Here is a Rip Van Winkle who is never caught sleeping too long. It is a significant fact that the news from Peary in Greenland's icy mountains came along with a cold wave. The finding of the

pole hunter evidently disturbed the atmosphere and the chill came along as a guarantee of good faith. The new mistress of the White House will have health and strength for her public duties, but, like her predecessor, she prefers the peace and quietness of domestic

woman of the republic. The Bee ecknowledges the receipt of a large number of poetical contributions or the lamented death of President McKinley The sentiments of all were equally meritorious and sincere, but the number was too

The possibilities of trouble in a banana peel rightly placed are beyond calculation. A single peel gently laid on a New York sidewalk caused two men to fall, five others to engage in a free fight and the whole seven to land in police court. General Gillespie, chief of engineers, has

received from Representative Cannon. chairman of the house appropriation committee, a personal letter, speaking in the highest terms of the improvements now in progress under the general in Yellowstone National park. The Boston Transcript says: "For the

third time in the country's history and for the first time in seventy-two years a graduate of Harvard college is president of the United States. John Adams was graduated Harvard in 1755, John Quincy Adams 1787 and Theodore Roosevelt in 1880. General Hayes attended lectures in the Roosevelt than with his predecessor. We Harvard law school, but he was a Kenyon college man '

Aifred Russell of Detroit enjoys the curious distinction of having thrice an nounced in the United States district court there the death of a murdered president. When Lincoln died it was Mr. Russell, ther young lawyer, who moved adjournment He performed a similar duty when Gar field passed away and again when the

Grand Island Independent: One of the features of the fusion state convention is to be the debut of Frank Ransom in hi true colors. He has been a silver republican. The mask having generally been discarded Ransom is to make a great grandstand play in announcing his conversion to democracy. It will be one of the greatest farce comedies ever witnessed in Lincoln Only a few months ago a French torpelo in Nebraska is merely a snuggling together and for the moment Ransom is to have the boat sank in a collision during naval stage all to himself.

Ainsworth Star-Journal: The populist

convention of Lincoln county, in which Congressman Neville was a leading factor. voted down the proposition of fusion with the democrats by a big majority and placed On June 23, 1893, while the Mediterranean in nomination a straight populist ticket, to which the congressman will give his hearty support. The fusion pops of Brown county Camperdown to turn inward. The radius will yet see the error of their way and for turning was so small that the execucome with those who are at work rebuilding tion of the order brought the battleship into the old structure along populist principles. the flagship Victoria. Ten minutes after Kearney Hub: After the populists had the collision Tryon's ship went down with nominated Kretsinger for supreme judge and the democrats had nominated Hollenback, and then after the populists had dropped the former and accepted the latter, it became evident that the rule had been Mohamet. The democrats, who were but a cept a few of the crew perished. The Vanhandful compared to the populists, "conceded" to the latter the two regents and they were apaprently thankful to get even in a September fog, twenty-six years ago. A that much.

North Platte Tribune: The poor old in the ship, but the prompt closing of the populist party of Nebraska received another blackeye in the fusion state con- hour. Meanwhile the crew of 450 men was vention Tuesday when Judge Hollenbeck, a supreme judge. As a salve for the populists' wounds, that party was given both in a squall off the Isle of Wight in 1878. the regents-offices that are purely honorary. It is truly wonderful what a hypnotic power the 20,000 democrats in the state have over the 80,000 populists. We say 80,000 because that was their voting strength at one time and they insist that they are of the Royal George in harbor. Nine hunas strong as ever.

Norfolk News: Edgar Howard of Columofficeholders. His resolution was turned crew of 497 only 216 were saved. The Spandown by the committee and met with considerable opposition on the floor of the convention. The judge should recollect that there were members of the convention who had held office and who found that anti-pass was very nice as a theory, but not so easy to practice, and they have no particular wish to be again confronted by the inconsistency which was partially re sponsible for their defeat last fall.

Falls City Journal: Once more the demohave compromised their differences and Charleston and the Yosemite. the populists have paid the costs in the case. The great throbbing populistic heart yearned for recognition at the hands of the fusion state convention, but once again Bunch of Islands in Stock and Only they were turned away from the love feast with only the crumbs that fell from the democratic table, with which to satisfy that yearning hunger. That fat and luscious plum, the nomination for supreme judge was reserved for the delectation of the democrats and the crumbs in the form of two candidates for regent of the State university were graciously given to the populistic henchmen as full payment for the votes they are expected to poll this fall. The question is, will the receipt in full be forthcoming in November?

HOG AND HOMINY.

Kentucky's Tribute to a Great Food Combination. dayille Courier-Journal

the shortage in the corn crop, is putting up the prices of fat hogs and provisions, making hogs at present prices the most profitable product of the farm. However, the big corn speculators in Chicago seem to take The occupancy of the White House by the advantage of every advance in corn to sell Roosevelt family will bring more young the market, there being a sharp decline in had no naval stations in the West Indies people into that historic structure than it all the cereals yesterday. It may be that has ever had as occupants before, there they have better information than the govtime custodian of the building is said to be have been predicting would send corn up to States such stations far superior to any perplexed as to how to dispose of them 80 cents. If so we are likely to see both thing which this group of islands can fur and their mother will probably be still more "hog and hominy" a good deal lower. This so by the difficulty of preserving a family would be a good thing for the farmer, for atmosphere in an official residence. The while high prices are of temporary benefit Roosevelt children will probably have less they cause overproduction and depressed real liberty in their new home than ever markets in the long run. The hog crop is one that can be easily and rapidly expanded, provided there is no outbreak of cholera. for the best breeds now mature in a few months and the females are very prolific. The high price of provisions also, if carried much further, would work hardship upon a very large part of the population, for in spite of the objections to pork it is a side of the ocean. Spain, though it mainfact that men can live longer and do hard tained a nuisance for many years at the work better upon bacon than even upon threshold of the United States, was albeef. The American soldier has shown this lowed to retain Cuba, but had it attempted repeatedly in the frontier wars where they to transfer that island to a European followed hostile Indians over the burning power it would not have retained it as plains of Arizona and New Mexico for many days. These islands are not valuable months with nothing but hardtack and in any way except as salubrious resorts bacon for their rations. It is the same way for the wealthy. It is alleged that they with the colored farm laborers in the south are healthy, but as this comes from those and with the white farmers of the west as well as the south, who do the hardest manual labor winter and summer upon bacon and corn "dodgers" or "pones."

"Hog and hominy" or, better, bacon and rather than practical. He has written well cornbread, make the great food combination about things that have passed and has deof the United States and constitute a most duced theories from them which have never important factor in that which goes to give been tested. As a member of the great us the mastery of the world's markets. The strategy board several years ago his light twenty-three states in the Mississippi basin are the larder of the world and they could sense is the best to apply to a matter of never feed its teeming millions as they do this sort. were it not for Indian corn and the American hog. Both are homely, but far surpass our gold mines and even our wheat and cotton fields in intrinsic and marketable value. May both increase and multiply and while making a profitable return to the producer may they keep down the cost of life even to the honor of being the first food to the poor.

WHEAT AND CHAFF.

One Lonesome Kernel Found in

New York World There is one sound kernel of wheat in

the convention calling itself democratic

Nebraska. This is the wheat that will exclude anarchists, and state and undergone no change whatever. national laws that will suppress anarchy." The chaff was the Bourbonish and fatuous declaration of "unfaltering allegiance to could predict today the issues with which and belief in the principles of the democratic party" as "explicitly set forth in the

Kansas City platform. Mr. Bryan made a strong declaration abhorrence for anarchists, saying, There shadowed, there is nothing in Mr. Bryan's is not a place for anarchy in this country, and affirming that "those who advise murder are as guilty as those who commit it. His eulogy of President McKinley was sympathetic and eloquent.

But so long as Mr. Bryan persists playing the role in politics of the boy who 'stood on the burning deck, whence all but him had fled," and renews upon every oc- facts with which it will have to deal. casion his undying devotion to 16 to 1. his Buffalo tragedy culminated in the death quite as out of date as the demand for the be changed in the future. extension of slavery.

FAMOUS NAVAL DISASTERS.

Lengthening List of Losses Suffered

by the World's Navies. Kansas City Star. The sinking of the destroyer Cobra foltows close upon the loss of its sister ahin. the Viper, which went down during the August mancuvers. The navies of the world have suffered many similar disasters. n-aneuvers, and the United States has lost the Yosemite and the Charleston since the blowing up of the Maine.

The heavy loss of life on the Cobra recalls that other terrible disaster to the British navy, the sinking of the Victoria. squadron was maneuvering in parallel col umns, Vice Admiral Tryon signaled the the vice admiral on it. More than 400 mer Another famous British disaster was

were drowned. that of the Doterel. While it was lying at archor in the Straits of Magellan in 1887 an explosion occurred presumably in the magazine-which destroyed the ship. All exguard, belonging to the English channel squadron, was rammed by the Iron Duke hole about twenty-five feet equare was torn water tight doors kept it affoat for an transferred to the Iron Duke and all were saved. About 300 lives were lost in the foundering of the training frigate Eurydice The iron ship Captain, attached to the

China fleet, foundered in a gale in 1871. The rest of the squadron did not learn of the catastrophe until morning. The loss was 500 officers and men. A British disaster celebrated in history was the overturning dred men were lost

Germany suffered its greatest naval disbus had some difficulty in getting the demo- aster in the loss of the Grosser Kurfurst. cratic state convention to endorse his views which was rammed by the Koenig Wilhelm on the ratiroad pass question in respect to in 1878, and sank in five minutes. Of the ish navy lost the Reina Regente in a storm in 1895. No trace of the vessel was ever found. Next to the sinking of the Maine the loss of the corvette Oncida in 1870. which sank in collision off Yokahama, was the greatest disaster to the United States navy in time of peace. One hundred and seventeen lives were lost. Fifty-two persons were drowned in the foundering of the Trenton and Vandalia in the Apia hurricane in 1889. The old Kearsarge was losin the West Indies in 1894, and then folratic and populist parties of Nebraska lowed the sinking of the Maine, the

DENMARK'S BARGAIN COUNTER.

One Purchaser. Baltimore American

It is announced by a dispatch from Europe 'nat the new Danish ministry has decided to accept the offer of the United States of \$4,288,000 for the Danish West Indies. This is specific and will doubtless convey conviction to many minds. It is strange, however, that the amount offered by the United States for these valuable possessions should be so accurately known abroad, when it has not been disclosed to the America. public. A bill was once offered in congress and defeated, which proposed to appropriate \$3,240,000 for the purchase of these islands. As they are tecreasing in value all the time, it is unlikely that a million dollars more has been offered for them recently. Thay are of no value whatever to Denmark; in fact, they year, and the Danish government, if it had

no bidder, would be glad to give them away. of the islands would have been of some advantage to the United States for strategic purposes. That was when this country by means of which the approach to the Caribbean sea could be cuarded. Our victory over Spain has given the United nish. The theory that Denmark will sell them to some European power can scarcely be seriously advanced. No European power wants to buy a gold brick. The Islands are hopelessly bankrupt and their strategic term and as soon as a boy shows genuit advantages are so slight that an ambitious power would inevitably seek something better.

To imagine, however, that European pow ers would consider their purchase is to charge them with grotesque ignorance of the Monroe doctrine. Official Europe knows that no territory can be acquired on this who are anxious to sell them, it is not altogether above suspicion. Whenever the question of their purchase comes up. noted naval historian is given as the expert who urges it. This writer is theatrical was not particularly lustrous. Common

A POLITICAL WEATHER PROPHET. Unseemly Activity of the Head Fusion

Chicago Chronicle (dem. With very questionable taste Mr. Bryan takes occasion at this time to forecast the

issues of the presidential campaign of 1904. As was to have been expected, he sees no reason to doubt that the questions brought to the front in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms will again be paramount. Equally, as a matter of course, his views in regard to free silver, the abandonment of the Philippines, "government by injunction" peck of chaff in the platform adopted by and the shelving of the tariff issue until the currency of the country shall have been debased in accordance with the populiatie "We favor stringent immigration laws ideas prevailing west of the Missouri, have

In view of the remarkable events of the last three years it would be a wise man who the American people will concern themselves in 1964. In fact, considering the events of the last ten days, and the personal and political changes which are forerecord as a prophet politically which seems to justify particular confidence in his ability to forecast events of any nature.

If Mr. Bryan and his associates are to remain in control of what is called the dem ocratic party, there need be no doubt whatever concerning the principles which that organization will enunciate. The only uncertainty will be in regard to the state of

Men who ignore conditions concerning case is absolutely and utterly hopeless | which the intelligence of the world is prac and that of the democratic party also tically agreed and men who scout accomwherever and in so far as it adheres to plished facts have directed the thought and him, which seems to be principally in Ne- action of the populistic element in this brasks. The free silver craze is a good country from the beginning. There is no deal deader than the Ostend manifesto and reason to suppose that their methods wil

Bryan and his immediate total thus established the only immediately concerns the time is as to the setten who who are not populists and are a

by populists will take. While this has not been an year politically, there have been couraging signs of a democratic these shall be followed next year state and congressional elections tlar development of demogratience, the fulminations of Mr. Dr. have weight in populistic districts to will fall harmless in the states who to be controlled by democratic se-At the same time the Chroni that it voices the opinion of all of good judgment when it depression an attempt by Mr. Bryan at this time and and these conditions to open the president

FARMERS STRICTLY IN IT.

campaign of 1901.

Substantial Contributions to Their Detroit Pres Press

There is no question but what the contingent of this country is gained better position in the procession than before. It is rapidly acquiring the delivery system. This advancement is going to be overthrown just because few of the farmers are exercising proverbial and always accepted rich complain. Some of them are growing cause they do not have the excuse for an to town at brief intervals that always served them and their forefathers since postoffice became a public institution. of the favorite lonfing places for the farers who are tributary to the smaller fices is also cut out of the list. They without an apology for congregating at postoffice to swap yarns, politics a horses while using the property of Un-

Sam as a cuspidor. The future will gradually actust true to this radical change and it may be a cepted as an established fact that rural free delivery has come to stay. With comes an impetus to the cause of good roads that impresses the farmers as if wheelmen and automobile rides could neve hope to de. The agricultural element als has the telephone and now a Detroit en terprise is arranging to give it the benefit of electricity for lighting purposes and as a mechanical motive power. The possible ities of this approach to metropolitan at vantages are beyond computation. The farmer with the price and the spirit of progression can run everything on the premises from the churn, sewing machine and family cradle to the threshing machine and patent hay fork by electrical power. The turning of a switch will illuminate

his house or any desired portion of it. A pole light in the vicinity of the barn will serve as a hoboo scarecrow, facilitate milking during the short days of the year and get the chickens into action at any desired hour of the morning. It will serve as a beacon to the member of the house hold who reaches home on a late electric car and can be used as a danger streat : attract the entire neighborhood. Waiving any facetious predictions it is another strong move toward providing all acctions with the comforts and conveniences that have so rapidly multiplied within the lahalf century. The results are of educ tional as well as financial benefit and as pioneers in this new undertaking the Detroiters interested are deserving of all suc-

NEW SENTENCE LAWS.

Progress of Penological Reform in a

Number of States. Philadelphia Times.

The legislatures of New York and Connecticutt have recently passed indeterminate sentence laws which have just go are empowered, in imposing sentences for certain crimes, to name both a minim and a maximum period of imprisonmen If the periods are, for instance, one year and three years, the criminal must be kept in prison at least one year or he may be compelled to serve out the ful term of three years, but good behavior and the promise of reform may secure his discharge at any time after the expiration

of the minimum term. In Pennsylvania we have something akin to an indeterminate sentence law in th youthful prisoner to the Huntington re formatory. The sentence is for no fixed signs of reform, he is paroled on a kind of a ticket-of-leave system. For violation of the terms of his parole he can be at rested again. The law is similar to the in New York governing the Elmira reform atory. The indeterminate sentence law maprove to be better than the free-for-all commutation law passed by the recent leg lature of this state, for the special put pose, it is generally believed, to benefit or tain friends of the republican state mach now behind the bars and the experimen in New York and Connecticut will watched anxiously by all interested in

prison reform. LAUGHING MATTER.

Detroit Free Press: "An air trust will be the next thing, I suppose." "Gracious! Now, that would be enough to take one's breath away!"

Puck: City Man-A safe family horse* Farmer Shellbacker-Yes-siree' Who that ere hoss sin't even arraid of a woman in url-papers Philadelphia Press: "Yes, sub," declared Colonel Bragg, "I've been in a good many tight places in my time." "That's a new name for them," remarked

Peppery. "For what, suh?" Somerville Journal No woman weeld over dare ask her husband to stop smoking if she realized how cross the experiment would make him.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I don't see any casen why people should interfere when cols want to go through the Nisgara raphs

in barrels."
"But it does seem a shameful waste of good barrels, you know." Chicago Tribune: "What is the matter with me, doctor?"
"Madam, you have what is known as the golfing spine. Some of our best people are suffering from it this year.
"You have taken a great load off my mind, doctor. I was affaid you would say something was wrong with my backbone."

GOLDENROD.

Edua Dean Proctor. The goldenred, the goldenred,
That glows in aim or rain,
Waving its plumes on every bank
From the mountain slepe to the mainNot dandellons, nor cowalips line,
Nor buttercups, gems of summer,
Nor lengues of dalsies, yellow and white,
Can rived this labout come?

Can rival this latest comer. On the plains and the upland pastures Such regal splendor falls When forth, from myriad branches green, Its gold the south wind calls.
That the tale seems true the fadman z God,
Lavished its bloom to say.
Though days grow brief and suns grow cold.
My love is the same for size.

And, draker than April violets, Or pallid as wind flowers grow, Under its shadow from bill to meadow Great beds of asters hiow— Oh plots of purple o erhung with gold. That need het walls nor wardens, Not fairer shone to the Median Queen, Her Babylonian gardens

On Scotia's moors the garse is grav.

And England's lanes and full we are decked with broom whose wire grace.

The havering limet hallows:
But the robin sim a from his maple bough, "An, linnet, lightly won.

Your bloom to a blaze of waysids gold.

The attitude now and bereafter of Mr. I Is the wan meen to the sun!"