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Subscribed in my presence and aworn to sefore me this 30th day of September, A. I. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. That senate investigating committee

GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

From current reports, our old friend, Pat Crowe, must have been organizing a kidnaping syndlente.

appears to be washing hemp instead of

The biggest llar in the world is re ported to be dying in Paris. The people who gave him that title doubtless never saw those American yellow journals.

The British commanders have evolved a plan to corner the Boers. But when they lift up their thumb they will probably find the Boers like the Irishman's flea-gone.

hand over all the school board nominadons in Omaha to the populists shows how lightly the interests of the schools are held by the democrats.

vertising for his forthcoming book that he can get, and if he does not get it it will not be because he has not chosen shining marks for his criticism

The paramount issue in Omaba and Douglas county is the reduction of taxation through the abolition of tax-eaters and enforcement of business methods in the administration of the affairs of city, county and school district.

The enthusiasm of the populist portion of the fusion press over the state ticket is several degrees below zero, with no present indication of rising temperature. The convention frost was too severe to allow of early recovery.

Sir Thomas Lipton announces that he will make another trial for the America's cup. If he can extract any pleasure out of the contests the people of this country certainly will not begrudge it to him, for no truer sportsman ever salled the sea.

According to Commissioner Ostrom it has cost the county as high as 75 cents on the situation, is of the opinion that only to posterity is not one of them. a yard for grading roadways during the past year, when it should not cost ex- that President Castro has not the supceeding 20 cents a yard. How can anybody justify such reckless waste of the taxpayers' money?

An appropriation of 13,000,000 taels has been made to pay the expenses of the return trip of the Chinese court to a ruinous war with Colombia in order stories of war in South America as a Pekin. The Chinese board of transportation should exert itself to secure a republic. It is by no means certain. pass for the emperor and his friends when regular fare is so high.

Consistency is not one of the jewels in the diadem of the local popocratic organ. While it appeals for support subserved by disregarding them. The for Power and Elsasser on the ground that they are entitled to re-election because they have served only one term, it does not want to apply the same rule to the republican candidates who have served only one term.

American trade was the awarding by a war. She is even worse off, as to finan-Spanish company of a large contract for railway equipment to American manufacturers against British competitors. It is certain that had other conditions been equal the order would not have come to this country. All American machinery needs to demonstrate its superiority is the chance.

State Treasurer Stuefer is supplying the common enemy with a good deal of tory or any international rights. ammunition. The state treasurer ought to know that the people of Nebraska Stuefer to comply with this demand America. Of course the German papers auditorium. It will take a vigorous places the party in a false light.

Reciprocity of trade with foreign counurge action to that end." This is the prosperity. correct and sound view. It is in accord with the republican national platform of 1896, which declared that tained. . . . We favor the assoclated policy of reciprocity, so directed leally revised. as to open our markets on favorable

kets." will see. He urged "sensible trade ar- the road. rangements which will not interrupt. If the bridge is part of the main line latter show that Mr. McKinley had in special tolls for transportation through mind the preservation of protection and tunnels constructed at a cost not in indispensable. President Roosevelt, howdid not think reciprocity inconsistent frequently in excess of that of bridges ever, who should be thought the person with that policy.

Mr. Dingley, one of the ablest and the men associated with him in framing the managers of the road should not attection to American industries, or they in the law the provisions under which a erection of this bridge. The principal number of reciprocity agreements have and interest already paid aggregate congress which enacted the tariff law replace the bridge at this time. objected to its reciprocity clauses. The For many years the west half of the schedules of the bill underwent numer- bridge was assessed upon a valuation ous amendments in the senate, some of of \$150,000, which is certainly very modthem being entirely revised, but no re- erate, in view of the fact that the bridge publican senator proposed to omit the was originally bonded for \$2,500,000 and paign managers. The reason assigned for reciprocity provisions or suggested that for many years yielded a net income, this apathy is the lack of money, but the

fore, are entirely in accord with the company. For several years past the The suggestion that the democrats Kinley tariff of 1890, under which reci- \$15,000 a year interest on the bridge procity arrangements were entered into bonds and is now paying \$12,500 a year. with the British West Indies, with ers of Douglas county are taxed \$12,500 Brazil and with Germany, all of which annually to meet the interest on the proved advantageous to our trade with- bridge bonds, the Union Pacific has ap-Secretary Alger wants all the free ad- out in the least degree interfering with pealed to the courts to prevent the as protection. It is conceivable, of course, sessment of the bridge except at mile that reciprocity might be carried so far age pro rata for one-sixth of one mile. as to prove inconsistent with protection, but this is not to be apprehended from a republican congress and administration and moreover cannot be done taxation imposed by the city and county under the present tariff law, which instead of seeking to avoid the moral sets limitations upon reciprocity.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN TROUBLE.

The latest advices regarding the trouble between Venezuela and Colonibia indicate that both are playing a waiting game. Venezuela having addressed a note to Colombia is awaiting an answer before taking action and Colombia, it would seem, is in no hurry to reply. The troops of both countries, who has just returned from the Philip according to the report, have been con fronting each other within shooting the islands. He admits that this coundistance for more than two weeks and try has largely accomplished the pacifiit is quite possible that this "war comedy," as it is appropriately termed by they will not be of financial benefit to a German newspaper, will go on sev- the United States during the present eral weeks longer and end without a shot being fired.

A leader of the nationalist party of Venezuela, who should be an authority over has no good ground for going to present domain. war. This authority said further that Castro cannot declare war without the authority of congress and it is not probable that the congress would consent to however, that the Venezuelan president, who is as unscrupulous as he is ambitious, would permit any constitutional requirements to stand in the way if he thought his political ambition could be congress is composed of his partisans and he would probably have no difficulty in inducing these to approve any action he might take, or failing to do this would assume the role of dictator. which would be an easy transition, since he is already practically a dictator. One of the most notable victories of Colombia doubtless desires to avoid cial resources, than Venezuela, though there is little difference between them engaged in internecine strife for a couple of years or more and the exist-

An interesting phase of the matter is presented in the statement from Berlin are more sensitive about the school fund that the Venezuelan minister at Paris had such a stack of cases to pass on tenth of that amount in this country. than about any other thing, and that is had authorized the announcement that it would keep a going the whole year why the republican state convention the reports of impending war were false round. made a flat-footed declaration in favor and were spread by the United States of periodic publicity of the whereabouts in order to sidetrack European interof all the money in the custody of the ests likely to be obstructive to the enstate treasurer. The refusal of Mr. deavors of the United States in South

ing government could hardly survive

a war with Venezuela. It is therefore

to be expected that Colombia will make

would not involve a surrender of terri-

NOT INCONSISTENT WITH PROTECTION. surdity of this, but it possesses interest to cover the cost of constructing, equip The republicans of Massachusetts in as indicating South American sentiment ping and completing the new building. their platform declare in favor of main- toward this country. We are not as taining the protective policy and say: well thought of down there as we deserve to be in view of the fact that we tries is not inconsistent with an ade- stand as the guardian of the southern quate measure of protection to Ameri- republics against European aggression can industries. We declare in favor of and have always shown toward them wise discrimination and businesslike the most friendly feeling and the most executive and legislative reciprocity and earnest desire for their progress and

THE UNION PACIFIC BRIDGE TAX.

"protection and reciprocity are twin be taken from the decision of Judge tual output? measures of republican policy and go McPherson, that declares that the east hand in hand," and that "reciprocity half of the Union Pacific bridge, located builds up foreign trade and finds an within the boundaries of Council Bluffs, outlet for our surplus." It is in accord is exempt from city taxation, will be with the national platform of 1900, halled with satisfaction, not only by the which said: "We renew our faith in taxpayers of Council Bluffs, but those of the policy of protection to American la. Omaha. If the position taken by Judge bor. In that policy our industries have McPherson is sustained by the supreme been established, diversified and main- court of the United States the laws governing municipal taxation must be rad-

. It also follows as a sequence that if terms for what we do not ourselves the Union Pacific bridge has become an produce in return for free foreign mar- integral part of the main line for taxation the bridge tolls now exacted must be No republican in these conventions reduced to a mileage rate. Not only and the night-these are the adjuration had any doubt that reciprocity is con- Omaha and Council Bluffs, but the peo- which the angels that shed their light over sistent with an adequate measure of ple of the states of Iowa and Nebraska protection to American industries. Mr. will be compelled to appeal to the courts McKinley, whose earnest devotion to to test the question whether the Union the protective policy will not be ques- Pacific can exact special tolls over the tioned, did not regard reciprocity as bridge for the transportation of passeninconsistent with that policy, as any gers and freight in excess of the mileintelligent reader of his Buffalo speech age rate charged over any other part of

our home productions." He said that for taxation, it would be a travesty on ney in 83 hours and 45 minutes. So the "we should take from our customers justice to say that it is not part of the sock and buskin are still somewhat ahead such of their products that we can use main line when it comes to transportawithout harm to our industries and la- tion charges. If a railroad company bor." He declared that "reciprocity is can charge special tolls for a bridge that the natural outgrowth of our wonderful constitutes part of its main line, on the industrial development under the do- ground of the extraordinary expense inmestic policy now firmly established." curred in its construction and main-All these utterances and especially the tenance, it can, with impunity, charge spanning great rivers.

In the case of the Union Pacific bridge staunchest supporters of protection, and tax, there are moral obligations which the existing tariff, had no thought of tempt to repudiate. In 1872 Douglas reciprocity being inconsistent with pro--voted the proceeds of \$250,000 in certainly would not have incorporated bonds as a contribution toward the been effected. No republican in the over \$800,000, or an amount sufficient to

with Spain for Cuba and Porto Rico, In other words, while the property own

Would it not have been much more politic for the railway managers to have submitted to the very reasonable obligation-if not the legal obligationof the corporation toward the commu nity that is not only mortgaged for \$250, 000, but also has contributed depot grounds and right-of-way for tracks and terminal facilities that have been capi talized for many millions of dollars by

the reorganized company?

Congressman Shafroth of Colorado pines, declares in favor of relinquishing cation of the islands, but he urges that generation. There have been legitimate the fact that the benefits will accrue there will be no war, for the reason If we had taken such a view of the Louisiana purchase we would have port of the entire country and more- abandoned the richest portion of our

The European representative of Venezuela is credited with saying that the United States is falsely circulating to help the revolutionists in the latter cloak for interference in that part of the world. If the United States were really looking for a pretext to interfere it has been afforded times without number by every country to the south of it. The United States has trouble enough deal ing with peoples of Spanish origin and he is a master of the art of political debate

The county pay roll has been increased past five years, although there has been | Croker to political control in New York by no increase in the business transacted saying: county institutions. The question that confronts the taxpayers is whether they can do anything to impress the county board with the imperative demand for in this respect. Then Colombia has been the abolition of supernumeraries and

Here are the statistics of the grand jury that has just finished its sitting in Chicago: Number of cases heard, 601; fluence in political affairs should be a resi every effort to avert hostilities that true bills found, 437; bills found not dent of England two-thirds of the time true, 156; cases passed, S. It is need- with immense property and sporting inless to say that in Chicago all criminal prosecutions are by grand jury indictment. If a grand jury in these parts

It's all right for the new auditorium directors to start out with a banquet, but banquets alone will not build the had no trouble in pointing out the ab- campaign to raise the money necessary

Deserves His Pate. Chicago Record-Herald.

Chauncey M. Depew is going to marry lady who speaks four languages fluently. There are plenty of people who will cling to the belief that he richly deserves it.

Chicago Tribune By what right, anyhow, does an anarchist editor, who advocates the abolition of law and government, claim the assistance of the The announcement that an appeal will government in disseminating his intellec-

Note the Difference.

Kansas City Journal. In some quarters it has been held that President Roosevelt is weakening on the policy of protection. It is to be noted, however, that this complaint does not come from the friends of protection, but from its enemies, who would like to score a point on the alleged inconsistency of the republican party.

Hard Worked Angels.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

To join the wisdom of the serpent with the cooling of the dove-to keep the head cool and the hand doing-to be wide awake the cradle of democracy now send down to us from mansions in the skies.

The Cloth Still Lags.

Boston Herald. Mr. Morgan's ninety-six-hour trip across the continent, from New York to San Francisco, in company with his brother churchmen, has been beaten only once in the history of railroading, and that was by theatrical company, which made the jourof the cloth.

The Old One Good Enough.

Baltimore News While the White House has been much criticised for a number of years, it seems o be the real estate men in Washington who are most eager for early enlargement and improvement. Almost unanimously they declare that a new White House is most nearly concerned, is indifferent about the matter. The old one, with all its im-'is good enough for him.'

General Apathy in the Saddle.

Philadelphia Press. for by the local committees, and even such an arrangement is discouraged by the camthey were inconsistent with protection, over and above operating expenses, of real reason is probably the lack of any The Massachusetts republicans, there more than \$500,000 a year to the old hope of winning and the feeling that it there are signs that we are becoming wiser would be a waste of money and energy to We do not live quite so fiercely as we did position of the party on this question west half of the bridge has been as the republicans will be wise if they take make a speaking campaign. Nevertheless luring the past eleven years, or since sessed at only \$50,000, which at 2 per nothing for granted. Democratic prospects the principle of reciprocity was made a cent would make the bridge tax \$1,000 in Ohio are undoubtedly poor, but the ospart of republican policy in the Mc a year, while the county formerly paid tentatious parading of the fact may have a concealed meaning. The republicans should not be caught napping.

POWER OF THE RAILROAD.

Influence in Public Affairs Measured by the Pay Roll.

Atlanta Constitution A few figures tell effectively the power of the railroad in public affairs. carry on their rolls in the United States today 1,100,000 men.

Granting that each man represents five persons, it will be seen that one man out every sixteen in the country is a rail readers. The pay roll of these men amounts to \$577,000,000. The rates of wages are as

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Class-	N'mb'r.	D'ly pay.
Class— General officers	4.916	\$10.45
Other officers	4,669	5.90
Other officers General office clerks	32.265	2.19
Station agents	31.610	1.75
Other station men	89.851	1.60
Enginemen	42.837	3.75
Firemen	44 130	2.14
Conductors		3.17
Other trainmen		1.96
Machinists		2.30
Carpenters		2.04
Other shopmen	114 773	1.73
Section foremen	22 065	1 68
Other trackmen	994 799	1.22
Other trackmen Switchmen, flagmen a	nd	1,
watchmen. makinen a	50,789	1.80
watchmen Telegraph operators a	nd my row	1,00
dispatchers	25,218	1 00
Employes, account floati		1.20
equipment		1 00
All other employes and	1,000	1.72
All other employes and i	et. To be a second	

It is no wonder that railroad influence is so strong, since it commands the labor of grounds for differences of opinion as to so many men. But that is another phase by the policy of retaining the islands, but which the influence of the railroad may be estimated. Besides regular employes, there are those contingent upon emergency. There is a corresponding local attorney in every county, a doctor to answer calls for accidents and some prominent farmer to act as arbitrator in case of damage suits ove "blooded" cows killed upon the track These men, in turn, have friends.

This is why the railroad is always taker into consideration

NEW YORK AS A CROWN COLONY.

Sharp Thrust at Croker Domination in the Metropolis. Chicago Chronicle (dem.)

Whatever may be the result of the New York city election, and no matter as to the general strategy of the campaign, Seth Lov has shown by his letters and speeches that has no present desire to cultivate any He is a great, practical scholar in politics as well as in science.

In accepting the anti-Tammany nomina tion for mayor Mr. Low strikes a great blow for municipal home rule. He shatby more than \$16,000 a year within the ters the claims and pretenses of Richard

"The main issue of the campaign is the wresting of the city from those who permit his party in the interest 'of his own pocket all the time,' and, as if to add insult to injury, to do this from abroad, as though the proud city of New York had been reduced once more to the condition

of a crown colony." It is more than a local, it is a national reproach to the democratic party that man assuming to be one of its great lead ers and actually exercising uncommon in terests held and secured under British laws It is a great shame to American democrac that the democratic "boss" of New York pays \$5,000 taxes in England and not one-

It is a supremely good hit for Mr. Low to say that Croker in England rules New York as the king of England rules a "crown like Jamaica or Burmah. As for himself, he says that if he shall be elected mayor New York will have home rule in the person of its chief magistrate and through the municipal legislature.

This declaration sounds something like an announcement of Croker's downfall,

Fort Crook to Manila.

Manila Freedom.

The battalion of the Twenty-second in- will ever forget their experience. fantry, formerly commanded by Major Bal- trials of that frip were almost beyond the later General Ballance, and now power of pen to describe and men were again Major Ballance, will do garrison taxed to their utmost. The rigid discipline duty in Manila. If any regiment in the of ante-bellum times was imposed upon United States army deserves this assign- the men, and although many succumbed to boned lunch basket almost as much as the ment it is the Twenty-second. This regi- the fearful conditions under which they admiral appears to enjoy its contents, but ment saw the hardest of service in Cuba, labored forward day after day, in mud to so far as can be ascertained no one has had where it lost its colonel and a large per- their waists, without shoes or sufficient the temerity to chaff him about it, although centage of its officers and men. On clothing, the object was gained and the it is well known that the admiral enjoys a February 1, 1899, the Twenty-second in- country opened to the Americans. fantry started for the Philippine islands, ward the last of this killing expedition men arriving in Manila harbor March 5. Since became income through the torturing sufthat time the regiment has been continually ferings which they were compelled to un- navy yard. It leads to the gunners' workon the line and there has never been even dergo, but the column pressed ever onward, shop from the wide gate that closes the a breath of reproach regarding the actions. The nights in the mountains were spent main entrance. It is formed of iron plates of its officers or its men. Colonel without clothing to cover the suffering, the about two feet long and twenty inches wide Harry Egbert, brigadier general of volun- cold crept into the marrow, the rain and and the officers who live in the houses teers, was killed in the charge of Malinta the dew permeated the very bones, and of alongside the walk say they never noticed Hill, which was, without question, one of food there was none except a little rice its musical qualities until the throngs began the warmest engagements of the insurrec- and the flesh of a chance cariboo. Still to walk over it on the court tion. Portions of this famous command the weary march went on until the men be- of inquiry. Now dozens of men can be have served under nearly every general came mere automatons and hoped for death found in the pavy yard who are willing to who has commanded troops in the Philip- to end their sufferings. The story of this swear that a pedestrian if sufficiently acpines, and have served in nearly every en- expedition has never been told and prob- complished in this particular style of walk-

PUTTING ON THE BRAKES.

Characteristic Haste of Americans Gradually Decreasing Indianapolis News.

That we live too fast in this country has promoters of a Washington suburb, has previous. ong been conceded. Fundamentally, the encountered a frost at the White House cause of it is the old mistake of considering The move for a larger, modernized execuselves out without getting the finest fruit of President Roosevelt.

lived in the same climate. Up to the period ecutive business. That idea took like a the lawyer who had no favorable evidence the plling up of dollars or the attainment of the project. to offer and sooner than expose the weak- in and of itself. The "more" that there committee to wait upon the president and ness of his client's case was willing to let was in it was the frults of these things. urge him to sanction the plan and recomit go to the jury without calling any wit- They rightly looked on all these things as mend it to congress. But before the com nesses or making any argument. They will but the gear, the purpose being something mittee could reach the White House the hold one opening meeting, and after that higher, being character, conduct, as re- occupant of the White House let it be no speakers will be provided by the state flected in serene and beautiful lives. We committee. If any of the counties desire lost this with the civil war. The immense, have speakers they will have to be paid opportunities of the country have distinctly the White House was quite satisfactory promoted a trait of greed in our character our ideals have changed, and from lowest to highest we are in breathless pursuit of the almighty dollar. But albeit our prosperity goes on, even in a geometrical ratio, we are beginning to find that there is some thing else in life than acquisition, and that there are wiser ways than breathless basto from morning till night, but it will be lone before we realize this altogether. We still grab our hats and rush from the

theater before the final curtain has fallen. reach furtively for our hats while the min- ecutive mansion or elsewhere. ister is pronouncing the benediction. These are all signs of the unhealthy haste that has taken possession of us. We must rust away from religious worship or from amusement, not to get home, but simply to rush, for when we are at home we have time on our hands. But, slowly, we begin to know better, we begin to live more wisely. This may be seen in the greater length of years that we attain in active service. We are not so distinctly a country of young men as we were; we are beginning more to approximate the riper civilization of Europe, in which the guidance of affairs is to be found so largely in the hands of old men, that is, men old in years, who have reached the ripeness of development that can come only in a sane, serene age, but not "old" age.

Old age is a question of feeling. When some one asked Oliver Wendell Holmes how old he was, he said, "not old at all, I am 75 years young," and he was right; he was ever young, young to his latest day, But manifestly we can not be young under the burden of years unless we live rightly. and we cannot live rightly when we are possessed by the demon of haste, which, as a people, wears us out in our prime.

PERSONAL NOTES.

President Roosevelt is the second president of Dutch ancestry, Van Buren being The only way out of it is for Sir Thomas

Lipton to join the New York Yacht club and thereby get an interest in the cup. Kitchener's latest complaint makes it appear that a large number of British invalids are being given a round trip to the Cape at government expense.

Former United States Senator Charles B Farwell of Illinois has just undergone a severe operation at a Chicago hospital and his condition is pronounced most serious. Three hundred and forty-seven papers have already referred to the new \$10 greenback, bearing the design of a buffalo, as "a

buffale bill," and the returns have only just begun to come in The Benjamin Harrison Monument association was formally organized at Indianapolis the other day. General John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state, presided and arrangements were made to have the bank-

ers and lawyers of the state aid in the

Captain Bernier, the French-Canadian navigator, who is anxious to plant the Canadian flag on the north pole, only lacks \$35,000 of the \$120,000 required for the expedition. He has lately received large subscriptions, the latest being a subscription

of \$5,000 from Lord Strathcona The young king of Spain, who is nearly 16 years of age, will begin presently a series of visits to the courts of Europe and will make his debut in the world as a finishing touch to his royal education. Next May he ascends the throne. He has been carefully educated and knows English, French and German as well as Spanish.

Up to and including last Tuesday the total attendance at the Pan-American exposition was 6,312,871. The banner day of the show was the preceding Saturday, when the crowd numbered 117,300. A report of the financial condition of the exposition company up to October 1, published in the Buffalo Express, shows that the tragic death of President McKinley seriously affected the receipts. On September 1 the managers anticipated a total income of \$4,400,000. The October statement cuts off \$1,000,000 of this sum. Bonds outstanding amount to \$3,000,000; contractors' claims aggregate \$600,000; cash in treasury, October 1, \$2.563,000. If October nets \$1,037,000 all claims can be squared. but the stockholders will have the dublous pleasure of holding the sack.

expedition to the north in the fall of 1899 men of this gallant regiment.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

A neat little scheme, engineered by

Scenes and Incidents Observed at the National Capital.

the means as the end. We pursue business tive mansion, discussed for years past and attainment of whatever sort as if the gained a new lease of life with the death pursuit were the thing, and not the result of President McKinley. Everybody around of the pursuit, and therefore as if the Washington and some outside of the capital flercer we pursue it, the more it is to be declared a larger White House was absodesired. The result is that we wear our- lutely necessary to accommodate the family "It is a shame," or flavor of anything. We are something said the town, "to quarter such an interlike the man who cats so fast that he can- esting bunch of young people in the not taste his food. We suffer from a sort cramped rooms of a building already of mental or moral indigestion or conges-" crowded with executive business." The extion. We rush at things in such fashion tensions suggested during the Harrison adthat the fine sense of the achievement is ministration were forgotten in the present lost. We excuse ourselves in one way by agitation, not being regarded as desirable laying it on the climate. Our climate is so owing to the low ground on which the dry, we say, that it superinduces a nervous- White House stands. The better plan perfections, has cherished associations, and ness that causes all our superabundance of would be to build a residence for the president on one of the sightly heights of the But it was not so with our fathers who city and reserve the White House for exof the war, at least, men had time really to prairie fire. Boosters of quality hill held live. There was something more in it than a meeting and resolved copiously in favor They also appointed a known that the visit of the boosters would be useless. It was also intimated that to the president and Mrs. Roosevelt, and furthermore that no suggestion would come from them for a change in present arrangement. It was a matter for congress to deal with voluntarily.

Despite President Roosevelt's aversion to spionage of any kind and his repeated statements to the effect that he is perfeetly capable of taking care of himself. says the Washington Post, he is probably one of the most closely watched and carefully guarded men in the world, at least while he is in Washington. No special last hymn is being sung in church, and and there is no display of arms at the ex-

The people of Washington have been used to seeing the chief magistrates of the land during their terms of office walking or driving about the streets. Presidents Grant and Harrison were fond of walking along the leading thoroughfares, looking into the shop windows and occasionally stopping to chat with acquaintances. They appeared to be alone. Presidents Arthur and Cleveland liked nothing better than to drive along the smooth streets behind a spanking pair-and they had the horses. too. President McKinley was accustomed to drive out through the suburbs regularly on pleasant evenings and enjoyed them.

They were seldom guarded in ostentatious Admiral Dewey carries his lunch every day to the navy yard, where the Schley court of inquiry is sitting. There is not a decent lunch room within a radius of a mile of the navy yard and the admiral evi-

dently was aware of this fact in advance, for on the first day of the inquiry he hurried into the gunners' workshop jauntily carrying his little lunch basket, while Ah Lin, his Chinese servant, followed close behind tugging at the suit case that contained the admiral's uniform. Ah Lin and the suit case monopolized the attention that day. The crowd did not catch on to all the fine points of the diminutive basket that the hero of Manila carried. Now the arrival of the basket is watched for as The harvest is gathered and eagerly as is that of the head of the court Serenely thoughtful, with folded hands. of inquiry himself.

The basket is of the finest Filipino weave and of a peculiar light green color that For memory sifts from the past its pain makes it look seasick when contrasted with the white walls and woodwork of the chamber in which the sessions are held. It is always carefully wrapped with ribbon of Sees it and feels it and loves it all; Content it has vanished beyond recall. goods clerk hands out when asked for O. glorious autumn, thus screne:
"baby ribbon."
Thus living and loving all that has been!
Thus calm and contented let me be
When the court makes its midday adWhen the autumn of age shall come to me.

puts it carefully on his table. When his work is done for the day he bears his lunch basket to his carriage, tenderly places it on the seat beside him and drives out of the navy yard. The crowd enjoys the berib-To- joke. There is a musical sidewalk out in the

journment the admiral burries into the re

tiring room in the rear of the court, ball

ances the basket on his knees and patiently

inwinds the narrow blue ribbon. After by

finishes his luncheon be as patiently wraps

the ribbon around the basket again and

gagement of importance on the north line, ably never will be told-in its entirety. It ling, can play any classic just as office especially during the earlier days. No is only one example of the hardships which tively as can a skilled musician on a piano members of the battalion which followed the soldiers of Uncle Sam undergo in his The beels of the walker, when one steps and duly sober at all times of the day General Lawton during his heart-breaking defense. All honor to the officers and briskly, bring out various notes similar to those of a xyl hone. Some claim that they have heard .. aral well known airs played on the sidewalk, While one highly imaginative man avows that on the day after President McKinley's funeral ha heard "Nearer, My God, to Thee," issue from these iron plates as clearly as the dead president's favorite hymn was rendered by the Marine band on the day

FLASHES OF FUL

Somerville Journal: Never need how a woman's parior looks. The test fa house keeper is the condition of her back natio.

Washington Star: "Aren't you afraid of

Philadelphia Press: "Say, boss," he be-Philadelphia Press: "Say, boss, he he-gan, "I don't want no money. I only ask yer ter pass me inter dat lunch mint and buy me a square meal."
"Poor man!" exclaimed the philanthrop-ist. "I can't do that, but the next man you ask may, so here's a pepsin tablet in case you overeat yourself."

Judge: Attendant—This patient is per-fectly rational except upon one subject. Visitor—And what is that? Attendant—He imagines he has invented a method of playing golf with only one club.

Detroit Free Press: Reformer-Money is ruining our politics.

Political Worker—Not at all, sir; not at all. Haven't you observed how active politics becomes when money is plenty?

Baltimore American: "But his letters are so gushing," they protested to the fair young thing who was corresponding with a sentimental youth. a sentimental youth.
"I know they are," she said, "but you must remember that he writes with fountain pen."

Somerville Journal: A girl has no romance in her soul if she has reached the ripe age of nineteen and has never slept at least one night in her life with a piece of west-ding cake underneath her pillow.

Philadelphia Press: "Well, mamma, he called me a liar; that's why I smashed him."
"But, my son, that didn't prove that you weren't a llar."
"No, but it proved that he was, 'cause with before I got done with No, but it proved that he was, 'cause admitted it before I got done with

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Why does Briggs wear that brass button on his watch chain?"
"Because he values if highly. He says

it saved his life when he "How?"
"By coming up after coming up after he accidentally Catholic Standard: "Pardon me, sir," began the peddler of supplies, "but may I ask what is the style of your type-

"Right up-to-date," replied the business man, enthusiastically. "Elbow sleeves, lace insertion, shirtwaist and all that sort of thing."

Chicago Tribune: "You're always put ting up a big bluff about having a lot o money." said the beer mug to the cust register, "but you're cleaned out every

"But I don't lead such a pitiful hand-to-mouth existence as you do," retorted the cash register.

AUTUMN. Blackwood's Magazine.

'Tis the golden gleam of an autumn day, With the soft rain raining as if in play: And a tender touch upon everything. As if autumn remembered the days of spring.

In the listening woods there is not a breath To shake their gold to the sward beneath; And a glow as of sunshine on them lies. Though the sun is hid in the shadowed

No sorrow upon the landscape weighs; No grief for the vanished summer days. But a sense of peaceful and calm repose Like that which age in autumn knows. The springsime longings are

The passions of summer no longer known;



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