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(Seal) Put it down that in no other coul try in the world would a war tax be

taken off so soon after the close of costly war. One of the principals in the Fremont postoffice fight is again on the ground at Washington and another compromise

may be expected. Since the uncovering of that \$185,000 franchise through the St. Louis city council, the Chicago alderman must

bang his head in shame. Ex-Treasurer Meserve will not be blamed for putting the school funds into the banks for safe keeping. But how could putting the interest paid for their use into his own pocket make them any safer?

The most effective way to apply the pruning knife in local government is to compel every man who draws a salary to do the work devolving upon him instead of sub-letting the job to somebody else while he is looking on.

The upbuilding of the west depends upon the occupancy by settlers of every acre of ground capable of intensive cultivation. No scheme of disposing of the public lands which shuts out the small making the west more populous.

The taxpayers of Douglas county are to pay \$3,705 in witness and jury fees alone for the luxury of investigating well-defined rumors. How much would it cost to investigate all of the ill-defined rumors that have been floating in the air within the past twelve months?

The council seems to be making one egregious mistake. It is failing to provide in its estimate of the year's expenses for the customary drafts made on the city treasury for the back salary grabs of discharged firemen and policemen promoted by the contingent fee

serve for farming out the school funds it would have been much more creditfor private gain again emphasizes the able for the reform organs to rebuke urgent necessity for a special session of the betrayal of trust on the part of their the legislature to solve the problem of former state treasurer than to try to palschool fund investment by the requisite liate his offense or seek to shield him legislation and submission of constitutional amendments.

Although the sun has set upon the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo and not yet risen upon the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, the Charleston exhibition is at the height of its glory, so that people incurably infected with the exposition fever can still have their wants satisfied .-

Prince Henry must not be allowed to become imbued with the delusion that the little trip covered by his itinerary is going to familiarize him with the power and resources of this country. When he sets sail on the homeward voyage he will still have touched only the edge of Uncle Sam's domain.

According to hints given the Lincoln Journal man by one of his deputies sent to investigate the records in the state treasurer's office County Attorney Shields is not anxious to prosecute ex-Treasurer Meserve on the bill found against him by the Douglas county grand jury. What else could be expected?

Statements already made by the offi cers of the great railroad companies in dicate that not less than \$200,000,000 will be expended during the coming year for betterments and new rolling stock. These are colossal figures and if they do not contain the usual perroad construction.

about treasury embezzlers and treasurers who farm out public funds for private gala, the official organ of Nebraska populism makes a desperate effort to convince the allied forces of reform leaders. that their late State Treasurer Meserve is a victim of the most foul political conspiracy ever hatched in Nebraska. To bolster up this assertion, this organ of reform, the Nebraska Independent, indulges in the habit of impudent falsification. For the information of the reformers. The Bee proposes to nail a few of the little lies fabricated for con-

sumption by the credulous and ignorant. It is charged by the Independent that the Douglas county grand jury that indicted Mr. Meserve was drawn secretly under personal direction of Judge Baker. This is absolutely untrue. The names for the Douglas county grand jury were drawn by the democratic clerk of the district court out of the same box and in the same manner as all other juries are drawn. Three-fifths of the names in that box were selected by the three democratic members of the county board and two-fifths by the republican members more than a year be- prospect of its success. fore the drawing and without even a suspicion that a grand jury would be drawn from the list.

It is charged by the Independent that the grand jury was manipulated and controlled by Tom Dennison, who is alleged to have the monopoly of all gambling in Omaha, and that in consequence the grand jury "never brought an indictment against Tom Dennison or any of his notorious open gambling houses." As a matter of fact the grand jury brought several indictments against Tom Dennison and also indicted the keepers of all the gambling resorts against whom complaint was made. If Dennison owned that grand jury, he ought to have had influence enough to keep himself from being indicted.

It is charged by the Independent that Rosewater is the Associated Press agent at Omaha and all the dispatches that go to the Associated Press are sent from The Bee office. He took care that in every newspaper in the United States there should be printed an account of how the recent populist state treasurer had been indicted by an Omaha grand jury for embezzlement which was a lie out and out, as embez zlement was not charged in the indictment." As a matter of fact, the Associated Press has had no office in The Bee building for two years and nobody by the name of Rosewater is agent of the Associated Press or has anything to do with preparing or sending out Associpot hung up to get a street railway ated Press dispatches. Of the two news correspondents now maintained by the Associated Press in Omaha, one is on the staff of the World-Herald and the

other is independent of all papers. Furthermore, the report that the recent populist state treasurer was indicted for embezzlement is not "a lie out and out," but is the exact wording of the budictment. But if the indictment ing to own use interest collected on state money, it would not have made the offense any milder.

With these few corrections, the mendacious organ of reform may be pardoned for floundering around in the quagmire into which it has been plunged by the man whom of all others it had exalted and worshipped as the embodiment of the highest integrity. So far as The Bee is concerned, it has always been willing to hew to the line and let settler can promote its development by the chips fly where they may. It bonibarded Bartley while he was treasurer to make him disclose the whereabouts of the school moneys. It ham mered Mr. Meserve from time to time for following in the footsteps of Bart ley in refusing to make public the amounts in the school funds and the places where they were deposited. It has pounded Treasurer Steufer for failing to comply with the demands of the republican state convention and has denounced in unmeasured terms the deals by which middlemen have been allowed to use the school fund in speculative

bond purchases. In exacting the most scrupulous honesty in the handling of public funds, The Bee recognizes no partisanship and The indictment of ex-Treasurer Me- admits no favoritism. We contend that under the pretense that he is a victim of political persecution.

LOOKING TO THE SENATE.

The position of the republican leaders in the house of representatives has not entirely discouraged efforts to secure tariff concessions for Cuban sugar and tobacco. The advocates of concessions are hoping that the senate will accede to their demands and are also expecting the support of the administration. Ac cording to some of the Washington correspondents, there is a belief that the president is very much dissatisfied with the action of the ways and means committee and may embrace the first opportunity to let congress and the country know what he thinks of that action It is also said that some of the senate leaders do not hesitate to assert their determination to provide at this session of congress a means for the tariff relief Cuba asks. It is suggested that the senate will force the house to pass a reduction bill in the closing days of the session, or if this is not done the same result may be secured through a resort to the treaty-making power of the gov-

While President Roosevelt in his m sage to congress earnestly urged tariff concessions to Cuba and doubtless still believes this should be done, it is not probable that he will exert any extraordinary pressure upon congress in this matter or in any event go further than centage of water carried by railroad to relterate the recommendation of his financiering they insure an unexampled message. As to the senate, it is doubtful the Department of Agriculture is being reports should be sworn to by a majority activity in all lines connected with rail- if a majority of the republicans are torn up from center to circumference by prepared to antagonize the house republic the question whether the inspectors of false returns.

part of the senators regarding conces-

Meanwhile the gloomy predictions of grow in volume and ferver, while the danger of political strife in the island and the threat of annexation are strenuously urged in behalf of the adoption of a policy which would be seriously the maintenance of peace and order in Cuba is dependent upon concessions to the industries of the island, where will the demands for concessions stop? If the Cubans cannot be trusted to establish and carry on an independent government unless they receive special favors, has not a mistake been made in assuming that they are fitted for selfgovernment?

The fight for the preservation of the American sugar and tobacco industries is not ended, but there is favorable

GERMAN CORDIALITY. The expressions of friendly interest toward the United States on the part of the editors of leading German newspapers are certainly pleasing and in response to them American editors can sincerely say that an equally cordial feeling obtains here toward Germany. While there has been reason to complain of that country's policy toward the United States commercially and there is still ground for apprehending discrimination which we should regard as unfair, the American people have never entertained any distinctly unfriendly feeling toward Germany, and at present no other European nation in the tax rate was due to the unprestands higher in the respect of our peo-

been caused by reported designs of Germany in this hemisphere antagonistic to American policy has been completely dissipated by the ample assurances of the German government that it had no Herald Itself, the city funds subject to state. It is claimed that this action is intentions or purposes hostile to our interests or in contravention of the principle regarding foreign aggression in this bemisphere.

Whatever the commercial rivalry be tween the United States and Germany, and this will be more active in the future than in the past, it should not be permitted to interfere with the friendship between the two nations. What both should seek is to establish between themselves more intimate trade relations, and this may be hoped for in the not remote future, since it is obviously to the interest of each to bring it about.

EXPLANATIONS CHEERFULLY MADE. Will The Bee explain or defend the expenditure of over \$15,000, half for janitors elevator conductors, etc., and half being for supplies, for maintaining the city hall last year, when other large buildings having more occupants and frequented by more for the same service and supplies?

Will The Boe explain or defend the em ployment of sixteen persons, in addition to the city engineer, in the city engineering department, stating the necessity of one addition to two engineers-and of the other ten employes when the city is doing very little public work, and almost all of it don in six weeks of time last year? Will The Bee explain or defend

present extravagent manner in which the legal and the Board of Public Works de partments are conducted? Will The Bee defend the city council in agreeing with the heads of different city departments that they must have as much money out of the general fund to expend

during the current year as they expended last year?-World-Herald. The Bee has never been the defender or champion of taxshirkers or taxeaters. It has always opposed wastefulness and extravagance on the part of public officials and has never failed to denounce favoritism and discrimination in the assessment of property. Its dollar and cent interest in the reduction of the levy would be almost as large as that of the World-Herald. By a reduction of 1 mill in the city tax its owners would save \$201 where the savings of the owners of the World-Herald would be less than \$10, but The Bee will not stoop to arrant

demagogy to make a point in any dis-The Bee makes bold to assert that the expenditure of over \$15,000 a year for the maintenance of the city hall is not excessive. The \$15,000 includes, with the salaries of the superintendent of the building, janitors, elevator men, engineers and firemen, \$4,706 for fuel, lighting, water, gas and ice used in the city hall building. It also includes an expenditure of \$3,000 for repairs of elevators, supplies, plumbing and furniture. That is certainly not too much. The cost of the maintenance of The Bee building, including fuel and repairs, was a fraction less than \$22,000 for the year

1901. The expenditures of the engineer de partment and Board of Public Works are explained fully in our local columns by the head of that department. Whether the mayor and city council are justified in retaining the employes of those departments or whether their prevailing salaries are excessive is a matter of discretion. The same is true with regard to the legal department, which we pro-

pose neither to condemn nor defend. The World-Herald's interrogatories have altogether too much political flavor and seem to be inspired more by a desire to match the cut made in the court house than a sincere desire for tax reduction. The spirit in which these explanations are asked is in very marked contrast with the frenzied effort made trenchment by the school board, al- her whereabouts to herself. though it is well aware that a material reduction of the city tax levy for 1902 is impossible without a material reduc-

tion of the school tax. According to Washington dispatches

LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEF MAY lican lenders on this question. There live mutton are to be stationed in the While blowing Not and blowing cold has been no general expression on the sky parior on the Nebraska state boundary line or allowed to do their inspectsions to Cuba, but there is no reason to ling of sheep scab under shelter this side believe that a majority of the republi- of the line. The decision of this comcans are not in accord with the house plex problem depends, we are told, on the ability of the department to buy railroad tickets for the inspectors or to disaster and distress to Cuba if the allow the inspectors to procure pasteconcessions asked for are not granted boards on credit and have them charged the charges made against the republican also his relation to the interest account up to Uncle Sam. The more agreeable, state treasurer. Why not go after large of the school fund; if they will investigate to the primary cause of each disaster. In if not more practical, way would be to let the inspectors travel on passes and have them charged up to the government. What the sheep breeders, mutton damaging to if not utterly destructive packers and mutton eaters think about of important American interests. If this subject has not as yet been divulged, but The Bee ventures to remark

that they are not very particular.

distinction of occupying a greater and Savage's pardon of Bartley. However, amount of space for the recital of his if Meserve is guilty he should pay the penlife work and public service in the new edition of the Congressional Directory. new edition of the Congressional Di- of political enemies to harass him. ever draft on the contingent expense fund every time Cupid captures a distinguished senator.

The World-Herald thinks the mayor was larger than usual. But it carefully conceals the fact that the chief increase ple. Whatever of distrust may have The school taxes produced a bigger revenue for 1901 by far than in any school fund was not appreciably reduced, whereas, according to the Worldthe mayor and council are better off by \$110,000.

> President Roosevelt's order against federal officeholders spending their time trying to lobby salary increases through congress should be the precedent for similar action on the part of state executives with reference to state officers and employes. Nothing is so disgusting as the swarm of official lobbyists that infest our legislatures in the interest of larger appropriations for this office or that state institution. If the needs of the different branches of the government were presented in official reports and a stop made there, the legislatures would deal just as fairly with each in the make-up of the biennial bud-

The German gavernment has notified the Reichstag that it retaliatory duties raw materials from abroad and must get them from the countries against chief and four assistant draughtsmen-in which the retaliation is aimed. This alarmed by the commercial hostility of a certain portion of the German people. The United States is in a position to peaceably enforce fair treatment abroad and until conditions change, its manufacturers need not be alarmed.

The record shows that during the year just closed a total of \$107,360,000 great an extent for unselfish purposes. Great accumulations of money may be a menace, as some hold, but an appreciation of the responsibilities of wealth cent of the stealings has ever been

The grand jury bills presented to the county commissioners, amounting to \$2,065 for juror services and \$1,640 for witness fees, all in all \$3,705, exclusive thievery is in the air. of sheriff's fees and incidentals, have been referred to the proper committee. would have been in accord with the eternal fitness of things to have referred these bills to the defunct finance committee of the school board that made itself famous as the "committee on welldefined rumors."

It is to be regretted that the majority of the county board which started out on a course of retrenchment based on business methods should have yielded to pressure from parties interested in roll. A firm stand on behalf of the taxpayers will be appreciated, but every step backward will offend a thousand people for every one it gratifies or concilitates.

> A Needless Test. Philadelphia Ledger.

Our troops in the Philippines are show-

ng the heroism of endurance as well as

the courage of conflict. They are demon-

strating that the American soldier is a very high type of manhood, but we have learned all this before; do we need further sacrifice to prove it? Man's Prerogatives in Perti. San Francisco Call.

An Oakland judge has made a most rious assault on the vested rights of the male of the human species. This learned jurist makes the astounding decision that a wife has the same liberty as a husband by the World-Herald to prevent re- to stay out nights and keep knowledge of

Regulation of Corporations.

Boston Post. What we need is a law in all states that will compet full and detailed public reports by all corporations whose stock is listed on stock exchanges or sold publicly. These of the directors and a state prison sen

## **Fusion Press on Meserve**

West Point Democrat: Wonderful what coming campaign. We shall, however, reas well as small game, gentlemen?

Ord Journal (pop.): The daily papers anneunce that the grand jury in Douglas county has found as indictment against ex-Treasurer Meserve for embezzlement of state funds, by not accounting for as much Interest as he should. Mr. Meserve says It is politics and persecution, and that he accounted for every cent of state money and turned it over to his successor. It does look a little like an effort was being made Senator Depew enjoys not only the to divert attention from Stuefer bond deals alty. But there is considerable difference between an indictment and a conviction.

Albion Argus (pop.): It is reported now but also the privilege of having his that ex-State Treasurer Meserve has been blography brought strictly up to date indicted by a Douglas county grand jury by the official chronicling of his recent for depositing state school funds with an marriage, which took place scarcely a thereon to his individual profit while he Omaha bank and receiving interest month ago. With this exhibition of the was in office. If this is true, then he is modern news-gathering mania on the no better than his republican predecessors. part of the compiler of that ornate yet No, he is worse, because he represented useful document, no one can truthfully people who were tired of the Bartley-Moore charge that publication with dealing lawful administration. It is intimated that regime and elected him with the hope of a solely in ancient and putrid history. A he is not guilty, but that this is the work We rectory will be amply justified at what- hope this may be the case, but if he is guilty, as charged, then go after him. York Democrat: An Omaha grand jury

last week returned an indictment against J. B. Meserve, former fusion state treasurer, for embeggling interest on state funds deposited while state treasurer in a South and council should not be given full Omaha bank. It seems farcical on its face, credit for keeping the city expenditures the republicans who are behind the matter, but the indictment having been returned for 1901 well within the limit of re- if they are honest, will push it to trial sources, because the tax rate for 1901 without delay. Turn on the light. If J. B. Meserve has embezzled any money belonging to the people of Nebreska they want to know it. A popocratic thief is no better than a republican thief. When John B. cedented demands of the school board. Meserve is brought to trial it will be speedly shown that he is not an embezzler.

Neligh Yeoman (pop.): A Douglas county preceding year, yet the overlap in the grand jury has indicted ex-State Treasurer Meserve on a charge of taking interest on school money deposited in a South Omaha bank and failing to turn it over to the taken to divert attention from the Bartley pardon and the Stuefer investigation. The investigation of the case will show whether there is foundation for the charge. Quite likely it is merely a political diversion, but since the charge is made it is best that the matter be cleared up. There will be no disposition to shield a populist official from any merited censure. Investigate Meserve, but in the act, don't overlook the fact that the Stuefer matter hasn't yet been satisfactorily explained. Aurora Sun (dem.): The Omaha News

and World-Herald denounce the grand jury that has been investigating crookedness in Omaha, as a fake, a sham and a disgrace. They covered up real crookedness and exhibited rank partisanism in their efforts. They let gamblers and thieves escape and indicted many on filmsy charges and little or no evidence. Ex-Treasurer Meserve was indicted for embezzling state funds after the jury twice voted a majority against the indictment, because of the utter lack of estimony to convict, for no other than political reasons. However, if there is a scintilla of truthful testimony in support of the charge, we are glad that he was held and if convicted should be thoroughly government will reject the measure. It punished. But if it is a political attempt points out that Germany must have to distract attention from republican thieves, while beamirching an honest offcial, the dastardly effort will redound to the injury of the party making the assault.

Columbus Telegram (dem.): Employment fact has been pointed out in this coun- in the Nebraska state treasury seems to be try to those who were inclined to be a stepping stone to crime. As the records now stand, every incumbent in that office during a dozen years stands before his fellows branded as a thief. Stuefer, is certified by our Savage governor as the 'most honestest man under the Nebraska suns," is daily charged in the public press with crooked handling of the school funds. The Telegram does not know that the charge is true. We hope it is false, but the evidence is strong. His predecessor, the immaculate Meserve, has been indicted by was donated by wealthy Americans for a Douglas county grand jury for stealing public purposes. While the men of from the school tund. Perhaps he is innolarge affairs in this country are piling of his crime was presented to the grand cent. We hope so and yet strong evidence up vast fortunes it is unquestionably jury. Stuefer is a republican. Meserve is true that in no other country in the a pop. Perhaps both are the victims of world are they using their money to so political persecutions. We do not know, But we do know it is time to begin making public thievery odious in Nebraska, Since the state was organized vast sums have been stolen by public officials. Not 1 per certainly robs it of most, if not all the covered from the bondsmen. Not a dollar of the public money has been stolen from the Holt county treasury since the day Barrett Scott was vaccinated by those Holt county farmers. It is barbarous to vaccinate public officials whose fingers get sticky, but it is a sure preventive when St. Paul Phonograph (pop.): Eight years

ago, when we reorganized the Howard county treasury, we established it upon the basic principle that all public money, gardless of whatever hocus-pocus of law they may be classified, is the property of the public and not of the treasurer, as others had contended, and hence every penny of interest upon every penny principal belongs in the treasury. At that time we supposed that this was a populist principle, and despite the silent ill-will and the audible ridicule which this course elicited, we still have the crankiness to declare that this is the only honest and correct system and to hope that its continuance in this county may remain permanent. continuing sinecures on the county pay The experience thus gained-and which cannot be shaken by idle sophistry or worse-spurred us to agitate for the application of this principle in all treasuries including that of the state. This effort has wholly fallen upon deaf ears. Not single journalist nor political leader has down to date shown any willingness to advocate absolute honesty in public treasuries. So, if Meserve is proved guilty of the act of pocketing interest received on the public money, his character as such is the product of the public mind, just as the acts of Bartley and his predecessors were creatures of the same source. In all probability, Bartley became an embezzler of the interest before he became an embezzier of the principal. If he had never touched the interest he would never have touched the principal. We have here shown the primary source of responsibility, because t is right that it should be shown, and not with any object of using it for Meserve's and, although the attempt to make an exdefense. If he is proved guilty, we say ample of either Bartley, Mosher, Moore that he should suffer the penalty of the law, even though that law is customarily a dead letter, only aroused on special occasions. The present effort is supposed to be a political move, for the reason that Meserve has been set down as a possible candidate for governor, and further, that an offset to republican blemishes would prob- equal and exact justice. ably have some value for them in the

an amount of gall some of the republican serve judgment until after the affair is papers of the state display when they criti- closed. If the people who have instituted the man about to start in business for cise ex-State Treasurer Meserve on being this investigation of Meserve will use the indicted by the grand jury for embezzling same real in investigating the shady bond the small sum of \$1,500, and not mentioning deals of present Treasurer Stuefer, and the embezzlement for which he has not yet caused by the faults of those failing and been indicted, then they will prove themselves to be actuated by just motives. But concerned.

> who have long ruled Nebraska and shows to doubtful habits; (7) personal extravathem a better way of concluding the state gance, and (8) fraudulent disposition of and its finances, must be crucified. The property. Under the second class are gang, when they secured a grand jury enumerated (1) specific conditions, such that would obey their mandates, put the as disasters; (2) failure of apparently solscrews to do the work that they say nailed vent debtors, and (3) undue competition. the work of the treasurer's office as his 77.4 and 22.6 respectively. The primary predecesor had done and the state would cause of non-success, as usual, was lack state instead, and invested the school failures in 1901 against 22 per cent in 1900. funds in good securities, and bought state The next cause in order of importance was warrants as fast as he could obtain them. blacken his character in an inquisition this time and actual settlement by cash; 1900 and previous years. and we expect, when the case is brought into court, if ever, he will prove that he cannot control, specific conditions, which in the man who set the state finances going in a businesslike manner.

Rushville Standard (pop.): The grand jury has indicted ex-Treasurer Meserve, accusing him of receiving interest on school money and refusing to turn it over to the school fund. That there is political chicanery behind this movement very few people trump up some charge of dishonesty against some populist official to offset the thieving of the republican state officials. They first a cinch of it, but were beaten at their own game. Their next move was to go after J. N. Gaffin, the state oil inspector. They claimed he was short in his accounts to the are vigorously laying the blame on a in their attempt to bring dishonor on an innocent man and the populist party. With buildog tenacity they are hanging on and seem determined that some trumped up charge must be brought before the people to balance their side of Bartleyism, so charges are brought against Meserve. If ex-State Treasurer Meserve is guilty of the charges brought against him no paper in the state would advocate his punishment quicker than the Standard, but we will have to have more proof of that guilt than has yet been in evidence. Meserve gave bonds in a surety company and at the end of his term the surety bond company checked up his accounts and reported every penny accounted for. Mr. Stuefer, his successor, checked over the accounts again and found a perfect balance. We anxiously await final results.

Madison Mail (ex-Senator Allen): Last journed and as a fitting finale to Ben problems offhand. er's partisan ouglas county grand jury found an indictment against Hon, J. B. Meserve, late state treasurer, for embessling state money. No one believes Meserve guilty, and we predict that when the case is tried he will stand higher in the estimation of the people, if that be possible, than ever. It is claimed, as we understand the charge, that Meserve received interest on state deposits which he did not account for and that the act constitutes embezzlement. Mr. Meserve of course emphatically denies the accusation But if the claim be true he did no more than follow the unbroken precedent of re publican state treasurers during the entire history of the state, and republicans ought not object to fusionists following in footsteps. But no one places any reliance on the charge. It was not made because it was supposed Meserve is guilty, but to draw public attention from the record of Savage and Stuefer and other deinquent state officials and to enable re publican journals to counterfire on fusionists. It is purely a rotten partisan affair and a very dirty one at that. The interest of no political party requires that the name of an innocent man be besmirched by an accusation of this kind, and the charge against Meserve will fall flat and recoil on those who instignted it. The grand jury of Douglas county which found the indictment was a ragtag and bobtail body, such as can be easily convened in a center of population and induced to indict almost anyone at the suggestion of sinister influences usually found hanging around the courthouse in such places. Heretofore the judiciary of Douglas county has been reasonably free from jobs of this kind, but Ben Baker's court has left a stain on its fair name that cannot be easily erased. Broken Bow Beacon (pop.): The grand

jury of Douglas county, last week, indicte ex-State Treasurer J. B. Meserve for emexisment of public funds. Omaha stock yards bank officials furnished the testimony upon which the indictment was based, and it appears that he is charged with having appropriated to his own use, while acting as state treasurer, the interest for one year on \$60,000 of school money. Mr. Meaerve has given bond to appear at the next term of court, but stoutly denies that there is anything whatever in the charge. It will be remembered that Mr. Meserve was the populist state treasurer from January, 1897, to January, 1901, and as such officer made a splendid record in the investment of school funds and in the skillful management of the state finances generally. In fact, he made a record that was pointed to with pride by all, not influenced by partisan The Beacon is loth to believe that Mr. Meserve was recreant to duty. His accounts were checked by his bondsmen. and he settled satisfactorily with his successor, accounting for all moneys in his control as custodian of public funds. But if he is guilty of misappropriating the money, let him pay the penalty for the crime, and the sooner he is put behind the bars, the better the people will feel The speculation, misappropriation and deliberate embezziement of public funds has become too common in this state Bolla was abortive, it is time to call a halt, and yet fix the stigma where it belongs. Now what is wanted, is a fair and impartial trial. The Beacon will withhold judgment until the guilt or inno cence of the accused is established by the tribunals designated by law to mets out

company of soldiers. Let us marry off the This is So Sudden whole army in the Philippines. This will Minneapolis Journal. General Bell says that one woman is more be equivalent to an army of 4,000,000 men, efficient in pacifying the Pilipinos than a according to General Bell's ideas.

CAUSES OF BUSINESS FAILURES.

How to Profit by the Mistakes of Others,

St. Paul Pioneer Press There is a whole sermon addressed to himself in an analysis, in the current Bradstreet's, of the causes of the 10,648 failures in 1901. These failures are classified under two principal heads, according and indict former Treasurer Bartley for the first class are enumerated the failures in the second class the failures caused by the faults of others. The causes enumerif they stop with Meserve, that fact itself ated under the first class are (1) incomwill brand the whole proceeding as po- petence irrespective of other causes; (2) litical humbug, as far as the motive is inexperience without other incompetence; (3) lack of capital; (4) unwise granting Fremont Leader (pop.): The man in this of credits; (5) speculation outside of regustate who dares to oppose a certain gang lar business; (6) neglect of business due

Meserve instead of Stuefer. If they have Of the failures in 1901 71.4 per cent were nailed Meserve, as they claim, then where attributable to the faults of those failing are we to look for an honest man? Ex- and only 28.6 per cent to the faults of Treasurer Meserve could have carried on others. In 1960 these percentages stood at have lost half a million dollars. But no, of sufficient capital, which is credited with every one knows he saved millions to the having brought about 50.3 per cent of the incompetence, which was responsible for By good management he raised state war- 19 per cent. Inexperience was responsible rants to a premium after being at a dis- for 7.8 per cent; unwise credits for 3.6 per count of about 10 per cent, thus rendering cent; extravagance for 3 per cent and the most faithful service until partisans speculation for 2.3 per cent. Fraudulent disposition accounted for only 4.4 per cent chamber. This has been his record up to of the failures, against 10 and 11 per cent in

Of the causes which the business man was a faithful servant of the people. If this year included the steel strike, the corn not, he ought to die with the other political crop failure, the assassanation of the presidead ducks. Until then we will believe dent and the lower price of cotton, were primarily responsible for 16.4 of the year's commercial disasters, while undus competition accounted for 10.9 per cent, leaving 1.3 per cent to be accounted for by the failure of apparently solvent debtors.

As 31.6 per cent of all the fatheres were of firms trying to do business on \$5,000 capital or less, the moral of these statistics doubt. The republican political ring have is evident. The business man who plays made every effort within their power to the markets, or the one who is extravagant or indulges bad habits to the neglect of business, cannot find comfort in the low percentage of failures arising from such raised an accusation against Secretary of causes. The low statistics merely go to State Porter, and tried for awhile to make show the generally stable character of the American business man. Probably all the men who are credited with failing for these or other faults attributable to themselves tune of \$795.02, but again they were folled one else and could prove conclusively that the statistics should be corrected.

PERSONAL NOTES.

President Schwab seems to have adverised the United States quite extensively during his European tour.

Booker T. Washington's autobiography, "Up From Slavery," translated into French, German and Hindoostanee, is now to be ione into Finnish and into Spanish for

President Roosevelt's blography of "Oliver Comwell" is about to be published in a French edition through the efforts of the Societe Francaise d'Imprimerie et de Librarie of Paris.

John F. Dryden, the new senator from New Jersey, is an expert mathematician. He has studied figures in all their combinations for recreation ever since he was It is a dull day in which Kansas does not

work off a prosperity story. A Wichita woman was robbed of \$1,000 diamonds at high noon and went to a reception the night following, without a trace of nervousness and every curl in place. William M. Ramsey of California has

just purchased Westover, the famous country seat along the James river, whose history is well traced for 200 years. He will restore the estate to its colonial magnificence, but will not mar its colonial architecture. Richard Elkins, son of Senator Stephen

B. Elkins, is described as a chip of the old block. On January 1 he sold his father a tract of coal land in West Virginia and cleaned up \$12,000 on the deal. A friend secured the options for young Elkins and he engineered the deal with his father.

Mr. Lessler, the man who defeated Perry Belmont for congress, is not guite five feet tall, weighs little more than seventy-five pounds and wears boy's shoes. In defense of his small stature he philosophically re-"Alexander Stephens was the marks: smallest man in congress, and yet one of the greatest."

CHEERFUL CHAFF.

Somerville Journal: Philosopher—Every young man should have a high ideal. Guided Youth—That's what I say. The girl I'm engaged to is 5 feet 8 inches tall.

Washington Star: "What canal route de you favor?" asked the statesman's friend, "I don't know yet," was the answer. "I have refrained from going on record before my constituents in the matter until I learn which route is likely to be adopted." Detroit Free Press: She-Let.me see, the last time I played bridge with you, didn't I win all your money?
He-Why, no. Don't you remember there were two other women in the party?

Chicago Post: "We pay on publication," explained the editor, "And publication will be?" suggested the anxious contributor inquiringly, "When we pay," answered the editor cheerfully.

Puck: The Amateur-Sometimes I think have artistic talent and sometimes I think

Her Friend-Well-er-you can't be mis-taken all the time!

Washington Star: "De man dat is sus-picious of ev'ybody may be wise," said Uncle Eben; "but you can't help thinkin' dat he must of kep' mighty po' company at some time or another."

Philadelphia Press: "John." she said to her husband, who was grumbling over his breakfast, "your love has grown cold." "No it hasn't," he snapped, "but my breakfast has."
"That's just it. If your love hadn't grown cold you wouldn't notice that your breakfast had."

Chicago Tribune: "Why is it," asked the person in search of information. "that a hatchet is so often used as a symbol of truth? Has it any other origin than the George Washington story?"

"Oh, yes," replied the cynical person. "A hatchet is suggestive of truth, because you are likely to do a great dead of mischles with it unless you handle it with case."

"SOME OF THESE DAYS,"

Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution some of these days"—that's the way that
we sing it;
"Bome of these days"—so the merry bells

ring it:
In the dark o' the waye
All the stars are a-blaze
O'er the dreams that are leading to "Some
of these days!" "Some of these days"-that's the old song

Idf. will reach heights crowning every en-deavor;
And prayer will be praise
Where anthems we'll raise
In the beautiful sunrise of "Some of these
days!"

"Some of these days"—that's the way for the singing!
"Some of these days"—let the bells keep a-ringing!
Though sorrow betrays
And the thorns choke the ways,
Sod's roses will bloom for us "Some of these days."