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Notary Public.

Competition beats combination, but combination manages to get away with competition.

The supreme court mandamus embodies a gentle hint to the South Omaha tax commissioner.

The cry of beef, beef troubled George Washington in his camp at Valley Forge a good deal, and yet the continental army had never heard of a beef trust.

Another mountain of gold has been found in the state of Washington. That tion. It sets forth that according to ever, that has been discovered on the Pacific coast.

machine is the 5-cent savings bank of tions with Cuba is directed to make an is no popular agitation against the tax Boston, which has \$25,000,000 in de- investigation as to the fruth of such on food. posits and a surplus of \$2,225,000 to divide among its stockholders.

It is still a very pertinent question whether the School Book trust has sufficient influence in the Board of Education to extend the term of Superintendent Pearse "just one year more."

If the glorification of the veterans who wore the gray continues at the present rate the veterans who were the blue will soon have to apologize for fighting to save the union under the Stars and Stripes.

Congressman Hopkins of Illinois will organize and run the republican state convention, but still Congressman Hopkins will have a good many obstacles to overcome on the road from the Illinois convention hall to the United States senate chamber.

A Chicago free-trade paper has raised the cry, "Let us have free meat." Why not? Why not also free bread? Why not start the cry for free board and lodging at once? That would be popular providing the grub was good and the lodging comfortable.

J. Sterling Morton, who can be sarcastic on occasions, refers to the ladies who are seeking matrimonial connections with Nebraska widowers and old bachelors as a job lot of shelf-worn females with matrimonial aspirations. Patronize home industry.

It never rains but it pours. The advance in the price of beef and butter is aggravating enough, but the 20 per cent increase in the carriage hire for Sunday funerals will compel people to die in the middle of the week in order to svoid the exactions of the livery

There is nothing small about the Central American republics. They only want \$7,000,000 spot cash for a permit to allow the United States to spend several hundred millions in building an isthmian canal that would double or treble property values in those torrid and horrid countries.

by eminent Indiana currency reformers. the beet sugar senators.

Fishing up the musty records of 1863, Union Pacific, but good horse sense controversy over the proposed removal agers of the road and the mayor and

IT IS VOIES THEY ARE FISHING FOR. thrown upon the beef issue that is very Porter: "The date set for the fusion convention is altogether too early. It should have been decided to hold the convention in August. About that time the people will be worked up over the in the fusion convention."

"Not much," replied Mr. Porter, "the fusionists are seiling beef cattle these days and the price is 7 cents a pound." of the party and the democrats see in it "Therefore," put in the democrat, "you Nebraska, where the people buy more licans shall decide upon a prolonged beef than they sell. You will get more votes from the consumers than the farmers." But Mr. Porter thought not.

This recalls forcibly the exclamation of General Silas A. Strickland, one of difficult situation. the republican war horses of the '70s. who, when asked in a republican conference what moral effect the position of the party on a certain issue would have, responded: "It isn't morals but votes we are fishing for just now."

Commenting on the Porter incident the popocratic organ of these parts says: 'It is true there are a number of fusionists who are selling beef cattle these days, but there are a large number of people comprised of democrats, repubicans, fusionists, prohibitionists and socialists who are not selling beef cattle these days, and many of them find it difficult to buy beef for food, and some of these are unable to use beef as food ment. on account of the present high prices."

But will the fusionists who are selling beef on the hoof at 7 cents per pound continue to vote with any party that promises to knock down the price of beef? That is the question that must force itself upon the popocratic leaders who want to recapture Nebraska this fall. They care little as to whether the democrats, prohibitionists or socialists eat beef three times a day or only twice day, or whether they drink beer once

week or whenever they are thirsty. It is not morals but votes they are fishing for, and they know there are 80,000 votes on the farm interested in high-priced beef, high-priced butter and high-priced eggs. This is evidently the view of the men who represent the Nebraska fusion reform forces in congress, who are reported to be a unit against the repeal or reduction of the tariff on cattle and ment products.

CUBAN SUGAR INVESTIGATION. The senate committee on relations with Cuba, to which was referred a res-

olution offered by Senator Teller directing an investigation as to the ownerhas decided to comply with the resolutrust, which alone would benefit by any concession given to the raisers of cane The most lucrative nickel-in-the-slot sugar in Cuba. The committee on relacharge and report to the senate, and to report in addition thereto what is the Island of Cuba; also, if any concessions many to participate in the projected into the United States, what concesthe United States and exported into said to outstrip St. Louis even with Santosthe United States.

> sugar is owned by the trust and al- Olympian foot ball match. though the statement has been contradicted by General Wood, there is a pretty general impression, quite justified by the efforts of the Sugar trust to secure tariff concessions, that the charge easy to understand that in such a matter the trust would take every precaution to keep its transactions secret, so that even General Wood could learn but | detrimental to the cattle interests of Nelittle about them. Possibly the senate committee will not be entirely successful in getting at the facts, but the inand will satisfy the public mind. It is manifestly of very considerable importance to ascertain, if it can be done, whether or not the Cuban sugar crop is owned by the trust.

A COMPLICATED SITUATION.

So complicated is the situation in regard to the Cuban reciprocity bill that it is quite impossible to foresee what will be the outcome. The conferences already held among republican senators have disclosed divisions among them, the dividing line being the Morris amendment removing the differential on refined sugar. It is stated that as earth. a concrete proposition none of the republicans want the differential duty removed, but as a matter of expediency some of them are prepared to accept the amendment, with a provise specifically declaring that the countervailing duty on sugar coming from export bounty-paying countries shall not be removed. Perhaps a majority of the republican senators are in favor of It now looks as if the asset currency eliminating the amendment and convertrecommended by the committee on ing the house bill into a measure for banks and currency in the lower house unconditional reciprocal exchange of of congress would not be recognized as products at a higher rate of reduction a long-felt want by the rank and file of than is proposed in the house bill. It republicans. The Indiana state conven- is recognized, however, that the accomtion fought shy of the scheme, although plishment of this is very doubtful, since its endorsement was pressed very hard it will be opposed by the democrats and

It is said to be the unanimous opinion of the republican senators that the bill 1867 and 1872 may afford interesting should be reported in some form and pastime to the law department of the also as to the necessity for an amendment making it plain that the counterwould suggest that the settlement of the vailing duty was not to be included in the repeal of the differential. It is of the Union Pacific foundry would be debatable question whether the counterreached much easier by getting the man- vailing duty is not included in the Morris amendment and it is reasonably council together for an smicable con- certain that that point will be made

senate committee. There appears to be At the recent meeting of the fusion a pretty general sentiment among rereform state committees a sidelight was publican senators in favor of modifying the house measure by striking out the suggestive. A prominent democrat is conditions requiring the Cuban legislaquoted as saying to former Secretary ture to pass immigration and anti-alien contract laws similar to those of this country.

Of course the democratic senators are taking a very active interest in the situation and they are said to be, with beef trust and interest would be aroused the exception of the Louisiana senators, unanimous in favor of removing the differential duty. This is of course in accord with the anti-protection policy an opportunity to make some political should hold your convention in eastern capital. Whatever measure the repubcontest is assured and, as we have already remarked, no safe prediction can now be made as to the outcome. Rarely has congress had to deal with a more

THE BRITISH CORN DUTIES. The debate in the House of Commons a few days ago on the corn duties provided for in the budget was chiefly interesting from the fact that the defenders of the new policy made no attempt to deny that the tax on food would open the way for a widening area of indirect taxation through the adoption in time of a thoroughgoing tariff for revenue. This is the natural trend of events rather than a revival of a protectionist system, though there is no doubt that the immediate effect is to somewhat strengthen protection senti-

While there is no evidence yet that a popular agitation against the corn duties will be organized, that is very likely to happen unless the prediction of the chancellor of the exchequer, that the advance in the price of bread will recede so soon as the trade has adjusted itself to the new conditions, shall be realized. The masses of the English people are not well prepared to have the cost of bread permanently increased through taxation. In 1901 there was a decline in wages in England and there is no promise that they are to be restored. There has been an increase of pauperism in London alone, according to the workhouse returns, of about 14 per cent, the numbers now in receipt of indoor relief being the largest since 1873. In 1900, which is the latest date to which the official reports of the postoffice savings banks have been issued, the deposits amounted to only \$11,475,-000, as against withdrawals totaling \$191,155,000, and in the latter part of last year a run began on the postal savings banks which the government had

great trouble in checking. These facts discredit the statement of ship of the present crop of Cuban sugar, the chancellor of the exchequer that the has not been impaired and show that is not the first mountain of gold, how- report nearly the entire crop has been the spending power manifested is of purchased and is held by the Sugar artificial stimulation and at the expense of the savings bank account. The hope of early peace in South Africa is born almost every day. There is a new one with Europeans, will easily allow them-doubtless largely the reason why there at Washington, D. C., though what they selves to be dragged into fresh hostilities

Chicago has dispatched a delegation normal cost of making sugar in the to Berlin to invite the emperor of Gershall be made in the way of a reduction spectacular Olympian games, which are of the duty on sugar coming from Cuba to be held about the same time the St. Louis World's fair is expected to be in sions should be made by the govern- full blast. If sublime audacity counts ment of Cuba on articles produced in for anything Chicago surely will manage island, in order to make a reciprocal Dumont circulating in his flying maand equitable arrangement as to ex- chine around the cupola of the St. Louis ports to Cuba and imports therefrom to court house. The only wonder is that Chicago has not also deputed four or The charge has repeatedly been made five American archbishops to Rome to that nearly the entire crop of Cuban invite Pope Leo to take a hand in the

When asked by a New York Herald reporter whether he would favor the admission of free cattle from Canada, Mexico and Argentine into this country to the least. has a very substantial foundation. It is bring about a reduction in the price of meat, Congressman Shallenberger declared point blank that he would not be in favor of any measure that would be braska. That man Shallenberger should be disciplined at once by the World-Herald and made to recant or make up vestigation is a proper one to make his mind to stay at home after his pres ent term expires.

While all democrats agree that the republican plan for governing the Philippines is absolutely raw, the democratic leaders at Washington have as yet failed to formulate any policy on which all democrats could agree. The the senate is to ask England, Germany, Russia and Japan to help us let go of the islands. The policy of the house committee is to keep the islands eight

The battle for equitable taxation was not conducted on political party lines and the victory should not be transmuted into political capital for anybody. The political creed of the men at the head of the movement or that of the lawyers who conducted the prosecution in the courts should cut no more figure than their religious creed.

Three republican congressional conventions have already been called and two more will doubtless be called within the next week, but the call for the meeting of the congressional committee of the Second district convention will remain in Mr. Blackburn's capacious pocket for an indefinite period.

An Oratorical Water Cure. Baltimore American. Senator Morgan continues to supply the senate with short sections of his canal speech. This is a great deal like an ora-

torical water cure.

An Evolution Impends. Milwaukee Sentinel

With the passing of the baggage smasher the United States will be taking a distinct step onward in the march of civilization. been stronger and more effective in Kansas In future years a battered Saratoga will be than in any other state of the country, with clear in any bill that comes from the a relic to be exhibited with the stage the single exception of Nebraska.

coaches, spinning wheels and other objects that have been superseded and almost forgotten.

Money as a Floater

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The new Morgan liners will start in with a cash backing of \$144,000,000, which will certainly entitle them to the distinction of being classed as topliners.

All Hands Satisfied

St. Paul Pioneer Press. The fact that the senate passed the river and harbor bill in less than two hours in dicates that every senator must have got everything he wanted out of it.

The Indiana Plan.

Kansas City Star. Nobody wants the radical, sweeping, revoutionary assault on industrial combinations, against which Mr. Beveridge warns the country. But if the republican party is either wise or honest, it will adjust the tariff schedules so as to put a check on monopolies, and at the same time extend the foreign trade of the country. What Mr. Beverldge says of the intimate relation of one American industry to another American industry is true to a great extent of the relations between nations engaged in reciprocal trade. It is a most short-sighted policy to deplete the pockets of a customer.

Great Questions in Court. Chicago Chronicle, Some of the most important questions relating to the rights of states and to the systems of commerce between the states will be decided in a short time by the federal supreme court. The right of the people in one state or territory to draw off for purposes of irrigation the water of a river running through other states or territories or forming a boundary line will be the subject of one decision. The apparently trifling question of prohibiting express companies from carrying packages of lottery tickets from one state to another will be decided next week. This will be a most important decision. It will involve the right of congress to suppress an evil by an interstate commerce act.

The Sugar We Absorb.

Springfield Republican. According to calculations made by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics the consumption of sugar in the United States has grown from 1,272,426,342 pounds in 1870 to 5,313,987,840 pounds in 1891. The per capita consumption is now sixty-eight pounds, as compared with thirty-three pounds in 1870. The consequences of this remarkable change upon the physical condition of the people one way or the other, must be material. Whether it is for improvement or impairment of physical strength and endurance is a question. About one-sixth of the amount consumed is produced in the United States and another sixth in our insular possessions, while about a fourth comes from Two-thirds of the sugar produced Cuba. in the United States last year was from cane, and the rest came from the new beet sugar industry.

SCOOT FOR TALL TIMBER.

Windy Vaughn Threatens to Kidnay the Blind Goddess.

New York Evening Post There is an inelegant and injurious old saying to the effect that a fool is born spending power of the British people every minute. This is probably a rash announcement, not based, there is reason to believe, on adequate investigation or on the colonel thinks she will make great statistical data. But, whatever the fact may be about fools, it is reasonably safe to declare that a new political party is want of a political party at Washington, against them at what they may deem a where nobody votes, is more or less difficult to see. The new one at Washington has spoke in terms of admiration of the Sito do with justice, with a very large J justice for the needy and worthy ex-slaves, justice for southern taxpayers, justice for every man of every color, creed and clime, justice for the Jew and for the Gentile, for the Protestant and the Catholic, for the rich and for the poor, as well as for every man, woman, child or thing which can be described in words. All these, and much more, are demanded in the platform. The party is the pet idea of a worthy person named Vaughn, who was at one time mayor of Council Bluffs, In., but who now lives in Washington. A circular, issued in the course of the new party's propaganda, says that the platform is "simple, but strong enough to bear any weight." An unsympathetic observer might call attention to the fact that political parties, without exception, demand justice for everything in sight, and that some statement as to the exact brand of justice aimed at by the new party might prove more convincing. But this suggestion, it is assumed, coming from such a source, would not disturb Mr. Vaughn in

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Chicago expends \$3,100,000 a year for its police department and \$1,870,000 for its fire Oregon is warming up, and the hustings

are ringing with political keynotes. Election day is June 2. With Windy Vaughn as sponsor and guardian of the new "justice party," the time has come for the blind goddess to flee to a nunnery or some other secluded spot.

For the time being the legislature Maryland holds the record for a short extra session, consuming only two and a half hours' time in transacting its husiness. The governor of Arkansas bears the name

of Jeff Davis, and as a consequence is almost constantly in trouble. Now his church policy advocated by the democrats in people are roasting him because he breaks away from his troubles occasionally and gets hilariously jagged. The amount of money appropriated to

run the government of New York state for the current year is \$32,749,983.39. The bulk years and then let the islands go with- of this sum is raised from sources other out the aid or consent of any nation on than direct taxation, which amounts to only 13-100ths of a mill Mayor Glover of Bluff City, Kan., has just

been elected to his thirteenth consecutive term as mayor. His bonor says he found it rough sledding for a couple of terms, but now has his job so well in hand that everything runs very smoothly. New York Bryanites are out with knives

and cleavers specially edged for the cuticle of D. B. Hill. They call themselves the liberal democratic party and will hold a state convention for the purpose of throwing a bouquet of bombs at Wolfert's Roost, The "concord of sweet sounds" which

characterized the sessions of Chicago's city

council since the election was rudely shattered at a late meeting when one member eferred to his colleague as a "rubberneck." "Can such things be and overcome us like a summer cloud without our special won The recent episode in the United States

senate was epithetically tame when com pared with the exchange of oratorical compliments in the Newfoundland legislature. One warm member expressed the opinion that the minister of finance was "a liar, a bumptious, noisy cad, a braggart, a cow ard, an ass, a blackguard and a vile character."

The populist and democratic state con ventions of Kansas will meet on different days this year, the democratic convention on May 22 and the populist convention on June 24. Heretofore the combination between the democrats and the populists has

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The Belgian government has for the time suppressed the agitation for a rational reform of the electorate by applying the mailed hand. In doing so it has doubtless merely deferred the day of evil for itself The demand of the socialists and liberals was a reasonable one. They asked for fair representation, nothing more. Their claims should not be confounded with the extreme demands of the anarchists. If these had been acceded to the party in power would doubtless have been dislodged from office which is now held through a majority vote cast by a minority of privileged electors. The Belgian government is behind the age if it thinks seriously that such a condition can be indefinitely maintained. The present fiction of universal suffrage will have to give way sooner or later to the genuine article, when class privilege will disappear in the exercise of the right to vote, and every elector will approach the polls on equal terms. Leopold II might have recovered some of his lost popularity had he favored the change now. As it was he opposed the proposed reform and he will, as result, be more heartily hated now than he ever was before by the majority of his subjects.

The Prussian persecutions of the Poles in the eastern provinces continue, Proceedings were recently taken against a number of Polish children who sang Polish songs on the way home from school. Not only did they sing Polish songs, but they "demonstrated" against other scholars who sang German songs. The offending children were placed in the dock and forty-six witnesses were examined against them. The prosecuting counsel insisted that the children should go to prison. Fines, he said, were no punishment, as money could be collected in Germany and abroad to pay the fines. An example must be made which would strike terror into the agitators. The court finally acquitted the children. Nearly sixty Russian Polish students, most of whom belong at the Technical college at Charlot tenburg, have been expelled from Prussia on the charge of political agitation. The most extraordinary thing about the affair is that the exiles have found asylum in Russian Poland without any objections be ing made by the local authorities, notwithstanding the fact that the Prussian press has constantly warned Russia against "nurturing such reptiles at her bosom." In contradistinction to the account of this in cident, which was published in the Polish Kuryer Poznaski (Posen Courier), the National Zeitung learns that only those students were expelled who had been caught attending secret meetings. The Polish journal stated that all the non-Prussian Polish students, whether politically compromised or not, had been thus summarily dealt with

In his recent passage through Russia Colonel Marchand talked freely with various lournalists of the future of China, giving utterance to the most pessimistic views. He said that he expected the recent outbreak against foreigners to be repeated within the next four or five years. It is his opinion that the Chinese in their profound admiration for the dowager empress and their blind confidence in her will be drawn into the gravest complications by 'this 'ambitious, energetic and daring woman,' who, while pretending to have resigned herself to the new situation, has not lost her hatred of the foreigners or ceased dreaming of sanguinary revenge, for which preparations during the next few years. He is persuaded that the Chinese people, opposed as they are to all idea of friendship favorable opportunity. Colonel Marchand der the supervision of a vice admiral, who berian and especially of the Manchurlan railways, and of their great value in the event of Russia, the advance guard of Europe in the far east, having to repel a Chinese invasion. "That is why," he ad led, "all European countries are themselves interested in the maintenance and the security of these important railways, for the protection of which Russia has organized very efficient measures." He declares that the Russian soldiers intrusted with the protection of the lines live on excellent terms with the local population, but does not ap pear to have heard anything about their impending withdrawal

Mail details continue to justify and em chasize the cable reports of the ever-inreasing seriousness of the student quesion in Russia. It appears that, in addition o the 600 Moscow students who were exiled or sent to prison at Archangel, a large number of their associates are still in confinement in the city. The feelings of their relatives toward the government may be magined. There seems to be some uncertainty as to the origin of the petition that was sent to the American consul in Moscow. This purported to come from the mothers and sisters of the imprisoned students, and warmly protested against the ruelties to which the prisoners were sublected. The ezer, it was added, must be ignorant of the facts of the case, or he, with his well known kindness of heart, would at once put a stop to the conduct of the local authorities. The consul, as the "representative of the free and enlightened American nation," was begged to make known to his majesty the cruelties that were perpetrated in his name. It must be remembered that all the punishments inflicted upon the students have been imposed by "administrative order," without trial or examination. In some cases it is known that perfectly innocent youths have been sent to prison, including some who refused to have anything to do with revoutionary proceedings. A correspondent of a London paper writes that such sympathy as ever existed between the authorities and the middle classes has been destroyed by these occurrences.

The French government recently issued an important decree reorganizing the whole system of the coast naval defenses of the country. Instead of the director of submarine defenses having the control of the torpedo boats, each port is to have an independent authority subordinate only to the maritime prefect, and through him to the minister of marine. The supply of lieutenants and ensigns for the torpedo boats and submarines being insufficient, which is not astonishing in view of the rapid growth

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of the submarine fleet, master pilots are to that he has sold out his coal business and have the command of some of the torpedo bought a controlling interest in an ice have the command of some of the torpedo boats, and the latter are to be grouped in pairs so as to assist each other in search of the enemy. The first torpedo boat of each group will be under the command of a lieutenant or ensign, and the second under a master pilot. In each center the force will be divided into two divisions, the first of which will be kept fully manned, while the second will only have a crew sufficient for the maintenance of the vessels. Only after the first division has been in actual contact with the enemy will it be followed by the second. The crew will spend three months alternately on board the reserve and active vessels, the first division having a mobilization of some days at the end of each three months. Measures are to be taken for testing the endurance of the torpedo boats and their capabilities of speed, and a system of workshops is to be established for temporary repairs. This new organization is expected to increase greatly the present effectiveness of coast

will be responsible for its working order. SMILING REMARKS.

defense, and the whole system will be un-

Chicago Tribune: "Roast beef, corned "Beef?" snorted the economical guest.
"Beef? I can't afford luxuries. Bring me some strawberry shortcake!"

Philadelphia Press: Miss Passay— Mamma said she would call here today to buy the candles for my birthday cake. Did she? Grocer's Clerk-I guess not. She ere, but she only bought two dozen.

Washington Star: "Don't go 'roun' tellin' yoh troubles," said Uncle Eben. "It jes' makes folks suspicious dat you is gittin' eady to borrow money.

Philadelphia Press: Mr. Subbubs-Well, thank goodness! I won't have to bother with the furnace much longer. Summer's almost here.

Mrs. Subbubs-That reminds me. You'd better take our lawn mower into town and have it fixed.

Mr. Subbubs-Gee whiz, woman! You're the strip companion! cheerful companion!

Washington Star: "Oh, yes, he's a slave o habit." asserted the well-informed man. Why, he's so accustomed to raising prices

Chicago Post: "Don't you think that a public office is a public trust?"
"Well, yes, in the sense that a trust is a combination of men organized for profit,

Pittsburg Chronicle: "When I was in Venice a gondolier deceived me shame-fully," said Trotter. "While pretending to shield me from the overcharges of others he actually charged me double price." "That pretense was only a Venetian blind, then," commented Spiffins.

Chicago Tribune: The miser greedily fingered his gold.
"There is no king but dough, dough!" he caroled in a harsh, cracked voice.

Philadelphia Press: When she arose from the dead the sound of a horn smote upon her ears. "What is that?" she inquired. "That," replied her quondam husband from the next grave, "Is Gabriel's trump." "Ah!" she said, in a dazed way, "what are trumps?"

A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW.

S. W. Gillian in Los Angeles Herald. When a look ahead shows you nothing but the thickest sort of gloom, When you're worried to the center of your soul, When your plans have all miscarried and proved castles in the air, And you've nothing in your pocket but a hole.

Then's the time to reason thuswise:
"What's the use to make a row?
Who can tell a bit of diffrence in a hundred years from new?"

When the pathway stretching endwise tow'rd life's slowly setting sun. Shows the lions with their chains all hid. from view.
When it seems there's "nothing doing" in the providential line.
And when everything (except the sky) looks blue.

Then is not the time to falter or turn backward from the plow;
Will it make a bit of diffrence in a hundred years from now? Yet there's one thing will make diff'rence ten long decades further on; It's the way you bear your troubles day

oby day;

If you keep your top-lip stiffened and a smile upon your face.

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Then the worried world will carry fewer
wrinkles on its brow,
And 'twill really make some diffrence in a
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