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Cabscribed in my presence and sworn to besore me this 30th day of April, A. D. 1922. (Seal.) M. B. HUNGATE, M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. Years and flowers for the dead-char-

ity and sympathy for the living. Each successive Memorial day finds more graves to be decorated. Such is the irresistible decree of time.

Now that the High school cadets in summer camp have been reviewed by the governor, the war may go on.

Omaha people would know that summer is at hand if they had nothing else to go by except the opening of the summer recreation resorts.

In hunting for an issue for the coming campaign, the democrats in congress are chiefly fearful they may unearth something they would rather not find.

the occasion, cinches the argument stronger that the American people are becoming steadily more and more devoted to outdoor sports.

The Bowersock 2-cent-per-acre land lease bill has been indefinitely placed on the shelf by the house committee on public lands. Hence those steers on the ranges of the cattle barons.

Wait till the statisticians begin to figure out how much King Edward's coronation weighs in dollars and cents. or rather pounds and shillings, in order to answer the question whether it is

The Woman's club of Sloux Falls is going to pieces owing to internal dissension. The Omaha Woman's club has very wisely concluded to adjourn for a vacation over the heated season to avoid internal dissension and external conten-

Memerial day should be observed not only by the surviving families of war veterans, but by all our people. No more beautiful and inspiring custom has ever been cherished than that which calls for an annual tribute to the beloved dead.

While the county attorney is explaining his policy on policy, why not explain why he is always struck with visual blindness whenever he passes the boundaries of South Omaha? Most geographies place Omaha and South Omaha both in Douglas county.

On the Harriman theory that railroad men alone know how to legislate on railroad matters, a legislature composed of railroad magnates and employes will have to be elected whenever the people want new laws, governing railroads and their relations to public and patrons.

Although over a thousand citizens of Omaha have already paid their taxes on real and personal property for 1902, City Treasurer Hennings may still be found at the old stand willing to receive involuntary contributions from all who have been listed by the tax commis-

Our French guests will have no more cause to complain at American hospitality than did Prince Henry and his party. The only criticism they will be hand the money could be spent on pubtempted to pass is that their hosts lic works and improved service with shower upon them such a succession of more or less beneficial results to the attentions that they will have to take public, nor that each municipal departa vacation when they return home to ment will be somewhat cramped under

President Palma starts out with a careful economy and prudence the levy small package of trouble due to the pre- as fixed can be made to cover all the nature publication of his message to the pressing legitimate demands. The gar-Juhan congress. That is indeed serious, ment can be cut according to the cloth ceedings of executive sessions of the various municipal officers to follow the American senate sometimes leak, so it lines of the pattern.

MEMORIAL DAY.

defenders of the union, invokes the grat- the assessment roll brought about by itude and appeals to the love of country of all loyal Americans. Time has not change has actually increased the reimpaired the significance of Memorial sources of the school board, which will day or weakened the sentiment which it inspires. We think as affectionately anticipated, from the increased state and as gratefully now as ever of the apportionment. The school board has patriotic men who gave their lives for the preservation of the government and sal overlap which has been increasing we hold in honor and esteem the veter- rather than diminishing. The opporans who survived that mightly struggle and are yet among us. The sacrifices they made and the hardships and suffer- the taxpayers if the relief is not ing they endured are not forgotten and we sorrowfully realize that they are rapidly passing away and not many years hence all will have gone to the eternal camping ground.

The republic has never shown ingratitude to its defenders. The American people, more than any other, have always honored the soldiers who upheld the flag. They do so still and those who deficits. The only way to keep the tax have given their lives in a far distant land to maintain the national authority and the men who are faithfully performing their duty under a tropic sky will share in the homage and respect that are today paid to the dead and the living soldiers of the republic. The men who have fallen in the Philippines have an unimpeachable claim to be affectionately remembered by their countrymen and we shall still honor for their courage, their fidelity and their patriotism the men who are upholding

the flag in those islands. It has been well urged that Memorial day should not be regarded as a mere holiday for recreation. It ought to be an inspiration to the best sentiments, particularly such as tend to strengthen loyalty to the government, patriotism and a sense of our duty as citizens of the greatest of republics.

A COMPROMISE BILL PROPOSED.

A compromise measure amending the nterstate commerce act is now prooosed. According to New York papers ousiness interests in that city which have been co-operating with the commercial interests throughout the country have received reports from Washington leading them to believe that a compromise will be reached at this session of congress on the bill to give the Interstate Commerce commission greater nowers. It is understood that this compromise will include the acceptance by Senator Elkins of the chief provisions of the revised Nelson-Corliss bill in exchange for the addition of a clause authorizing pooling. The revised bill, while permitting pooling, seeks to place about it safeguards and to make the pooling subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce commission, comprehensive provision being made for

Aside from this the Nelson-Corliss bill aims to restore to the commission the powers it was supposed to possess and which it exercised for some years after the act creating it was passed. It provides for making the rulings of the commission effective until reversed by the courts. While it confers no ratemaking power, it gives the commission authority to correct a rate which has been found, after full hearing, to be unjust or discriminative and gives ample protection, through appeal, from all possible injustice. The Nelson-Corliss bill as originally introduced had the support of the commission, but whether or not the commission approves the revised form with the addition of the pooling provision is not known. Per haps it has not been consulted in regard to this feature, though undoubtedly the commissioners will be asked for an expression of opinion on so important a matter, which has been the crux of most of the dissensions between the shipping and the carrying

So far as the shipping interests are concerned, we think it may confidently be said that they will be found as strongly opposed now as at any time in the past to legalized pooling, however full and comprehensive the commission's authority over it. The public conviction that it is unsafe to allow the railroads to enter into pooling agreements is undoubtedly as general now as it has ever been and it is therefore very questionable if a bill permitting pooling can be passed in the present congress. The popular opposition to further concessions to the railroads must be respected and the demand for better regulation heeded. This is to be effected by strengthening the powers of the commission in the directions where these have been shown to be inadequate. The revised measure still provides for this, but the addition to it of a pooling provision will un doubtedly weaken it with the shipping interests. It appears very probable that nothing will be done at the present session, yet congress ought to have the courage to meet this question squarely and determine it as the public interests

NO OVERLAPS WANTED. The city tax levy for 1902 has now been made and it can be computed with approximate exactness just how much money will be available for each department of the municipal government. The intent and purpose of the city charter in fixing limits upon the appropriations for each specific fund was to keep the expenditures within those limits, No one will question the fact that

were twice the present resources at the allotment subject to its draft. Yet neither is there any question that with and the taxpayers will look to the

This day, sacred to the memory of the and the school fund. The increase in the tax fight of the Real Estate exreceive another substantial sum, not been carrying from year to year a colos-

tunity to reduce this deficit is now pre-

sented and the board will disappoint

still greater force to the school board

afforded. Nothing is more demoralizing and subversive of economy in the expenditure of public funds than deficit financiering. The taxpaying citizens of Omaha want no overlaps. A lower tax rate this year would be of no real benefit if it merely meant a higher rate next year to make good shortages and rate down is to head off overlaps in ad-

LOOKING TO THE CORN CROP. The financial writer of the New York

vance.

Sun, in his weekly review of conditions in the stock market, says that the great and legitimate reason for the upward tendency of values is the very flattering outlook for the country's corn crop and the improved condition generally of growing grain. He remarks that "the signal and peculiar value of a good corn crop in the United States this year needs no emphasis. Possibly we may only have a wheat crop of between 500,000,000 and 600,000,000 bushels, as against 750,000,000 bushels last year, but such a falling off will be wholly inconsiderable if the corn crop turns out as it now promises. An enormous corn acreage, far exceeding any ever before known, has been planted and the and the possession of a beautiful library weather has been all that could be asked for the germination of the crop, although it was not wholly favorable at the planting season."

It is of course too soon to judge with any degree of certainty what the corn crop will be, but all present conditions are so favorable as to warrant the hope that it will be abundant and the realization of this means a great deal for the continuance of prosperity. Nowhere is this better understood than on the New York Stock exchange.

A GROWING INDUSTRY. The statistics of the growth of the shipbuilding industry of the United States during the last decade are exceedingly interesting. There is now invested in this important industry over \$77,000,000, one-fifth of which is in shipbuilding on the great lakes. The value of the products for the last census year was over \$74,000,000 and there was pald for labor nearly \$25,000,000. The special census report says that the growth of the industry during the last ten years exceeds that of any preceding decade and the tonnage constructed in the last census year ending May 31, 1900, was greater than during any preceding year in our history with the possible excepfons of 1854 and 1855, when of course only wooden vessels were built. The product of merchant ships during the decade was largely employed in the do-

mestic commerce of the country. The industry is still expanding and one can readily understand what its possibilities will be when we shall construct a merchant marine for our foreign commerce, which will certainly in time be done. When that comes the shipbuilding industry will expand to two or three times its present proportions and all the industries which have relation to it will of course increase in equal degree. An interest that has so large an amount of capital invested and employs so much labor is certainly entitled to all proper encouragement, such as can be given through a reasonable measure of protection.

The saline lands in the neighborhood of the capital city that have scandalized many legislatures and brought humiliation and disgrace on many state officials who have paddled in the speculative brine have bobbed up again. A few years ago one of our legislatures was prevailed upon to authorize a lease with a prospective beef packing concern that has packed its beef in the shape of hay and grain upon lank and lean hungry cows. Now it is proposed that the state make an outright sale of the salipe lands to a syndicate that promises to redeem the promise made heretofore of establishing a large packing house on the premises. How extensive or expensive these packing houses are to be has not yet transpired, but there is evidently a good deal more speculation in land in sight than there is of canned or refrigerated beef. Whether a legal title can be conveyed to lands originally set apart for the development of the sait nterest is an open question, even if the syndicate were willing to take the chances of an adverse decision by the

Science has made marvelous strides in recent years in unfolding the previously hidden mysteries of nature, but every now and then comes a sudden upheaval Pelee, which proves how much more science must achieve before we can fully It will be many centuries before any one will be able to say that we have satisfactorily solved all the important problems of earthly existence.

The denial of the chief deputy of the county attorney that he would under for promotion even if the nomination were offered him on a 16 to 1 silver platter, may excite the suspicion that the present incumbent may have no conscientious scruples against the third-

With the opening of their new Carnegie building, the Lincoln library finds that it has shelf room for several times as many books as it has to put upon the should not be surprising that American. What has been here said with reference as many books as it has to put upon the American examples are so quickly copied in Cuba. to the city departments applies with shelves. A library building is useful matter.

Rhetoric and Truth

Senator Hoar has made a great speech Cuba we have neither affirmed nor denied on the Philippine question and received the applause of supporters and opponents. The Monroe doctrine and left the Cubans to senior senator from Massachusetts is a gentleman whom everybody respects as a man to themselves as a strict construction of the and a senator. He particularly represents celebrated declaration might really sugthe conscience of the nation, and if we gest. We shall not have "eternal" gratigrant his premises we must accept his con-

peculiar to the most estimable class of which he is a foremost representative, and whom we speak of as "sympathetic" if we wish to be respectful, "emotional" if we are less careful to be complimentary, and "mushy" if we wish to intimate lack of onfidence in their judgment. He assumes his facts and accepts any kind of evidence to sustain them. Sometimes he does not bother about evidence, as when he says:

For the Philippine islands you have had to repeal the Declaration of Independence. For Cuba you have had to reaffirm it and give it new luster. For the Philippine islands you have had to convert the Mohroe doctrine into a doctrine of mere selfishness. For Cuba you have acted on it and vindicated it. In Cuba you have the eternal gratitude of a free people. In the Philippine islands you have the hatred and sullen submission of a subjugated people. From Cuba you have brought home nothing but glory. From the Philippines you brought home nothing of glory.

Now, this brief paragraph contains seven bother about evidence, as when he says:

Now, this brief paragraph contains seven that in Cuba we have acted on the Monroe doctrine and "vindicated" it, if by "vin-We have not "repealed" the Declaration of with Africans and Indians. In the case of able bit of rhetoric.

tude in Cuba, and if we do not give the Cubans what they are crying for we may Unfortunately, he cannot escape the faults not get any gratitude. We have not the "hated and sullen submission" of a subfugated people in the Philippines, but, on the contrary, the very hearty good will of a people who are very much more contented and prosperous than they would be if we had left them to cut each other's American citizens as any Asiatic people are capable of becoming if we will only give them-as we shall in time give them-the commercial rights of such citizens. In addition to what "glory" we have brought home from Cuba we have brought in our baggage a most importunate demand from the Cubans that, after freeing them, we should support them. From the Philippines we have brought home the glory of brave deeds, honest administration, sanitary and educational improvement, a far greater measure of self-government than they had ever dreamed of and a promise of all that they shall prove fit for. Had we given the misstatements and one truth. It is true islanders their commercial rights our national glory would be wholly undimmed

it. We have simply "vindicated" the

themselves-or possibly not quite so much

Rhetoric has its uses, of which the indicating" the senator means demonstrat- culcation of truth is not one. No speech ing our power to enforce it in that case, on a political question can be both rhetori-In his other statements the senator errs. cal and truthful. Why men are so created as to be more moved by rhetoric than by Independence in the Philippines, but, on plain statements of fact has never been the contrary, have recognized it far more officially determined. Senator Hoar's fully than did our forefathers in dealing speech on the Philippines was an admir-

only so far as it serves to house the books that constitute the library and to provide facilities for those who wish to Elequent Memorial Day Address consult them. Many a fine library has been built up in unpretentious quarters building can prove fruitful of results only as it stimulates the collection to be

A contributor to a leading democratic paper tersely sets forth the needs of his party as follows in a printed communication under Chicago date:

stored in it.

The democratic party needs the services of the foolkiller first, then new leaders who will make a democratic platform, a convention in which none but democrats are delegates and candidates who are demperats, if it is to be anything more than it has been since 1894-an aid to the republican party.

Democrats should not allow themmuch all at once.

There certainly must be some mistake about that well-defined rumor concerning the call from Wisconsin to the chancellor of the Nebraska university. That whether he can be induced to remain in Omaha for another year.

Pass It Up to Time. Detroit Free Press,

A Startling Possibility. Washington Post. The extraordinary silence of the Hon Ben Tillman gives rise to the hope that the gentleman may have cracked his cra-

Kansas City Star. Even the United States may learn some thing from Cuba. President Palma, with

every temptation to be diffusive, kept his first message within the space of a col-Heroism Rightly Rewarded.

Chicago Record-Herald. The duke of Mariborough has received the Order of the Garter, probably in recognition of the masterly way in which he handled his chafing dish while campaigning in South Africa.

Signs of the Times.

'Minneapolis Times. The democrats are coming over to the reepublican party so fast these days that will be quite immaterial pretty soon whether the democracy succeeds or fails in finding an issue for the next campaign.

Welcome the Water Cure.

Louisville Courier-Journal. A theory is that irrigation in the arid regions will temper the heat waves sweeping eastward and that rainfalls will be increased. If it could be demonstrated that irrigation would prove a water cure of this kind it would have more friends throughout the country.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Business Enterprises Managed Cities in Great Britain.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Mr. James Boyle, the American consul private secretary to McKinley during his terms as governor of Ohio, takes "Municipal Socialism" as a text in a recent report to the State department. He finds that ninety-nine municipalities in Great its geography into the sea. Britain own their street railway systems, forty own their gas plants and 181 supply electrical light. Half the population of London uses municipal gas. Both Glasgow and Liverpool own their street railways. In Giasgow street railway fares range from 1 cent to 2 cents. Universal 2-cent fares will shortly be adopted in Liverpool. From street railway profits Sheffield has appropriated \$75,000 for the erection of shops and business premises to be rented. Liverpool has demolished 8,000 slum houses and of natural forces, like that of Mont private owners 4,000 more. Improved tenements in this district to the number of 2,200 have been built or are under construction. The policy is to have new blocks ready for dispossessed tenants.

Americans are surprised to find the extent to which the municipal ownership idea has spread out in Great Britain. Bradford, like Liverpool, owns a hotel; Manchester owns a ship canal; Alexandra palace, London, is municipal property; Torquay owns a rabbit warren, Colchester an oyster fishery. St. Helen's a sterilized milk depot, Hull a crematorium, Doncaster and Chester a race course, Bournemouth a golf course, West Ham a stone-flagging factory and Leamington and Harrogate own Turkish baths and give free fireworks exhibitions. Numerous British cities supply free concerts. Liverpool supplies gas, and, to some extent, hot water, on the slot principle. Two cents pays for gas sufficient for four hours' consumption by one burner. When public ownership is taken for a text in the United States it is well to admit that the British municipalities are immensely ahead. Consul Boyle is evidently impressed with GOD'S PROMISE REDEEMED.

Colonel Henry Watterson.

Beside the mounds which mark the resting place of the union dead in Cave Hill us, at once a signet of God's plan and cemetery. Louisville, Ky., Colonel Henry purpose and a heaven-sent courier of civ-Watterson stood three years ago today and illization and religion, shall fix itself above addressed the multitude assembled, there, the steppes of Asia and the sands of Afpaying the tribute of the living to the soldier dead. The dust of soldiers who gave that 'the judgments of the Lord are true their lives for the liberation of Cuba had and righteous altogether." been mingled with the soil already sacred, thus increasing public interest in the cere monies and lending fresh inspiration to the gifted orator of the occasion. Mr. Watterson's address was brief, eloquent and ennobling, one of the classics of Memorial

"The duty which draws us together," he said: "and the day-although appointed by law-come to us laden by a deeper meaning than they have ever borne before, and the place which witnesses our coming inselves to be misled into expecting too | vests the occasion with increased solemnity | to the mouth and may be as satisfying to \$10,000 position is evidently being held the confederacy. We come to decorate the of which the memory is proud and just, for Superintendent Pearse until he shall graves of those who died fighting for the they or their ancestors were likewise be able to come to a positive conclusion union. Presently others shall come to "fighting for sovereignty." It serves them, not as disembodied spirits, but in the sen-Great Britain may have peace for the they went hence, they would rejoice as we ing for sovereignty." * * * coronation, but even peace will not erase do that the hopes of both have been at least fulfilled and that the confederacy. American manhood and brotherhood, such s were contemplated by the makers of the

and contemporaries of the dead that are our wish, in the unsought exigency of war, buried here, who survived the ordeal of we were compelled to strike down and to battle and who live to bless the day, there expel that Spanish sovereignty. In the is nothing either strange or unnatural in name of justice and reason and decency this, because we have seen it coming for a and common sense, what was there then ong time; we have seen it coming in the for us to do but set up another and a betkinship of ties even as close as those of a ter sovereignty in the place of the one we common country; in the robust intercourse had destroyed? It would have been an inof the forum and the marketplace; in the famous thing to destroy the only sacred interchanges of the domestic affections, but, above all, in the prattle of children who cannot distinguish between the ous Malays or to the spoliation of whatgrandfather who wore the blue and the ever alien powers might covet them. grandfather who wore the gray.

"It is required of no man-whichever flag he served under-that he make any renunciation shameful to himself, and there- spirit; so presently the evil one returned fore dishonoring to these grandchildren, and each may safely leave to history the cast- entered in; and the last state of that man ing of the balance between antagonistic schools of thought and opposing camps in action, where the essentials of fidelity and curred had it dealt thus with the courage were so amply met. Nor is it the Philippines! part of wisdom to regret a tale that is told. The issues that evoked the strife of sections are dead issues. The conflict, which sovereignty in 1620 and in 1744, and in 1776, was thought to be irreconcilable and was and in 1812, and in 1845 and in 1861. We certainly inevitable, ended more than thirty are fighting for a sovereignty every whit rears ago. It was fought to its bloody as legitimate as any for which we fought conclusion by fearless and honest men. To at any of those times to which Senator some the result was logical-to others it | Hoar so proudly refers. We are fighting was disappointing-to all it was final. As for a sovereignty sanctioned and demanded no man disputes it, let no man deplore it. by international law and by the highest Let us the rather believe that it was need- civic morals. We are fighting for look upon it as into a mirror, seeing not the desolation of the past, but the radiance of freedom than those islands have ever of the future, and in the heroes of the new north and the new south who contested in generous rivalry up the fireswept steep of El Caney and side by side reat Liverpool, an old newspaper man and emblazoned the national character in the soversignty with aversion. Men who bewaters about Corregidor, let us behold hostages for the old north and the old south blent together in a union that knows neither point of the compass and has flung

> "Great as were the issues we have put behind us forever, yet greater issues still rise dimly upon the view. "Who shall fathom? Who shall forecast

hem? I seek not to lift the veil on what

may lie beyond. It is enough for me to know that I have a country and that my wondrous plumage upon the Arabian desert, slowly shape itself above the flames and ashes of a confiagration that threatally unfold its magnificent proportions through alternating tracks of light and shade; I have stood in awe-struck wonder and fear lest the glorious fabric should fade into darkness and prove but the insubstantial pageant of a vision; when, lo, out of the misty depths of the far-away Pacific came the booming of Dewey's guns, quickly followed by the answering voice of the guns of Sampson and Shafter and Schley, and I said: "It is not a dream. It is God's promise redeemed. With the night of sectional confusion that is gone, civil strife has passed from the scene and, in the light of the perfect day that is come the nation finds as the first fruit of its new birth of freedom, another birth of greatness and power and renown.

"Fully realizing the responsibilities of this and the duties that belong to it, I, for one, accept it and all that it brings with it and implies, thankful that I, too, am an American backwardness in the whole American. Wheresoever its star may lead I shall follow, nothing loath or doubting;

"A neighbor of mine had a child who had suffered from scrofula for a long time. Having used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in my own family for a great many years, and always with satisfactory results, I recommended it to my neighbor. The child was quickly cured, and the parents were greatly delighted."- N. K. DEAN, Spencer, Ind. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

parilla has done for you?

furthermost ends of the earth. Believing that in the creation and the preservation of the American union the hand of the Almighty has appeared from first to last, that His word has prevailed; that in the war of the revolution and in the civil war the incidents and accident of battle left no doubt where Providence inclined; if the star that now shines over rica, it shall but confirm me in my faith

FIGHTING FOR SOVEREIGNTY.

though it guide the nation's footsteps to the

Few Remarks on Senstor Hour's Sonorous "Keynote." New York Tribune

"You are fighting for sovereignty," says Senator Hoar. That is the keynote of his ning to secure the ground and tomb of arraignment of his government, the gravamen of his indictment of his country. "You has a fine, rhetorical tone. It is as filling an ex-president of this country, and significance. Within the precincts of the mind as "that blessed word Mesothis dread but beautiful city-consecrate in potamia." Yet it is scarcely a charge beall our hearts and all our homes-for here fore which the American people will McKinley. Both were very close to Mr. lie our loved ones-two plots of ground, tremble and turn pale. Rather will they McKinley, but neither had many of his with but a hillock between, have been set be inclined to thank the venerable Massaaside to mark the resting place of the dead chusetts senator for teaching them that of two armies that in life were called hos- word. It serves them as an apt reminder tile, the army of the union, the army of that in more than one or two wars hitherto, decorate the graves of those who died too, as a potent and convincing assurance fighting for the confederacy. Yet, if these of the justice and rightcousness of the flower-covered mounds could open and the work in which they are now engaged in the brave men who inhabit them could rise, Philippines. They are not fighting for conquest, or for the imposition of tyranny, tient fiesh and blood which they were when or for the lust of gold. They are "fight-

We are fighting for succession to the only real sovereignty they have known for centuries. For three hundred years before to go, which I don't." Dewey went to Manila there had been no islands. Neither by alien foe nor domestic insurgent had the legitimacy of Spanish "To those of us who were the comrades rule been seriously challenged. Without sovereignty the islands had and then abandon them to the anarchy of murder There is an ancient parable of a man from whose mind an evil spirit was cast, but who failed to fill the vacancy with a good with others more evil than himself and was worse than the first. What endless reproach would the United States have in-

We are indeed "fighting for sovereignty" in the Philippines, as we fought for sovereignty which means peace, order, civilization and a vastly greater measure known. We are fighting for a sovereignty everywhere generous and beneficent. The anarchist and the bandit may regard in sovereignty as an ordinance for the welfare and the progress of the race and they do not and will not shrink from the record that they are "fighting for

> Arrogance of the Coal Trust. Indianapolis News.

When the coal operators serve notice that der no circumstances would the Civic Federation be permitted to interfere, they show that they have no faith in the justice country leads the world. I have lived to of their cause. Their attitude is not a look upon its dismembered fragments whole challenge to the coal miners alone, but to again; to see it, like the fabled bird of the sense of fair play throughout the land. To what length will the arrogance of the

St. Louis Globe Democrat. If all the land planted to corn in the United States this year were massed the area would exceed the British isles, Holland and Belgium combined, or four-fifths of the area of France or Germany. It spite of drouth the corn crop last year fell ut little short of \$1,000,000,000 in value The favorable reports from the corn fields is good news for the country.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Help them

to help them-

selves. What

better deed?

your friend who is ill

just what Ayer's Sarsa-

When you see a person weak

and pale, nervous and debili-

tated, just recommend our Sarsa-

parilla. If in doubt about this, ask your

doctor if he knows of anything better.

Then why not tell

The late E. L. Godkin , was engaged upon volume of reminiscences when he died. Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Haggard, a brother of Rider Haggard, the novelist, has opened a barber shop.

King Oscar II of Sweden and Norway has just asked admission as a member of the Astronomical society of France.

Whenever President Roosevelt goes riding he carries with him a loaded pistol,

which he knows well how to use should occasion demand. Charles S. Onderdonk of Lamay, N. M., owns the largest goat ranch in the world. He has as high as 20,000 goats on his 28,-

000-acre ranch at one time. James L. Gates of Milwaukee has just closed another large land deal aggregating 150,000 acres. This easily ranks as the larg deal for cut-over lands ever made in

The United States government is plan

William Henry Harrison at North Bend, O., overlooking the Ohio river, and transare fighting for sovereignty." The sentence form it into a burial place befitting that of Senator Hanna and Secretary Cortelyou are daily in receipt of numerous requests for the autograph of the late President

signatures, and the few they possessed were long ago given away. Senator Bailey of Texas, now acclaimed at Washington the democratic national leader, is one year under 40. It was he

who wrote for a Texas convention in 1898 the minority resolutions on expansion which have now become the pronounced policy of the democracy. Commenting on the report that he was

roing to the coronation of King Edward, General Joe Wheeler says there is at least one good reason why he wilf do no such thing. "Why," says the little Virginian, "seats at the coronation will cost \$1,000 apiece. That lets me out

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Ohio State Journal: She—Are you going to church with me today, Henry? He-No; it's too confounded hot; I think I'll play golf.

Judge: He (American)—My grandfather fell at Bunker Hill. She (English)—Oh, what a pretty name for a golf links! But how did he happen to fall?

Cleveland Plain Desier: "They say that old maids would do well to reconcile them-selves to fate after they pass thirty." "Oh, I dunno. Look at the wealthy Baroness Burdette Coutts. She remained a spinster until nearly sixty."
"Yes, but it's all different when you have

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "A rich young woman of Hartford has just married a motorman."
"Dear me, I wonder how he found time to court her?"
"Picked her up with his life-saving net, I spose, and then proposed to her through the front window."

Philadelphia Press: "It's wonderful," said the meditative man, "how one small word, insignificant in itself, may induce an endless train of thought, speaking volumes in fact." replied the caustic man, the word 'but,' for instance, when a woman says: 'Of course it's none of my business,

Chicago Post: "Say! that dollar you loaned me was counterfeit,"
"Was it?"
"It was."
"Then it's the first loan I ever made you in which there was no loss to me."

Chicago Tribune: "This is the funnlest town I ever saw," said the unsophisticated visitor, who had taken a drive about the city and was looking at things from the top of a skyscraper.

"How so?"
"Well, you put gravel on the roofs of your buildings.

"Well, you put gravel on the roofs of your buildings and wooden pavements on your streets."

DECORATION DAY.

Henry W. Longfellow

Sleep, comrades! sleep and rest On this field of grounded arms, Where foes no more molest, Nor sentry's shot alarms.

Ye have slept on the ground before, And started to your feet. At the cannon's sudden roar, Or the drum's redoubling beat. But in this camp of death
No sound your slumber breaks;
Here is no fevered breath,
No wound that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace; Untrampled lies the sod; The shouts of battle cease It is the truce of God.

Rest, comrades! rest and sleep!
The thoughts of men should be
As sentinels, to keep
Your rest from dangers free.

Your silent tents of green We deck with fragrant flowers; Yours has the suffering been. The memory shall be ours.

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