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As a stepping stone to matrimony, the position of police matron in Omaha has proved its success. No wonder it is in such brisk demand whenever a vacancy in it occurs.

Irish members of Parliament want it distinctly understood that they have been against the war in South Africa, before it began, while it was in progress and after it is ended.

ARMY REDUCTION. The strength of the army is to be reduced nearly 11,000 men, or from 77,287 to 66,497. The order of the secretary of war calls for reduction in all three arms of the service, but it affects the artillery less than the infantry and cavalry arms.

When the reduction provided for in the order of the secretary of war is made, the army will be at about the strength authorized by the act of the last congress for the military establishment on a peace footing.

THE INDIANA DEMOCRACY. The Bryanite democrats are getting little encouragement these days. The trend of sentiment seems to be steadily against them. The most noteworthy fact in the proceedings of the Indiana democratic convention was the refusal to endorse Bryan and the Kansas City platform.

When the settlement was made between the Union Pacific railroad and the city of Omaha some months ago it was generally believed that the compact included the payment of back taxes. It appears, however, that the Union Pacific still owes over \$300,000 in taxes levied years ago upon the property held by it which was no part of its right-of-way or depot grounds.

Discussion of the question of an isthmian canal route has been begun in the senate and will probably continue several weeks, with what result cannot be foretold with any degree of certainty. According to late reports from Washington the outlook is brighter for the Panama route than at any time hitherto.

The law requires all railroad corporations to return to the state board of assessment and equalization a correct statement of its railway trackage, right-of-way and depot grounds. By rights, a map of these tracks, depot grounds and rights-of-way should be on file in the office of the county surveyor and the city engineer.

The latest census bulletin discloses the fact that more than \$450,000,000 is invested in this country in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors in 21,850 establishments, which turn out an annual product valued at \$340,000,000.

You can't build an engine house and a market house with the same money any more than you can eat your pie and keep it at the same time. Omaha has been made famous by cowsheds. For twenty years it had a cowshed railroad depot and now it is to have a cowshed market house.

The perplexities of the Young Men's McKinley club have only just begun. Amending the constitution is an easy thing, but maintaining successfully a political organization that can command the support of the rank and file of the party and steer clear of factionalism is a more serious problem.

slion upon the public mind, creating a very general feeling that the government should not expend a vast sum in constructing a canal through a region where even now there is volcanic activity.

Whether or not the route question will be determined at the present session is problematical, with the chances apparently most favorable to the adoption of some such compromise as the Spooner compromise, although there is at present a strong unwillingness in congress to leave to the president the selection of a route.

THE HAZARD METHOD PURSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF RAILWAY ASSESSMENT in the valuation placed upon the property of railroads for state and county taxation and the unjust discrimination against other taxpayers by reason of the undervaluation of railroad property has for years constituted a standing grievance of the people of this state.

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rails, that it will bring the railroads into politics, and if it should result in government ownership, it would enlarge the public service so as to imperil free government. For some reason or other, however, the people refuse to take alarm at the political bugbear. It will take a diagram to show them how the railroads can get into politics much more than they have been.

The Bee is the only paper in these parts that prints honest circulation statements. It shows shrinkages and gains exactly as they occur from week to week and month to month, but the other papers would have you believe that they never lose a subscriber. They are eternally gaining, gaining, gaining, and keep up their gains in season and out of season, regardless of the fact that hundreds of subscribers are away from home on vacations, or thousands discontinue for various reasons, including hot weather, hot politics or drouthy editorials and news columns.

It is to be noted that the populists have have put up a complete state ticket in Indiana without the aid or consent of the democrats. The democrats consider a great thing in states like Nebraska, where the populists furnish the bulk of the votes, but in states like Indiana they are not quite willing to let the populists go it alone.

The people of Nebraska have not yet heard the last of the Bartley defalcation scandal. The decision just rendered by the supreme court in the Bartley bond case brings us back again where we started from and forcibly recalls the strenuous efforts and conspiracies to beat the state out of its just claim.

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Future of the Philippines

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic (dem.), under date of June 2, writes that paper as follows: "I am permitted to make a statement which will clear the air regarding the attitude of President Roosevelt and his administration touching the future status of the Philippines. It is not to be taken as a statement issued by the president, but except that the president of the United States is never interviewed, it can be accepted with the force of an interview.

"These friends have told the president that they were impressed with his speech at Arlington, in which he spoke of the time when the Filipinos might show capacity for self-government, and they have asked the president to go further, and consider what the question might be left to the Filipinos, which the president would be given independence.

"Judge Taft, whom the president regards as the greatest authority on the Philippines, has pronounced his opinion on this subject which is of particular value because when he was in the Philippines he was inclined to criticize the policy of holding the islands. Judge Taft holds and the president with him, that official intimation at this time

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. The growth of the country since revolutionary days is tersely shown in the development of the postoffice department, which has been made the subject matter of a pamphlet just issued by the department. There were only seventy-five postoffices established in the country in 1789, and the gross revenue from the business was \$7,510.

There were in 1901, 76,594 postoffices in operation, 511,808 miles of post routes, 466,146,059 miles of mail service performed. The gross-revenues of the department were \$111,631,193, the expenditures \$115,039,607, and \$13,119,590 were paid as compensation to postmasters.

In 1853, the year in which stamped envelopes were first issued, 3,000,000 were used, while in 1901 the total was 712,839,000. The first year's issue of postal cards—1873—numbered 31,094,000, while in 1901 669,614,800 were issued.

According to the Washington Post Senator Dietrich owns a silk hat and a frock suit. He has worn the outfit four times. When he first arrayed himself in this full regalia it was the day of his inauguration as governor of Nebraska. It rained and snowed upon the high top and the neck of the suit, and he was obliged to wear a hat and a frock coat, he sat upon the day of McKinley's second inauguration and Mr. Dietrich, who had just been sworn in as a new senator, was once more baptized by a heavy rain. His third experience was last Saturday morning, when again, in his high top and frock coat, he sat upon the day of the uncovered stands at the Rochambeau statue unveiling and got the full benefit of the shower that interrupted the exercises.

"This is a fine afternoon," said Senator Dietrich last Sunday. "I will dress up and take a walk." So once again he arrayed himself in the faded costume. As a result he was caught in the sudden storm which came out of the northwest and was drenched to the skin. Rivers of water poured from his silk hat and his frock coat was so soaked as to sponge.

Mr. Dietrich, when he finally got home, changed his clothes and put the hat and the frock coat carefully away. "I never will wear that outfit again," he said yesterday.

The other afternoon, when President Roosevelt reached Dupont circle, a "seeing Washington" electric car boys in eight and the guide continued his lecture through a megaphone in this way: "On the left we see the elegant residence of Mr. George Westinghouse, the millionaire inventor and electrician, formerly the home of the late James G. Blaine; a little to the left of front we perceive the palatial mansion of Mr. L. Z. Leiter, the Chicago millionaire and father of the famous beauty, Miss Mary Leiter, now Lady Curzon, the wife of the governor general of India; in the park in front we are confronted by the statue of Admiral Dupont and also in front we see the president of the United States on horseback."

The crowd looked and one woman said, "Wee wee, that is it, McKinley's." "It's Roosevelt," the guide responded. "He ain't a statue yet."

Among the Presbyterian ministers who were presented to President Roosevelt when he came to the city recently, reports the New York Times, was one who bears the burden of an overweighing sense of duty and is wont to "rebuke in season and out of season"—mostly out of season.

"I regret," said the preacher, "to see that the administration countenanced the use of liquor in the governor's palace at Havana."

"But I am glad to see," said the president, deftly changing the subject, "that the general assembly is discontinuance of the use of bromine."

Some timid souls in Washington who feared Mount Iona would throw a few tons of blame and mud as far as the national capital, have been calmed and soothed by Prof. McGee of the Agricultural department with a brief interview, as follows: "Mount Iona is a high hill situated at some distance from the town of Fender, Neb., and is a part of the cretaceous formation that has been named after the carbonaceous elements of the overlying shale. The steam and smoke generated by this combustion escapes to the outer atmosphere through cracks and crevices in the stone

PERSONAL NOTES.

Prof. Hellprin had much better luck on Pelee than Prof. Pliny had on Vesuvius. Captain John Haggerty, the sea diver who explored the Maine wreck in Havana harbor, has just died at his home in Brooklyn.

The shah of Persia, who is visiting Emperor William, will not travel on a railroad faster than eight to ten miles an hour and his suite consists largely of detectives who have been assigned to guard the emperor.

The maharajah of Jaipur, who has arrived in Paris on his way to King Edward's coronation, has with him a suite comprising twenty dignitaries and 123 servants. His luggage weighs 100,000 pounds.

This is how Congressman Newlands of Nevada summarizes his views on irrigation: "It's about time for the American government to stop its irritation of other lands and begin the irrigation of its own arid lands."

The very same of cleverness in concealment was reached by a circus man in a Pennsylvania town lately, when he managed to hide a herd of thirteen elephants from a constable who was hunting them with a writ of attachment.

When Congressman De Armond of Missouri was in the Philippines he made an industrial use of a camera. On returning home he had a great many of his pictures developed and mounted and each bears this endorsement: "Made by the firm of David A. De Armond & Son."

Gov. Governor Boutwell's "Grant Reminiscences" include a horse story. President Grant was attracted by a horse owned by a Washington butcher and he bought it for \$500. Subsequently he took Senator Conkling out to ride behind his new acquisition and the president asked the senator what he thought of the animal. "It strikes me," said the senator, "that I would rather have the \$500." "Well, that's what the butcher said," remarked the president.

Some time ago in Philadelphia Charles M. Schwab, president of the huge steel trust, expressed in an address the opinion that a classical education was less helpful to the young man than the practical experience that could be gained in the same number of years of application to the business which he was to make his life work.

Chicago Tribune: "There is nothing more unwise," said the friend, "than a needless and ostentatious display of wealth." "That's right," answered Mr. Gripper Sorghum; "there are enough people trying to get away from you without issuing any challenges."

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New York Sun. Oh, the dear, sweet, summer rain! Hear it falling, falling, falling. Through the darkness softly falling. Drifting down from the sky's choice. Drooping from the wind's wild malice. Beautiful and neat and lowly. I will kiss them, so shy and tender. Humble grasses, creeping slowly. Beautiful and neat and lowly. Emerald green and red-checkered clover. Drink my fullness, brimming over. Stately, stately, so becoming. For my bounty long beseeching. Let each bud, wind-bent and shaken. With new life and beauty waken. Patient grain, grow strong and stronger. You shall fall and drop no longer! All things growing in things living. Greet my coming with thanksgiving! So we yearn it ardently calling. Through the darkness, softly falling. Tree and bud and blossom blessing. So we yearn it ardently calling. Oh, the dear, sweet, summer rain!

Bennett's Good Clothing. Just a little better for a little less. Special for Friday. Just received 100 suits that ordinarily sell at \$10.00, put on sale today for \$6.75. These are unfinished worsteds—absolutely guaranteed as such—\$6.75. W. R. BENNETT CO. 16th and Harney Streets.