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does not give anyone a fair chance to go Watch out for oriental fads in fash-

ionable circles. The crown prince of Siam and his suite are to visit this country shortly.

The yellow journal correspondents must have gone on a vacation.

With the disappearance of Judge Gordon, the police court of Omaha will lose ture. And it will never see the like of him again.

From the precedent set by the pres dent of the Western Base Ball league in assessing a one hundred dollar fine against a rowdy captain, politeness will pay even a ball player.

The adjustment of the grievances of that the grievances of the other employes will be also adjusted before long on some mutually satisfactory basis.

Local populists want the democratic county ticket reorganized to meet their conditions for fusion. As the democrats will have to come to terms, here is a

If piecework is the proper thing for securing the greatest efficiency and highest wages in the mechanical department of a railroad, why would it not work with the same advantage in the clerical department?

Is Tom Johnson to be the presidential candidate pitted by Bryan against David B. Hill? That question is suggested by the announcement of Tom Johnson's candidacy, at this early stage, from what seems to be authoritative sources.

The voluntary retirement of Lord Salisbury furnishes another exception to the rule that people seldom vacate high places until forced out by circumstances over which they have no control. And they are seldom willing to admit that advancing age is one of those circum-

Having accumulated a fine, big war debt and an enlarged bundle of war successor get all the credit for debt re-

amount of inky fluid for the local cuttlefish organ to befog the public vision to real issues involved in the railway tax proceedings and arguments in that most | Protestant camps." important litigation.

Our South American neighbors, and particularly the republic of Colombia, should remember that the benefits of the proposed isthmian canal will be shared by them, although they will not be asked to become responsible for any of the financial obligations. Under the circumstances, the least they can do is to lend their moral support to the project and put nothing in its way.

democrats as well as annexation repubnexation now or in the future.

TAX REFORM IN 10WA.

Unless all signs fail, Iowa railroads of mischief. will be assessed for several millions more this year than they were assessed in any previous year. The Iowa State Board of Assessors is now in session and will continue to discuss the subject in all its bearings. While Iowa railroad assessments have been higher than those in Nebraska, it is admitted on all hands that they do not bear their just, proportion, when compared with the assessments of other classes of property. Complaints of irregularities in delivery hould be addressed to City Circulation road labby, is sooner or later bound to road lobby, is sooner or later bound to be engrafted upon the Iowa revenue code. Section 2 of the Iowa railroad

tax bill reads as follows: The railroad property of this state, tangible and intangible, exclusive of the property described in section 1342 of the code, shall assessed at 25 percentum of such actual value, which shall be considered as the taxable value of such property, at which it shall be listed and upon which the levy shall be made. The actual value of such value, shall take into consideration the sum of the market or actual value of the stocks. bonds and securities of each railway, the gross earnings, the net earnings, the physical condition of such railways within the state and the information furnished by the reports required to be made, together with any other matter necessary to secure a just and equitable assessment. When only a part of a railway line is in this state, that part of the value of the entire ratio, which is measured by the proportion of the length of the particular railway in this state to that of the whole railway, shall be confor taxation purposes within the state.

like that of Nebraska, does not expressly has never shown any marked political require the assessment of franchises, ability and certainly nothing that could Governor Cummins and other members properly be characterized as statesmanof the Iowa executive council, who constitute the assessment board, are fully genial qualities, not at all given to disconstitute the most valuable asset of a himself upon public attention. As the paying railroad. It will require no government leader in the House of Comargument to convince them that it is mons he has met all the demands made their plain duty to assess the franchises upon that position, but never in an agas contemplated in the railroad tax bill gressive or demonstrative way. Whether that had been framed to carry out the or not he has the qualifications for sucequitable taxation in Iowa.

AGGRAVATING THE FRIAR PROBLEM. Is the Philippine friar problem to become a bone of sectarian contention? It is to be apprehended that it will unless a satisfactory arrangement is soon effected between our government and the vatican in regard to the withdrawal of the friars. The situation at present is clearly defined. This government requires that all friars of the four orders We have heard nothing for several in the Philippines shall withdraw within days about martial law in Beatrice. two years from the first payment for their lands, half during nine months from the first payment and half eighteen months later. No Spanish friars may be substituted for those withdrawn. In answer to this the vatican its most grotesque and picturesque fea- stated that it could not accept the proposition to recall the friars within the fixed period, that such recall would be contrary to the rights guaranteed by the treaty of Paris and would put the holy

see in conflict with Spain. But by way of compromise the vatican promised to try to gradually introduce into the Philippines clergy of other nationalities, especially Americans, as they the Union Pacific molders gives hope are found ready or are adapted to the purpose. It was also agreed that the friars shall not return to the parishes they left and where their presence could provoke trouble. The reply of the vatican is being considered by the president and vatican and it is probable that some compromise agreement will be reached. and A Washington dispatch of a few days chance for some fine spun political ago said it was realized in official circles that the instructions to Governor Taft represented the extreme of our claims and that they did not preclude the idea of reasonable compromise by mutual concessions. It was further stated that the immediate and complete withdrawal of the Spanish friars from the Philippines is not now expected, but it is believed that the result desired can be accomplished by an arrangement for the substitution of friars of another nationality, and the principal issue now is as to the time in which this change may be brought about.

Meanwhile there is being manifested a disposition to make this matter a subject of sectarian contention, which would be most unfortunate, since it twin cities. would certainly complicate the question. The resolutions adopted by the Catholics of Grand Rapids, Mich., Sunday, are untimely and unwarranted and therefore likely to prove mischievous. There have been utterances from Protestant sources not less objectionable. The New York Sun notes the receipt of letters taxes, the chancellor of the British ex- from Both Catholics and Protestants chequer is willing to step out and let his which, it says, make the grievous mistake of reviving the religious intemperduction and war taxes repealed. This ance of the past, and adds: "The only patriotic self-sacrifice should be properly | way to settle that problem, new in the history of American government, is to approach it in a reasonable spirit, from which is removed every trace of the old odium theologium and to treat it as a practical matter, with a view to the inits poorly concealed efforts to dodge the terests of harmony and peace both in the Philippines themselves and here at case and to smother all report of the home, in both the Catholic and the

Every intelligent and unprejudiced person must see that this is not a question for the churches. Religion is not involved in it. It is purely a matter of governmental policy. The desire of the government that the Spanish friars shall be withdrawn is prompted by the well-attested fact that they are very generally disliked by the Filipino people, and it is believed their withdrawal would be in the interest of peace and order. There is no objection to Catholics priests of The discussion of the scheme of Cuban other nationalities replacing the friara annexation proposed by Senator Elkins | The churches should take no part in this develops decided differences of opinion issue. The United States government on this question on both sides of the does not intend to promote sectarianpolitical fence. If the issue were to be ism in the Philippines. It will main way related to the secretary of the treasmet now, we would find annexation tain there a complete separation of ury, who happens to bear the same church and state, giving an equal chance name. This explanation, while perhaps licans, and, by converse, both democrats and equal protection to Catholicism and unnecessary, will be taken to indicate

problem and perhaps do a vast amount

THE BRITISH MINISTERIAL CHANGE The retirement from public life of Lord Salisbury having long been expected, the announcement of his resignation caused no surprise and even in England excited but passing interest, For several months the veteran statesman had more and more detached himself from the cares of office. Recent dispatches from London noted that he was showing mental decline, particularly marked in absent-mindedness, which was only overcome by great ef fort when it was absolutely necessary for him to deliver a public utterance on a question of great importance. Salisbury had a distinguished public career, covering a period of nearly half a century, and in statesmanship and diplomacy he measured up to the standard be valued at its actual value and shall be of most of his predecessors. He learned diplomacy largely of Disraeli, and in politics he followed the policies and principles of the conservative party leaders with whom he had been associrailway property shall be its value in the ated, modified as later conditions and market in the ordinary course of trade. circumstances made necessary. A man The executive council, in determining such of strong and positive convictions, he was very determined and persistent in pursuing them, which, together with an earnest patriotism made him a commanding and successful party leader. In diplomacy he has had few superiors among eminent British statesmen. The new prime minister, Arthur J. Bal-

four, a nephew of Salisbury, is in some essential respects a quite different man from his distinguished uncle. He has been spoken of as more of an academisidered in estimating its value in this state cian than statesman. Balfour has had a considerable experience in politics Although the constitution of Iowa, un- under the guidance of Salisbury, but he ship. He is a fine scholar and a man of mpressed with the idea that franchises play and never unnecessarily obtruding popular demand for tax reform and cessful leadership-the firm grasp, the strong will, the aggressive force and the fixed purpose of his predecessor-remains to be determined. He comes into power under most favorable circumstances, so far as the situation of British affairs is concerned, and he has given assurance that there will be no change in the policies of the government. Undoubtedly Prime Minister Balfour will follow the example of his pre decessor in cultivating friendly relations with the rest of the world, and he will certainly not be less solicitous than was Salisbury in maintaining cordial friendship between Great Britain and the United States, the new premier having

> gard for this country. SHAM REFORM MASQUERADE. County Attorney Shields has made himself noted, if not notorious, by his mountebank performances. As public prosecutor, it is his right, as well as his duty, to file complaints in the courts Under the statutes a complaint filed by the county attorney has the same effect as an indictment filed by a grand jury. If Mr. Shields or his deputies know of any violation of the by sufficient proof to afford reasonable assurance of conviction, they could proceed in the regular way prescribed by law. They could swear out warrants place them in the hands of the sheriff or his deputies, arrest the parties and proceed with their prosecution before the courts, without the aid or consent of the mayor or chief of police of Omaha or South Omaha.

repeatedly and strongly shown his re-

But that course would not serve Mr. Shields' purposes. His methods are strictly original. When the grand jury grounds, although it was his duty to prosecute every offender against whom there was sufficient testimony. Now he is trying to force the chiefs of police of Omaha and South Omaha to come into court to explain why they do not arrest gamblers and break up gambling in the

This unique performance might be transparent sham. If the county attorney or any of his deputies have positive information or proof that would justify prosecution, why do they not call on the sheriff to make the arrests? The sheriff has as much power in Omaha and South Omaha as the chiefs of police. practices, it is equally the duty of the sheriff, but that would not answer the purposes of Mr. Shields and his reform cal capital for campaign purposes out of gularly misemployed their time. mandamuses to suppress gambling.

Take, for example, the roadhouses outside of the city limits of Omaha and South Omana, some of which are notoriously bad. The keeper of the most notorious of these resorts was indicted last winter for selling liquor without a license. He has no license now, so far torney does not call upon the sheriff to suppress him, nor has he taken the first cause the keeper of the resort has a political pull.

When will this sham reform masquerade run its course?

The appointment of an Iowa man by the name of Shaw to a place under the treasury department brings a statement the union jack were worn as aprons by accompanying the announcement explaining that the new appointee is in no

of the higher officers to subordinate positions, and in so far as this conclusion is justified will receive popular approval and indorsement. American people have a decided prejudice against building up official families in our democracy either under the federal government or under state or local governments. The practice of nepotism will find no favor in this country except among the benefi-

Wyoming sheep men profess to be greatly excited because recent orders for them from land on which they were accustomed to find winter range for their sheep. But why they should beon which the sheep men have had no rights except by suffrance, so the govrequest for the suspension of the act, therefore, comes at a rather late day.

The value of a street rallway franchise may be judged from what a street railway company is willing to pay for it. The Kansas City street railway companies, which are negotiating for an extension of their franchise, have agreed on the following propositions:

1. Eight per cent of the gross receipts to be paid to the city. 2. Universal transfers. 3. Paving between tracks and eighteen

inches outside. 4. Extensions of suburban lines. These concessions will save millions to Kansas City people and taxpayers.

Dave Mercer's detention at Washington is a source of deep regret. We apprehend that he is not kept away from "home" on account of the plans for the new quartermaster's warehouse, but more likely on account of some improvements for the District of Columbia that have engrossed his attention. The plans for the new warehouse will be made by army engineers without congressional supervision.

Railroad managers are complaining that their new fast trains are not paying out, except in advertising the road's enterprise. This ought to be followed by a plea from the tax bureau for exempting from taxation all the high speed locomotives, palatial trains and improvements of roadbed to facilitate fast time, on the ground that they are an expense to the road rather than property which increases its value.

No state encampment of the Nebraska militia can be held this year for lack of funds, except by creating a deficiency to be covered by appropriation by the a back yard affoat. It is a large platform, next legislature. The taxpayers of Ne- enclosed all the way around with a picket braska had all the deficiencies they wanted stored up for the last legislature. If an encampment and a deficiency go hand in hand, we will try to get floating yards are used by wholesale fruit agency of the age. along without either of them.

High Mark of Civilization.

Chicago Tribune. When the Filipinos have learned to celebrate the Fourth of July in our civilized against all violators of the criminal and enlightened American fashion it will do to talk about their fitness for selfgovernment.

A Gloomy Prospect.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Democrats must gain at least forty seats criminal code that can be established to win the next house under the new apportionment. As they have failed to find even one issue, the prospect for them is not encouraging.

Enough for All, But-

New York Tribune, There's enough for everybody to eat in this prosperous country of ours; enough to wear, plenty of fuel, light, heat, water and ice. But now and then jolts and jars things to the people who need them.

A Nervy Proposition.

Philadelphia North American, Secretary Moody, in the hardness of his again. indicted practically all the gamblers and heart, ordains that Uncle Sam's sailors A jam of vehicles made it impossible for keepers of gambling devices in Omaha shall go to sea once in a while and learn and South Omaha, he was content to to walk a bridge as well as they dance a during this pause in the movement of things drop all the indictments on technical german. The new naval secretary seems the motorman, mad as a wet hen, demanded having things done.

A Hit for Mr. Morgan, Chicago Inter Ocean,

Before Mr. Morgan goes too far in the matter of offering to hand over ships to Great Britain in the event of war, it might be as well for him, perhaps, to secure the consent of the United States government to the plan. It is easy to see how in cercommendable if it were not such a tain contingencies this proposed arrangement would not work at all to his country's satisfaction.

Experience of No Value. Philadelphia Record. Secretary Shaw is reported to be imressed with the idea that five years' service on the staff of the Treasury department unfits the incumbents for the offices If it is the duty of the chiefs of police held by them. If this be the case the deto suppress gambling and other criminal partment's insides mugt be in an extraordinary state of disorganization. Experience leads to perfection in every known form of human activity, and if a five years' course in a Treasury bureau produce indeputies, who are trying to make politi- aptitude the officeholders must have sin-

Ripe for a Change.

Washington Post. Mr. Cleveland served two terms in the White House without being able to demonstrate ability to build up and strengthen his party. Mr. Bryan had the democratic presidential nomination two successive times and was not even able to secure an election to the high office, These two as we can learn, but the prosecuting at- gentlemen have monopolized twenty years of the time of the democratic party, bringing nothing but chaos and disaster and it is not at all strange that there should be a step to close the place, manifestly be- robust sentiment in favor of taking up a new man without regard to their personal desires or ambitions.

Old Glory in Strange Company.

Chicago Post. Does it not swell our hearts with pride and make our eyes grow dim with tender feelings for Old Glory, to read that it and twenty-two American women in London yesterday who acted as barmaids in serving drinks mixed by bartenders imported from Boston and New York? These are things which lend sacredness to the Stars and Stripes and increase our veneration for this bit of colored cloth, in which we and republicans firmly opposed to an- Protestantism. Meddling by the that the policy of the department is to for the fag! 'Rah for the patriotic barchurches can only aggravate the friar discourage the appointment of relatives maids! The next one is on the "barkeep."

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in Growth and Influence of the Dalles the Metropolis.

Whenever an artist in the science of ap-

plied graft gains a reputation in the west and finds the west too hot for comfort he hurries to New York and works in peace for a season. It is so easy to lose oneself there and work "the provinces." A smooth one driven out of Michigan has been so the religious press for many years. Dursuccessful in Gotham as to attract the attention of the police. His game is officially known as the League of Educators and his motto is characteristic of the order of graft: "If you can't boost, don't knock; the enlargement of Yellowstone park by if you have a hammer, lose it." The chain the addition of forest reserves exclude letter game is thus described; before be- as conspicuous as did the New York Incoming a member of the League of Educators the applicant must pay a membership fee of \$3 and agree to meet all monthly assessments, no assessment to be more come excited over this action is not than \$1.05. The new member signs an readily discerned. The land annexed agreement to bring into the league three to the park is part of the public domain other persons, who will each file an application, pay the fee and assessment and, in turn, bring into the league three new mem bers. If the terms are all complied with ernment is taking nothing away from the members at or before the end of five them that ever belonged to them. Their years is entitled to an endowment of \$500. If the conditions are not all fulfilled no benefit is paid. The member simply has the privilege of continuing the payment of assessments until he tires of the drain, when he withdraws.

It is made perfectly plain that when membership lapses the money that has been paid into the league is lost. Now, although the league has not been in existence five years, benefits or endowments are paid each month, an element-and a large element-of chance determining who shall be benefited. It was because of this that the attorney general of Michigan denounced the league as a lottery.

Madison avenue was an equine milliners' Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gave a past. thousand straw hats to deserving horses. The creatures received the new decorations at first with curiosity and then with gratitude. Others plainly showed by their acts that they thought the presents good enough to eat.

News that the hats were to be distributed apread rapidly throughout the city. The society had promised to give to drivers who could not afford to purchase the hats a suitable covering for their horses' heads. papers possess. They have better writers The avenue and the street was blocked with crowds assembled to see the sights. The horses seemed to catch the enthusiasm of the drivers and they crowded into line as though they were seeking bargains in the shopping district. The hats were of a jaunty type, with holes on either side the days when each of them had a special for the ears and fancy-colored tapes, by means of which they could be tied under the horses' jaws.

Venerable truck horses became skittish again under this new rig and steeds which had long ago lost the zest of life became as sportive as denizens of Broadway, who by a stroke of luck have been able to ornament their left ears with \$10 Panamas. Six policemen and two agents of the society assisted in the distribution of the a fullness, an authority and an intellihead gear. The supply gave out before all gence beyond the resources of the special its treasury to the revenues of Colombia,

the applicants were fitted. Among the many strange craft that ply up and down the river around New York one may frequently see one that looks like fence. There are gates in the fence, and, to keep up its resemblance to an ordinary enclosure of a suburban garden, there are green leaves to be seen within. dealers. It is found that bananas, pineapples and other tropical fruits spoil so easily in this hot weather that they must

So they are put on these floats in such a way that the air can reach them from all sides, and the trips on the river are made The absence of the entente cordiale and the prevalence of the retort discourteous brought against him relative to tion.

the truck and provoking a damage suit. over a load of cement, crossed the tracks of of the army were hostile to the civil govthe Fourth avenue line, on the curve, and ernment. may delay the general distribution of forced an oncoming car to a standstill. This deprived the car of current, and it was necessary to wait for the succeeding curve, when the current might be found

the truckman to get off the tracks, and to have caught the Roosevelt mania for to know what the truckman meant, etc., etc., etc.

Instead of a rapid-fire performance by the truckman, he leaned back and roared with laughter at the anger of the motor-

"What you need is a horse, a good, big "You've horse, partner," he called out. ight, all right-what?-course I was on the track; think I'm running a balloon? You'd better stop making goo-goo eyes at me. advanced; but it is hardly deserving of Here comes a policeman-

At this juncture the blockade was lifted and as the truckman drew slowly off he called back, "Good morning, Carrie," and he was still laughing when he turned the theory will not be accepted by anybody corner.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Attorney General Knox and Senator Spooner will go to Paris in a short time to go thoroughly into the matter of title in the Panama canal. Field Marshal Baron Schwartz-Meiller of the Austrian army is 95 years old, but is still on the active list. He has been an officer 74 years and a general half a century.

Frank L. Coombe, who represents the first congressional district of California, is the only man in congress born on the Pa cific coast. He was born in the Napa valley in 1853. A. G. Bell, who has just been decorated by the London Society of Fine Arts with

what is known as the Prince Albert medal. was twenty-five years ago professor of vocal philology in the Boston university. Dr. Joseph H. Raymond, sanitary inspector of Brooklyn, says twice as many babies in proportion to population die in that

borough as compared to New York and attributes the fact largely to excessive open trolley car riding. James Ping of Springfield, Mo., kept tab on the number of times local wits asked him regarding his brother Pong. Finally they totaled up an even 3,000 and Mr. Ping makes

sure of a forcible reply. Jacob Riis is urging upon New York City authorities the necessity for more and larger playgrounds. "Boys are better than grass," he says, referring to "keep off the grass" signs, and he appeals to philanthropic people to "give the boys something more than a runway between gutters. Give us more playgrounds and there will be less need for penitentiaries."

SPECIAL NEWSPAPERS DOOMED.

Cause a Permanent Belipse.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The sale which has just taken place of the New York Observer, and the accompanying announcement that it is to cease of a drift which has been at work among ing the quarter of a century in which the Prime, the well known Presbyterian writer and scholar, it was one of the foremost religious papers of the United States. It occupied a position among the religious press dependent when it had, successively, as editors such accomplished men as Dr. Leonard Bacon, Dr. R. S. Storrs and Henry Ward Beecher, or as a newer paper tian Union, did while Beecher was its chief editor. But both the Independent and the Out-

look, which is the recent name of the Christian Union, left the ranks of the distinctively religious press several years ago, and now give most of their space to literary, social and political topics. The observer joins them in the field. Many other religious papers, denominational and undenominational, all over the country have taken this step, or have discontinued publication. None of them attract such attention as they did in the old days. Nobody inquires or cares today who their edi- sation. tors are. To some extent, of course, the editors of the secular press have been effaced in the same way in the lapse of time, but the secular papers themselves have more influence and fill a far wider field than provision will not be ratified by the senate, they ever did in the past. Papers in the other special fields suffer a similar eclipse. The days when Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, the New York Clipper and such papers were read by everybody who had any inrow last Saturday, for the Society for the terest in sporting matters are far in the

Those papers devoted to special fields of work have, in the case of the larger fields, been displaced by the daily newspapers. The big journals of the principal cities of the country, which come out seven times a week, as compared with the religious and sporting papers' single appearance, have immeasurably larger facilities for covering all the great departments of human interest than the special newsand furnish earlier and fuller accounts of the things which everybody wants to know. The Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists and other great denominations are far more numerous and powerful than they were in organ or organs in most of the large cities and they read religious literature as much as they ever did, but they get it in the daily newspapers. Everything of any consequence to the people as members of any religious denomination or of an association of any sort is printed in the daily press before it gets a chance to appear n the weeklies or monthlies and in matters of absorbing interest it is given with public concern in them is most acute. The endeavor and have become for the great to build the canal. masses of the people the chief educational

HONORABLE APOLOGY.

Newspaper that Berated Secretary enough without subsidizing Colombia. Root Admits Its Fault.

Detroit Free Press (Dem Even the bitterest enemies of Secretary Root must admit that Major Gardener's testimony is a complete vindication of the secretary of war in respect to the charges between motormen and truck drivers, re- major's report as governor of Tayabas. In lates the Evening Post, rather add to the the first place Major Gardener declares that gayety of nations, the while they occa- the report was intended as confidential. sionally interfere with traffic and transporta- This is an indorsement of the secretary's As a rule, the truckman gets the action in withholding it from publication. best of it, since he is doubly armed, not The major admits, too, that if he had been only with a virile vocabulary, but with the in possession of certain information at the knowledge that the motorman would rather time of writing the report which he has not endanger his position by charging into since received, many of the reflections upon the methods of American officers would At Forty-second street and Madison ave- baye been omitted. The governor has also nue the other day a truckman, presiding withdrawn the charge that higher officers

Evidently Major Gardener confided in his report all the charges that had been brought to his notice against the military car in order to get a push around the authorities. He probably expected that these charges would be investigated if the war department considered them worthy of investigation. He himself expressed his personal opinion freely and frankly to his superiors; but obviously never dreamed that his report would be used as the basis of an attack upon the war department. The investigation would seem to prove conclusively that there had been nothing improper in Major Gardener's conduct or in Secretary Root's. Both men appear to have been doing what they conceived to be their duty, and the hullabaloo has resulted from a misunderstanding of the purpose put your little handle out of business, all of the major's report and of the action of

the secretary in suppressing it. There is another theory that might be the dignity of a statement. It may be pretended that Washington has terrified Major Gardener into retracting a part of his charges and of softening others. acquainted with Major Gardener, Whatever charges he brought were made from a sense of duty, and that same sense of duty s responsible for any modifications that he has made. The major is not the kind of a man that could be coerced into eating his own words. The Free Press is one of the newspapers that censured Secretary Root for suppressing the Gardener report; inasmuch as that report, according to the author's own testimony, was intended to be confidential, this newspaper cheerfully offers its apologies and regrets to the secretary of war.

CLEAN, HONEST JOURNALISM.

What the People Prefer and Invariably Support. St. Louis Republic.

Archbishop Ireland's insistence upon lean and honest journalism, voiced in the ourse of his admirable address at the National Educational association convention at Minneapolis, will be indorsed by every decent and self-respecting newspaper in this country. "If I were to choose," said the worthy

prelate, "where, outside the classroom, for general welfare of humanity I should have devotion to truth prevail, I should name the newspapers. The newspaper is today pre-eminently the mentor of the people. It is read by all; it is believed nearly by all; solemn announcement that the next man its influence is paramount; its responsiwho asks him the venerable conundrum is bility is tremendous: its province is to narrate facts, to give the truth, nothing but the truth, and all the truth." Happily, there are conspicuous examples

among the great American newspapers which prove that the duty of truthfully presenting the news, free of bias and prejidice and sordid sensationalism, is clearly recognized and faithfully discharged. These examples are numerous, so numerous as to make the rule of clean journalism in Amer-

ica. The exceptious proving the rule are the few noterious sensation-mongers that exaggerate the truth until it becomes, in effect, a web of misleading lies for the stimulation of a morbid love of excitement. These "yellow" newspapers can be num-

bered on one's fingers. Gratifying also, is the further fact that it is the decent and self-respecting newsbeing a distinctly religious journal, is part paper which alone wins the permanent confidence and support of the American people. It is true that the rankly sensational shoe may make a fortune for its Observer was edited by Samuel Irenaeus proprietor in a few years, just as fortunes may be made in other maledorous ways, but its career as a respected and influential newspaper is brief, if, indeed, it possesses influence or the respect of the public in any degree whatever. The best-paying newspaper properties, and the most firmly established, are those founded on decency and an unswerving truthfulness. This is because the people, after all, prefer decency than either of these, the New York Chris- and truthfulness to the indecent sensationalism and distortion of the truth upon which "yellow journalism" is based.

COLOMBIA ASKS TOO MUCH.

Pulling Uncle Sam's Purse on the Panama Canal Proposition.

Chicago Tribune The draft of a Panama canal treaty submitted by the Colombian government provides for the immediate payment to that government of \$7,000,000 by the United States. At the end of fourteen years there is to be an agreement as to further compen-If the two governments cannot agrees the matter is to be submittted to arbitration.

It is said a hint has been given to Secretary Hay that a treaty containing the latter and that for this reason he has proposed to Colombia that the demand for further compensation be dropped. To this, it is said, Colombia demurs. The Colombian government, as is only natural, wishes to get all it can for a concession the value of whichand the readiness of the United States to spend money for-it probably overestimates considerably. Colombia now receives an annual income of \$250,000 from the Panama railroad, which it will cease getting if the canal is constructed. The quarter of a million is of great value to the government of a bankrupt state tormented by incessant revolutions which interfere with the steady, collection of taxes. The men who manage Colombian affairs would like to have a large cash payment and to be assured a regular income in addition. They will try to make the best bargain they can, not so much for the sake of their country as for their own Jakes

As the faction which runs the government considers its own interests chiefly, it is probabe that it will yield to Secretary Hay and not run the risk of losing the \$7,000,000 or whatever sum may be finally agreed on as a cash payment. With that much money in hand the president of a South American republic can afford to throw up his job at once and emigrate to Paris. Or, if he does not choose to do that, he can use part of the money in buying military stores and supplies for the army which keeps him in power.

There is no reason why the United States should bind itself to contribute yearly from papers. The great dailles have for years That country will be fully compensated for past been encroaching on the domain of any concession it may make by the constructhe magazines also. They treat the larger tion of the canal. The work will give to the themes of human interest as comprehen- province of Panama wealth and security. sively as do any of the monthlies and do There will be constant peace on the isthmus earlier and more frequently while the after the United States once begins operations there. A cash payment of \$7,000,000 daily newspapers of the chief cities of the will be all-or more than-Colombia is real's United States cover all fields of human ly entitled to for allowing the United States

Alleged senatorial opposition to a treaty binding the United States to pay a yearly income to Colombia for the privilege of benefiting Colombia is altogether reasonable. The canal will cost this country quite

POINTED REMARKS

Chicago Tribune: "Don't you have to run around a good deal when items are scarce?" they asked him, "I do," answered the reporter, wiping

Detroit Free Press: Facetious Friend—Well, have you and your wife yet settled as to who is speaker of the house?
Young Husband—Not yet. We usually occupy the chair together.

Chicago Post: "What is ability?" "Ability is that to which a ma his own success."
"And what is luck?"
"Luck is that to which all others owe

Chicago Tribune: "You are not a workingman," said the curbstone orator, "or you wouldn't talk that way."
"You are wrong, sir!" fiercely answered the man who had interrupted him. "I am a member of a Browning club and if an institution of that kind isn't organized labor I don't know what it is!"

Washington Star: "Have you done any-thing to establish harmony in our party?" "Not yet." answered Senator Sorghum. "Why not?" "Because I'm not yet quite prepared for a general fight."

Chicago Post: "If people are so cramy for outdoor exercise I don't see why they don't get up garden-hoeing parties and such get up garden-hoeing partition things.
"Wouldn't do at all. The difference be"Wouldn't do at all. The difference between exercise and work is that exercise accomplishes nothing."

THE HERMIT WHO NEVER WAR.

S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. "I'll leave the world," a cynic said one And meditate in some sequestered place; The only thought men have is "Will it pay"
"I'll leave the world," a cynic said one day; collah dreams and hopes I'll put away And ne'er look on another human face!
"I'll leave the world," a cynic said one day, "And meditate in some sequestered place, Fools prate of love, but Love, clast has flown,
And in his place Ambition stands:
The world obeys the voice of Wealth ale
Fools prate of love, but Love, alasi
flown!

claims the foolish maiden as his own ho put the costlest jewels on her hands; Fools prate of love, but Love, class has And in his place Ambition boldly stands." He started out to find a wild retreat,

wise;
A malgen met him going down the street—
He started out to find a wild retreat—
Her cheeks were rosy and her smile was Down at her feet, doglike, he yearning He started out to find a wild retreat, But turned ere long, forgetting to be

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