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Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, A. D. 1902. M. B. HUNGATE. (Seal) Notary Public. (Seal) Black diamonds are pretty nearly as rare and valuable just now as white diamonds

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Net total sales ...

Net average sales.

Colonel Mosby is back at Washingfences are in statu quo.

The \$3,500 South Omaha postoffice plum will hang high up on the Christ- tion is fully understood by Germany mas tree, in plain sight, but out of and will be respected to the fullest ex-

The school board will retain its legispay out of the public treasury. Riddle: Who will pay the bills?

Cuming county has no kick coming. With the opening of the year it will lose the state treasurer and gain the warden of the penitentiary.

Some of the clerks in the departments at Washington may have to work to keep warm and thus the coal famine may result in some good after all.,

The people of Omaha do not want to miss a chance to get cheap power on reasonable terms. The interests of the city as a whole must be paramount.

The fleet that George Dewey now commands is incomparably more powerful than the one he had in Manila bay, but he can have nothing like so much fun with it.

If the Board of Equalization does as satisfactory work as the Board of Review substantial progress will have been made in the direction of tax reform for the year 1903.

and fortifications. No candidacy is considered till afterward.

South American republics have been accustomed in the past to arbitrate their have given the Sherman act careful little differences by force of arms, but study that it is unsuited to existing conthey might act otherwise when the com- ditions, cannot be enforced and should plications involve European nations as well.

taxes. That is why every home owner ple of the common law brings about an is vitally interested in having all the irreconcilable conflict between an act big corporations and mercantile estab- of congress and the most hopeful delishments pay taxes in equitable pro- sires and achievements of our day. an emergency fund of \$50,000,000 for amend the constitution so as to destroy portion to his.

Governor-elect Mickey seems to have adopted the plan of fortifying himself pose, the Sherman act has indirectly would not for the present be put at against applicants for appointments by aided, and in many cases compelled, the disposal of the banks. It is safe announcing his selections as soon as the very results it was intended to pre- to say the New York banks would not agreed upon. Only when the plum tree vent. No legislation on this subject is now bestir themselves if the burden perishable, so that they will not so long is denuded will the array of expectants so much needed, or would prove so disappear.

because of the investment of all school common law." Judge Grosscup of the the banks to take out more circulation funds he will have no cash to turn over to his successor. One of his predecessors tried also to reduce the amount of each he would have to turn over, the law school of the University of the entire amount of which went to but the prince of Monaco can send his only he experimented with another plan.

President Baer's solicitude for the inviolability of constitutions is strictly limited to favorite features of the national constitution, but does not include the constitution of Pennsylvania, which evil, yet the industrial combinations their loans, although they have shifted the interests of peace. his railroad company, by engaging in the coal mining business has been systematically violating for decades.

The fuel situation is becoming acute and serious in many cities and there is dent Roosevelt, providing for resumpwith a dangerous emergency.

AN OBJECTIONABLE ALLIANCE. There appears to be no doubt that the Anglo-German alliance in the Venezuelan matter is objectionable to Englishmen generally, or at any rate to those who are not ardent supporters of the government, accepting whatever is done by the ministry as necessarily wise and involved with Germany in the proceeddo not entertain this feeling maintain vantage in German co-operation; has, fiance. indeed, everything to lose and nothing to gain. A leading London paper makes circulation fakirs and bogus claimants this comment: "It is so clearly the in- their attention and that of the Board of terest of Germany that the two Eng. Police and Fire Commissioners is called common action between Great Britain clerk: and Germany against a South American

state with a certain amount of appre-

hension."

What the scope of the alliance or arrangement between those powers is has of course not been made public, but it is probable that either can withdraw from it at pleasure, while so far as the United States is concerned there is every reason to believe that the understanding takes the most complete recognition of the principle upon which 30,940 this country holds the position of protecforeign aggression under well-defined conditions. It may be confidently assumed that Great Britain would enter into no alliance that could result in creating variance between that nation and the United States. She could bet-30......28,475 ter afford to allow all the debts due her subjects by South American countries. and the amount is very large, to be repudlated, than to quarrel with this ......922,678 country on account of them. Nor is there any substantial reason for thinking that Germany desires to do anything that might impair the friendly relations between that country and the United States. A year ago our government received the most definite and unqualified assurances from the German government that under no circumstances did it contemplate, in any proceedings ton for further conference, but the wire against Venezuela, the permanent occusincerity of that assurance. Our posi-

It is easy to understand that Englishmen should object to the Anglo-German lative lobbyist, but he will not draw his alliance, or such of them as do not feel friendly toward Germany. It appears to them wholly unnecessary in this matter and possibly dangerous. But there is no good reason why Americans should feel any apprehension in regard under this contract at any time upon the these figures are in every instance less to it. Both countries, it is safe to say, failure of the party of the second part than the estimates placed upon the propwould be found most ready to accede to comply with the terms thereof. to any proposition which the United States should deem it necessary to submit.

THE SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW. The act of congress known as the Sherman anti-trust law has been in operation since July, 1890, a period of more than twelve years. It has been found effective in several instances. notably in the cases of railroad traffic agreements, but industrial combinations or trusts have multiplied since the enactment of the law, until it has come to be pretty generally felt that in regard to these the act is inadequate. It may fairly be affirmed, we think, that the Sherman law has not been as fully tested as it should have been, that if a more aggressive course had been pursued under it. it might have been found more useful if not entirely adequate Down in Hayti the ordinary prelimi. for accomplishing the purpose for which paries to an election are the enlistment it was enacted. There is reason to beof an army and the seizure of arsenals lieve that the law is to be more vigorously applied by the present administration, if congress will provide the

money necessary to do this.

It is the opinion of some who

be repealed. Mr. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. says that the fundamental departure in Every home owner in Omaha pays that law from the well-grounded princifrom accomplishing its intended pur- treasury that the treasury resources salutary, as that which would bring the government. State Treasurer Steufer boasts that the wise and wholesome rule of the treasury, by special arrangements for stone and marble.

have steadily increased in number. certainly entitled to consideration, we But the calling in of more narrowly think there is no doubt that they are margined loans has sent many securities not in accord with general public sen- upon the market, greatly reducing the timent. Admitting that the Sherman level of prices and thus again involving certain to be real suffering in spite of act is defective, what should be done or threstening to involve the general all that can be done. It is plain that is not to repeal it, but to correct he de basis of stock credits in which all the reached through the efforts of Presidend adopt a vigorous policy of enforcement. the emergency which the banks have Then. The popular conviction undoubtedly is prepared to forestall or to meet. tion of work in the anthracite region that the principle of the law is sound It is noteworthy that the banks that the country would today be struggling and should be adhered to. The duty have pooled for loan emergencies are

without unnecessary delay, is to improve and strengthen the act of 1890 and then to make ampie provision for its thorough enforcement.

NO BETTER THAN BLACKMAIL. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain the heathen Chinee is outproper. The remark of Sir Charles done by the congressman-elect from the Dilke in deprecation of England being Second congressional district. Years ago he tried to palm off fake circulation of ings against Venezuela may be regarded two separate newspapers, published unas reflecting the feeling of a great many der different heads and delivered to Englishmen and there have been other different subscribers, under the assumed utterances to the same effect. It is name of "The Daily World-Herald. well known that there is a very con- This arrant imposture was riddled in siderable popular sentiment in England | the courts. The imposition sought to be unfriendly to Germany, but men who perpetrated six or seven years ago is being repeated again in spite of the that England can have no possible ad- courts' decisions and palpable law de-

In order to refresh the memory of the

Year 1901. PROPOSAL. Contract. The World Publishing Co.

For Advertising. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20, 1900.

To the County Clerk and Board of County Commissioners, Omaha, Neb.: Gentlemen: Referring to the notice, the World Publishing company hereby proposes and offers as follows: For the delinquent tax list, three insertions. lots per description in the evening edition, three and one-fourth cents; morning edi-

Lands per description, three and one fourth cents in the evening and three and tor of the southern republics against one-fourth cents in the morning edition, including notice and all headings.

tion, three and one-fourth cents.

cent each insertion. Treasurer's semiannual statement, evening edition, \$75; morning edition, \$100. Commissioners' pro ceedings free. In case any or all of the above described

advertising is desired in the Weekly World-Herald, it will be done at the same rate. WORLD PUBLISHING CO. By G. M. Hithcock, President.

CONTRACT. Contract, made and entered into this the County of Douglas, Nebraska, by the commissioners thereof, party of the first part, and the World Publishing company of Omaha, Nebraska, party of the second part.

lish the proceedings of the Board of County which made the assessment of The Bee Commissioners, delinquent tax list, road notices, treasurer's semi-annual statements and any and all the advertising or of the News \$39,600. The Bee's return other legal notices that may be by law or for city taxation in 1903 is \$100,000. by the Board of County Commissioners The World-Herald's return fell from pation of its territory. There has as yet required during the year 1901 and until \$43,800 to \$10,000. The News, after been nothing to create a doubt as to the a similar contract shall have been entered into for the ensuing year.

tion of the World-Herald, at the option What will not men who try to swear of the party of the first part, or the county clerk of said county, and of the prices themselves out of taxes in this fashion stipulated in the bid of the party of the do to swear themselves into false circusecond part, hereto attached and made a lation? part of this contract.

The party of the first part hereby agrees to pay for said advertising at the rates ations placed by the Board of Review named in the bid of the party of the second part. The party of the first part reserves the right to stop all advertising as exorbitant and outrageous. But hands of the parties here this eighth day of January, A. D. 1901.

WORLD PUBLISHING COMPANY. By G. M. HITCHCOCK. President, Contractor. THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS. By JAMES CONNOLLY.

Chairman Board of County Commis Witnessed by M. H. Hoerner. Approved (yeas) Hofeld, Hoctor, Harte, exorbitant and outrageous. Ostrom and Mr. Chairman. Recorded January, 8, 1901

D. M. HAVERLY, County Clerk. In conformity with this contract the delinquent tax list for Douglas county for 1901 was published in the Omaha Evening World-Herald only. If the con- patriots of the Tom variety. tention that the circulations of the Morning World-Herald and the Evening World-Herald combined constitute the Omaha Daily World-Herald could be entertained in any court of equity the publication of the tax list for 1901 was illegal and all the sales under that publication absolutely void.

The congressman-elect from the Second congressional district is professionally a lawyer and he knows law enough to know that his claims for the Daily World-Herald are fraudulent and make it hang up by the straps. that the circulation claims he has made for the purpose of extorting money from druggists and liquor dealers are a confidence game that would subject any for obtaining money under false pre-

THE NEW YORK BANK POOL.

The pool formed by the great banks of New York City, which has put up This he thinks explains its failure as a use in the loan market, follows quickly the inalienable right of the mine owners remedial measure and remarks: "So far the intimation of the secretary of the to do as they please. could be shunted by them over onto the

United States circuit court at Chicago, by deposits of surplus revenue and by advocates unqualifiedly the repeal of purchase of bonds, was able to put into Nebraska he pointed out that while the relieve the strained conditions manilaw is as comprehensive as language fested in the New York money market. power, civil or criminal, that the law- columns, the New York banks have in ject by disbanding his standing army of nakers thought would contribute to the the meantime not been able to make complete eradication of the supposed any net reduction of the volume of them and, upon the whole, have im-While opinion from such sources is proved the character of the securities.

engineering the great merger and combination operations, and which still money capitals for loans, immense amounts of the newly manufactured stocks and other securities. viously it is necessary for them not to permit the money market to reach a risis, in which these collaterals would be suddenly returned and force the bottom out of the whole mass of merger and reorganized corporation capitalization. When, therefore, the great New York banks move for the protection of the market they are simply moving for their own protection and acting in the purest quality of self-interest and not from patriotic considerations.

But the point of general interest is that the burden of protecting the market is upon the shoulders that ought to bear it-upon those who have precipitated the conditions causing the trouble.

General Attorney Manderson of the lish-speaking peoples should be at to the following documents on file in the Burlington denounces the valuation variance that we view any attempt at court house in the office of the county placed by the Board of Review upon the Burlington terminals, depot grounds and depot buildings within the city of Omaha as an outrage. But General Manderson speaking as a private citizen would consider the valuation of \$28,925, at which these properties were returned by the State Board of Equalization, as a greater outrage, if he could only express his opinion without mental reservation. At any rate, we feel sure that General Manderson would be willing to swap his three-story block on Capitol avenue and Fifteenth street, which is assessed at \$22,500, and give a handsome Christmas present to boot for streauous for you, George." the Burlington passenger and freight Road or other legal notices, per word, one depots and depot grounds, and all the buildings and tracks appertaining to the Southwestern branch of the Burlington, which were assessed by the state board

> The veracity of the fakirs who subscribe to the circulation claims of our voracious contemporaries may be gauged have made to the city tax commissloner for the assessment of their properties. Only last spring all the daily Witnesseth, that the said party of the newspaper publishers of Omaha agreed cond part hereby agrees to furnish, pub- to a relative valuation for taxation \$90,000, of the World-Herald \$43,800 and adding a new press to its plant costing. All such notices or advertising to be so it says, \$15,000, made a sworn republished in the morning or evening edi- turn of \$13,400 to the tax commissioner. themselves out of taxes in this fashion

Railroad attorneys pronounce the valuupon the railway terminals in Omaha erties by railroad officers testifying under oath in behalf of the railroad companies eight years ago, notwithstanding the potent fact that their value It will be hard to make the people believe that valuations based on the figures of the railroad experts themselves are

Harvest of Shining Toms.

Atlanta Constitution. Tom Ochiltree, Tom Reed and Tom Nast -surely the grim reaper has had a sudden and woeful grudge against our genial com-

Sweet Song of Succor. New York Tribune.

Christmas will soon be here, and the Yuletide carol of 1902 should be a grand, sweet song of special warmth and cheer on the part of the rich in their bountles to the poor.

And Still Unsattsfied.

Saturday Evening Post Prosperity has come to a pretty pass when the railroads have so much freight they cannot move it. Now if they could only turn it into passengers they might

The World Do Move.

Baltimore American. With a former democratic president actively enlisted in behalf of the negro and other person in any other business using his educational and industrial betterment, the same tactics to criminal prosecution it doesn't require the use of X-rays to discern that "the world do move."

> Well Founded Anxlety. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Mr. Baer's greatest anxiety now is less men who do not understand the funda-

Cemetery Art Assalled.

Baltimore Americah. From London comes the pessimistic suggestion that tombstones ought to be outlast the memory of those buried beneath them. And yet, human pride fondly believes that future generations will be federal statutes into conformity with Beginning early in September the impressed with memories preserved in

Disarmament Takes Root Abroad.

Baltimore American. The czar may claim the credit for the the Sherman act. In his address before circulation more than \$75,000,000, nearly first practical attempt at peace arbitration. name thundering down the ages as the first to put in practice the important priuciple of disarmament. He is about to could make it, while it withholds no As has been pointed out in these give the world an object lesson on the subthirty-two men. It remains to how many of his fellow rulers will follow his noble and self-sacrificing example in

Pension Recommendations.

Springfield Republican Pension Commissioner Ware may prove to be another Evans. He recommends that every pensioner who is convicted of an infamous crime should lose his pension, although congress in its wisdom-and in its cringing fear of the pension agents-has unless an accommodation had been feets and this having been done, to banks are so deeply interested. This is his pension shall go on just the same. decreed that when a pensioner is in prison too, Mr. Ware condemns the bill which would open the pension roll to the descriers from both the federal and the get a good part of the difference between of congress, which should be performed precisely the banks which have been are good enough to pass along. pendence on the part of the commissioner

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

have on hand or pledged in European Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

> President Roosevelt has had a heart-toheart talk with a Washington florist who had taken unwarranted liberties with the family, and the result is satisfactory to the president. This florist produced a new pink rose in his greenhouse, which in honor of the president's daughter he named "Miss Alice Roosevelt." The compliment was appreciated at the White House and if the flower vender had left well enough alone everything would have been lovely. Unfortunately his desire to advertise his rose overcame his discretion. He ordered several new delivery wagons. They were painted white and on the sides in the most conspicuous manner possible appeared "Miss Alice Rossevelt." Under it in letters that could scarcely be read from the sidewalk was "Our Newest Pink Rose" and the name of the florist. The matter was brought to the attention of the president and the florist was called to the White House. He was told in unmistakable terms that the president resented the libertler he was taking with his daughter's name The florist's wagons are now in a paint

At a sale of books in Washington the other evening the auctioneer put up a se of Theodore Roosevelt's works and after a sharp contest among bidders it was knocked down at a figure slightly in excess of the regular store price. When the auctioneer picked out a life of George Washington and held that up with the usual preface of choice comment, silence followed the conclusion of his panegyric. Not a solitary bid was heard. Again the auctioneer tried the value of advertising, but not an offer was made. Tossing the book back on a shelf, he said in a tone of mingled contempt and disgust: "Go back to the shelf, George! You're not wanted; you're a back number. The times are too

Men in hotel lobbies continue to talk about the late Thomas B. Reed, reports the Washington Post. Many of his admirers were in the Riggs house last evening, and among them Hon. Lafe Pence, formerly in without reference to equity or uni- congress from Colorado, but now of Wyoming. Mr. Reed greatly liked the brillian and eloquent young representative from the west, though the two men were as wide apart as the poles in their political beliefs. There came a time, however, in the attrition of congressional life when their kind eighth day of January, A. D., 1901, between pretty accurately by the returns they regard temporarily gave way to something akin to dislike. Mr. Pence was as impetuous as he was big-hearted and brainy and he said something that gave the Maine man offense.

It was about the free silver business, of course, and such a casus belli could not permanently alienate them. The reconciliation was really brought about by that golden-hearted gentleman, Amos Cummings, but its climax was reached when Pence, in a humorous speech, alluded to Mr. Reed as the "mentor" of the republicans and the "tormentor" of the democrats. Further on he said that Mr. Reed was known by the people at large as the "zar," and they spelled it in that simple fashion. The republicans spelled it "czar," which was natural, for they regarded him as their Caesar; the democrats spelled it "tsar," because h was their teaser, and sure enough the dictionary authorized the three different ways.

There was great applause at Pence's witticism, and Reed himself could not forbear to smile. After the Colorado man, had taken his seat the other slowly walked over, ex tended his hand and whispered, "Let's go and have lunch."

The entente cordiale was completely restored from that hour.

Just after the senate adjourned one day recently a stout perspiring man, evidently from the country, and with, as was afterward revealed, an unmistakable Kentucky accent, walked into the room of the comhas increased greatly since that time. mittee on public lands, deposited his silk hat on the table and snapped his fingers at Senator Hansbrough's secretary. When the secretary approached he said:

"A large glass of Bourbon, sah, and don' insult me with watah on the side." "I think you've made a mistake, sir," re plied the secretary, "the restaurant is on the opposite side of the hall."

"Young fellow," answered the Kentuckian indignantly, "you simply don't know what you are talking about. 'Joe' Blackburn, Senatah Blackburn, if you choose, told me this was 'irrigation headquatahs,' and 'Joe' nevah made a mistake as to the location of 'trrigation headquatabs' in his life. Bring me that whisky, and bring it quick.

Senate document No. 2, the annual letter of the secretary of that body, contains an instructive inventory of public property under his control. In the secretary's own room there are two cuspiders; in the financial room 5, in the executive clerk's 3, in the chief clerk's 4, in the engrossing and enrolling room 3, in the stationery room 3, in the library 14, in the document room 4. Thirty-eight cuspidors in the eight subsidiary chambers controlled by the secretary of the most august legislative body in the world. This leaves out of account the provisions for the accommodation of ninety senators in the hall of the senate, as well as 64 committee rooms, the restaurant, bath rooms, barber shop, etc. At the same rate there ought to be about 600 cuspidors actually owned by the august body. Are we still a nation of spitters? Heaven for-

By the side of this cuspidor array, the entry of 264 packs of cards, 41 corkscrews, 432 boxes of parlor matches and 7 eyeshades among the stationery on hand, sink into the shadows of insignificance.

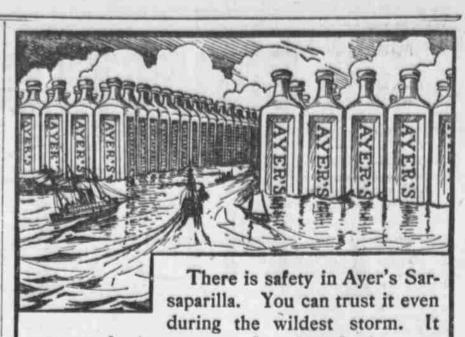
It is hinted in Washington that every time Secretary Moody thinks of Cannon in the speaker's chair he also thinks of what might have been. When Moody relinquished his place in the house he could not foresee that Henderson would resign the speakership. The Massachusetts man would have been a formidable candidate, and even had he been beaten by Cannon he probably would have succeeded that gentleman as head of the appropriations comnittee—a position of great power, as Moody well knows. Still more, he might have stepped to the front as a party leader in the house, with a prospect whose uttermost confines would possibly include the White House. All this is said to bring a faraway look into Secretary Moody's eyes once in a while.

> A Handsome Cup of Tea. Philadelphia Press.

The house of representatives has passed a bill to relieve tea in bonded warehouses from duty after January 1. The senate will promptly comply and the tea merchants will thus be relieved of the necessity of paying \$7,000,000 in duties or of shipping 70,000,000 pounds of tea to other They will probably be more watchful in the future and not get into another "hole" of that kind.

Where the Squeeze Comes In.

Cleveland Leader. One of the independent coal operators testified before the strike commission that he sold his coal to the railroad companies for \$2.50 a ten. The railroad companies confederate armies. These signs of inde- that price and what the consumer pays. It is easy to understand, therefore, where to put the blame for extortion.



protects, for it prevents. It quiets, for it cures. If you are weak and nervous and are tired all the time, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and know what it is to be well and strong.

Keep the liver active with Aver's Pills. Purely vegetable, gently laxative, a great aid to the Sarsaparilla. Ask your doctor about these medicines. He knows. He has the formula. J.C. ATER CO.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Sidney Clark of Black River, Wis., the nventor of the paper collar, is now, at the age of 93, at work on what he calls a spring

The oldest armorer in the United States still working for the government is Benjamin Hobbs of Springfield, Mass., having been so employed for over fifty years. The fact that James Carr of Greenfield, Mo., advertises his livery stable as "Carr's

horse cafe" causes something very much like a horse laugh even in that state. Charity Wiggins, a colored woman and the mother of the well known planist, Blind Tom, has just died at Birmingham, Ga. She was born in slavery and belonged to the family of General James N. Bethune.

General Andre, the French minister of

war, is seeking to improve the headgear of the French army. The present headwear is said to have contributed in no small degree to the many recent cases of sunstroke, Ex-Secretary Long, in a speech before Harvard university students several days ago, referring to athletics, said: "Base ball and foot ball have come since my days in college, but when I think of last fall I wish

Sir Liang Chen Tang, the new Chinese ninister to the United States, was once the star pitcher in the Phillips academy base ball team when it was regarded as the best organization of its kind in Massachusetts. This was twenty years ago.

When Dr. Lorenz was in Baltimore and as he was about to take his carriage in front of his hotel, a well known citizen and admirer took his solid gold watch from his fob and pressed it into his hand, telling him to keep it as a token of his admiration. Congressman Louderslager of New Jersey was among those who saw their majorities much reduced at the recent election. Babcock of Wisconsin reminded the easterner of this and "Loudy" replied contentedly:

"Oh, yes, the majority was reduced, but the salary remains the same Congressman Hepburn of Iowa does not expect that a great deal of work will be done at the session just opened, although he acknowledges that much legislation is needed. Someone asked him for his honest opinion as to the probabilities. "I shall draw my salary with characteristic

promptitude," was his suggestive reply. Leopold Paris, who first introduced Adelina Patti to the lyric stage, died in Philadelphia on Saturday last. He was a native of Rome, but had been an exile from his native land many years on account of his participation in the Italian revolts of 1849. He was 85 years old at the time of his death and had resided in Philadelphia twenty

PROSPERITY ATTRACTS SPANIARDS,

Many Return to Their Former Homes in Porto Rico and Cuba.

Philadelphia Press The Spaniards begin to realize the advantage of living in a country over which the United States flag floats and hundreds of them who went home to Spain from Porto Rico when that island became the property of the United States are now returning. In the last fiscal year 541 returned and the number has been increasing since June. They see that Porto Rico is prosperous and that they are better prothere than when at home in Spain.

Many have also returned to Cubs, being satisfied that under the Platt amendment to the Cuban constitution the United States will not permit that country to become a home for revolutions, such as characterized so many of the former Spanish colonies on this continent. With stable government, and no excessive taxation such as Spain imposed, both Porto Rico and Cuba are certain to be prosperous. Porto Rico is already in that condition, and Cuba, under a fair reciprocity treaty with the United States, would be equally certain of

prosperity if provided with a good govern-

The sugar erop of Porto Rico for this year is the largest, with one exception, ever produced, and next year's crop will probably be the largest. There has been a considerable increase in the area of tobacco culture and progress is marked in all directions. In 1897, under the Spanlards, there were 538 schools on the island, whereas there are now nearly 1,000. The death rate has greatly decreased, more land is cultivated, new roads have been built, exports and imports have increased and the healthy progress and stendy advancement noted is as attractive to Spanlards as to other nationalities.

In the Philippines the same kind of prosperity is springing up, though Porto Rico has the advantage in the people who make up her population and in closer proximity to the United States. But nothing is more certain in this world's affairs than the future prosperity of the Philippines. as well as that of Porto Rico.

POINTED REMARKS.

Boston Transcript: First Politician—Occurse, you consider yourself master of the situation? nd Ditto-Guess you haven't heard of

Chicago Tribune: The Doctor-There is nothing in the world the matter with you but laziness. The scientific name of it is cinariasis. The Patient-What! Cin-cin-well, let it go. It's too much work to say it.

Washington Star: "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "express high sentiments 'cause dey's naturally good, an' some does it jes' to throw off suspicion." Detroit Free Press: Mean Old Man-I don't believe your story, nor believe that you are blind. Prove it. Beggar—If I wasn't blind I never would have asked you for assistance.

New York Press: "Brooks," said Rivers, "second time you've used the term "aching void. How can a yold ache?"
"Well." said Brooks reflectively, "not to speak of a hollow tooth, don't you some-

imes have the headache?" Baltimore American: Maggsby—I noticed that Fetherher used vinegar instead of maple drip on his cakes at breakfast and didn't seem to notice the difference at all. Waggsby—I wender who the poor girl can be!

Chicago Post: "When it comes to mar-riage I wouldn't give a thought to how much the man I love is making," remarked the dreamy eyed girl.

"Neither would I," answered the practical damsel. "What would primarily interest me would be how much he had already made. There's no use taking chances."

DEAR SANTA CLAUS.

Philadelphia Catholic Standard. "Dear Santa Claus," our first-born wrote,
"I want a sled, a nice new coat,
A soldler man 'at's got a gun,
A train of choo-cheo cars 'at run,
Some candy and a billy-goat—"

Ah! Santa Claus, we loved to quote The full text of that childish note. He was our first, our only one, Dear Santa Claus.

But since his babyhood remote
More babes have come on whom we dote,
And though they write as he had done,
We do not think it now much fun,
You've cost us many a dollar-note,

A HEART BREAKING SITUATION.

Chicago Post. believe 'twas to Louise went down upon my kneed In the darkness of the hall; But fair Eva looks my way With a smile that seems to say, "You to me are all in all."

I believe I met Louise, And. without e'en "If you please," Clasped her fondly in my arms; But the twilight had set in, And fair Eva is her twin, With the same delightful charms.

I believe it was Louise Whom I dared to boldly seize In an ecstasy of bliss; But fair Eva's meaning smile Makes me wonder all the while Which one really got the kiss.



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