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The grim reaper seems to keep his scythe sharpened all the year round.

For the dying year death always comes promptly at the predicted time.

shows that they are bound to be in the citles, recent reports stating that pov- greater reason why no strict guaranty style.

Had Venezuela been able to raise the the corn laws. England has enlarged wind, it could have raised the blockade her empire by annexing the South much sooner.

Nebraska implement men come next as Omaha's guests. Make ready the implements of hospitality.

. From the number of elephants employed it is clear that the Curzon festivities are to be a big thing.

Omaha can be made a great grain fort. It is worth working for.

the Fair will contest are now shattered.

THE CLOSING FEAR. position to control markets in the Orl- from tampering with the council. Why The year 1902 has contributed much ent? The maintenance of the open door should taxpayers of Omaha be compelled that is notable and valuable to the policy undoubtedly depends a great deal to wait for a decision from the federal world's history. For this nation it has upon the position of the United States, courts, or the supreme court of Nebeen a period of progress in all directions, of growth in power, influence and would certainly be very much weakened legislature can give them relief by like the records of a boom town" says a prestige. We have had unbounded busi- if in the Philippines we discriminate knocking out the railroad taxation letter in the Philadelphia Ledger, "and ness prosperity, bountiful harvests that against other countries. The question clause? have richly rewarded the industry of raised merits the very careful attention

labor in mill and factory, unprecedented

activity in transportation, heavy invest-

ments of capital in industrial enterprises

and a marked development of resources

along all lines. In material well-being

The United States is playing a large

part in the world and it is doing so

in the interest of peace and civilization.

In this second year of the twentleth

century no other nation has done so

much for the betterment of mankind.

We have given to an allen people, a

government of liberty and law, with

every assurance of future care for their

interests and welfare. We have as-

sisted in establishing a new republic.

modeled upon oursown political insti-

tutions and which we are pledged to pro-

tect in its independence and ald in its

material development. We have taught

to submit to arbitration their claims

tries of this part of the world that the

eign aggression, but requiring of them

yet there is a great deal of destitution

plane than does ours at this time.

the producers, a constant demand for of congress. GUARANTIES OF ARBITRATION.

or assumption that guarantees of the ex- recently recognized it. The immense thority will undertake the collection of have pointed toward South America. whatever damages may be found to be With a large German population already

due from Venezuela. No such result is in some of the states, it is natural that necessarily implied in international ar- the aggressive spirit of the mother nabitration as it has been resorted to or tion should be dissatisfied with an inas is provided for in The Hague treaty, ternational rule whose maintenance Nor is it probable that President Roose- bars it from the chance of territorial acvelt would in any event have consented quisition in a whole confinent. The to act on such terms.

where governments as third parties

have stood by with drawn swords to ention could still resort to other remedies sible the Milwaukee will resume its plan previously at its command.

today the influence of the United States pay. But as no such case has yet arisen, citizens of Omaha certainly will not lay the disease. Each man has a shelter tent upon international affairs that touch its it is not necessary to cross that stream down even if it takes years to fight it and there is a big A tent used as a kitchen. interests is greater than ever before. before coming to it. The usual method out. European countries have been less when war is resorted to and the infavored than ours in the past twelve- demnity required by the conqueror canmonth, many of the people of some of not be paid is to appropriate territory, them having experienced severe hard- but the Monroe doctrine forbids this re-

British trade for the year has been good, Europe. The refusal or the sheer in-The merger of the Denver labor unions in England, especially in the larger if it be conceived as possible, is all the ability of Venezuela to pay an award, erty is more general and distressing of enforcement can be exacted.

WHAT WERE THEY ELECTED FORT

year is not being relieved and great In other words, every member of the numbers of her people are out of em- delegation is reputed to be pledged to ployment and destitute. The conditions surrender his own convictions to the market, but nothing comes without ef- in Austria-Hungary and Italy are no will of the majority, and to take nobody better and France is by no means into his confidence except by permission

th prove in the same class with St. Petersburg stating that the governhas its only counterpart in the now fament is face to face with the grave mous St. Louis councilmanic agreement problem of how best to feed 15,000,000 which bound the members of the com-The glowing accounts now being sent hungry peasants scattered over numer- bine not to speak except through the out regarding Grover Cleveland's health ous provinces. Throughout Europe, in chosen spokesman. From the dark rewill hardly escape the eye of Colonel short, many more millions of people are cesses of the chamber in which the now feeling the pinch of poverty than Douglas delegation has held its secret a year ago and the governments gen- conferences the public is assured that A New Year's day reunion and jollifi- erally are finding in this the most the prime object of this extraordinary cation of all the beneficiaries of Gov- troublesome and difficult problem with policy is to promote the public welfare ernor Savage's pardon pen with the which they have to deal. But they con- and forestall adverse criticism. How great pardoner as guest of honor would tinue to heavily burden their people with the public welfare is to be promoted by taxation to maintain great military a refusal to discuss public issues in pubestablishments and there is no promise lie can only be surmised by the tip given of a change from this policy. to the Real Estate exchange by one of The American people will say farewell the spokesmen of the keep-it-dark deleto 1902 with a feeling of gratitude for gation when asked what position he and what it gave them in such rich abund- his associates would take with regard to

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the An Apostrophe to Watterson's Melli- Will Congress Take the Matter Up and Metropolis,

"The accounts of the high prices paid for real estate on Manhattan Island road

many people are wondering if a reaction will set in. Prices continue to advance to sensational figures. This particularly is true in the business sections and in the more aristrocratic residential districts, and it is true to some extent in every other There is no end of irrelevant arsertion the government by inference may have part of the Island. The reason is plain. The city is capable of almost indefinite ecution of the finding of the arbitrators expansion of German foreign trade has which is the heart of the city, its center must be had in the sense that some au- raised visions of colonial empire which of business, of amusement and of art, is restricted to a fixed territory that can never be enlarged. Hence the owner of real estate on Manhattan island has from one point of view a monopoly. Its value must necessarily increase as the trade and commerce of the city grows."

After a wedding at Grace church the other afternoon, relates the Evening Post, there was a street scene that in its composition and pictorial value was like a bit from a play. When the bridal party came out of the church they stopped for a mois upheld and almost invariably the ex- trine, but there is not the slightest pos- stantly traffic was stopped and a crowd press pledge of the parties is made to sibility of such a movement at present, formed on the sidewalk-the audience. The bride made a conspicuous figure because of her dress and the background of smartly attired attendants. Each woman that joined the sidewalk audience, said The new year will open with a poor softly and apparently unconsciously, "Ain't she sweet?" then began a critical inven-Three or four dirty-faced urchins tory. came out of Ninth street with a rush, saw the throng and wormed their way through into the first row and waited for something self clearly in the wrong and forfeiting Harriman interests, which will inevi- to happen. A spruce young usher furnished the respect of the civilized world, while tably result in construction of a great the excuse. He had gotten a bag of rice and when he and the others began to toss it over the bride the urchins set up a shrill cheer and clamored for "jest a Henry's song. This feeble chirp of ours is little handful."

mere sacrificial tribute to his mellifluour flood. When the skylark trolls his midair Up in Morningside park, in Harlem, by lay, what does the cricket hope to do upon permission of the city, says a New York its lowly perch? When Rizzio shakes the letter, there has been a camp of about a 30,755 other countries. There is no doubt that for the debtor or offending nation to tax-shirking railroad. The taxpaying They are taking the new open-air cure for night with song, let meaner minstrels squat.

> CORN REGAINING LOST GROUND. The men take turns doing the cooking for the camp and a sort of voluntary military Increased Demand Abroad Shown in discipline is maintained, the most robust

man of the lot-and the term is rather pitiable at that-having been chosen to boss the outfit when the camp was established.

The men are visited every day by the physician in charge of them, who is positive that the open-air scheme is the only way of curing pulmonary diseases. The men are very warmly clad in several sults of heavy underwear, but they are not permitted to have any sort of a fire in or around their shelter tents and they are required to keep on the move as much as possible during the hours of the day. At night they sleep in their shelter tents under heavy bedding, but their heads are a navy and bombardment of a fort as a exposed to the cold air, of course. The medical man having them in charge maintains that the more frigid air they breathe while thus comfortably wrapped up in their bedding the better are their chances If our millionires want to do one of the of being cured. Other features of the open- trade of the United States \$50,000,000 over NEBRASKA POETS ON NEW YEAR. greatest services to the human race that is air cure are a diet consisting very largely possible to them, why don't they engage of raw eggs, unlimited quantities of pure Dr. Lorenz to live in America, at a sufmilk and a certain emulsion of mixed fats. which has attained a big vogue over here favor a fine business with Europe in many even among persons who are only in a

run-down physical condition.

The funniest version of English in the import wheat rather than dispose of a city, reports the Times, is that heard at surplus and the Argentine exports of grain ture to pass an act making it a crime for inese kindergarten, and the quaintest

WHEN BENRY SINGS.

fluous Volce.

Washington Post.

man band and smothering him with Wag-

The proposition was that the status que

should be preserved and that there should

Perish the thought that anyone or any-

the Exports.

Cleveland Leader.

American exports of corn are steadily

increasing and the shipments of that grain

from the Danube valley to western Europe

as they were in December, 1900.

be no nonsense about it for the future.

EXCESSIVE FREIGHT RATES.

Do Something? Chicago Tribune.

Discrimination in railroad rates is grow-Colonel Henry Watterson juggles very ing. Extortion in rates is the crying evil prettily with words. In his melodious perinow. Under the new order of thinks no in ods we have the rebeck and the lute, the dividual is specially favored, but all are deep and thrilling timbre of the horn, the treated unjustly. Railroad combination has fiddle's wild complaint. He smites the done away largely with the favored shipper haro and wakes the palpitating pipe. He It is not so easy for him to extort cut rates sings as Sappho mang, upon the great while rock of Mitylene; yea, like Parthenfrom one road by threatening to turn his business over to another. But combination, ope herself. As Eurydice followed Or- which makes it possible to maintain unipheus, so has the star-syed goddess hung form rates, has also made it possible to fix upon the colonel's tuneful heels in this and maintain unjust rates.

otherwise sordid and unpoetic age. But According to Mr. Prouty, interstate comwhen Colonel Watterson flutes to us that merce commissioner, the overtaxation of the Monroe doctrine "took no account of imperialism in Brazil or royalty in is already a serious matter and threatens the public through excessive freight rate-Canada," we feel like hiring a little Ger- to become more serious. The railroads. says Mr. Prouty, promised, when they were

combining, that they would not raise rates Has Colonel Watterson examined the but rates have been advanced and are still Monroe doctrine very recently? We fancy advancing. There are now complaints of not, for if he had examined it, he would illegal charges before the courts which know that it took account of more things amount to a lump sum of \$400,000,000. On than Brazil and Canada. He would know the one item of anthracite alone, says Mr. that it took account of the two Gulanas, Prouty, the roads have been squeezing the the French and Danish colonies, and all consumers out of \$50,000,000 a year. the rest of them, and stipulated only that

Mr. Prouty has his plan for dealing with there must be no more of it. The United the railroad question. Other men have States government did not warn off the theirs. Congress has no plan and pays no premises anyone already in possession. It attention to the subject. This is chiefly simply said that the line was drawn, and because there is no general popular demand that it must not be disturbed thenceforth. for action. These are prosperous times, and Strange as it may appear, the men who most people take railroad rates as they were running this country at the time uncome. Whenever the pressure of rates is derstood that England, France, Holland, generally and seriously felt, and there is a Denmark and so on, were then in occupapopular demand for legislation, as there tion of certain areas and territories in the was when the interstate commerce law was western hemisphere, and frankly admitted enacted, congress will take the matter up their right to remain in such possession as and do something. long as it might suit their taste and fancy.

SMILES OF THE OLD TEAR.

Boston Transcript: Canvasser-Fys a book here Id like to show you. Busy Man-I've a buildog in the next room I'd like to show you. thing shall interrupt the flow of Colonel

> Somerville Journal: Slim Man-Say, old fellow, you've got one of your socks on wrong side out. Fat Man-Well, it doesn't make any difference to me

Chicago Tribune: "Pigeon shooting al-ways seems to me such an inhuman sport." "How can you call it that? Nebedy but human beings ever indulgs in it."

Detroit Free Press: "They say she has boolutely no leisure in her married life." "No; she married her husband to reform him

Philadelphia Record: "What a noisy thing that bass drum is," remarked the clarionet disgustedly. "Yes," replied the trombone, "just like a human being, isn't it?" "Like a human being?" "Yes, it's the one with the big head that makes the most noise."

are as regularly diminishing. The indications are that the exports of American maize for December will be three times

makes the most noise. as great as in the corresponding month of last year, though the shipments will hardly

Baltimore American: Waggsby-The most remarkable frankness I have ever seen! Naggsby-What's that? Waggsby-That dairy wagon that just went by was labeled "Crystal Brook Dairy." be more than 30 or 35 per cent as much The main thing is that the changes are con-

stantly in the right direction and they are

o Tribuns: "I beg your pardon, said the toastmaster, after the was over, "for introducing you in-Chicago Tribune: These conditions in the corn trade indi-These conditions in the corn trade indi-cate that the effects of a very had crop which cost Amgrican farmers the tem-porary loss of a big export trade in the most important American cereal will soon pass away and it seems reasonable to export that entry life the termination of the sector of the sector. The title fits me better than 'dector' dees. I profess to be a dector, but I get mighty little practice."

expect that corn alone will lift the total

the figures for the current year in 1903, un-

less there should be a serious loss in I saw an old friend turn away from me And slowly totter on his ancient cane, With labored steps, as one who suffers

pain, And dim, sad eyes that scarcely seemed to leading agricultural products, notwithstanding the excellent harvests of that I called his name, again, again, but he Was all unheeding, and the snow and rain Came in between with dull and misty continent last season. Australia must

stain

Old as Good as the New Philadelphia Press. It is not necessary to go to the trouble of getting up new resolutions for the New Year. The old ones can be worked over once again. Cut Out the Preface. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Arbitration is a good thing, but should never again be prefaced by the seizure of

prosperous. In Russia there is a deplor- of the majority of the delegation. All hopes that the Stratton will con- able state of affairs, a late report from This unique gentlemen's agreement

German people would hall with delight Where disputes are submitted to ar- a positive movement on the part of bitration of course an implied obligation united Europe to annul the Monroe doccarry out its decision. But no case of nor is it probable that it can ever be international arbitration can be cited consummated.

force the finding of the referees. It is prospect of peace among the great railalso true that no nation could refer a road systems especially interested in the matter to arbitration and then refuse to transcontinental traffic. A bitter war abide by the result without putting it- has sprung up between the Gould and a1,000 United States is their friend, ready the other party or parties to the arbitra- deal of new mileage and it is just pos-

for building to the coast. It is a conceivable case, although in

The Real Estate exchange committee Less unsold and returned copies 9,237 nation we love peace and that we desire arbitrating board might find an amount on taxation does not appear to be willing to be due which it would be impossible to lay down just to accommodate the

Time to Break Loose. The mad mullah has not been killed for almost two weeks and his friends are beship and privation. It is stated that sult in American countries as against ginning to feel uneasy about him.

African republics, but the taxation gation from Douglas county are reputed

than at any time since the repeal of The republican members of the dele

which the war made necessary bears to be under a pledge not to commit it heavily upon her people and her indus- or any of its members for or against means to collect private debts. tries. The British isles will not soon any issue that may come before the legrecover from the effects of the Boer islature until it has received the ap-

war. In Germany the industrial depres- proval or disapproval of a majority of

sion that has continued throughout the the delegation in star chamber session.

ficient income, and let him cure the poor? Jug Handle Suggestion. In Nebraska the State Board of Charities and Corrections is arking the legisla-

and our influence in behalf of that policy brasks, when its representatives in the

There is no room to doubt that the Monroe doctrine is exceedingly unpopular with the German nation, however,

Watterson.

seem to be in order.

Footings of the city assessment coll show that the recent Board of Review is the only board that ever made any material increase in the totals returned by the tax commissioner.

From New York to Chicago in four hours is the promise held forth by an ambitious inventor. From Omaha to Lincoln in one hour is equally desirable and much more practicable.

And now the police commission hints that it will apply faith cure treatment to all liquor license ailments. In other words, ft has no faith in the circulation United States. Those governments nrged statements of the pretending Fakerles.

If that newly invented machine will really heat a room for \$1 a year, it must require extraordinary self control on the part of the inventor to refrain from selling them under existing circumstances.

Those South Omaha officials who are getting apprehensive over a prospective overlap might apply to the Omaha school board for consolation. Our school fund raised bearing upon the open door policy has a perennial overlap, but it never of this government and its determinadisturbs school board members.

Down in Lancaster county a bank that an executive proclamation of the combine that has been working the tax-"payers for county deposits without pay- sumed jurisdiction of the government of in Omaha which is assessed at less than ing the interest required by law has the Philippines, is not binding upon conbeen broken. There is no good reason gress now that that jurisdiction is in full whatever why Douglas county should operation. It also appears to be the not get interest upon its treasury balances, and it would get the interest products of other countries are admitted speedily if the responsible authorities went about it the right way.

British observers take comfort in the thought that so long as American manufacturers have the profitable home market at their command, there is no danger of American products supplanting Brit- land and Germany's business what we ish products either at home or in neutral do with the Philippine islands. It says markets. But had it not been for the in regard to the open door principle, that policy of protection American manufac- we have simply insisted that so long turers would not have had the home as China is recognized as an independmarket much less a foothold abroad.

Senator Teller is treading on the thin- this country. nest kind of ice in his effort for re-election. It is known that a number of the democratic members of the Colorado can establish free trade between the rates by the State Board of Equalizalegislature are strongly disposed to islands and this country and maintain tion and let this disagreeable duty be throw him overboard and to insist on an a prohibitive tariff in the Philippines on performed by the courts. But suppose out-and-out democrat, in spite of the fact that he publicly declared his ad- We may of right discriminate to the overruling and reversing the action of hesion to that party last summer. The most radical extent against our com- the Board of Review by buying up a prospect is for a long-drawn out contest, petitors for Philippine trade. But would majority of the city council, how would with a growing feeling that the demo- it be expedient to assert this right? the railroad taxation clause of the charcratic members cannot in any event be Should we not in doing so invite retalia- ter get into the courts? Suppose, on the held together long for him.

ance and will welcome 1903 in the con- the proposed repeal of the section of fident expectation, which all signs seem the charter that virtually exempts the to warrant, that it will contribute no railroads from local taxation. "The deleless liberally to their prosperity and gation would prefer not to touch this tion are not included. The aim of the happiness. matter, but leave it to the courts to set-

AN "OPEN DUOR" QUESTION.

tle," was the response. This is cooler than a 30-below-zero Some months ago the British and Gerbreeze. It is a declaration in so many man governments protested against the words that the Douglas delegation remission of the export duty, \$7.50 a ton. would prefer to be excused from dis on hemp from the Philippines to the charging its plain duty and leave the taxpayers, who have for years borne the that this discrimination against them is burdens that should justly have been an infraction of the open door policy, for imposed upon the railroads, to the ten which the United States has earnestly. der mercles of these corporations until contended in the far east, and expressed the highest courts have pronounced upon the hope that it will not be continued. the constitutionality of the tax-exempt-The correspondence in the matter is now ing clause of the charter. In the hands of the senate committee on The question that will naturally force Philippine affairs and it is understood will receive consideration in connection with the pending Philippine tariff bill. This is the first question that has been

the congressional theory seems to be open door, made before congress as-1 per cent of its actual value, while all other property is assessed at 100 cents on the dollar? opinion of some that as long as the How can any representative to the legislature justify himself in surrendering

into the Philippines on equal terms with his own individual convictions by shift our own, no foreign nation can complain ing the obligations imposed upon him by that we have closed the door because a his constituents on the plea that he is Philippine product is laid down in San tied hand and foot to do only that which Francisco cheaper than in some ports of the majority of his colleagues will per-Europe. The San Francisco Chronicle mit him to do, even when his action or

takes the view that it is none of Eng- attitude is in conflict with his own honent nation she shall observe, and he sented as expressing a desire to be ex-

permitted to observe, her treaties with cused from striking out that portion of

a husband to desert his wife. How foolish to expect a legislature of men to pass such a law! Acting upon the suggestion, they may pass a law making it a criminal offense for a wife to desert her husband.

Chicago Chronicle.

Opportunity for Millionaires.

Brooklyn Eagle,

Portland Oregonian.

Can We Live Without Them? **Haltimore** American

The highly dangerous habit of kissing having been called by special legislation to the attention of the public, the practice of hand-shaking has next been haled before the medical bar to give reason why it should not be banished from modern society as harboring objectionable germs. It looks as though we were gradually working back to the old days when clothes were made out of armorplate.

Whooping Up the Farmers' Trust. Philadelphia North American.

The farmers are trying to organize trust, but it will be seen that among the announced purposes of the combination limitation of products, destruction of compe tition and dividends on fictitious capitalizafarmer is not Morganization of agriculture. He desires to encourage improvements in methods, increase the crops, obtain a fair price for farm products and get a square deal from the railroads. Success to the farmers' trust and more power to its arm!

Acrograms in a Storm.

Victor Smith in New York Press. While the storm was thickest on Satur day afternoon, about 3:30, I stood on top of the Chesebrough building, 17 State street, reading acrograms from Concy Island and Fort Wadsworth. Not an object in the harbor was visible, but the blizzard's fury did not retard messages in the slightest degree. As a matter of fact, a great precipitation of snow or rain serves to increase

the efficacy of the wireless system. Aerograms fly all the faster and truer as the elements destroy or embarrass the existing

PILORIMS KNEW BEANS.

Primitive New England Knowledge Which Was Scent Elsewhere.

Boston Globe The glory of the New England forefathers is not likely to soon fade from the earth. In New York, Philadelphia, in the west, and, in fact, wherever we cast the eye we find ready representatives of the Pilgrim Fathers assembled to sound their virtues and glorify their names at this season.

In New York and elsewhere some at tempts have been made to imitate the Pilgrim Fathers in the bills of fare served. How puerile it looks to try to imitate the Pilgrim bill of fare in the Waldorf-Astoria and similar fashionable gatherings! Even if they had the food they haven't the men and the parlors of fashionable hotels are not the places to display them.

But it may surprise a good many New Yorkers to know that the Plymouth colony raised potatoes as early as 1862, and that about the same time Gosnold's colony raised onts and barley. In fact, right here in Boston we raised beans as early as 1602, and forty-two years afterward they had the concelt to think that they knew beans in Manhattan and Virginia. The fact is that the Pilgrim Fathers

vere a plain, blunt, unvarnished set of felthe charter which permits the railroads lows. Hes. Dr. Twing, president of the Weatern Renarve university, lately stated that the Pilgrim Fathers were even a very uneducated set of men. Not one of them, he said, except Brewster, had ever seen the inside of a college.

Yet few men have ever been more honored at seats of learning, especially by Harvard university, and by other colleges. It was not that they were learned, but that they were men of character and convic-

All honor to the Pilgrim Fathers! We will even forgive them, though they allowed ting site other than Central park, and to history to cheat Cape Cod out of the real the selection of that spot there would be tion on the part of countries that are in other hand, that the railroads refrain honor of boing their first place of landing. | strong public opposition.

in New York little small, pig-tailed persons who go to 111/2 Mott street to weave paper mats and learn their first pothooks. Some twenty or twenty-five of them gather around the teacher each day. The muster roll is much longer, but they are excessively irregular as well as unpunctual in their attendance. The Chinese empire may be founded upon competitive examinations, but those members of it found in Chinatown have apparently little conception of the value of education. That they have some is proved by the fact

that three-fourths of the pupils are boys, while a good percentage of the girls are little 'half-and-halfs," whose mothers do not consider the education of the kindergarten too advanced for their daughters. A desire to have the children learn English, the difficulty of sending them to the public schools on account of the teasing of other children, and a vague knowledge of the Gerry society which permeates the quarter, are other elements conducing to increage the attendance.

As for the little Chinese girls, not one of them is to be seen on the street after she is 12 years old. She sits at home with her mother, doing Chinese sweatshop work on the loose mer garments worn by the men of the price. One never sees a woman on the streets of Chinatown.

Beneath stout bars guarding a wide arched window in the United States assay office, in Wall street, thousands of dollars worth of little gold bricks, the honest and true kind, pass every day from Uncle Sam's coffers to the hands of jewelers and bankers. And all that Uncle Sam charges for the exchange is 5 cents on \$100 for the small ones.

The bars Uncle Sam dispenses are of two general sizes, the \$5,000 size for bankers and the \$150 size for jewelers, the small size being about an inch and a quarter long. three-quarters wide and perhaps half an inch or less in thickness. Very often they run up to \$200 or even more in value. Their size adapts them to the size of the jeweler's crucible. As for the banker, he does not melt his gold; he contents himself with shipping it back and forth across the ocean. A remarkable feature of the exchange of legal tender for gold bars is that one cannot always get just the amount he wishes. If a jeweler or bunker wishes \$10,000 in gold bullion Uncle Sam gives him as near that amount as he possibly can. It may be \$9,970.50 or \$10,000.30, because the bars vary in size and weight and practically all of them have odd cents in their value. Two bars the cashler handed out one day recently were stamped \$531.70 and \$123.10.

In buying gold bars the purchaser first tells the cashier at the assay office how much he wishes. The cashier comes as near this amount as he can with the bars on hand, and then the purchaser goes next door to the subtreasury, where he deposits his legal tender, gold certificates, greenbacks or gold coin, for the amount designated by the assay office cashier as the searest to the desired amount, receiving therefor a certificate which, upon presentation at the assay office, insures the delivery of the hars. But before they may be taken away the recipient must sign for them in the register, which lies open beneath the bars of the wide arched window

Something short of seven years hence it will be 300 years since the Hudson river was discovered, and already numerous representatives of old Holland families in New York state and city are considering plans for fitting celebration of the tricentenary. A committee appointed by the Holland society to outline some scheme includes such good old names as Van Dyke, Van Norden, Van Wyck, Roosevelt, Banta, etc. A good many of the members favor a world's fair, but there is the embarrasament that New York City has no fit-

the Conservative Americans sometimes have

by no means slow.

serious doubts about special features of the financial situation, such as the fate of certain heavily watered trusts, but there is no room for uncasiness concerning such basic elements of our natural prosperity as the abundance of great staples of the soil and the size of the surplus which

some other direction. Natural conditions

can be sent to other markets, PERSONAL NOTES.

Prince Leopold Ferdinand of Saxony thinks America is the only country in which

to start life afresh. There are some lives that sadly need starting afresh. Governor Vates of Illinois has abandoned his trip to Cubs and expects to return from Florida and spend New Year's day in the

executive mansion at Springfield. It is said upon reliable authority that when J. P. Morgan and King Edward went to a pleasant little game of bridge at Ambassador Choate's recent affair the band be-

gan to play "God Save the King." Commissioner General Sargeant of Washington, who was grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen for seventeen years, has been presented by the

order with a handsome silver service of 191 pieces. C. P. Harder, now postmaster of Danville Pa., enlisted as a drummer boy in the union army in 1861 at the age of 10 years and months, and now claims to have been the youngest soldier to enlist in the war. He

was the youngest of five brothers, all of whom entered the union army. Gilbert's pooh bah does not compare with Lord Ragian, governor of the Isle of Man. He is president of both houses of the island

an absolute monarch.

parliament, he can initiate laws and taxaion, he is chancellor of the exchequer, resident of the government board, chief ustice of the courts, admits members to the par, is head of the military forces and po-

Ab, well, he was not always over kind: Nay, often even cruel, I confess. Yet, strange at parting I but call to mind His better deeds, his sometime tenderness. And I am glad, since we no more shall meet The bitter to forget and keep the sweet.

ISABEL RICHEY

The old year wore a robe of green. With many garlands of sweet flow'rs. And fastened with the golden sheen Of shining, shimm'ring, dreamy hours.

And then the ripening summer time Made him a garment of spun gold, With gleaming emeralds at each line And beauty lurking in each fold.

Rich autumn changed his brilliant dress To sober brown and quiet gray, And rubies gave it loveliness, Burning with light of closing day.

And now the spirit of the snow Bestows a cloak of fleecy white, Bedecked with diamonds that show Unrivaled splendor day and night

The signal fires of the sun Proclaim the dying of the year; His spring and summer time are gone, The winter of his life is here.

He meets the new year, fair and glad; He turns to greet him at death's door, And smiles to see him gaily clad In the last mantle that he wore. BELLE WILLEY GUE

The Year is drawing to a close; Old Year, good-bye! To some 'twas filled with joys; to others,

woes; Old Year, good-bye! We leave the past with deep regrets and

tears, hours misspent have added to our For

years. And to the future look for recompense. When we may gain more wisdom and more

Old Year, good-byel

Theu glad New Year, we welcome thee; All hall, New Year! And may your coming fill with glee; All hall, New Year! Our new resolves will be our lives to make More worthy, less of sin and grave mis-takes; And if our efforts fruitful to the end We'll mourn thy waning days as some lost friend:

lice, besides being commandant of the pris-

ons. In fact he is invested with such multifriend; All hall, New Year! form authority that he may be regarded as

CORYDON ROOD.



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est convictions and when he believes it to be detrimental to the public welfare? The dominant majority of the Douglas

delegation to the legislature is repre-There is no doubt as to our right to do to evade their taxes by having their

as we please with the Philippines. We property in Omaha assessed at mileage goods of other countries than our own. that the railroads should succeed in

tion will be important. It is said that What other natural inference can be enterests and wishes of their constituents? tertained than that they have mortgaged themselves to the corporations that own \$25,000,000 worth of property

itself upon the mind of every taxpaying citizen is, What are they there for? What object is there in electing repre- standard line service. sentatives to the legislature if they will deliberately decline to represent the in-