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Not a single populist in the new congress. Explanation-finished by fusion.

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GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

The atmospheric disturbance that precedes city elections in Omaha has been sighted by the Weather bureau.

It is now a tossup whether President Francis or the Louislana Purchase exposition is attracting the most attention in the public prints.

Sifting is reputed to be the most profitable branch of the legislative industry. That is why competition for sifting committee places is always most active.

If there are any kinks in the local prosperous building season.

While the rivers are overflowing along the lower Mississippi valley, the lie opinion? Is that body to be always Big Muddy remains peaceful because it indifferent to what the people think to is a trifle early for it to gather strength from the melting snows in the moun-

Before appropriating money to pay the wolf bounty claims, proof should be required to show that the scalps cashed in bave not done previous service as prize winners in Colorado, Wyoming or South Dakota.

Councilmen who refuse to allow the people of Omaha to determine for themselves whether they are in favor of granting a franchise that would supply this city with cheap power will discover before many months that the people will not trust them with another term in the council.

The supreme court decision on the assessment and taxation of franchised corporations should not be nullified by whip-saw legislation. The corporations enjoy valuable franchises and privileges and should by rights pay a tax proportionate to the capitalization of these properties on which they earn interest and dividends.

Senator Quay has ventured the prophesy that instead of three new states in the union places will have to be made next time for four new states. It is possible that eventually we may admit a still greater number of new states, but every one should come in on its own merits-not by climbing into an omnibus chartered by other passen-

Montana's legislature adjourned without reaching an agreement on the proposition for an appropriation for the state's participation in the St. Louis World's fair. If he is only approached properly and by the right authorities, perhaps W. A. Clark will come to the rescue just to go a little better than Marcus Daly did for the Omaha expo-

The legislature is asked to appropriate \$24,000 toward the maintenance of the Home for the Friendless. There is no more reason why the state should maintain a home for the friendless than for the homeless or for the shiftless. Every county in the state is presumed to take care of its indigent, which includes the aged and infirm as well as the improvident, who have become objects of charity.

If any public improvements are contemplated for Omaha that will require the issue of bonds to provide the necessary funds, provision should be made to have the proposition formulated at once and submitted at the coming spring election. It is important that the work of extending our area of paved streets and perfecting our sewerage system should not be allowed to lag because the intersection paving or sewer funds already voted do not hold out.

Republicans in the legislature and in do as it pleases. the state house should remember that the party is still on probation and that which it makes for itself in administration and legislation. The fact that a larger number of republicans hold seats in the present lawmaking body than in any preceding legislature since Nebraska became a state does not signify lease of power, regardless of what course it may pursue. On the contrary, the overwhelming republican majorities responsibility.

Fifteen years ago Nebraska gave 28,000 plurality to Benjamin Harrison. Two years later it elected a democratic governor, and that disaster was followed by a succession of defeats that turned the state into the Bryan column in 1896 and made its redemption for 1900 a herculean task. The prime cause of populism in Nebraska was railroadism and boodlerism in the republican party. When the party surrendered to the railroad domination, the people repudlated the party. Had the fusion reformers lived up to their pledges to the people, they would have been in power in Nebraska today. Their collapse, while partly due to restored prosperity, was mainly caused by the recreant betrayal of public trust on the

who sold out to the railroads. If the present republican legislature disappoints the rank and file of the party by failing to carry out the promises made for them in the last campaign they will jeopardize party success both this year and next year.

part of lawmakers and office holders

REBUKING MR. CANNON. Intelligent public opinion will be little influenced by what Senator Tillman has said in rebuke of Representative Cannon for his remarks upon the methods of the United States senate, but it may be affected by the attitude of Senators Hale and Allison, both of whom found

fault with the speech of Mr. Cannon,

We have heretofore referred to the

remarks of the latter and heartly approved of them. We still believe that Mr. Cannon was absolutely right in what he said condemnatory of the practice of the senate and we do not doubt that the intelligent opinion of the country is practically unanimous in support of his position. It may be true, as senator Hale is reported to have said, that the statement made by Mr. Cannon was "a breach of the privileges," but that fact does not deprive it of its significance and force. It remains true that everything said by Mr. Cannon was absolutely justified by the circumstances and was stated in language labor situation with reference to the none too strong. Senator Allison is building trades, they should be straight. | quoted as saying that the rules of proened out at once to clear the way for a cedure of the senate "will be settled by the body itself in accordance with Its own best judgment." Very well;

but is the senate never to consider pubbe right, as indicated through their representatives in the popular branch of congress? In so far as matters originating in the senate are concerned, if the majority are willing to allow the minority to say whether or not such proposed legislation shall pass well and good, but when a majority of the house of representatives have declared in favor of certain legislation it is not well that a minority of the senate should be able to defeat it

The American people are heartily tired of that "so atorial courtesy" which permits a few men to hold up important measures and thwart the popular will and they are growing more and more determined to put a stop to this sort of thing. Whether senators in love with the traditional methods of the senate like it or not, the great majority of the people are in hearty accord with what Mr. Cannon said in his speech near the closing hours of congress. It may not have the desired result of correcting the faults of the senate, but it has called public attention to them and there is reason to at least hope that it will have a good effect.

RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA.

Perhaps there is nothing which the average American citizen takes less interest in than the question of trade reciprocity with Canada, and yet it is a matter of first-class importance, which coner or later will have to receive very serious consideration. We cannot lose sight of the fact that the Dominion is a very close and intimate neighbor and that while a British possession it is in all other respects virtually Amer-

We should never lose sight of that fact. We should never forget that in spite of the confessed loyalty of Canada to Great Britain the bottom and own no property and have no other incontrolling feeling, after all, is really pathy with what belongs on this side of the ocean, with what is distinguished from Europeanism. The sentiment of imperialism, of affection for the 'mother country," is unquestionably very strong in Canada, but we venture to think that a majority of the Canatest, refuse to yield to the least degree ing for its aid or consent. the privileges they now enjoy at the and to all intents and purposes the com-

plete arbiter of her own destiny. In this situation Canada must be conwhich is true, but it is something more

In dealing with Canada, therefore, the United States is dealing with a country empire, is practically independent. What, then, should be our policy in re. the day. spect to trade negotiations? May we not reasonably ask that any arrangement we may make with Canada shall that the party has secured a perpetual lating to England? At present Canada legitimate demand that that policy shall Twentieth century progress. representatives with a greater sense of reciprocity between the Dominion and the United States?

THE CURPORATION CAMEL. When the camel attempts to wedge his way through an enclosure he first inserts his nose, then his head, then his bump and finally lands on the inside with his whole body. That is precisely the method which the railroad corporations and their allies, the franchised corporations, have been pursuing at Lincoin since the opening of the legislature. First the corporation nose was projected Into the organization of the two bouses, then it inserted its skull and ears into the legislative committees, then it began to wedge its big hump into both houses and finally expects to hand on its feet without further resistance before the legislature adjourns for good.

At first the railroad lawyers and railassault upon the railroad entrenchments it down. by the commercial bodies and taxpayers of Omaha and Lincoln for legislation to

Next the railroad lawyers and lobby game of bunco by which they have for efficiency and capacity of the men. years managed to shift the tax burdens upon the shoulders of other property owners and other interests subject to taxation.

And now they have the audacity to demand a revision that will not only legalize their impositions, but to increase the tax levy on other interests while they are reducing their own. The success of the railroad lobby has spurred the lobby of the Omaha franchised corporations to follow suit with ingeniously contrived amendments to the revenue laws that would nullify all that has been accomplished through the proceedings instituted in the courts by the Omaha Real Estate exchange.

for the assessment and taxation of tion in congress. these corporate properties. But by some mysterious influence a provision has been inserted in the new revenue bill by which this basis of assessment and taxation so far as it relates to telephone, telegraph and express companies poned till warm weather. would be discarded and the tangible value of their real estate and chattel property with one year's gross receipts added would constitute the basis of their assessment. The plan is to put the other public service corporations in the same class.

In other words, instead of assessing the franchised corporations named on the aggregate market value of their bonds and stocks it is proposed to assess them on the aggregate value of their real estate and personal property and let one year's gross receipts be added as representing the value of their franchise. On such a basis the franchised corporations of Omaha included in the special list would be relieved from paying from 30 to 50 per cent of the taxes that they are obliged to pay

under the supreme court decision. Manifestly, if it was right to tax one the gross receipts basis it would be unjust and unreasonable to tax another class of municipal franchise corporations on the bond and stock value basis. As a natural sequence the street railway company has employed all its influence English that the combined franchised from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of taxable property, are pooling issues with the railroad camel.

A few property owners in South Omaha and a good many people who terest in South Omaha except political American-that is, a sentiment in sym- rake-offs and jobs have rung the town bell to sound an alarm over the awful menace of annexation to Omaha. They claim to have discovered in a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the merging of city and county governments, in whole or in part, a deep-laid conspiracy on the part of Omaha to dian people would, if brought to the swallow up South Omaha without wait-

A close inspection of the bill does not behest of the imperial government, bear out this conclusion. In the first That is to say, Canada wants and will place, the proposed amendment is not insist upon retaining all of the independ- automatic. It cannot be ratified before ence she now has, which in effect makes 1904 and no steps can be taken to put her practically free of Great Britain it into effect until after the legislature of 1905 makes provision for a partial or complete consolidation of county and city governments. In the next place, sidered in any relation between that it will take a majority of the votes cast country and the United States: The in the whole county to legalize any common thought of course is that the merger of the duplicate machinery of Dominion is a colony of Great Britain, city and county government. By the time that stage is reached, one-half the than this. It has a very distinct au- people who are now making a great tonomy and a government so far inde- outery will either have left South

REPUBLICANS SHOULD REMEMBER. laws and in nearly every other respect from their political grafts and therefore entirely indifferent.

In the long run Omaha and South Omaha are bound to become one city its future depends upon the record which, while being a part of the British in name as they already are in fact. Omaha as there is now a Greater New York, a Greater Chicago, a Greater St. be absolutely free from conditions re- Los Angeles. The advent of Greater Ounha may be put off a few years,

> If Councilman Karr imagines he can spired solely in the public interest he the government says goes. lamentably underrates the popular intelligence. The people of Omaha know as well as he knows that the open door only tangible proposition pending be-Councilman Karr nor Councilman Haschise ordinance to the people at the coming election, can make satisfactory explanation why they will not trust the people of Omaha to decide for themselves whether they want to grant this franchise or not. If they want it they surely ought to have the right to say Sam warmly by the hand and said: so-if they do not want it no harm can road lobby simply sought to parry the come from giving them a chance to vote

No man going into a skilled trade excompel the railroads to bear their share pects to earn as high wages in six name and address and I will send you my of city taxation in proportion to the months as the man who has worked in magazine for a whole year, twelve copies, value of their property within the city the line for six years. The same rule limits. By vigorous bulldozing they that requires apprentices in the trades pried Lincoln from Omaha and turned to start at the bottom and work up and police force. Let the probationartate revenue revision laws that would steady and faithful service and the deenable the railroads to continue the partments will gain materially in the

That Bartley investigating committee mystery or it can be made a farce, as other day. the members are disposed to go at the task in earnest with the intention of probing thoroughly or with indifference with the expectation of accomplishing nothing. Armed with full authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and require answers to questions, it is up to the committee to shoulder the re- in 1969." sponsibility.

One condition of Senator Gorman's that the minority senators would fol- dinner with us." Under the decision of the supreme low his leadership as a unit whenever a know where there is a nice, quiet place court the market value of the stocks definite policy was adopted. If there and bonds of corporations that supply is to be a test of factional strength bemunicipal utilities, including water, tween the Kansas City platform demolight, power, street railways and tele- crats and the reorganizers, it may dephones, constitute the basis of valuation velop first in the democratic representa-

A political oracle announces that several mayoralty boomlets are in cold storage. Perhaps that is the real reason our municipal election was post-

Cruel and Unusual Punishment. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The senate saloon has been abolished. Hereafter when a culprit is brought before the bar of the senate he will have to take

water.

Ha, Ha, My Proud Beauty.

Washington Post. The managers of the St. Louis fair are going to manage the board of lady managers problem by neglecting to provide anything for them to manage,

Others Do the Worrying Detroit Free Press.

Rome is again greatly alarmed about the condition of the pope. One reason why Leo XIII is alive at the age of 93 is because he has always let other people do the worrying about his health.

Look Up Materially. Indianapolis News.

Not only has the island of Guam been raised six inches out of the sea since the United States took possession of it, but class of public utility corporations on its revenues have increased from \$4,500 to \$49,000. Truly our influence and administration are beneficent.

Burdens on Young Shoulders,

San Francisco Call. It has been observed that since Justice Holmes, the son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, was elevated to the bench of the supreme to be accorded equal favor with the court of the United States he has written other corporations, which means in plain a larger proportion of the opinions of the court than any other member thereof. This corporations of Omaha, which represent literary ability or as an evidence that the older members of the court are inclined to saddle the bulk of the drudgery on the shoulders of the younger members.

SALARIES AND PROSPERITY. Folly of Foreing Prices to the Breaking Point.

Harper's Weekly

A gentleman's gardener came to him one

day last month and desired audience. Said "You use me well, air; I have nothing to complain of; but the under gardener bought a house two years ago, expecting to be able to make payments on it. He did make some payments, but subsistence—coal, meat, rent and the like-has come to be so dear that he has fallen behind and is likely to lose his house and all that he has paid on it. I think, perhaps, sir, you would think it well to give him some help." The gentleman assented and agreed to increase the under gardener's pay by a sum which the gardener thought would be sufficient. Then said he: "How does it go with yourself, James? Do you get along well?"
"Oh. I get along, sir, I have been able until lately to put aside part of my wages. cannot do that just now, but I am hoping for better times," The obvious moral of this true tale from real life is that the times are not equally good for all persons and that those whose incomes have long been fixed are not embarrassed by the riches which are advertised to be inundating the country. The better times which the gardener hopes for are likely to come by the automatic working of processes now operative. The general rise in the cost of in time the restriction of all constructive enterprise, until prices, declining to meet for a thrifty gardener who has a good job pendent that it can make its own tariff Omaha sitogether or will be pried loose to save something out of his pay.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched

on the Spot. People who struggle through the law half of life with a surplus of flesh have Municipal consolidation is the order of reason to rejoice over the hopeful pros-There will be a Greater pects of relief. A well-rounded front of the bay window order represents quite an investment. It is also quite a load. The problem is to handle it with becoming Louis, a Greater Depver, a Greater gentleness and reduce its prominence with out inconvenience or pain to the owner. That is what this great, benevolent government proposes to do. A division of the makes a preferential tariff in favor of but it is sure to come and all rational agricultural department is to wage war on English manufacturers. Is it not a people will accept the trend of superabundant fat, along scientific lines, of course, to the end that men or women who wobble under their burdens now may stand erect and walk as nimbly as when the bloom of youth flushed their cheeks. There make the people believe that his action is every reason to believe that the exon the open door ordinance was in- periment will be successful, for whatever

Of all American cities Washington is perhaps the only one, except Boston, where the guide is a fixed institution and guiding ordinance was gotten up by the man- a permanent profession. Sam Strachen is ager of the electric lighting company to one of the most interesting of this guild. prevent competition and frustrate the He is a veteran and was a protege of Thad Stevens, the leader of the house in the stormy periods of the civil war and reconfore the council to give the people struction days. Sam is not a guide to the cheaper power. In any event, neither capitol, that is, the interior of the big white edifice on the hill, but to the sights call, who have done their level best to other day he fell in with a prosperous, inblock the submission of the power fran-telligent appearing man, evidently a visitor. Sam guided him to and through the White House, treasury, monument, bureau of engraving and printing, Smithsonian, National museum, general postoffice, government printing office, the capitol and library. Then he guided the visited to a beer saloon, where he partook of copious libations at the visitor's expense. The visitor shook

"My dear sir, I am much obliged to you for your kindness in showing me about this beautiful city. I am the publisher of the Dash magazine, a most interesting monthly publication, and to show that I appreciate your kindness I want you to give me your one a month, free of charge, sir, free of charge, sir."

"That's all right," exclaimed Sam, taking a fresh grip on the visitors's hand; "that's the Lancaster delegation against House should apply to appointments on fire all right. I don't think I could eat mora than one magazine a month, not more than one, sir. In the meantime, a dollar will ies begin on a moderate salary with the help me to sustain life until the first magabribe distributers boldly sought to dic- incentive of increased pay following zine comes along, a dollar sir." Sam got the dollar, but not the magazine.

> Senator Pettus of Alabama, who is \$2 years old, and who always wears a long. black broadcloth frock coat of ante-bellum cut and a pair of baggy trousers, appeared can go to the bottom of the cigar box in the senate in a jaunty new suit the

The senate was astounded. Senator Pettus failed to see why there was any consternation, and rebuked Senator Depew se-

get another when I am re-elected again

A western senator had an old friend for a visitor, relates the New York World acceptance of the democratic caucus ern senator and said: "Jim So-and-So is chairmanship is said to be a promise here from my town. I want you to go to

> where we can get some food and drink They went to the place and had the food and drink. Next day the senate the friend visiting him said to the other senator: "Look here, I don't mind giving a tip to a waiter, but I want to give it myself and not have it taken bodily."

> "What do you mean?" asked the senator who had picked out the restaurant. 'Why, that dinner check last night was \$17.80 and J gave the proprietor a \$20 bill. He gave me no change.'

"Jumping Jehoshaphat!" roared the other. "Did you pay that bill? Why, I sneaked out and paid it myself so you wouldn't get a chance." "Let's go and interview that proprietor."

they said together. Just as they were starting the friend who had been entertained came along. "Where are you going?" he asked.

The senators explained. "Holy Moses!" said the friend. "The waiter showed that check for \$17.80 to me just as we were going out and I thought you had overlooked tions in regard both to Mexican generals it and paid it myself,"

"What has the capitol got that you will never have?" asked Congressman Fletcher of Minnesota of Congressman Tawney. "Give it up," said Tawney.

"Two white wings," said Fletcher, "Pretty fair, pretty fair," admitted Tawney. "But what has the capitol got that you give to applicants for office?" "It's too many for me," replied the other Minnesota man.

"A marble stair." At this point quits were called.

"I want to see Senator Quay," said s man from Arizona, who wore a sombrero, to a senate doorkeeper.

"The senator is very busy now," began the doorkeeper, "and I don't know whether he will come out and talk to you or not." "I don't want to talk to him," protested the Arizona man. "I want to gaze on them noble features of the man who's bin fightin' for statehood for us." They led him to the gallery, pointed out

Quay, and let the man from Arizona gaze his fill.

Senator Dolliver has a soldier constituent who saw service in the Spanish war and wants a pension therefor. His application is unique. When the senator went over his morning mall recently he found an envelope containing an X-ray photograph of this constituent's head. It showed as distinctly as though it had been marked with black ink the presence of a Mauser bullet in the skull just above the ear. On the back of the picture was written the name of the soldier, who received the wound in the Philippines and who now lives in Sioux City, and a brief inscription that the picture told the story of his claims for a pension.

Why Electric Light is Costly. Philadelphia Ledger. While the electric motor is rapidly replacing all other methods of power transmission and distribution, due to its greater conomy, electric power when used as a source of light is still at a disadvantage regarding economy, says Charles P. Steinmetz in the Electrical World and Engi-That is, as a rule electric power is more expensive than gas or kerosene and the extensive use of electric light is due rather to its greater convenience, reliability and cleanliness than to its econ omy. This follows from the fact that the efficiency of producing light from electric power is extremely low, below 10 per cent in the most efficient carbon are lamp, and something like 3 per cent in the incandescent lamp and the Nernst lamp. It is labor and all products of labor must work obvious, then, that if the efficiency of light production could be raised to figures even half as high as that of power proa lessening demand, makes it feasible again duction, the electric light would sweet every other illuminant out of existence by its greater economy.

THAT BARTLEY CIGAR BOX

Holdrege Citizen: The bill to free the Bartley bondamen will not strike a very esponsive chord among the thousands of scople who have become disgusted and exasperated by the arrogant nerve displayed by Bartley and his friends.

Tilden Citizen: The passage of the bill ntroduced into the state legislature for 'lifting that eigar box lid" would be heartily endorsed by the whole state of Nebraska barring a few politicians. The people have right to know what was concealed in that famous receptacle, but, unless the guilty parties in the Bartley steal get to quarreling among themselves, the chances are favorable for the whole matter to remain shrouded in mystery until the day of judgment.

Springfield Monitor: If the inquisitiveness of some of our legislators is gratified in reference to the Bartley cigar box mystery, which a resolution wants investigated. it may be the means of restoring to the state some of its lost coin. The resolution also wents ex-Treasurer Meserve's dealing with the state's cash looked into. However, it is pretty safe to say that with all their attempts at investigation and efforts to recover anything from the defaulters, the state will never add another dollar to the treasury from these

Winside Tribune: It begins to dawn on and interesting places about the city. The the minds of the common every-day people of Nebraska that the legislature might have made a good start towards providing a revenue for the state if, on assembling, they had brought one Ezra P. Savage before them and forced him to open up the mysterious cigar box which is supposed to contain the secrets of Bartley's defalcation. N. B .- To avoid misunderstandings, we will explain that the above was not inspired by any editorial in the World-Herald.

Randolph Times: Representative Knox proposes to take a peep into the Bartley "cigar box." There are others who would like to know the secrets beneath the lid of that same box. North Platte Tribune: A resolution was

introduced into the house by Knox of Buffalo county providing for an investigation of the official conduct of J. S. Bartley and J. B. Meserve during their incumbency of the office of state treasurer. The resolution provides for a committee of five to conduct the investigation. This, we believe, is a step in the right direction. The facts in the Bartley defalcation, which has ever been surrounded by mystery, should be brought forth, if such is pos sible, no matter upon whom odium will be east. The committee should also fully investigate the charge against ex-Treasurer Meserve regarding his retention of interest collected upon money belonging to the state.

Bloomington Advocate: A joint resolution has been introduced in the legislature asking for the dismission of the suit against the bondsmen of the defaulting state treasurer. The bondsmen agree to pay the ver My for intimating he was becoming a dude.

"Fact is," said Senator Pettus, "I have just been re-elected, and I consider it my privilege to get a new suit of clothes. I'll given to protect the state against just this this contains a protect of the suit is dismissed. If the state have a good judgment against these bondsmen, we fail to see why they should drop it at this stage of the game. The bond was privilege to get a new suit of clothes. I'll given to protect the state against just this dismissed. If the state have a good judgment against these bondsmen, we fail to see why they should drop no use, mum, for Oi couldn't sphend it thin. O'm always laid up mestif on a rainy day wid th' rheumatism.—Judge. kind of a loss and the bondsmen took this risk when they signed the bond, and there is no good reason why they should be released. It may make a hardship upon them, but that is always the case with those who have to make good the losses of principals who are dishonest in the official capacity.

Grand Island Independent: The house at Lincoln has adopted a report of a committee ordering an investigation of the "mooted" Bartley cigar box, and a committee has been appointed by the house, of to wander away and get tost in when which, by the way, Representative Ferrar or a reception."—Washington Star. of this county is a member. The people of the state would like to have a thorough After all they would really like to know where the money went to, even if they cannot recover it, and in the meantime good business sense would dictate keeping a firm grip on the bond for what it may be worth It's an unpleasant subject, particularly so perhaps, for republicans, but the matter ought not to be dropped until the bottom has been reached.

CAPITALIZING ROMANCE.

American Syndicate Corners the Sulphur Crop in a Mexican Volcano. New York Times. That a Mexican general has been able

at just this time to sell a volcano for \$5,

000,000 to an American syndicate is a fact -if it be a fact-that seems to necessitate an immediate revision of the accepted noand to American syndicates, so much practical ability on the part of the former and so little business caution on the part of the latter does the transaction indicate. It may very well be that there is more than \$5,000,000 worth of sulphur in the crater of Popocatapetl, but, with the mountains of Mexico in their present restless condition the chance that the sulphur will go out in flames appears to be much greater than the chance that it will go out in bags or barrels. And a volcano in active eruption is decidedly more interesting than profitable, while the interest is not of the sort usually expressed in percentages. It may be, however, that the syndicate knows what it is about as well as the general does, and certainly the name "Popocata petl" would look extremely well on certificates for common and preferred stock. Around it, for everybody, cluster the memories of childhood, the word being one of the few products of early geographical study that cannot be forgotten while life en dures. Who would not like to own a fullpaid, nonassessable share in Popocatapetl, even if the sulphur did all blow out into

PERSONAL NOTES.

Governor Dole's message to the legislature of Hawaii is in one respect characteristic. of the author. It is doleful in the ex-

The special session of the senate cannot last more than three weeks. President Rooseveit is due to start on a hunting trip

on March 20. Andrew Carnegie said long ago that it was a disgrace to die rich. President Eliot of Harvard now says it is a mis-

fortune to be born rich.

Of the 17,500 bills introduced in the last session of congress something over 2,000 were passed, but a large proportion of these were private pension bills, A Kansas City telephone girl got a verdict of \$11,500 against her employer, and

the way the company is "talking now" ought not to be heard even by a phonograph. Mr. Davis, the American, who has ex-

pended considerable sums in exploring work pear Thebes, Egypt, has found a splendid charlot in the tomb of King Thothmes. Zola was generally believed to be worth

about \$500,000 in cash when he died, but it now seems that he was almost dependent upon his royalties. Mmc. Zoin has sold nearly all his property and from investment of the proceeds will have an income of about \$2,500 a year. Friends of the deceased writer are at a loss to understand what he did with his money.

Take out an insurance policy against death or expense from appendicitis, you who are nervously in dread of it, and then go ahead and eat grapes and all the other things you deny yourselves now because of fear that they may bring on the malady. It is the very latest wrinkle in the insurance line, and you may as well be among the first to get into a position to receive benefits from its establishment if benefits there can be,

POINTED REFLECTIONS.

"What a mistake it is to fudge men by what a history their clothes."
It know it. There is a self-made millionaire in this town who dresses just as well and with as much taste as any of the clerks in his establishment."—Chicago Recciery in the setablishment.

"The longer I live," sighed the sage, "and the more I learn, the more firmly am convinced that I know absolutely noth ing!"
"I could have told you that twenty-five years ago," said his wife, "but I knew it would be of no use."—Chicago Tribune.

The Old Inhabitant—Yes, it has been a putty healthy place, but the doctors is beginnin to recommend it as a health resort. Stranger—That won't hurt it, will it? The Old Inhabitant—Well, I dunno. With sick folks comin' here there's no what we might ketch,-Brooklyn Life

Sameon had just pulled the temple down on himself.
"You see." he gasped, "It will do away
with the spring house cleaning."
Realizing too late what a great man he was, the people made haste to do him reverence.—New York Tribune.

'I'm opposed to these here White Caps, strong minded woman of Billville. "You air?"
"Yes, I air! I've been a-whippin' of my husband for ten year—come Christman an' inst night they called on him an jest took the job right out o' my hands."—At-

"It must be a great satisfaction to have such a palatial apartment," said the old-time friend.
"It is," answered Mr. Cumrex; "it's a heap of comfort to have a house big enough

He didn't fall upon his knees,
When his love he went to proffer,
But stood erect with manly case
And made a standing offer.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

BRYAN VERSUS HILL.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. Of there's sure to be a ruction in the party,
There'll be trouble in the democratic
ranks,
And the language will be peppery and language will be peppery and tarty the leaders open up their talky tanks; There'll be somethin' doin' jes' as sure as You can bet your last simoleon there When the gratoric trumpets get to tooting In the windy scrap of Bryan vs. Hill.

We will hear the goldbug corporation rips across the troubled campaign As it skies! It will rend the party atmosphere asunder Shooting vivid vocal lightning as it flies! We will hear the silver guns of Billy's fac-Roar defiance in responses sharp and When the wild belligerents get into action In the coming fight of Bryan vs. Hill.

We will hear the Wolfert rooster shrilly And the young Nebraska lion's angry When they get their hot-blast furnaces to Tearing scabs from off each other's party And there'll be no tender cream-and-sugar From the wielders of the editorial quill— They will flood the land with red ink by the barrel

In the party scrap of Bryan vs. Hill. When the blood and thunder conflict has been ended, When the smoke of battle all has cleared When the ammunition all has been ex-And the hostile chiefs sit panting from the fray,
They will find that all their efforts came
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to naught, for
The g. c. p. with one united will
Will have swiped the presidential plum
they fought for
In the jamboree of Bryan vs. Hill.

