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have the last inning at amending the new revenue bill is well taken.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Net average sales.

Perhaps all these blizzards and floods and generally with good results. are sent at this time just to clear the grack for President Roosevelt's western tour next month.

An executive session of the United it has become simply one of those fictions of the law.

President Cleveland has celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday anniversary. It is violating no confidence, however, to say that no message of congratulation came from William J. Bryan.

odious Pennsylvania Ripper bill.

forget that they can serve their constituents as well, if not better, by killing vicious measures as by loading the as tending to strengthen our situation statute book up with half-baked bills.

governor gets a chance to vote when conditions. the senate is tied, but Lieutenant Govsented.

The name of Hamilton Fish on public papers as assistant treasurer of the United States at New York will look strangely familiar to people who transacted public business with his father, Hamilton Fish, as secretary of state.

One day Our Dave is coming back to Omaha post haste to even up old political scores and the next day he is planting himself in a fat public office fat office in New York he will waive the revenge in Omaha.

A terrible emergency exists for the ture emergencies to order.

Montana state house are said to have from and after its passage and approval. suffered serious injury from the shock of a recent earthquake. Had these pillars only been inside the legislative hardened to withstand any and all pened remotely or recently that would

Cheap power would add 50,000 people to Omaha's population before the next population would produce a corre- American citizenship—the secrecy of the sponding increase in the value of all property in Omnoa. The power canal project offers a feasible plan to give us would justify such a radical departure cheap power,

The revival of oath-bound, dark lantern political societies in Omaha justifies the suspicion that political crooks and boodlers have a design on the next administration which they cannot achieve in the open. Honest men will fight shy of Ku-Klux methods of purifying city politics. Bats and owls shun the daylight

he is glad to be back at work. From was abroad hunting for reporters who Omaha for the purification of primary sibility for repetition of the Panama would relieve him of his troubles.

CUBAN TREATY RATIFIED.

procity treaty with amendments will the test oath hill is gotten up to pronecessitate the re-submission of the mote the ambitions of men who desire convention to the Cuban senate, which to break into the city hall at the imlast week approved the treaty as nego- pending city election by the wholesale tiated. Whether or not the changes disfranchisement of their opponents at made will interfere with a reaffirmathe primaries. A more effective way yacht. tion by the senate of Cuba is uncer- would have been to enact a law au-1.00 tain. There is some opposition to the thorizing and requiring the judges of arrangement and it is possible that this election at the next republican city priwill be strengthened by the action at many to reject the vote of every repub-Washington, though the amendments lican who will not take an oath to vote weather forecasters and the weather. Half aristocracy doth congregate. The prayer of made are really of no very great im- for delegates only who are pledged to the time they act like entire strangers. portance. Their result would be to distribute all the municipal offices from somewhat reduce Cuba's customs reve. mayor down to members of the Dougnue, but not to any very serious extent. las delegation in the legislature and It is only on this ground that any ob- such political friends as they may jection can be made to them, yet it is designate. quite probable that Caba may ask some further concessions in return for ac- exist, and why should not the legisla- toward Nebraska, hear some additional receptance of the amendments. If not the ture enact a law that will compel the marks. treaty will become effective at once, people to give them the offices regardthe proposed provision requiring approval by congress not being adopted.

Cuba, the United States buying more crease the efficiency of the consular from that country than it sells to her. The statistics show that the volume of that end incompetent or undesirable our imports from Cuba during the last four years has been steadily increasing. while our exports to the island last the administration to keep the service year decreased. The value of our purchases from Cuba in 1902 was nearly \$40,000,000, while we sold to that coun- will be of no avail hereafter. Several try a little more than \$23,000,000. Under have recently been asked to resign for present conditions other countries sell almost as much to Cuba as does the State department may call for the res-United States, yet the island still finds ignation of some others who are bethis the best market for her products. Heved to be incapable of properly per-.81,660 Of course under reciprocity we should forming their work, or are so constisell a good deal more there than we tuted personally that they injure the 31,780 now do, but even then it is likely that good name of the United States abroad. the trade balance would as a rule be Less unsold and returned copies ... 9,364 favorable to Cubs. It is to be noted in the service. The great majority of year, indicating that the island is albefore me this 28th day of February, A. D. ready finding other markets than ours of whom this cannot be said and the (Seal.)

Notary Public. for her principal article of export. It sooner the service is rid of these the The intimation that the courts will good grip on the Cuban trade and that of the service. The determination of all the other European countries are the president not to permit political inurging their manufactures on the fluence to protect unworthy consular islanders with increasing persistency officials will be heartily approved by

turers and merchants has been exerted attainable usefulness. As a whole it in Cuba in opposition to reciprocity. It is not bad or inefficient and compares will perhaps now be renewed and have very favorably with the service of any Members of the railroad lobby at Lin- the support, at least indirect, of the other country, but as was said by Sencoln who feel that they have been governments, some of which have all ator Lodge, who has given a great deal "august deliberation" surely it would be does not require the keeping on hand of a half of some candidate for office and hearslighted should send their photographs ready indicated their dissatisfaction of attention to the consular service, it at the ridiculous supposition—as implied great deal of stock, so that one visiting ing the president talk out loud about it the United States and the island re- congress has failed to do anything for public. The amendments to that convention may not jeopardize it, but there will be uncertainty regarding it until the will be uncertainty and the chain and a writing interests of the public business are additing the transfer of the public b States senate used to be described as a vention may not jeopardize it, but there the power of the administration to do make a treaty or congress has the power while at his work. will be uncertainty regarding it until the much in this direction and there is every to enact legislation which shall remain in treaty is again acted. upon by the reason to believe this will be done. Cuban senate.

REVIVING FOREIGN TRADE.

The revival of our foreign trade, as shown in the late statistics of exports, is a condition calculated to dispel apprehension regarding a continuance of Bruin hibernate a few years and then The primary election test oath bill, prosperity, at least for the immediate which is being rushed through the leg- future. The export returns for Febislature as an emergency measure, is in ruary were not only largely in excess many respects a counterpart of the of the corresponding month of last year. but probably the largest for that month on record. There was a notably large Members of the legislature should not increase in the outward movement of corn and cotton, which is regarded as particularly gratifying at this period abroad and facilitate the borrowings in the European money markets rendered It is not often that the lieutenant necessary by our congested financial

Imports continue large and the New ernor McGilton will not hesitate to rise York Journal of Commerce observes to the occasion as often as it is pre- that while our exports show a very Humphrey to be quartermaster general satisfactory reviving tendency, it seems of the United States army puts a practically certain that owing to heavy staunch friend of Omaha at the head hence. For the eight months of the his administration of the quartermasyear ending with February the excess ter's department we may be sure that of exports was over \$300,000,000, so that the departments of the west will rethis country is still largely on the safe ceive every attention which they dein New York City. If he can get the side of the foreign trade account, with serve. every assurance of remaining so.

WHERE IS THE EMERGENCY!

primary election inquisition at the com- 236, the Nebraska Ripper bill, requiring ing Omaha primaries, but no such emer- every voter at a primary election to disgency was visible at the primaries held close how and for whom he voted at which the understudy of Billee Saunin Lincoln only last month. How easy the preceding election, is being rail- ders, who wants to be mayor or treasfor factional law makers to manufac roaded through the legislature with this urer of Omaha, is pushing through the edged the state's claim to \$120,000 and have proviso:

The question that naturally suggests itself is, Where is the emergency that calls for the immediate enactment of halls they would have been sufficiently such a drastic law? What has hapjustify the legislature to enact and the governor to sanction such a departure from the fundamental principles of selfgovernment-a measure that is made to census and a 50 per cent increase in destroy a most sacred prerogative of ballot.

What emergency has arisen that from the bedrock principle of the franchise-the right of every citizen to express his will through the ballot box without being accountable for his choice of public servants to any human being either before or after election? What emergency has arisen that calls for an immediate edict to empower primary election judges to pry into the concise the privilege of designating whom President Schwab of the United they prefer as candidates of the down. States Steel corporation declares that party with which they are affiliated? It is said that the republican memthe number of interviews that came bers of the Douglas delegation to the very cordially to the course of the from Mr. Schwab from all parts of legislature have declared that an emer-Europe it was natural to suppose that gency for such an unrepublican Canal company. They ought to take to sation, already too small for the work of he had been kept busy all the time he measure has arisen in the city of it cordially if it means no further pos- this important office-more important in the St. Lawrence, in Canada.

posed test oath bill was not drawn but government to its very foundation not The ratification of the Cuban reci- for factional ends. In plain English, so many years ago.

> Such an emergency doubtless does less of competency or merit.

____ Remit by graft, express or postal order. Otherwise there will be no change from payable to The Bee Publishing Company. Only 2-cent stamps accepted in payment of mail accounts. Personal checks, except on These are at present favorable to service in every way possible and to of a newspaper man. consular officers will be investigated rigidly. It is stated to be the wish of prevent the removal of incompetent men cause and it is understood that the

There are probably not many such perform their duties, but there are some the commercial interests concerned in Hardly. The influence of European manufac- having the service reach the highest

> Councilman Hascall has evidently lost his proverbial cunning. During his checkered career in public life his forte his persistent creation of overlaps in defiance of law that must be explained.

The promotion of General Charles F.

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain the heathen Chinee is Under whip and spur House Roll No. said to be very peculiar, but the heathen Chinee is not a circumstance to the childlike and bland methods by Whereas, An emergency exists, therefore scheme under the pretense of its being Three pillars in the rotunda of the this act shall take effect and be in force conceived and designed for the purification of primary elections.

> Senator Newlands wants Uncle Sam the union. Hitherto the procedure has Sam for the privilege. It is pretty safe to assume that when the Cubans want to come into the United States they will not be bashful about declaring themselves and knocking at the

Aspirants to succeed Judge Caldwell whole or in part. on the bench should take note that he is sitting in the hearing of the merger case involving the Northern Securities company before the United States circuit court at St. Louis. Judge Caldwell would not participate in this hearing unless he expected to retain his judicial sciences of citizens who desire to exer- position at least until after the opinions are written and the judgment handed

The people of France are said to take elections. As a matter of fact the pro- canal scandals that shook the French state.

But Think of the Fun. Baltimore American One of the most pathetic sights imagnable is that of a landsman trying to understand the printed description of a racing

Where Harmony is Needed.

Kansas City Journal. Congress ought to do something to promote friendly relations between

Indianapolis News. Now that it has been announced that Mr. Cleveland will make a western tour and attend the dedication of the St. Louis exposition, you can probably, if you listen right carefully, with your best ear turned

Talked Out of a Job.

Baltimore American The United States consul at Montreal was fired for talking too much. Were that rule to be adopted generally in all the walks of life the employment bureaus would be rushed to death. It is significant that the vacancy left by the too-talkative gentleman was filled with the appointment

Farce of Senatorial Secrecy.

Chicago Chronicle. Senators Spooner and Depew made elaborate speeches on the canal treaty Saturday, out of politics and political influence to the senate being all the while in executive Next morning the newspapers that." printed as full reports of the speeches as they would have done had the senate been in public session. And so it goes, day after day. Notoriously the secrecy of the senate is as much of a pretense as the courtesy of the senate. Yet every little while senators haggle over the question of removing the "seal of secreey" in favor of some speech made in executive session

Overworking the Injunction.

Philadelphia Record. A United States judge in Kansas City has that last year we imported less raw American consuls are unquestionably that city forbidding them from assisting issued an injunction upon team drivers in 30,145 sugar from Cuba than in the preceding men of good habits and character and the employes of the express company who some are tucked in out-of-the-way corners are on a strike. The ground of the injunc- or else are merely portions of other large interstate commerce and that the interrup- Here, in the neighborhood of the large deis also evident that Spain still holds a better for the efficiency and reputation tion of the carriage of such wares is a partment stores, with elevated and surface violation of the interstate commerce law. But what if the team drivers should rudely refuse to work, and thus violate this injunction? Would they be arrested and imprisoned indefinitely for contempt of court?

Another Senate Absurdity.

New York Press Extraordinary and highly absurd theories in the senate have ceased to surprise anyone, but if it were possible to feel astonishwith the negotiation of a treaty between is not beyond improvement. Although in the amendment to the Cuban treaty that force forever, and the power to nullify in the present any purpose or act of congress in the future!

Westward Swing of Population. Springfield Republican.

Thirty-seven per ent of the population has always been to play the role of of the United States, are to be found in the in that of the great lakes and 53 per cent in the Mexican gulf area-or 96 curved path will be straightened out by their way finally into the Atlantic ocean. citizens of Omaha are onto him and no Pacific area. Such is the finding of the last United States census. There has been amount of palayer will reconcile them. a mighty swing of population westward It is not simply his political course on within a hundred years, and thither popthe open door ordinance, but on scores ulation continues to swing. The region diof other measures, including the closing rectly drained by the Mississippi river now of doors against the appeal of the Real and it promises to hold a considerably holds one-half of the people of the country, Estate exchange for the fair assess- larger proportion of the total population of ment of franchised corporations and the United States in the years to come.

RAILROAD TAX DODGING.

Minnesota Balks Attempts to Cheat the State Trensury. Minneapolis Journal,

Minnesota has had a railroad gross carnings law for thirty years. Under that law the railroads have made their own reports imports the annual excess of exports of that important division of our mili- of gross earnings. Those reports have never will prove much smaller than for sev- tary service. General Humphrey was been checked up till within the last year. eral years. Still there will be a very for many years attached to the old De- At the special session in 1902, at the instance of Mr. Johnson, the public examiner, generous trade balance in favor of the partment of the Platte, with headquar- he was authorized to check these reports, to United States at the close of the fiscal ters at Omaha, and is perfectly familiar examine the accounts of the railroads and year, a little more than three months with western conditions and needs. In see whether they were making a proper return of gross earnings for taxation pur-

He made the examination and claims that the railroad companies owe the state \$275,-000 of back taxes for the years 1896 to 1961 inclusive. How much they owe the state for evaded taxes prior to 1896 will probably never be computed in detail, for the state of Minnesota has a statute of limitations running against itself by which it is barred from attempting to collect unpaid gross earnings taxes more than six years old. It was no easy task to figure out how much Minnesota had lost even for the past six years through incomplete returns gross earnings, but it has been done so well

that the railroads have already acknowl-Another fact accomplished is that as a result of this examination and public showing of the amounts due the state the ac-

kept, so long as the public examiner is authorized to review them, at least, that to extend an invitation to Cubs to come the state will secure about \$100,000 annually pear on the New York stage again, parmore than it would otherwise have received. the constitution taxes should be levied on a tremendous premium. Since her retirebeen the other way, the people desiring large items of railroad property that have admission to the union asking Uncle heretofore escaped taxation altogether, but only in readings for the benefit of English which make up a part of the gross earnings | charity organizations. of the railroad companies. From these

sources it is estimated the revenues of the state should new be about \$90,600 annually. Now let's see how this thing stands. Here is \$120,000 of back taxes in the treasury, or is as good as there. There is the balance of the \$275,000

There is a reform in railroad bookkeeping which means \$100,000 annually to the

There is the discovery, which ought to be worth something to the legislature, that other property belonging to railroads is escaping taxation through loosely drawn laws, to the amount of \$50,000.

And yet here is a proposition before the legislature to repeal the act of 1902 authorizing the public examiner to examine railroad accounts, put a stop to his further investigations in that direction and in for instruction in weaving that she deeffect administer a rebuke to him for having done this work which has resulted in and had no difficulty in filling the list in such enormous gains in revenues to the a few hours. She says her first lesson was United States in buying out the Panama it is even proposed to reduce the compenthe hands of the present officer than it has highly intelligent and well educated, speak ever been before in the history of the ing French and English, besides her pa-

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Believes in Letting the People Know Metropolis.

Filled with devotion to the higher ideals prevalent in New York's artistic circles a local judge swatted a vender of rag-time music who profuned the atmosphere one of those foggy days too dear to the metro politan heart. The judge had been asked to enjoin the rag-time grinder from overworking his organ within hearing distance of the Metropolitan Opera house, where the classic music has its home and where the the petition was granted. Hereafter the son of Sunny Italy must take himself and his barrel to less sanctified precincts and avoid shocking the ears attuned to classic song. Having performed his duty courageously the judge softly hummed, "They All Look Alike to Me."

> The two western girls were on a visit to Eagle. But somehow there seems to be a licity. conflict of ideas between them and their hostess. She had strict ideas of propriety, and they apparently only thought they had. were fully up to date in social matters, but here's what happened.

Two western young men happened to be vited the girls to go to the theater, with a little supper to follow.

The girls promptly accepted it. The hostess, in whose charge they were, raised her hands in horror when she heard of it.

"It will never do," said she. "You must "Chaperoned!" exclaimed one of the girls.

don't suppose we'd neglect such an important feature as that, do you? We're not entirely ignorant of social usages." "Then it's all arranged?" "Of course, it's all arranged."

"I'm glad of that," said the hostess, with relief, "but it would have been just as well o consult me. Who is to chaperon you?" "Why, Ethel will chaperon me, and I will chaperon her," was the ingenious reply.

There are many shops which claim the credit of being the smallest in the city. tion is that the goods carried to and from offices. What is actually the smallest shop the railway stations constitute a share of in New York is located at 439 Sixth avenue. cars passing the door. Mynher van Gelder presides in what he is pleased to call his "Little Art Shop."

Mynher van Gelder believes that small beginnings make great endings, and so has chosen the little shop, which measures only 2 feet 11/2 inches in width and a few inches more in depth, to turn out what he specialty, which he learned at the National Decorative school, in Paris, is the painting by hand of lodge, fraternity or society the shop will find, besides the proprietor during its existence there shall be no re- and the chair upon which he sits, nothing taken offense is probably true, but that the

> So small is the shop that a customer has not space to stand inside with the proprie-Even the examples of the artist's work have been placed in a showcase outside the door, for lack of room within.

He was a little, old man with a "leftover-from-last-year" appearance, but when old silk hat and a bright pink rose fastened a few explanations, but it won't. The The remaining 4 per cent resides in the in the buttonhole of his shiny frock coat. eyes which did not find its inspiration solely flowing bowl.

A row of men characteristically oblivious promptly arose and with a courtly bow ofof bundles she carried. Then the enter- sive factor in whatever is done." tainment began.

"Sure, and it's a pleasure, ma'am," the

He eyes the apparently unconscious row of men before him with an expression that raised a laugh in his corner of the car, and by good-natured guying he made them, one at a time, give up their seat to a woman. One man held out a long time, but finally relinquished his seat. "Good boy, good boy," cried the little

gone clear past my station, but I was bound to see you give up that seat. When a man smiles, though, I know he's got a soul. Goodby to ye all. I can always get along the gain being slightly in excess of 12 with the ladies, but once in a while I have per cent. The business failures at the trouble with a man. You see, I'm married same time were less than they were last and I have been well trained. I'm glad you're all comfortable. Now, don't worry. won't get off till the train stops." The little, old man, with his good-natured smile, his pink rose and silk hat, passed out into the darkness.

The rumor that Mary Anderson (Macam is Navarro) is to come to America next month has given rise to the report that she will appear in a benefit performance tenlegislature a primary election test oath paid over already nearly that amount to the dered to Clara Morris. So far as can be learned the only foundation for this report is in the fact that Madam de Navarro, on learning of the distress of the veteran actress some months ago, wrote a symcounts of the railroads will hereafter be so pathetic letter intimating that she would be pleased to give such assistance as would be acceptable. Should Mary Anderson apticularly for a single performance, it is The public examiner also holds that under safe to say that the tickets would command ment from the profession she has appeared

Suits for damages against the city continue to be entered as the result of the explosion of fireworks on election night, No vember 4, 1902. In one week the comp troller's office received the statement of claims for \$42,500 arising from this cause, which will probably get there in time, in in addition to a smaller claim by one of the householders on Madison avenue for damage done to his residence. Suits filed to date include demands for several hundred thousand dollars which the city is called upon to compromise or defend.

As a result of her work at the Sportsman's show at Madison Square Garden White Fawn, a girl of the Abanaki tribe has organized a class of twenty young society women, who are anxious to learn the art of basket making.

White Fawn had so many offers of pay elded upon the class limited to twenty, And, as if that were not enough, highly successful, and that she was surpriced at the aptitude of her pupils. White Fawn was born on the banks o

A PUBLICITY PRESIDENT.

What He is Doing.

Wall Street Journal President Roosevelt's name is identified ith the policy of publicity as applied to the affairs of the corporations, just as filaine's was identified with the policy of eciprocity and McKipley's with that of the rotective tariff. It is a great thing for a statesman to attach his name to some distinctive governmental policy, especially if that policy relates to one of the questions of immediate interest and importance to the people of the country. Mr. Roosevelt did not discover publicity, but he has the redit of having adopted it as a remedy for most of the evils that attach to the trusts and as having been able to have it actually enacted into law.

But sometimes a statesman who is eager and able to apply a policy to others is unwilling to apply it to his own affairs. It is, therefore, of interest to know that Presithe east, and they were enjoying them- dent Roosevelt's rule in the conduct of the selves immensely, reports the Brooklyn White House business is the rule of pub-

No other president, it is safe to say, has ever transacted business so much in the pen. By this we do not mean that there They had determined to show that they is any unwise exposure of executive policy before the time is ripe for publication. Mr. Roosevelt is not continually rushing into print. He never says in haste what he inin New York at the same time and they in- tends to do, to repent in leisure after he has means that the "Friendship club had a discovered that what he promised was un- | rag social." wise. For a man who has the reputation of being impetuous and even erratic, Mr. Roosevelt has in fact developed a rare conservatism of executive speech and action. But no one has visited the White House during the time he has been president withbe chaperoned on any such occasion as out being impressed with the wholesome air of publicity that pervades the place. No one is seen there putting his hand to 'Why, of course, we'll be chaperoned. You the side of his mouth and whispering in the ear of another that no one else may possibly hear. There is no doing of business in a corner or in the dark. Whatever the president chooses to say he says right out

> hear, and often, indeed, he speaks so strenuously that one cannot help hearing. This may sometimes be embarrassing to others, but it is a safeguard for himself, and a guarantee, so far as he is concerned, that the business in hand is to be conducted without suspicious mystery. There is a frankness and openness about all that the president does that is a proof of his sincerity and honesty. He may be rusque at times, but it is brusqueness

loud, so that all who care to do so may

without a string. There is something refreshing and healthy in the way in which he goes through the exacting routine of the White House business. His visitors are sometimes startled by the frankness with which he may announce his decision in some important matter in their presence, and it is a sure proof of his ability to read the character of those who call upon him that the confidence he places in their discretion is so seldom abused. The men who don't like this kind of

claims to be the perfection of art. His thing are the politicians who delight to pull specialty, which he learned at the National secret wires and surround all they do with the politicians who delight to pull specialty, which he learned at the National secret wires and surround all they do with the politicians who delight to pull specialty, which he learned at the National secret wires and surround all they do with the politicians who delight to pull specialty. The politicians who delight to pull specialty, which he learned at the National secret wires and surround all they do with the politicians who delight to pull specialty. an impenetrable veil of mystery. Imagine the feelings of one of these men going to before a group of persons. That some have

DEFEAT CONCEDED

drainage area of the Atlantic seaboard, 16 the crowd of shoppers entered the Sixth the condition of the country in 1904." The avenue elevated at Twenty-third street the republicans, according to the ex-senator, female contingent of strap hangers found have staked everything on the mainte- is so extravagant? avenue elevated at Twenty-third street the republicans, according to the ex-senator, nance of the tariff, and "if the present condition of affairs can be maintained until 1994 the democrats can not win. The time, however, he imagines that his per cent for the area whose waters find they had an energetic friend. He were an nance of the tariff, and "if the present con-There was a look of amiability in his gray publicans will ascribe the prosperity which may then prevail to the Dingley tariff, and with an evident acquaintance with the the majority of the voters never will stop to analyze the truth of the claim." Dis claiming any knowledge, too, of whether to the line of feminine marionettes dangling the democratic factions will get together back and forth in front of them occupied or not in the approaching campaign, and the seats. The defender of the fair sex also declaring that he had no knowledge of Bryan's intentions and no right to speak fered his seat to an elderly woman, who, for him, he added that Bryan "will cerlurching madly back and forth, was vainly tainly appear at the next democratic na endeavoring to keep possession of a number | tional convention, and will be an aggres enthusiastic supporter of Bryan in 1896 and 1900, and as a man who knows as much little man replied to the woman's thanks. | about democratic conditions and chances "It's no more than any gentleman would as any other person on his side, these remarks of the veteran Missouri statesman will attract the country's attention.

> General business calamity is the only thing that will afford the democrats chance to win, according to the word of one of the most experienced and clearheaded of the country's democrats, and neither that statesman's nor anybody else whose opinion on the subject is worth man joyously. "Now, we're all right. I've anything sees calamity in the immediate future. The bank clearings last week in the country at large had a long lead over those of the corresponding week of 1902. year at this time, showing that although trade is brisker than it was a year ago it is done under better conditions and the financial mortality among the traders is less. The earnings of the ratiroads keep above the line for last year at this date although twelve months ago the roads income was at very high figures. the general opinion leans toward timism regarding the business conditions is shown by many indications. One of these is the fact that the record for prices of seats on the New York Stock exchange has recently been broken several times one seat a few days ago selling at \$82,000, and another just afterward at \$83,000 while the highest price ever previously pald was \$80,000. it is clear to business men throughout

the country that the financial adversity is not in sight which would be necessary to give any chance of success to the demo erats. Neither is the harmony in sight without which that party can not make even as strong a canvass as it did in 1900.

PERSONAL NOTES,

President Roosevelt has received from John Redmond, the Irish member of Parliament, of Dublin, a box of shamrocks. It is reported that Marshall Field has offered to erect a museum on the Lake Front park, Chicago, which may cost as much as

Having forbidden the sale of liquor in the capitol at Washington, the august senators are reduced to keeping secret supplies in the committee rooms

Commander Seaton Schroeder, the recalled governor of Guam, has just arrived in San Francisco and it is rumored that he will aucceed Captain Sigsbee as chief intelligence officer at Washington.

General Fitzhugh Lee, referring to Virginia's proposal to place a statue of Robert E. Lee in the national capitol, exys he thinks they should honor Washington, the successful, as well as Lee, the defented

Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith observatory and professor of astronomy a Hobart college, has been awarded the comes medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for the discovery of his twenty-third comet. The Brunswick, Mo., Brunswicker says

the Amicitia club last week "tripped the light fantastic toe," which an irreverent Kansas contemporary says, in order to make it intelligible to the Missourians. According to J. Scott Clark, head of the

department of English at Northwestern university, the four greatest living literary men in America, according to their rank are William Dean Howells, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Edmund Clarence Stedman and Henry Van Dyke.

The Swedish explorer, Sven Hedin, is only 38 years old. It was expected that after his arduous and dangerous trip to central Asia he would rest a few years. but he is already busy with new Asiatic plans. He has also spoken of an attempt to reach the north pole "in an entirely new and comparatively easy way."

SAID IN FUN.

Laffan-Who is that pretty girl over there by the bay window? Isn't she a poem? by the bay window? Isn't she a poem?
Grofat—She is. She's a poem you ought to know. Come along, and I'll introduce you.—Philadelphia Press.

Reddy Mullins-I see Chimmy goin' ter Sunday school yestiddy. Sunday school yestiddy.

Sammy Sweeny-Yes; some guy told him
Christmas come agin in March.-Puck.

Minister—I understand, my friend, that you have found marriage to be a failure. Spudgins-Well, then, you've been mis-informed. I brought suit for divorce four imes and lost every time. It's too blame is successful for me.

Schoolma'am-And now, Johnnie, let m

hear you bound Alaska
Johnnie-Oh, no you don't. Yer can't get
me tangled up in any of yer old in ernational disputes.—New York Sun. Mrs. Brown-So you were out again last

"Yes," said the proud father, "my daughter is going to sing "The Wearing of the Green" at the St. Patrick's day celebration. "Indeed," commented the candid guest listening to the voice of the daughter. "Well, the Irish are a persecuted race, aren't they?"—Chicago Tribune.

or down?
"I don't care (hic). Which way's the cheapest?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

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During And refused oft to
Eat things,
Though her teasing friends try
Hard to
CircumVept. There's the maid who gave up

She's the girl who gave up

Vent. Though she's full of vague dis-Yet she doesn't shun ca-Resses
Like this girl who gave up
Kissing During Lent.

When these Lenten days Are over, And we're all like pigs There'll be market for the She has Pent. And each lad that's wise

Will be calling on Eliza-She's the girl who gave up Kissing During Lent.

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