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PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER.

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(Seal)

Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee | Business office, in person or by mail. The address will be changed

If Judge Gray acts on a few more strike commissions, he will soon be entitled to be called "the great arbitrator."

as often as desired.

From accounts of his royal progress in ward was getting to be something of a politician himself.

South Omaha over-lap bonds do not though they bear 5 per cent interest has not been actuated in this matter by payable semi-annually."

Booker T. Washington would not be reaping the full reward of fame if his success did not draw out a back fire from some of his own people.

Very little comfort or consolation for the average taxpayer is to be found in the annual levy of state taxes fixed by the State Board of Equalization.

The annual freight car famine that always explains the inability of the railroads to move the grain promptly will put in its appearance in due time.

Now if all the city officials will only form a mutual admiration society binding each member to refrain from impugning the motives of the other, the city hall happy family would serve for exhibition purposes.

The principal in the Hungarian Diet boodle episode declares he was led astray by political adventurers. As he fur nished the money that was used in the bribe deal he must have been either a willing victim or an easy mark.

The railroads converging in Omaha have been accommodating the jobbers discountenance any movement in Cuba in their efforts to extend their trade ter- of a revolutionary character and to ritory. Now let them do something for give such support to the Cuban govern- have been absorbed by the lawyers and the retailers in the way of bringing ment as will insure its maintenance. shopping excursions into Omaha.

which the proposed new primary system was recommended for adoption by the republican county committee The Bee prints the draft of the rules in full. They should prove interesting reading for republicans.

The conclave of cardinals is made up of sixty-four members and it takes a two-thirds vote to elect a pope. This ought to make the chances for a deadlock as good as in one of our legislatures engaged in the election of a United States senator.

When Leo XIII was elevated to the and while no one ventures to say that live more than five years at most, and those who elected him were already figuring on his successor. But the cardinals are not likely to fool themselves the high level may be fairly well mainthis time in that fashion.

State taxes in Nebraska on property growth which has characterized it from assessed at from one-sixth to one-eighth year to year since 1897. of its actual value average 71/2 mills, as against 23/2 mills in Iowa, where prop-Nebraska.

together harmoniously are those who do lieve, will go steadily forward and no the papal money chest, the disaffection

IS IT HETALIATIONS

United States, it being obviously to the the country. present interest of that country to be on good terms with this republic. -Announcement is now made of action

at Washington as retaliatory. This is in regard to passports for Americans visiting Russis, the intention being to spbject such travelers to that country to a more strict examination than hitherto. The Department of State has been officially notified that hereafter passports issued to American citizens who expect to visit Russia will be vised only at the Russian embassy at Washington and the consulates at New York, Chieago and San Francisco, cutting off a number of other consulates which have heretofore indorsed passports. No reason, it is stated, was given for the new order and while it may be a measure of economy, it is quite natural to think that the real reason is the determination of the Russian government to exercise a much more strict supervision over Americans going to that country than has been done, owing to the sympathy of our people with the Jews in the Russian empire. It is pointed out that the largest demonstrations of sympathy were made in Washington, New York, Chicago and San Francisco and the Russian consular representatives in those cities have complete lists of the men who were conspicuous in such demonstrations and are therefore assumed to be regarded with disfavor by Russia. It is further pointed out that any consul can refuse to indorse a passport for any reason or for none at all

Perhaps it is not correct to regard this as retaliatory. It may be that the Russlan government will feel disposed to give an explanation of its action which will be entirely satisfactory. But coming at this time it is certainly suggestive of resentment and retaliation. If prompted by such a spirit it is a grave mistake and the result cannot possibly be of any advantage to the Russian government. The policy of that government, especially under present conflitions, should be to maintain friendly relations with the United States and this cannot be done if there is any sort of discrimination toward American citizens visiting Russia. We should resent having our people subjected to conditions not imposed upon those of other coun Ireland it would appear that King Ed- tries who go to Russia and we should very earnestly object to any measures which implied that Americans are less worthy of confidence than the people of other countries. It is to be hoped it will appear to be in very active demand even be found that the Russian government

and such refusal ends the matter.

DISTURBING ELEMENTS IN CUBA.

any ill-feeling.

While the reported local disturbances in Cuba were not of a serious nature, they suggest that there are elements in the Island which may at any time become troublesome and which need to be dealt with vigorously and firmly. While undoubtedly a large majority of the people are satisfied with the government, there is a considerable number who are not and among these are politicians who will not hesitate to make mischief if opportunity offers. Embraced in this element are some of the men who were in the Cuban revolutionary army and who feel that the government ought to make prompt provision to pay them for that service. Then ten years of receivership the affairs of there is a considerable element that has the Capitol National bank of Lincoln no respect for law and could easily be have been brought to an end and the induced to support a revolutionary leader, should one appear.

There are many Americans who be lieve that a revolutionary outbreak in Cuba is inevitable sooner or later and that it will result in the annexation of the Island to the United States. Perhaps their view is correct, but it will be the duty of our government to firmly The United States is practically pledged At the request of the conference at that such would be its course should a against the depositors. demand arise for it.

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW.

The prevailing view in eastern financial circles is said to be that there will be no quick rebound in stock values, but on the contrary the slow and steady conservative forces will be allowed to prevail, at least until after the expected stringency of the fall has been met and overcome. It is stated also to be the understanding that there are to be no heavy advances to the railroads, no diversion of funds into any one channel. he looks for any great reaction from the industrial and commercial activity of the past five years, yet there appears to be a disposition to believe that while tained, still not for some time will industrial activity show the proportionate

This probably quite accurately expresses the feeling in all departments of erty is presumed to be assessed at one- business. The recent conditions in Wall fourth of its actual value. This is why street have undoubtedly produced a very tax reform is the paramount issue in general disposition, in financial, industrial and mercantile circles, to observe a judicious conservatism. There is no Sir Wilfrid Laurier gives it as his serious apprehension, but on the conopinion that the best way for Canada to travy strong confidence in the future, remain friendly with the United States yet it is felt that there would be danger is to maintain itself cammercially inde- in another booming process and excespendent. The Canadian premier doubt- sive inflation of values and the general the press with sensational figments of less draws his conclusion from his ob- determination seems to be to avoid this the imagination—the mysterious disapservation of individuals as well as of danger. The legitimate business of the pearance of the fisherman's ring, the nations. The men most likely to work country, there is every reason to be-

attention, it being generally assumed public support for any enterprise he at a heavy discount. that the Russian government would not might undertake. There is no doubt make the mistake of inciting un- that a reasonable degree of financial and

democratic parties. Among the repre- paring for another bolt. sentative populists who joined in this declaration of independence were ex-Senater William V. Allen, ex-Governor Poynter and C. Q. DeFrance, former ticket of 1902 and editor of the official

organ of Nebraska populists. Standing way up in the councils of rank and file of Simon pure and unadulterated populism in this state. That men of such high standing and character would launch an appeal to the people of the United States who are in sympathy with the cardinal principles of populism, with a mental reservation, or intentional even, is scarcely credible. That these leaders would declare for independent action in the presidential campaign and would advocate, or countenance, fusion with any other party on candidates nominated for state officers would also seem to be decidedly out of harmony with the Denver pronunciamento.

The question that naturally presents itself then is whether the populist convention called for Grand Island to nominate a supreme judge and regents of the university will be another roaring farce. or whether it will necessitate a permanent separation between the so-called re- ture of Bryan's retirement from politics. form forces that have been trotting in

double harness in Nebraska since 1894. Obviously the debate in the populist lutely certain. That the populists and democrats' could elect the next supreme judge and regents of the university in combination is extremely doubtful even if the new declaration were ignored and persuaded to fall in line just once more. Nebraska populists will have an opportunity to show at Grand Island whether they approve the Denver program or whether by repudiating it at once they will discredit it throughout the country.

for the university fund will preduce over the university fund will preduce over than was ever raised of currency than the Hasslan peasant or before by taxation for this purpose, the Sigux Indian. This sum in addition to the regular income of the university from its endowment funds and university lands and expectations of its founders. The danger is that the university authorities will come to regard this mill levy as something that belongs to it permanently, although it was secured on representation that it was needed only for temporary relief. The rate of the university levy will have to be cut down when the new revenue law goes into effect multiplying assessment values, although we may expect a strenuous effort to prevent proportionate reduction.

The closing chapter of the history of a crime has just been published. After final dividend is promised for distribution at an early date. With the closing chapter the fact is recalled that the state of Nebraska lost \$236,000 in the wreck, not counting interest on its deposit and many thousands of dollars expended for lawyers' fees in the effort to recover from Charley Mosher and his rascally associates. The suggestive paragraph in the closing chapter is that about \$90,000 of the assets of the bank receivers. Had the receivership continued a few more years there would probto this and there is reason to believe ably have been heavy claims filed

The State Board of Equalization has taxable property in Douglas county at 41/2 mills for general state taxes and 11/2 making a total of 6 mills for state taxes. Formulated in mathematical terms, the forced contribution levied upon Douglas. county will aggregate \$153,558, an increase of \$39,380 over the aggregate forced contribution to the state from Douglas county for the year 1903. This increase would have been cheerfully borne if the state board had done its duty with regard to the railroad assess-

The property and franchises of the New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Lighting company in Omnha were as sessed for municipal taxation last year on a valuation of a little more than \$500,000. By consolidating with the electric lighting plants of Council Bluffs and South Omaha-certainly worth not half the value of the Omaha plant-the property is made to support securities in stocks and bonds aggregating \$4,500,-000. It is easy to see where the con sumer of electric light and power in Omaha comes in on such a deal of financiering.

Just now Rome is the rallying center for newspaper fakirs who are flooding theft of 20,000,000 lire in gold coin from sot have to ask favors of one another. | great impairment of prosperity is to be among the cardinals over their new magnates

apprehended, but there is an end for a quarters in the Sistine chapel and the FREE HOMES AND TENANT FARMERS It was reported some two weeks ago time to boom methods and to the alleged plots and counter-plots among that Russia had decided on retallatory schemes of promoters. Not even Morgan, aspiring members of the concluve. These Some Significant Facts Gleaned from ineasures as a result of the Kishineff pe- who seems to be pretty thoroughly dis- entertaining stories may be swallowed tition, but the report received very little credited by recent events, could now get by the credulous, but should all be taken

The veracious Omalia correspondent friendly feeling on the part of the business conservatism will be good for of the Lincoln Journal, who claims to speak for the anti-machine republican plow in vain. On the other hand it has been faction of Douglas county, ventures upon WHAT WILL THEY DO IN NEBRASKAI the prediction that Judge Sullivan will The reunited populists of America carry Douglas county by a large maby Russia which appears to be regarded have reaffirmed the Fourth of July plat- jority "if Rosewater persists in his old form of 1802 and have formally declared tactics." If this political forecaster decay. themselves absolved from allegiance to speaks by the card the bell wethers of tributed to the disappearance of the small and alliance with the republican and the so-called machine faction are pre-

> Councilman O'Brien and County Commissioner Connolly will paddle in the regatta for the world's championship at candidate for state auditor on the fusion | the annual picnic of the Douglas County the political pool room are largely in their party, these eminent Nebraskans has proved himself a heavy stroke in doubtless voice the sentiment of the the political whiripool on several occa-

Denver is to have a grand jury specially charged with inquiring into the free grants of valuable franchises and other questionable transactions of the local authorities. Denver must be looking for some of the free advertising St. Louis and Minneapolis have been monopolizing.

The Real Need.

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune Pennsylvania manufacturing companies are experimenting with a substitute for fuel instead of going to the roots of the matter and finding a substitute for Baer.

Dates to Look Forward To.

Washington Post. The State department officially announce that nothing remains to be settled but the date on which Manchuria ports shall be opened. That's also the only unsettled fea-

Financial Fodder.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Promoters with their little prospectus ranks as to separation or fusion has be-dealing th "hundreds/of millions" are in an come the burning question of the hour, undigested condition with strong symptoms That the populists alone cannot hope to of dyspepsia. There is also some loss of elect a state ticket this year is abso-

Joe as a Joker.

Baltimore American. J. A. Edgerton, the populist who called the new party conference to order in Denver, is a member of the American Press the Nebraska contingent that partici- Humorists. He will incur the jealousy of pated in the Denver conference could be all the other members by thus usurping the right to mingle with the funniest people on earth as one of them. The convention is the best joke Edgerton ever perpetrated.

Real Basis for Circulation.

Indianapolis Journal. Economists have a century-old habit of alculating the circulating medium of a

Gusher Closes-Spouter Starts.

Cincinnati Enquirer. The intimation that there is still a chance national government subsidies gives to save the country arises doubtless from that institution resources far beyond all the information that there has been a surcease in the product of Hon. Charles A. Towne's oil wells in Texas, . It is surprising how the country has got along so many months without Mr. Towne's majestic eloquence. Perhans he will get around in time to take Colonel Bryan's nomination for vice prestdent again.

> Railroading and Warfare, Detroit Free Press.

During the three months ending March 3 there were 300 persons killed and 2.834 injured in railroad accidents in the United States. Other railroad casualties brought the total number to 827 killed and 11,481 injured. The Boers lost only 3,700 in killed during three years of war with Great Britain and the moral seems to be that war in Africa is a great deal safer business than railroading in the United States

Give Others a Show

Philadelphia Record. Judge Gray is in general demand as an arbitrator. He complains that he has judicial duties to perform and he cannot and labor unions that cannot secure the services of the Delaware judge might be other members of the anthracite strike commissioner will not some of them do?

Good Will for Japan.

Brooklyn Times. The attitude of little Japan toward giant Russia should make the world pause in admiration. If it comes to war, may Japan meet with the success its courage deserves. It deserves the support of the other great powers if for no other purpose than to fixed the levy for the coming year upon compel Russian diplomacy to come down to the common level of truth and sincerity, American diplomats have set the world an excellent example of straightforward dealmills for school and university taxes, ing. Russian diplomats are constant fabricators and deceptionists. Russia should be whipped out of appetite and into a condition of humility and honesty.

LATEST IN INJUNCTIONS.

New Hampshire Judge Issues One that is Worth While. Chicago Record-Herald.

A New Hampshire judge has issued an injunction that is in these days of prize njunctions entitled to something more than onorable mention. The Boston & Maine udge has therefore decreed that "Kelliher's have been yielding to blackmail. cows are enjoined from going to, upon down and across the said tracks" and the inhabitants of Goff's Falls are again en deavoring to obtain peace of mind.

The actions of the enjoined cows will be If the kine obey the injunction relief from swarms of grasshoppers sometimes camp on | mosquitoes. railroad tracks and stall the trains. If cows may be enjoined from going to, upon, down or across a railway track why can't the grasshoppers be dealt with in the same

News concerning the doings of Kelliher's

Chicago Tribune.

the Census Report.

It has always been the custom of Americans to extol the farmer and to assert that a nation largely composed of freeholding farmers is a nation founded on a rock upon which the rains may descend and the winds pointed out that the countries wherein land has been concentrated in the hands of great owners and peasant proprietors have been reduced to the position of tenants or hired men, contain within themselves the seeds of The fall of Rome is by many st-Italian farms owned by freemen and the substitution for them of great estates worked by slaves. In view of these docpoliticians and publicists, the constantly incent of the people lived in cities of 8,000 or over; fn 1840, 8.5 per cent; in 1860, 16.1 per percentage of farms worked by tenants. 74.5 per cent of all farms were operated by

entral division, containing the great farming states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska, 72.1 per cent of the farms were operated by owners and 25.9 per cent by tenant in 1900, 76.6 per cent by owners and 23.4 per cent by tenants in 1890, and 79.5 per cent by owners and 20.5 per cent by tenants in 1880. In Illinois the percentage of tenants to owners is even higher, being, in 1890, 34 per cent to 66 per cent, and in 1900 39.3 per cent to 60.7 per cent.

Going a step farther we find that of the farmers who do own their homes a larger percentage of them are in debt than formerly. The percentage of free farm homes to incumbered farm homes was, in the whole country. In 1900 68.9 per cent to 31.1 per cent; in 1890, 71.8 per cent to 28.2 per cent. In the north central division the percentage of free and incumbered homes was about the same at the two periods, being in 1890 57.5 per cent free and 42.5 per cent incumbered, and in 1900, 58.3 per cent free and 41.7 per cent incumbered. The gains in the percentage of free homes of this division were made almost entirely in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas. In Kansas the free farm homes constituted 58.2 per cent in 1900, against 44.5 per cent in 1890; in South Dakota for the Under the state assessment returned not be more sensible to calculate it on a for the coming year the 1-mill tax levy basis of the volume of business transacted? farms diminished, the figures in Illinois being, 1890, free, 63.3, incumbered, 36.7; 1900, free, 60.7, incumbered, 39.3.

Parallel with the movement from the farms to the cities, and with the diminution of the number of farm owners as compared with farm tenants, and consequent upon those tendencies, has come an inpared with farm tenants, and consequent crease in the average size of farms. Or, in oncentrated in fewer hands relatively to the total acreage under cultivation. In 1890 the average size of a farm in the United and close to the Church of the Ascension States was 136.5 acres; in 1900 the average size of a farm was 146.6 acres. In the north central states the figures for average sized farms are, in 1890, 133.4 acres; in 1900, 144.5 acres. Illinois, however, has decreased the size of its average farm in the large farm the lar becomes more popular, the tendency to in- Japanese.

The tendency away from the farms to regard with pleasure. Whether the com- What is even more remarkable, there are parative increase in the number of tenants is deplorable depends upon circumstances. regulate the labor troubles of the country. If it means that most of those who are now number of disputes local in New York, rented farms in the hope of saving up enough money to enable them, to buy land, and become independent, there is no occaable to secure those of the New York sion for regret. If it means that owners ecclesiastic. Besides, there are several have lost their farms and work as tenants the lands they once owned there is occasion for regret. There is nothing to prove that many farmers are going down in the world.

The increase in the percentage of incum-It depends altogether on whether the loans has pronounced him-it is a pretty pros have been wisely or unwisely made. The subject was fully discussed in 1896, when took the dispensation of Providence into the magnitude of the farm mortgage debt their own bloody hands and invoked of the United States was one of the argu- wholesale and brutal murder to effect a ments advanced by the Bryanites to induce change of dynasties. Before he took u the farmers to vote for free silver and 50 the dripping crown, Peter talked of handcents dollars. It was proved at that time ing it over to this son, and it is known that most of the loans were not made be- that he cherishes for him that peculiar cause the borrowers were hard up, but in order to enable them to buy land or to im prove and make more productive the land they already owned. Of the many mortgages existing in 1890 comparatively few have been foreclosed. As the farmers are much better off now than they were in that year it may safely be assumed that the increase in the number of farm mortgages is not a bad omen.

Example to Blackmailers.

New York Tribune The conviction of the former treasurer of the Journeymen Stonecutters' union after Railway company's trains have for some a full and impartial trial will undoubtedly time past been delayed at Goff's Falls by check the predatory operations of un cattle grazing between the rails. This has scrupulous walking delegates and their caused the engineers to do a good deal of accomplices. Murphy has been found whistling, much to the distress of the guilty of stealing thousands of dollars of inhabitants, who protested to the court plunder extorted from weak-kneed emagainst being kept awake at night and players. His punishment ought to be so having their sensitive New England nerves exemplary as to disconcert the blackmatters upset during the daytime. The learned and to stiffen the backbones of those who

Kansas and Cupid.

Baltimore American. Kansas is getting desperate and to pre vent a teacher famine from piling up its watched with deep interest by railroad men. sterile record has forbidden marrying and even courting among the feminine in what has heretofore been supposed to be structors of her youth. Kansas may foll an unavoidable nuisance may be obtained. the ordinary forces of nature with cyclone In Kansas and some other places where the cellars, but it can fence out Cupid about fitness of things is not always observed as easily as New Jersey is extinguishing

Fate of a Reformer.

Chicago Chronicle. Still the petard continues to hoist th engineer. Out in the state of Washington a law providing for the "posting" of drunkcows will be anxiously awaited by the ards has gone into effect and its first victim is the state senator who framed it.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Italy is gaining fast in manufactures and achievements in recent years which was made at the Paris exposition of 1900 opened the eyes of many visitors to the remarkable ingenuity and freshness of much Ital- other on the throne. inn work, and recent statistics of Italian trade show that the progress of Italy in modern business is very notable. The lack of cheap fuel has long been a serious check upon Italian industries, but the utilization of water power furnished by mountain streams and converted into electricity is pointed postmaster of the city of Cebu. fast overcoming that obstacle, in some measure, and the signs of better times multiply in various parts of the Italian kingdom. This modern revival of the ancient mother land of great rulers, famous conquerors and gifted artists, poets and painters, builders of cities and masters of emtrines, largely subscribed to by American pires, is one of the bright signs of the times. It shows how far the world is from creasing tendency of the people of this exhaustion in the districts where man has country to forsake farms for cities has been most active and the population has been frequently commented on and de- been most dense. There is no country so plored. The census figures at successive well worn and so long crowded, judged by Dr. Shea of the board of health of Hos-Democracy next Sunday. The odds in decades show that the percentage of urban the standards of any age, that it may not ton has gone to Europe to study the methpopulation has grown considerably greater aspire to much greater achievements and ods of battling with contagious diseases, favor of the county commissioner, who at each successive decade. In 1790 3.4 per higher prosperity than it has ever enjoyed. and will read a paper before a German

A large number of the sportsmen of Paris pox in the United States. cent; in 1880, 22.6 per cent, and in 1800, 23.1 have turned their attention from the autoper cent. These figures exclude Hawaii, the mobile to the airship. They hope to solve Indian Territory and Indian reservations: the problem of aerial flight as successfully But, greatly as the rush to the cities has as they have mastered the problem of flight been commented upon, another fact equally on the highways. Various tests, public or noteworthy has been overlooked. That is private, of new-fangled flying machines are the decreasing percentage of farmers who taking place daily in or near Paris, and own their own farms and the increasing French aeronauts whose opinions are entitled to weight believe that, before the end Of the 5,759,657 farms in the United States of the present summer their achievements regorded in the census of 1900, 63.7 per cent will astonish the whole world. These enere operated by their owners and 35.3 per thusiasts have been greatly encouraged in were operated by tenants. In 1890 their prophesying by the recent triumph of 71.6 per cent of all farms were operated by M. Santos-Dumont. The other day he owners and 38.4 per cent by tenants. In 1880 actually visited the races at Longchamps in one of his big airships, the trip having owners and 25.5 per cent by tenants. In been made as successfully as if he had covthis connection it should be explained that ered the distance in a cab or by train. operation or partial operation of a farm by Moreover, several of the French nobility a member of the owner's family constitutes are engaged in making and breaking aerial long-distance records. Santos-Dumont him- in geometrical figures, some octagonal, operation by the owner. In the north self now has three new airships in the course of construction, and there are, all specimens of every known wood were told, no fewer than fourteen of these con- procured from all parts of the world and trivances building or already completed in Paris which are described as "first-class" vessels. It is said that Europe will have, photographer, seldom going out without within the next few weeks, more than forty dirigible balloons ready to compete for first peasant woman in picturesque costume honors.

now 20,000. Although on account of various conspicuous topics like the Bagdad rallway. the Armenian troubles and the customs scandals in Constantinople, France, Germany and Great Britain have had their names most prominently connected with current affairs in the Levant, it is not to be York Journal. supposed that Russia, while almost unmensupposed that Russia, while almost unmentioned, has been idle. Last spring a Russian squadron under Rear Admiral Krieger make a liar of hisself to please a woman. paid a quiet visit to Jaffa, from which point his men visited by rail Jerusalem. They found there that among all the foreign Christian communities Russia had taken the lead throughout the Holy Land, and especially in Jerusalem, in buying land and in building and establishing missions, schools, hospitals and monasteries. The Russian "New Jerusalem," with its fine Star. modern buildings, forms a little town of itself-a fortress that commands Jerusalem. It consists of a mission house with a school and hospital, of a pilgrims' shelter, of dwellings for clerical and lay officials, of the palace for the future patriarch and the consul general, and of two churches, one of consul general, and of two churches, one of which, the cathedral, towers above the The Judge-You are charged with taking Olives and inclosed it and the Gethsemane other words, farm lands are becoming church by a wall, while from beyond the Jordan there can be seen the lofty Russian tower built on the summit of the mount,

the ten years from 125.7 to 124.8 acres. The was directed from the beginning by the ncreases in average size occur chiefly in learned Dr. W. A. P. Martin, an American the western states. As diversified farming missionary, has been reorganized by the The troubles between the crease the size of farms and to decrease Chinese minister in Japan and the students the comparative number of farm owners of his country revealed, the fact, which was may be checked. The census commissioner a surprise to the diplomats in Pekin, that accounts for the decrease in the size of a thousand Chinese students were living in Illinois farms "by the subdivisions of old Tokio. That was six months ago. Since farms near cities for use in the growing of then the number of Chinese students has fruit and vegetables, which accounts for increased to 2,000, and includes the children the decrease in the average area of farms of some of the highest officials and nobility, apart from the ruling race, the Manchus, who heretofore have scorned to look the cities is one which few Americans will beyond the walls of Peking for knowledge hundred or more girls among them. Cheap ness was the potent argument which the Bishop Potter has managed to arbitrate tenants were once farm laborers who have to Japan. Most of the students are en-Japanese used to attract Chinese students rolled in the Tokio university, but others are in military, normal, agricultural and scientific schools, and others toil in the private establishments of Mr. Fukudawa and Count Okuma, who have played a great part in modernizing Japan.

> If the son of Peter, by the grace of God and of assassins' bullets king of Servia. pered farms is not necessarily a bad sign. In an imbeclie—as the Russian specialist pect that opens before the people who

blind and doting affection which parents sometimes induige toward mentally deficient children.; If the king possesses any all industries. The demonstration of Italian strength of character, it would probably be used in securing the succession to this Prince George, and Servia will have butchered one degenerate only to put an-

PERSONAL NOTES.

Tobias Eppstein of Cincinnati, after nearly four years in the Postoffice department of the Philippines, has been ap-

Kubelik, the violinist, reached his 23d year a few days ago. Hardly in any other art but music can one be a world-wide celebrity at 23, but Joachim played in London when he was 12.

A bronze tablet to the memory of General Henry Knox has just been unveiled near Thomaston, Me., where once stood his historic mansion Montpelier. General Knex was the first secretary of war under Prosident Washington

medical society on the treatment of small-

Rev. George Hanson, rector of the church of Marylebone, in London, who came to the United States to fill the pulpit of Dr. Lorimer, in New York, during the latter's absence in Europe, preached his first sermon Sunday, his subject being Lee XIII. Frederic Masson, who has just been

elected a member of the French academy, is famed as one of the greatest living authorities on Napoleon. His collection of Napoleonic relies is second to none except that of Prince Roland Benaparts. He has spent a lifetime in connoting the minutest details of Napoleon's public and particularly private life.

Dr. John A. Trembly, the eccentric scientist, has just died at his home in Hamilton, O. This home is unique, the owner having designed the various rooms others circular, others elliptical, and used in the structure.

Queen Wilhelmins has become an expert her camera. The other day she saw a holding a baby in her arms. She asked permission to take her picture, to the great According to a recent Russian consular delight of the woman, who received a report, six years ago 9,000 children attended present after the snapshot had been taken, Russian schools in Syria. The number is while the baby got a kiss from the queen.

IN JESTING MOOD.

but at the same time he's little short of a fule if he don't git around to obsarve dat she's lookin' five years younger dan she did last week."—Detroit Free Press.

"So you're learning to play chess," said Maud. "Yes, But the worst part isn't the mov-"Yes, But the worst part isn't the mov-"Yes, Et the keeping still."—Washington

Markley-Yes, I did lend him \$10. Newitt-Well, I suppose he'll pay you can't make him

said the stranger, stirring some thing in a glass, "that on the strength of the names in the new city directory you claim a population here of over 2.300,000." "I guess that's about right." observed the man in the battered panama hat, who was lenning against the bar and smoking a

PRAYER OF THE PREDACEOUS.

Life. Now this is the prayer of the Bull and Bear At the shrine of the God of Gold. Where the shadow cast by a Christian spire And the westring sun's effulgent fire Down a narrow street unrolled: "Oh. Lord of the Merger, and Trust, and

"We need his fleece to keep us warm, His fat when the nights are cool. And, after all, he's an only child And twin brother to a fool.

Of Gammon, and Greed, and Sham!

won't do a thing to the fresh young sheep But teach him to gambol and play; We'll feed him on only the best of 'shorts' And beautiful 'long' baled hay.

'He shall not suffer the pangs of thirst, This woolly stray from the flock, For innocence we love and prize, And always water our stock

"The lion lies down with the lamb (inside), So why not the Bull and Bear? We will show him 'cover,' we'll take him in, We've plenty of room to spare.

His mint sauce let him bring with him. The long green' that's nice with game, and he shall tein our Browning Club And learn what is in a name.

"Then, 'let us return to our mutton.'
With current funds (which is jam)—
He shall have a plunge in our deenest pool,
And come out a steel spring lamb. Oh, Slightly Alloyed, Auriferous God, r thy humble heasts who prey And we worship thee night and day.

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