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Not average sales. 30,755 GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

With strikers threatening violence to funeral car drivers, a Chicagoan cannot feel secure even when dead,

With \$27,500 premium on its refunding bonds the city ought to liquidate in June. some of the overlap left by last year's levy.

The new minister to Panama was lican conventions, so that, as remarked originally an Iowan-but the public has ceased to be surprised by such news republicans fix the date of both convenas that.

The senators have stopped talking long enough to ratify the Chinese treaty -which is something of a surprise to the people;

The Congress of Mothers also has up arms against Reed Smoot, but it is observed that the unmarried women are keeping mighty mum.

NEW EFFORTS FOR STATEHOOD. push their claims before the present congress, reinforced by new and recently accumulated facts in support of their claims. It is stated that with the somewhat changed circumstances the statehood people are very hopeful of victory

and are providing themselves with all available ammunition so as to make the strongest possible fight when the time be very soon after the holidays.

In regard to the proposition to join ever held in this state. New Mexico and Arizona as one state, the representatives of those territories declare that they will light it persistently. Speaking of the matter, the delegate from Arizona is quoted as saying that such a course would be contrary to the history and policy of the country from the beginning. "From the time congress made two states of Mississippi and Alabama," he remarked, "down to the time when it did the same thing for grand juries had been persuaded to the two Dakotas, it has been American policy to create two states out of large territory if possible, instead of putting two territorics into one state." Governor Otero of New Mexico holds the same views, his opinion being that joint statehood would be unfair to both ter-

ritories Nothing has been disclosed regarding the feeling in congress on the question no.oso of admitting the territories to statehood. their representatives indicates a more favorable prospect. Popular sentiment, strongly for their admission and there seems to be no good reason why the necessary legislation should not be passed at the present session.

DEMUCRATS MAY MEET FIRST.

The democratic national committee will meet in Washington, January 12, to despolled the Winnebago and Omaha Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, A. D. 1003. M. B. HUNGATE. (Beal.) Notary Public. ing the national convention of 1904. It who connived at these gigantic frauds, is said that it will be proposed by the more aggressive men in the committee that the precedent of allowing the party broken and that the democrats take the offensive, holding their convention early

> Every democratic national convention in the last thirty-five years, or from 1868, has been held later than the repubby the New York Sun, practically the

tions, their own actually and the democratic convention approximately. It is thought probable that the democratic committee will select Chicago, though a

strong effort will be made to induce it to choose an eastern city for the convention and it would not be surprising if the selection should fall to New York. The naming of a time and place for the convention, however, is not

the democracy. To find a man who can interest of better government. unite and harmonize the party is the

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same confidence in the piedges of this destroyed by the floods. An outsider edly will be energetically pressed.

WORK OF THE GRAND JURT. After a session of nearly six weeks

the federal grand jury has completed its labors and taken final adjournment. From the beginning to the close this

The indictment of Senator Charles H. Dietrich was an event of national magnifencing of the public domain were the the Department of the Interior more

than fifteen months ago, which previous ignore. The minor bills, excepting those growing out of the rumors of corrupt deals in postoffice appointments, were the usual grist of bootlegging and other petty offenses that usually take up the time of the federal courts while more serious law violations are being sidetracked. The action of the grand jury in the Dietrich cases was doubtless based upon an ex parte showing ingeniously handled by the prosecuting attorney, whose only hope of keeping himself in office lay in destroying the influ-

ence of Senator Dietrich and placing the where it could not dismiss him without creating the impression that it was trying to shield a member of the senate charged with bribery. The failure of the grand jury to indict

any of the Indian land lease ring that had for several years systematically Indians, or the Indian agency officers

can be ascribed only to the hypnotic power of the prosecuting attorney, who has notoriously been using his office to in power to hold its convention first be protect these crooked speculators and their abettors and alles, in and out of office. There was enough material before the grand jury to sustain the

charges had there been any disposition fact that the entire management of the agency and the whole hand leasing system has been recently reorganized by the exposures made by the editor of The Bee clearly proves that the bad conditions and lawlesaness that prevalled on the reservation during the

Mathewson regime had become intolerable. It is to be regretted that the grand jury did not severely rebuke the smirch parties who were honestly en-

the most important question confronting deavoring to right these wrongs in the Last, but not least, it is a lamentable

prosecuting attorney as a means of

counteracting the bad repute into which

he has fallen through his intimate re-

lations with Bartley, the great embez-

zler, and his active part in procuring

the Bartley pardon. These leaks from

the grand jury room, whose inmates

were sworn to secrecy, reflected seri-

Not discouraged by their failure at government as it has hitherto enjoyed? has the privilege of believing, however, the last session of congress, the repre- These and other considerations make that if the property of the bank were sentatives of the territories seeking highly interesting the question raised at stake through peculations of some of statehood are preparing to vigorously by the British demand, which undoubt- its employes the books would be unearthed somewhere and afford sufficient data 'to show how much was stolen. This is plainly another case depending on whose ox is gored.

According to agreement, the report on the nomination of General Wood will

body has attracted more than local at- be made up on the reconvening of the tention and in some respects has fur- senae after the holidays, when the fight omes for doing so, which will probably nished more material for the sensational will be transferred from the committee press than any other similar inquisition room to the floor. If the nomination were only subject to discussion in open session we might expect a protracted debate with spectacular appeals to the tude by reason of his position and the gallery, but inasmuch as it will come up nature of the charges brought against behind closed doors and the public will him. The indictments of the heads of get only what percolates through the several big cattle syndicates for illegal cracks, there is reason to hope that the controversy will then be settled one sequence of investigations instituted by way or the other without much further delay.

> One thing the federal-grand jury did not appear anxious to investigate and that is the fairly established charge that the United States district attorney had procured railroad passes for the members of the grand jury that was in session in Omaha twelve months ago when they adjourned for a Christmas vacation to return after Christmas to do nothing and were allowed to draw their pay for mileage with the connivance of this same district attorney. It was too tender a spot to investigate

American exports to British South Africa are increasing year by year, but there is still room for considerable expansion without crowding the Britons out. At the same time it would not be a bad idea for us to see that we get what belongs to us in the way of trade in the Philippines without letting the British and the Germans in too far.

The appropriation for an exhibit of French labor societies at St. Louis passed the French senate with only one vote recorded against H. After the liberal participation of the United States in the successive French expositions it is only reasonable that the French government will reciprocate with equal liberality

The Santa Fe railroad will now try to on the part of the attorney to use it take the kinks out of its tracks so as as a foundation for prosecution. The to shorten its line to the coast. The Union Pacific has set the pace for the improvement of railroad construction and all the other transcontinental railthe Interior department as a result of. roads will have to follow suit to keep in the runnning.

Patriotism with Fee Attached. Chicago Tribune,

While the number of applications on file for pensions for survivors of the Spanish war is only a little over 200,000, it will not be the fault of the patriotic pension attorattempt of the prosecuting attorney to neys if the half million mark is not passed soon

Promoting Trouble. St. Louis Republic. A man has invented a device for making fact that the proceedings of the grand a permanent record of telephone conversations. If that thing comes into general use jury were regularly given out in garbled it means more work for the divorce courts form to manufacture public sentiment and many other embarrassing complicathat would sustain the course of the tions

Good Health to the Children.

At this season the children are eating dainties, and the housekeeper must look specially to their food.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The diplomatic importance of Great Britains's move in the direction of Thibet lies In its significance as a counter check upon more than 10 feet 6 inches above the averthe Russian policy in Manchuria and a age level of the Neva, and the mainland possible effective diversion calculated to turn the Muscovitic eyes away from the is a common occurrence for the streets in prey in the north. The delicate game of parts of the Vasili Ostroff to be flooded chess which Russian and Britain have been during the winter. playing with Persia, Afghanistan and the

khanates of southern Turkestan as the board is given a new aspect by this sudden move of the British castle. Were Russia to gain ascendency over Thibet instead of its antagonist it would have China in a vise, the two jaws of which would be Thibet and Manchuria. Moreover it would then stretch its length along the entire northeastern boundary of the coveted Indian erapire

That Russia does not take this little side play by England in all kindness is indicated by the tone of the Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg, which threatens that if the Thibetans are too weak to stem the tide of the English over the Himalayas "it is quite possible for others to do so by creating a slight diversion in some direction disagreeable to the British politicians." The disagreeable to the British politicians." The inc city, Atla was schulded to the Data and the publisher to ten. As imprisonment and the case of "Life in a Small Garrison." In the case of "Life in a Small Garrison." With its hands pretty well filled by the intere is no truth about the various charges and a formal investigation is likely to be Manchurian bundle it is not very probable the result. that Russia will undertake retaliation for the present, however injured its feelings may be. It looks as if Britain had it of

nished, with overflow basins. All the islands, which are of alluvial origin, are very low. Their highest points do not rise is very little higher than the islands. It

libel, seems to be the rule in Germany. Having disposed of the case of Lieutenant Blise, German papers are turning their attention to the case of Dr. Ries, head master of the gymnasium in Oldenburg. Ries, it seems, wrote a series of articles for a local paper in which he denounced the high play that was going on in the capital of the duchy, and particularly denounced the minister of justice. The latter was accused of gambling in public places in contravention of the law, and, more serious, was accused of enticing young men and young officers to the gambling tables. To his account Ries laid several suicides which have occurred lately among the youth of the city. Ries was sentenced to six months'

and the Fontanka, but these are not fur- | that a larger proportion of the married sailors have died

SECURITIES AND INSECURITIES.

Far-Reaching Harm Done by Sale of Bogus Stock.

New York World. Did Justice Peter S. Grosscup of the United States circuit court, than whom a higher authority upon corporate law could hardly be cited, exaggerate the facts when he said to the Chicago Merchants club? "In my opinion the men who have passed off bogus securities on the public have ione more harm to American institutions, to American spirit, unity, good feeling and prosperity than if they had deliberateig spread over this land pestilence and fever.' Examples of such "bogus securities" as Justice Grosscup refers to are fresh in the public mind. There is the \$67,000,000 of water in the \$79,000,000 Shipbuilding com pany which Mr. Morgan and Mr. Schwat arranged with Harris, Gates & Co. to sell at \$65 and \$25 a share, and which is now worth nothing; there is the \$\$00.0°),000 or more of "flat values" attempted with such disastrous results in the Steel trust; there

five out of two plus two, and whose valid

ity the supreme court is even now consid-

ering; there are Sugar and Copper and

Chewing Gum; Ice trust, Asphalt trust

and Candy trust. And the total nominal

capitalization of the "industrials" alone,

leaving out the vast rallroad mergers,

couple about \$100 for every man, woman

and child in the United States. Truly a

mass of "bogus securities" that may well

Whether the existence of the trusts

would still be contrary to public policy and

interest if honestly capitalized is a ques-

tion upon which men may differ. But

there can be no question that the evils of

monopolistic mergers would be greatly les-

sened if Justice Grosscup's suggestion of

government supervision as rigorous as that

"THE NAME IS EVERYTHING."

of the national banks were enforced to

prevent manifest robbery.

ustify Justice Grosscup's emphasis.

The greater the truth the greater the

the treaty of 1846 forces the conviction vital matter and at present such a leader that General Reyes has overlooked the many, many things that have happened is not in sight. Whether one can be

The projected grain market and a greater demand for grain for home consumption in mills and factories should go hand in hand. Push , them all together.

Another puszling question that is up to the county board is where to find room in the court house for an office for the county assessor and his corps of pected. It is said that the sugar proassistants.

The Louisiana Purchase has been under the Stars and Stripes just a hundred years. What better object lesson could be had of what a land of liberty can accomplish?

Omaha retail merchants have a right to be proud of their holiday displays. It's a fastidious shopper who can not be suited by them in variety, quality, quantity and price.

Cincinnatus left his plow in the field. Mrs. Manning, with womanly instinct, lets the great St. Louis fair wait while she covers the furniture and carries the as a deliberate declaration to the world cat to a neighbor's.

The Bartley bond case has once more bobbed up in the supreme court, but doing this. On the other hand, Senator the Bartley cigar box and its historic contents is still in the possession of the man of the iron mask.

The secretary of war has decided to upon Cuba by the Platt amendment. drop the matter of General MacArthur's which is a part of the constitution of reference to probable hostilities with that republic, and insisted that this Germany, so it will not really matter created obligations, both moral and legal, toward Cuba. "Who can say," whether the public does or does not.

Now that the federal grand jury has violate the contract for equal treatment adjourned The Bee is in position to in treaties with foreign governments if furnishing cheaper power by overturn the searchlight upon District At- we make reciprocal concessions to that torney Summers and his methods with. republic? Let the nations which make out subjecting its editors and reporters to an indictment for an alleged attempt to impede justice.

The Nebraska supreme court has promulgated a few new rules for the late the treaties we have with them." guidance of attorneys conducting litigation before that tribunal. The court rerules without waiting for anyone to move for a rehearing.

It is true that the supreme court has po ties to go slow with the penalty buai. reciprocity treaty with France, in which ness while the law is new.

been a great calamity. The disposal of its tariff more discriminative against rulsed about the pecultar course pursucd by eastern bond speculators in tion with this deal.

found within the next six months is problematical.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DEMAND. The notice served on the State department by the British government that it expects, under the so-called favored nation clause, that sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted into the United States on equal

ously upon that body, which should have terms with the Cuban product, was exvindicated itself before adjournment by placing the responsibility where it beducing countries of Europe will make longed a like representation to our government.

When the question of reciprocity with According to the statement given to Cuba first came up intimations were rethe press by the chief promoter of the ceived from some of the European coun-Fremont power canal, the John F. Kelly tries that they would expect to be ac-Company of New York has been awarded corded the same consideration that a contract for the construction and should be given to Cuba and this was

not lost sight of in the discussion of the treaty in the senate. Senator Teller pointed out that we

told, furthermore, that the project conhave some forty treatles containing the templates the issuance of bonds to the favored nation clause, by which we had extent of the full capitalization, or solemnly promised to deal with each nasomething over \$3,250,000. Right here tion as we deal with every other, and is the rub. The original estimate of the

he regarded the arrangement with Cuba cost of constructing and equipping the Fremont canal was \$2,500,000. If the that we withdraw that promise. He company proposes to exceed that amount did not think that any adequate or satby three-quarters of a million in the isfactory reason could be given for shape of bonds, the only inference to be drawn is that the construction company

Depew argued that the treaty was fully is to have a margin of \$750,000 for justified by our peculiar relations with negotiating 50 per cent of the bonds and obligations to Cuba. He called atand assuming the risk of the undertaktention to the requirements imposed ing. Possibly the excessive bond issue would represent the 30 per cent discount at which the bonds are to be sold as an inducement to buyers. In any case, however, the proposed issue of several

hundred thousand dollars of stock justisaid the New York senator, "that we fies the fear that the promoters of the enterprise will be seriously hampered in capitalization.

such a claim come forward and say, The county commissioners are much 'We accept the Platt amendment,' and vexed over the discovery that so many then there will be an equality upon people in this county bear the same which they may assert that reciprocal name and consequently create confusion. concessions to the republic of Cuba vio- and embarrassment in the drawing of

the jury panel for the coming leap year. The large majority for the treaty in The proper way out of the dilemma the senate showed that there was little would be to designate by number every serves the right, however, to modify the concern respecting the favored nation man bearing the name of Smith, Jones, clause and yet it must be admitted that Brown, Johnson, Hansen, Peterson, the question raised is interesting and Oison, etc., so that they will be known by no means unimportant. It is quite hereafter in the jury lists as Smith 1,

saible that it may exert an influence Brown 5, Johnson 10, etc. Such designaupheid the validity of the new revenue in behalf of tariff discrimination abroad tions would also materially lighten the haw, but it has not yet expressed its against the United States, strengthening task of the jury fixers in visiting the opinion of the 50 per cent penalty clause. the sentiment in Europe favorable to right Brown, Jones or Peterson at home It would be a good thing for the authori- tariff retaliation. . There is pending a after business hours.

that country makes liberal concessions. It is an ill wind that blows nobody If that convention should not be ratified good. The great flood that did so much After all the hitch in the sale of the it is more than likely that the French damage in Kansas City last spring is 416 per cent refunding bonds has not government would be disposed to make proving of substantial benefit to the officials under investigation for boodling the bonds at a premium of \$27,500 above our products than it now is. Another as municipal officers of Kansas City, par would seem to justify the racket consideration is in regard to the possible Kan., where the proof of the receipt of effect when the time shall come for re- bribe money, by reference to their acnewing the trustice containing the fa- counts in the bank, has been averted round nation classes. Will there be the under pretext that the bank books were

Hint to the "August Senate." Philadelphia Inquirer.

The difference in length between open and secret sessions of the senate suggests that, if the senate would consent to do its talking in executive session, the business of the country would be very considerably expedited.

> Perish the Thought! Minneapolis Journal.

Attorney General Knox still persists in holding that there is more or less water in Northern Securities stock. What a skeptical person he is! Long ago Mr. Hill explained that there was no water in the stock.

Is There a Second ! St. Louis Republic

Nobody among the salary slaves will see equipment of the canal, with authority ond the motion of Mr. Carroll D. Wright to to dispose of one-half of the issue of abolish the wage system. If the trusts handle the business and keep all the books, bonds for the canal enterprise. We are the fellow who gives up the wage system will have little left.

Home Comforts on the Rail. Indianapolis Journal.

A great wastern railroad system nounces that its new cars are equipped with all the conveniences of a modern flat. It a great commercial harbor of Bizerta. The not be gathered from this, however, that they are flatcars; or that there will be a family above with a piano and a family plying in the Mediterranean to take in coal below with a phonograph.

Too Much War Talk. Springfield Republican.

Mr. Root's explanation that he did not predict a war "soon" between the United States and some foreign power, but merely in the future at some indefinite time, relieves him of the responsibility of indulging in wild talk. It may be asked, however, why it is necessary for him to predict war at all? He goes to various public dinners and meetings, and in his speeches assumes that sooner or later this country will surely set into a great war. Doubtless Mr. Root's motive is to emphasize the necessity of freights. As long ago as last March a reso preparation for emergencies. But to those fbly too idealistic people who hope that wars will cease without many more milltary cataclysms, the kind of talk that Mr. of the minerals from Jebel Ouenza to

Root indulges in is disagreeable. The sorta. fatalism of his talk about future war is such a rallway would attract to that port injurious in its effect upon the public mind. the coal boats that now proceed to Malta, because the public is thus educated to the while the French naval station would in refaise notion that war is a normal and turn receive the coal necessary for the navy, for commerce and for the metallurecessary crisis of society at frequent intervals, and can never be outgrown sic works which it is proposed to found there. The existence of an important coa

American Goods Abroad. Philadelphia Record.

exports for November are a triffe those of October, and are decidedly the supply of labor and other purposes. It is thought that Cardiff boats would bring in excess of the exports in any previo month except October three years ago. The exports of the last two months, very nearly \$221,000,000, are much larger than the exports of any previous two months. The imports last month were less than those of any previous month since June, 1902. The exports for twelve months ended No vember 30 have been exceeded but once, in

gales in the gulf of Finland. This flo (9 feet 6 inches) is the most serio the twelve months ended November, 1901. has occurred since 1877, when the Neva The excess of exports in the last twelve and in the eleven months of the level. The great inundation of 1824 was the calendar year, have been several times exmost divestrous on record. On that occeeded, because imports have been increas casion the river rose 12 feet 8 inches abov ing in the last two or three years. The ts normal level and inundated the whole excess of exports over imports in the eleven monthly however, is more than M4. urbon area of St. Petersbury. The Katha the, Ligovski and Obvodel canals all have 000,000 greater than the excess in the corbasins for the reception of surplus water responding portion of last year. Imports in the last sleven months increased nearly but they are of little practical value, as is shown in the present instance. There are two other specified channels, the Molice \$43,000,000, but the experts increased mo

of War Veterans.

with the pension roll is the variation in what may be called the matrimonial habit of the warriors in the several wars. Thus, of the Revolutionary war, which close 120 years ago, there are no survivors, but nounced some three months ago that Prince there are drawing pension two widows. It seems a little extraordinary that the lives of one couple should cover one century and a fifth of another, but if the hus band was 18 at the close of the war in 1783, if at 78 he married a girl of 18-a by no means impossible occurrence-his widow Of the war of 1812 there is one survivor Supposing him to have been 18 at the close maintenance, but a motor car service will least must be a centenarian. The army probably be lucrative, if it is organized and to which he belonged appears to have been particularly prone to marriage, as there are 1.115 widows on the roll. Of the Mexi the concessionarires of extending their field widows, or in the ratio of four widows to three survivors. The interval between the close of the earlier and that of the Algiers as a coaling station is encouraging it is pretty safe to conclude that the marrythe French to make special efforts to make ing habit was not so strong after the later as after the former.

French consul at Gibraltar reports that When we come down to the war for the there is a growing tendency among vessels mion, we find, of course, that the ratio of widows is much lower, but it is still at Algiers instead of at the British port. conspicuously large. Of the army there are 691,850 survivors on the pension Whereas, the quantity of coal furnished at Gibraltar shows a steady decline, from 450,- and there are 342,115 widows, the latter 000 tons in 1890 to 167,000 last year, the being a little less than 35 per cent of the former. Of the navy there are 20,152 suramount of coal disposed of at Algiers durvivors on the pension list and 9,213 widows, ing the same period increased from 61,000 or 45 per cent, which would indicate that a larger proportion of sailors married, or



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MATRIMONIAL SIDE OF PENSIONS.

Surprising Longevity of the Widows

New York Times.

One of the curious facts in connection

would be but 78 now. There are also three daughters of pensioners on the roll, and they might be the offspring of the widows. of the war, he would now be 106, and at can war there are 5,964 survivors and 7,910 later war was but thirty-three years, and

It is a little remarkable that Russia should have set the example to Europe of organizing a regular motor car service for

freight and passengers over a considerable distance. The cars are to run on a regular time table along the Circassian coast beween Novorossisk and Sukhum-Kaleh, a terial tour of inspection sprang the idea

of starting a motor car service on a commercial basis, and a company has now been formed at St. Petersburg, with a capital of 3,600,000 rubles, for putting the project into practical operation forthwith. It is doubtful wheather a rallway over the same route would repay the cost of construction and managed upon economical principles which are not apt to prevail in Russsia. The con-

to 197,090 tons. Regarding the project of a

railway from the Ouenza mines to Bizerta,

the Chamber of Commerce of the latter

port has just addressed a communication to

M. Combes, contending that the sacrifices

made by France in the protectorate will

prove fruitless unless a railway be con-

structed which will place the port of Bi-

serta in a position to furnish return

lution was passed by the Societe des Etudes

Conollales et Maritimes, advocating that

construction of a rallway for the transport

depot, it is thought, would create at Bi

serta a genuine commercial port, of great

value, for the victualling of war vessels.

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The latest overflow of the Neva is but

nother warning to the inhabitants of St

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In the opinion of the association

cession is for twenty years, with power to of operations. -The gradual growth of the importance of

distance of about 270 miles. It was an-Khilkoff, the Russian minister of ways of amunication, had proceeded in a motor car down the Circassian coast between the two points mentioned. From that minis-