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Iowa legislators decline to be driven from home even by fire.

What would General Jackson say to

the Jacksonians if he were allve today?

Douglas county . roads and bridges pet contractors tap the taxpayers.

The South Omaha Live Stock ex- tronage brokerage. Though every enemy, change has a right to change its mind as well as to change its rhle. Wise men change.

A new record price has just been established in whaleback-which ought to gladden the hearts of the dress reform agitators.

Down in Missouri, grand jury indictments for boodling are becoming so freof the postoffice. quent that an office holder feels slighted if he does not get one.

ACQUITTAL OF SENATOR DISTRICH. The quashing by instruction of the court of the indictments presented against Senator Charles H. Dietrich by the late federal grand jury at the instance of District Attorney Summers is an acquittal before the regularly constituted court of justice. It is to be regretted by Senator Dietrich's friends that the conditions under which the cases had to be tried prevented him from securing at the same time a clean cut acquittal before the court of public opinion. It is manifest by this time to every unprejudiced man that the prosecution of Senator Dietrich was part of a malicious and deliberate plot on the part of District Attorney Summers to destroy the force of the senator's opposition to his reappointment to office, but the charges, reinforced by the endorsement of a grand jury indictment and advertised far and wide in the public press, will leave Senator Dietrich at decided disadvantage without the vindication

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which a trial of the cases on their merits, free from technical obstructions ought to have given him. Ordinary people care nothing for quibbles of statutory construction-whether the law as worded fits the particular case-but they are interested in knowing, whether a man invested with high honors is by his misconduct involved in moral turpitude of. that unfits him for the position of public

trust that he holds. In connection with the present out come of these cases it should be remem bered that the original charge brought against Senator Dietrich and blazoned forth throughout the country was that he was trafficking in federal patronage and making a bargain counter of his postoffice appointments. The impression conveyed was that he was engaged in the systematic sale of federal positions within his control with the express pur-421 pose of coining into money the influence attaching by custom to his official position, and many people were led tombe lieve that no one could have secured the senator's favor for federal appointment

except for a cash consideration. From this charge the verdict of acquit tal was rendered by the grand jury itself, prone as it was to promote Mr. Summers' work of vengeance. The state was fine-tooth-combed for evidence to show that postmasters named at the request of Senator Dietrich had paid him for his recommendation and at least a seem to be the highways by which the dozen instances were thoroughly probed by the testimony of numerous witnesses in the vain effort to find proof of pa-

> every disappointed office seeker and every gossip monger who had a story verdict upon it. to tell was heard, not a single indictment was brought against the senator,

except in the one matter of the Hastings postoffice, in which all the charges of bribery, conspiracy and profiting by a government leasehold arose out of a fight between property owners in opposite sections of the city for the location

Whether this transaction with its various ramifications, beginning while s by no means remarkable. But it i Mr. Dietrich was still in the governor' more than likely that the Massachusetts chair, without a thought of senatorial statesman, who obtained his first promiaspirations, but continuing over the nence in the last democratic administraperiod intervening from the time of his tion and might never have been known election and qualification as United of except for that, has an exaggerated States senator, involves him in moral idea of the man who gave him his disstationed about Carter Harrison's home turpitude, is a question which the court tinction. At any rate, this can be posiwas without jurisdiction to decide and tively asserted, that only a very small which can hardly be determined in the absence of the evidence on both sides. accord with the Olney idea that Grover Cleveland is the only man who can lead the democracy in this year's campaign profit by the appointment of the postwith a reasonable show of winning. master at Hastings few people will be-The prestige of Grover Cleveland was lieve who know that with far more destroyed eight years ago. It cannot lucrative patronage at his disposal as

TRE FILIPINUS ALSO.

our own people. They are not neces- that tends to promote the well-being of sarily citizens of the United States, and the great transcontinental. yet so far as entering the country is con-

Comptroller Lobeck, who has for years cerned they are entitled to the same been an advocate of the municipal ownrights and privileges as a native Ameriership of the water works, made this declaration at the West Side Improve-This is the only conclusion, so far as

ment club meeting: we can see, to be drawn from the deci-The law passed by the last legislature sion of the supreme court. A' Porto which provides for the purchase of the Rican, under that decision, has as unwater plant by the city killed the usual disputed a right to come into the United appropriation for maintenance of the water system and nothing can be done to States as any American citizen living afford relief to this section of the city that in Porto Rico, and unmistakably the is now sadly in need of water supply. The same principle applies to the people of city is in the most helpless state of any the Philippines. If the people of Porto municipality I ever heard of. Before the Rico are not allens and consequently law was passed empowering the city to take over the water works it could have are entitled to come freely into the done so with very little trouble, but the United States, it is perfectly clear that act which was framed ostensibly to afford the same principle applies to the people relief cut off all hope of the city acquiring of the Philippines, who can come into the plant for the present. This is precisely what might have

the United States as they please withbeen expected and the amazing thing out interference or hindrance. about it is that thousands of Omaha It is thus seen that this decision of business men and taxpayers allowed the highest judicial tribunal is of the very greatest importance. It does not themselves to be hoodwinked into en-

mean that, the people of our insular dorsing the water works purchase bill possessions are citizens of the United States, entitled to all the prerogatives and rights of citizens, but it does mean that they are a part of our people who may properly claim a right to the protection and care of our government. In other words they are an element of the nation which we are bound to take care

THE "UNLY CANDIDATE." According to Mr. Olney the only avail

able candidate of the democratic party the critical moment. is Grover Cleveland. There are some other democrats who believe this and who are more or less persistent in advancing their views. On the other hand are a great many thousands of the members of that party, among them leaders of force and power, who insist that Mr. Cleveland is an impossibility and that if he should be nominated he would be overwhelmingly defeated.

There is no question that Grover Cleveland is today stronger than any union. other man with the masses of the dem-

ocratic party. His prestige of two terms One small chunk of the new Nebraska in the presidency is something which revenue law has been found to interfere the average democrat has an intense with interstate commerce and is thereappreciation of. He naturally thinks of fore pronounced dead by inquisition of it as a matter of glory to his party that the supreme court. Now, can't the incannot easily be overvalued. And per- surance companies who object so strenhaps he is right. At any rate the coun- uously to paying state taxes figure out try knows this, that as the result of the some way by which they can get relief last administration of Mr. Cleveland we by the interstate commerce route? had a most complete demonstration of

the fact that democratic policy was the very worst that could possibly be applied in this country and it was repudiated overwhelmingly as soon as the ularly every time some stranded Klonpeople got an opportunity to give a dike adventurer wants to get free board In his speech at the dinner in New

York a few days ago Mr. Olney, who was attorney general and secretary of state in the last Cleveland administration, declared that in his opinion Mr. Cleveland is the one man to lead the

democratic party to victory in this year's campaign. The affection of Mr. particularly needed at the time, anyway. Olney for his former chief can be easily understood. Their mutual admiration

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Prof. Henry Loomis Nelson of Williams ellege is put down as the chief booste of the Olney boom.

Mayor Seth Low, accompanied by Mrs. Low, will leave New York January 19 fo a three months' tour in Europe.

William J. Bryan has purchased Salem, Ill., the old homestead in which he was born. Its timbers were hewn by Colonel Bryan's father half a century ago. The political capers of the New York Sun furnish mighty interesting reading, par deutarly its profound respect for the person whom Charles A. Dana described as "the stuffed prophet of Williams street." Mayor McClellan of New York occupies nearly half an hour each morning walking to his office. He says that he needs the exercise, and when in congress walked to the capitol each morning. He is a healthy looking young man and seems capable of any amount of work.

Colonel Watterson sneeringly remarks that Cleveland is merely "an atom of history," yet millions of the unterrified think he is the only atom to lead them from the slaughter house and the grave. Pmagine what will happen when that 300pound atom blows away.

The Philadelphia Record Insinuates that by which the city was placed in the Wayne McVeagh would make mighty fine presidential timber for the democratic "So much is Wayne MacVeagh party. It seems to be becoming customary esteemed in Pennsylvania for his public and personal qualities," says the Record, for the railroad officials to have a pre-'that his nomination might make this a monition of an impending wreck and doubtful state."

to start out medical attendants by Judge John T. Hodge of Newport, Ky. special train in advance of the actual has offered to serve as county judge of catastrophe. If they would only have Campbell county without compensation and their premonitions early enough they will turn over the salary to the family of Judge-Elect John P. Newman, who might send the surgeon's staff along died a few days before he was to have with the doomed train and be sure to the office. Mr. Hodge was Newman's have the medical corps on the spot at competitor in the election last November. Once more rumor (this time more able

odied than ever), has it that David B. Hill, ex-governor and ex-senator of New In the death of General Victor Vif-York, has surrendered to cupid and that quain Nebraska has lost one of the most ere long announcement will be made of his energy that human enterprise has been sturdy and patriotic ploneers. General engagement to one of New York City's Vifquain was one of the very few Nebest known widows. Mr. Hill's name was connected with that of an Albany heiress be of enormous value to the country, where braskans who had served with more ten years ago and there is every indication there is a great lack of coal and suitable than ordinary distinction in two wars that the young woman had deep admiration and was the only Nebraska veteran who for the bachelor statesman. Of late, when the falls is rich in resources of many kinds, received a medal of honor from congress Mr. Hill visits New York City, he never but its exploitation has been financially for gallantry in defense of the flag in fails to call upon the talented woman impossible because every manufactured arwhose name is now so frequently linked ticle used in the development of any kind the war for the preservation of the with his. Another straw is in the fact of industry has to be imported at heavy that his slik hat is always glossy now, his cost. The operation of electrical power

gloves always new and his clothes always generated by the great falls will provide fitting. A LEADERLESS PARTY.

"Ye that Have Tears to Shed Prepare to Shed Them Now."

Chicago News.

Nothing could illustrate better the anon alous condition in which the democratic party finds itself than the fact that now, within less than six months of the quadrennial conventions, the question where a candidate shall be found is as much a mygtery as it was two years ago. The dinne given by Tammany in New York Monday evening was meant to be a love feast. Invitalians had been sent to most of the party leaders and, while the candidates from Uncle Sam until he can work his eligible for nomination remained away, the way back to warmth and civilization.

intelligent woman, with decided artistic talents, she gathered about her painters B. Hill and Bourke Cockran found it expeand sculptors, poets and dramatists, polldient to meet on a footing of fraternal inticians and diplomats. Politics could not terest and amity. Yet, so far as the pubbe shut out; the Princess Mathilde's salon lished extracts from the speeches indicate, dabbled in opposition to the government, but it was purely playing at politics after in any candidate and the recipient of that onor was the one man whom the majority of the democratic party believes to

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

At Rochford, Essex, England, the whis-M. Etlenne's report, just adopted the bill per court is a strange observance held an for the construction of a rallway, seventy nually under the superintendence of the kilometres long, from Tlemcen to the Moor steward of the manor. The business of the ish frontier at Lalla Maghrnia. This is court is carried out at midnight in the open generally regarded as the first step in that air; the absence of a tenant is punishable pollcy of the "pacific penetration" of Moby a fine of double his rent for each hour rocco which seems to have been accepted he fails to be in attendance. No artificial by all parties in France. It is understood light, except a firebrand, is permitted and that to put an end to the anarchy pre- the proceedings are recorded by means of vailing in Morocco, the first essential is to one of the embers of the brand. The roll relieve the sultan from his financial em- of fourteen tenants is then called over and barrassments, and the French, says a answered to in a whisper, and then they writer in the Paris Temps, are quite dis- kneel down and swear allegiance. Very posed to advance the necessary amount of many years ago the lord of the maner, noney if they can obtain guarantees that after an absence from his estate, was reit shall not be squandered, but shall be turning home by night. On the way he accidentally heard some of his discontented employed in the establishment of a permanent police force, capable of insuring tenantry plotting his assassination. Thus warned, he returned home by an unexthe regular working of the administration. When safety of life and property is aspected route. Then he ordered that each sured, says the Temps, the moment will year his tenants should assemble at the same time to do him homage around a post have come for the execution of public works, such as rallways, which are the which he erected on the spot where the most powerful instruments of civilization plotters met.

in a barbarous country. But to serve the interests of France, adds the writer, the Moorish railways must be connected with those of Algeria. The Tlemcen-Lalla Maghrnia line is destined to be the link between them, and to a certain degree, pledges the French Parliament to pursue the project of building railways in Moprivilege was maintained by the empire rocco, and of endowing North Africa with of Napoleon III, and was continued until a grand trunk railway extending from Tunis to the Atlantic.

quite likely to happen in the near future is the development in Central Africa of an electrical power plant that will be the largest in the world, leaving that at Niagara Fails as a bad second. The enterprise has been carefully considered by engineers and is reported to be entirely feasible, so that the region known to menof the present generation as "Darkest Africa" may possess within a few years the most stupendous source of electrical

POINTED REMARKS. be established at Victoria Falls, and will

care of her good looks nowadays. Mabel-Y6s, considering the fact that she parted with them years ago.-Chicago Tribune.

csarina could tell too well the irony of

A royal privilege has just been confirmed

by the republican government in France.

Some eighty years ago King Louis XVIII

granted to the holder of the office of pub-

lie executioner exemption from that obliga-

tory service in the army or navy to which

recently, when the increased strictness

which has been inaugurated in the matter

of immunity from military service led the

authorities to call upon Anatole Delbler

and his sons, who are his assistants in

connection with the guillotine, to perform

their military service. They at once in-

voked their former privilege and asked for

its continuance. The matter was referred

to the Parliamentary commission on mill-

French citizens are subjected. This

such a popular fallacy.

"I understand he was an author even be-fore graduation from collegs." "Xes, indeed. Why, he is the author of a new college yell."-Chicago Post.

"Do you regard the trust system as a means of prosperity" "Certainly," answered Senator Sorghung "But in order to get all the prosperity that's coming to you out of a trust you must know how to work it."--Washington

With the Princess Mathilde Bonaparts the last flicker of Napoleonic glory vanishes Clerk (at the telephone)-What's the matinto the past for France. The surviving

male Bonapartes are nobodies, while of the Clotilda of Savoy, the martyr for Italy's

unity, took little part in French politics, and Eugenie, the empress, the arbiter of fashion, withdrew from the world when her only son died in South Africa. Harsh and, probably deservedly, severe as the judgment of France is today on the second empire, it cannot be denied that it

was a period of great activity in literature In the dead of night the landlady was heard hammering on the door of her illus-trious lodger's sleeping room. "Wake up, doctor" she exclaimed. "I heard somebody trying to raise your win-dow, fust now" and art and of marked social brilliancy. To this the Princess Mathilde, through her salon, almost a rival court to that of the

"Never mind, madam," granted the great Dr. Johnson, sleerily. "It's only Boswell, He is trying to find out whether or not I snore."- Chicago Tribune.

"So the doctor's making money, is he?" "Well, I should any so. Why, he's reached that point of prosperity where fashionable worken send for him to treat them for imminary the "- thicago Post.

MELODRAMA.

The French Chamber has, in accord with

tary maters, and it is on the latter's recommendation that the French govern ment has now decreed that in the future. as in the past, the public executioner and his assistants are free from military ser-

vice able to achieve. The proposed plant is to

Maud-Poor dear Fanny takes precious wood for fuel purposes. The region around

Star

There is the telephone, what is the mat-er, sir? - Why, if you can holler that and into the telephone, you might as well to out in the street and holler over at the man.-Detroit Free Press.

General Funston denies the reports of starvation in Alaska. These annual hard times stories are promulgated reg-

It now transpires that there has be

an actual Colombian invasion, but that the sole result was the capture of one Indian chief who wasn't working and who wasn't there was but one demonstration of interest have retired permanently from politics.

'reorganizers'' were well represented. It is n itself no slight cause for wonder that democrats of such widely divergent views and proclivities as Richard Olney, David

> all, as has been the fashion of French, women since there has been French history, chiefly intriguing for offices and seats in

.... Among the things unexpected that are

means for establishing manufactories in

the country itself and thus promote its ex-

two women who knelt by her deathbed

unity, took little part in French politics,

empress, contributed greatly. A charming,

ploitation in every direction.

It is exceedingly, doubtful whether General Jackson would have entrenched himself and his army behind cotton bales with cotton at 15 cents a pound.

Wonder if those policemen are not to prevent any one getting to him with a presidential nomination.

The Deseret News has ceased its That Senator Dietrich wilfully and knowspecial news service on the missing ingly entered into a corrupt bargain to Perry Heath owing to Mr. Heath's unwillingness to stay away and let the News have its play out.

Accepting all rumors and threats at face value, the grain market is considerably more active than the sparrow and for ups and downs has the office elevator clearly outclassed.

Senator Dietrich is acquitted on technicalities, but the only hope of the prosecution was to convict him on technicalities. Perhaps it is horse and borse.

The next move for Colombia to make in the canal imbroglio is to recognize the Republic of Panama and begin negotiations for a share of the indemnity money.

forget its lessons.

If no better expedient presents, the tions were in progress. For not carecar, for the accommodation of officials and clerks who can not find desk room.

Bryan is to be a strictly nonpartisan up to give Senator Dietrich ought to court rising of the common people-except it, both for his own reputation and for that the unrepentant democratic bolters the state's honor. of 1896 and 1900 are specifically invited to stay away.

At last it is beginning to dawn upon the people of Omaha that the compulsory water works purchase act, known as the Howell bill, was a most pernicious piece of legislation, just as The Bee predicted it would be when it was pending.

The sudden darkness enveloping the senate wing of the capitol at Washington is explained by a fire in one of the our insular possessions to the United electrical ducts. But the senators are States. frequently groping in the dark even when the machinery for electrical illumination is in perfect working order.

The city of Omaha is paying out a lot tion. This is as to whether the people of money in preparation for the new of our insular possessions are actually scavenger tax collection law on a chance citizens of the United States. The suthat the law may not stand fire in the preme court decision in the Gonzales courts. Would it not be a good idea to case does not determine this question. have a test case decided first before it simply points out that any people making expenditures that may possibly prove useless later? Here is a chance for the city attorney to do something toward carning his salary

be revived. He understands that better governor of the state not a breath of than any of his foolish followers and suspicion was ever raised that any but therefore he says that he is not a canconsiderations of good government condidate for the democratic nomination. trolled his actions. That Senator Die-It is somewhat remarkable that a man trich dishonestly subordinated public of the ability of Mr. Olney should still duty to personal profit will be believed cling to the idea that there is any chance by none who know that he as governor for the democratic party in the nomin spite of all pressure persistently reination of Mr. Cleveland. fused to liberate Joseph S. Bartley, the

prince of embezzlers, for whose pardon BARRIMAN AND THE UNION PACIFIC. \$35,000 was offered to his predecessor, The election of Edward H. Harriman Governor Poynter, and who secured his

to the presidency of the Union Pacific freedom later with the active assistance railroad was foreordained and foretold, and intervention of District Attorney consequently it creates not surprise Summers from his successor, Governor either among railway men or business Savage, who sprang coincidently from men of this community. As chairman self-admitted poverty to comparative af-

The anniversary of the Chicago fire fluence. If there is anything discredit. of the board of directors, Mr. Harriman holocaust might suitably be designated able in the Hastings leasing transaction has in reality been the executive head for an annual inspection of theaters in those who know Senator Dietrich will of the Union Pacific system and his reevery city in the country. Lest we ascribe it to the blundering disregard of lations to the road are not materially the change in his official status from changed by the assumption of the presigovernor to senator while the negotia- dential title.

Mr. Harriman is above all things a county board might have the court fully avoiding even the suspicion of keen, progressive business man who rehouse equipped with straps, a la street wrong-doing the senator is, however, alizes that the prosperity of his trans continental system depends largely upon certainly blamable

the good will and prosperity of its pa-If there is any way to secure through trons. It goes without saying that Mr. a senatorial investigation the vindica-The home-coming reception to Colonel tion which the jury's acquittal has failed Harriman is as fully alive to the immediate and future wants of the region west of the Missouri traversed by the Union Pacific railroad as he is famillar with their resources and possibilities of

future devolopment. Mr. Harriman and his financial asso-

We have already referred to the declates, the owners of the Union Pacific, cision of the supreme court of the United are not engaged in railroading for the States in regard to the question whether sake of humanity, or as a matter of the people of Porto Rico are aliens. The benevolence. They have acquired the importance and the far-reaching effect properties and expended millions of that decision will undoubtedly be their improvement because they have generally recognized. It manifestly has confidence in their ability to make them

a decided bearing upon all the other profitable as an investment. Everything cases before the courts which have referthat can be done for the upbuilding of ence to the relations of the people of the section tributary to the Union Pacific will doubtless be done by Mr. Harriman directly as has been done under There is manifestly a very important

his direction by President Burt. question involved as to which the deci-While Omaha is no longer dependent sion of the highest tribunal in the na upon any single railroad system, the tion does not furnish a complete solu-Union Pacific has been and will always remain its main artery of commerce. Omaha business men are fully impressed with this fact and they are not likely to engage in any conflict or controversy with the Union Pacific, whoever may be at its head, unless they are within the jurisdiction of this country compelled to by unbearable conditions. and subject to its control are not allens. For that reason President Harriman and consequently have a right to enter may rest assured of the cordial support the United States on the same terms as of Omaha in any measure or scheme

So the dividend on United States Stee common, placed at 4 per cent until the insiders could dispose of their stock, then scaled to 2 per cent, has now been passed the only man who could lead the party to entirely. And it is not the inriders who hold the bag.

A Triumphant Invasion

Baltimore American.

Shearing the Lambs.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

Folly of Railroad Officials. Ransas City Times

The attempt of the Rock Island officials in Topeka to "suppress" the news of the sivo" element in the democratic party is in wreck in which twenty or more lives were lost succeeded fully as well as an effort would succeed to conceal the June' flood behind a boxcar.

Statesmen Shrink a Little. New York Tribupe.

Many of the new congressmen who furnished full page blographies of themselves for the extra session edition of "The Congressional Directory" have evidently repented their facility in self portraiture. In heavy odds with which the next democratic the newer edition many cuts of these ingenious self glorifications are noticeable. This is not to be wondered at, for there is no experience more likely to impress a man with a full sense of his own inconsequence than a first struggle with the rules, precedents and customs of our great and clorious house of representatives.

Evaporation in Steel.

Chicago Chronicle.

Mr. Morgan's billion-dollar steel trust passes the dividend on its common stock with a matter-of-course air which is hardly consistent with the idea prevalent at one time that a wizard of finance was behind The stock market evaporated a good deal of the water in steel at the very outset and mismapagement and declining business have drawn off most of the remainder. Mr. Morgan's financiering in this case appears to have followed the old familiar lines both in its methods and in its re-The great trick of lifting one's self sult. oven a fence by one's bootstraps is no searer than it was in the days when Mr. Morgan was unknown.

Only One Question at Issue. Philadelphia Ledger.

governor of Michigan, one Bliss The should recognize the fitness of things and resign. A notorious bank wrecker has been pardoned by him, and he attempts to shield himself under the shadow of a petition on which it appears there were many forged signatures. The names of some of the depositors in the inoted bank were on the petition, and of course that was irresistible to a modern governor, who is

steals by wholesale. The weak governor cannot see the public and its interests; he gazes only on the signers of the mann- | ducing the world's supply by \$60,000,000 or factured petitions and their woting poten-The real question in such he duly convicted? If so let the whole

uphold the law and its moral

The Champion Steer. New York Sun.

Where is that Chicago man Crane, who has such a scorn of college men? Has he watched the work of Dr. Elisha Benjamin Andrews' University of Nebraska? Did he totice who got the prize at the National Live Stock exposition in Chicago7 Chal-"half Hereford and half Nebras-

enger. kan," fed and owned by the university, "the great champion steer." As Colonel F. M. Woods says proudly, "this is' a great event for Nebrasks." It is a still greate event for the University of Nebraska. Hear colonel Woods once more:

"He (Challenger) is our trump, and the University of Nebraska in producing him has feathered its cap for all time."

Bully for Challenger, the University of Nebraska and university beef' But where is Crane? He is a forehanded chap. He ought to send a check and an apology to breeders of the champion steer

The fact that Mr. Olney's outsooken declaration in favor of Grover Clevelan1 and M. Combes, the French prime minister, his assertion that the former president was

he acat

keeps on in his revolutionary course in the matter of the religious orders and the victory elicited the one definite expression schools apparently without being in the from those present is significent. It tends least oppressed by the fear of the chamto revive the question whether, after all. bers; and these bodies, usually so jealous

it is possible that the democracy is going of their own privilege of initiative; reward to turn to its former leader in spite of himthe self-assertive ministerial leader by rollself and of his "unalte-able and concluing up larger and larger majorities in his determination not to consider the favor whenever he is driven by adverse question. Were there a single eligible cancriticism to ask a vote of confidence. When didate of commanding personality in the so liberal a statesman as former Premier. field it is hardly 'probable that Mr. Cleve-Waldeck-Rousseau attacked the venture land's name would be mentioned in such some M. Combes for his headlong policy in a connection. That his name will come attempting to accomplish in one year a before the convention still seems wholly change in the relations of the state and unlikely. The fact remains that as time church toward the educational system goes on none of the new leaders appears which should be the work of a generation

it was believed that the premier was near the end of his tether. As the proverb says, Lowever, it is always the unexpected that happens in France.

Both the czarina and the czar have made pligrimages, visited shrines and had public prayers offered for the great boon of an heir to the throne, and still this blessing is denied. The dzarina is a clever woman, well versed in the politics of her day, and she realizes the great political necessity of the czar's having his position strengthened by a son for his successor, and their mutual disappointment in this respect has, shadowed their lives. Her domestic life is said to be happy, but her trials are too serious, evidently, for the satisfactions of private life to be an offset, for all her plotures give the impreasion of a profoundly Australasia and woman. She is on the throne of the

He bellows: "Take him-there's your mant" They mix-it is a thrilling sight, And though 'tis a one-sided fight, The here lands a few right swings And with an u, percut he brings The villain crashing to the fibor-He fights till he can fight no more. They lock nim in a mountain cave And then all make their exit cave The villain crashing to the fibor-He takes a lot of dynamile. Ten sticks, perhaps, or maybe more. And plants it meant the prison door, Exclaining 'Til fulfil my yow; Curse him, he'll not escape me now! Then with a few load onths and sneers. The heroine (for you know The melodrama's built just so. Enter the heroine (for you know The melodrama's built 'ust so. Something is lacking in the plot When she's not found upon the spot.) Entering, she beholds the fuse And sees that there's no time to lose deadly time to lose And sees that there is no time to the of She gathers up the deadly load. Now almost ready to explode. And with the strength of twenty men She hurls it far adown the gien. Where it sxplodes with awful force. Near where the rillain stands, of clurse. private file to be an onset, for an performing tures give the impression of a profoundly sad woman. She is on the throne of the greatest and most autocratic empire in the world; she is in the highest position of power, wealth and splendor that a woman can occupy, but at the summit of such ambition she has evidently found but dis-appointment, unhappiness and continual dread awaiting her. And yet the unthink-ing say as a common truism, "As happy as a queen!" The lovely but unfortunate

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Liliwaukee Sentinel. The curtain rises on a scene In which is shown a dark ravine With shady eim trees scattered 'round. And withered leaves strewn o'er the ground. The hero comes, a mountaineer, Young, handsome, with no thought of fear. His colly mode of doing ill d is running an illicit "stilf". (Which, in the mountains, is not thought Despicable, unlers you're caught). Emerging from behind a clump of firs, he perches on a stump" And, in a moment indiscrest. He drops his tiffe at his feet. Enter the villain, with a back of hired scoundrels at his back, and, just as fiercely as he can He bellows: "Take bine-there's your a manif" They mix-it is a thrilling sight.

to be gaining strength and as yet no "dark horse" has been found who shows ability to make a winning fight against the nominee will have to contend. The importance attached to Mr. Cleve land's attitude is, of course, a high compliment to him, but in the circumstances it is an even more eloquent reminder of the leaderless condition of his party. THE WORLD'S GOLD PRODUCTION. High Mark of the Prophets Still in the Distance. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The world's output of gold for the cal-

endar year 1902, which has recently been compiled by the director of the mint at Washington from the final returns, makes interesting reading. very heads all the other countries in the list, with an output of \$81,000,000, the United States being second, with \$80,000,000; Africa third, with \$39,000,000, and Russia fourth, with \$22,000,000. Canada figures with \$39,-000,000 and Mexico with \$10,000,000. The rest of the localities, all of which are below Mexico's mark, make up the rest of the \$296,000,000 which is put down as the world's output for that year. The silver output for 1902 is placed at \$215,000,000.

Of course, the Africa mentioned here is practically the Rand district alone, which furnishes four-fifths or more of the entire output of the yellow metal of the Dark Continent. Canada's produbtion means, chiefly, that of the Klondike region. There was an increase of about \$32,000,000 in the gold output of the world in 1902, as compared with the previous year. The high-water mark, \$507,000,000, in production was reached nothing if not merciful is the thief who in 1890, the year in which, in its closing months, the Boer was began. By closing the mines in the Transvaal, and thus remore annually, the production figures shrank in the next few years, even though increasing their output.

> nual gold production, which the experts a few years ago were figuring on arriving very soon, is still in the distance. As the world's output in 1895, however, just before Bryan's first campaign, was only \$195,000,000. the gain which has been made is very enouraging. The narrow gap separating us from the \$200,000,000 mark was undoubtedly

crossed in 1903, nowithstanding the strikes in the Cripple Creek field, which cut down the production of that rich gold belt. The Rand's increase alone is sure to make up the deficiency in the United States and help to swell the yield to more than \$300. 000,000. The scrambling for gold between the nations, which Bryan eloquently expatiated on a few years ago, has ended.

Dig, Brothers, Dig.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat According to estimates made by the en eineers, it will take at least thirty years to complete the Panama canal, no matter if Senator Morgan should never mak another opposition speech.

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