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Water is making a strenuous effort to

GEORGE B. TESCHUCK.

Governor Herrick of Ohio enters the office backed by a bigger popular majority than any of his illustrious prede-

destruction of human life.

Omaha property owners cannot expect a city tax rate this year as small bit bigger than absolutely necessary.

Omaha business men report that, comparatively speaking, the year 1904 has Chinese population could not be trusted started out under favorable auspices. If it will only keep the pace, 1904 will be another record-breaker.

receptions attended by church dignitaries. The fashionable dressmakers will breathe easier.

for the protection of life.

propriation for his weather bureau service, but he does not give any assurance that the improvement of his plish this she will then take steps, it is forecasting machinery will improve the not to be doubted, to absorb the trade brand of weather forecasted.

If Japan and Russia do not hurry up they may be crowded from the first page by Bulgaria and Turkey. The Macedonian situation begins to show signs of life, and this, too, in the absence of the professional war correspondents.

An Omaha minister boasts that he was the first person to teach the doctrine of evolution from the pulpit. It is not so long ago that a preacher openly subscribing to the doctrine of evolution would have been subject to immediate trial for heresy.

District Attorney Summers now sees no reason why he should not have a life afor being left free to vote as he pleases. tenure of the office he holds and he In this matter Mr. Gorman's leadership stands ready at any time in the future has failed completely and the failure that his grip on the emoluments is has damaged his prestige to no small threatened to secure the indictment of extent. The first announcement of his anyone who tries to procure his re- Panama policy brought a chorus of dismoval.

don, following so fast after that of resolutions directing their senators to General Longstreet, takes away two shining lights among the survivors of states public sentiment has manifested ingly illustrated by the fact that it is the warriors of the confederacy. Gen- itself in other ways. The Atlanta Coneral Joe Wheeler will now have to be stitution voices the general feeling in its blackmailed victims after their the lone star until the curtain is rung the south when it says that the "madown on him.

There's no difficulty in telling the man for whom Nebraska's delegation will be for president in the republican national convention, but the only thing about Nebraska's delegation in the democratic national convention that can be foretold with certainty is the one man it is sure to vote against.

Not a single city of metropolitan pretensions depends upon incandescent electric lamps for street illumination. The incandescent electric lamps have haps not live to see the waters of the been repeatedly tried, but never given matisfactory service because the illuminating power diminishes steadily as the America." carbons become exhausted.

their convention twenty-four hours who, like Gorman and Morgan, are chases by mail has been so tremendous shead of the convention in which the laboring to keep alive Colombia's re- in the last few years that the postoffice

THE PROPLE NOT DISTURBED.

The New York Journal of Commerce remarks that the probable candidacy of Mr. Roosevelt may be regarded as a disturbing element in the general financial situation by men who favor monopowho resent the rigid application of the laws of the United States to the execubrings with it no thought of apprehension regarding the future of the material development of the country to the great body of the American people.

This correctly states the situation. The people are not at all disturbed regarding the probable candidacy of President Roosevelt, because the great majority of them have implicit confidence moting the material development of the such, ple. He has shown a most earnest interest in whatever would contribute to our material development and there is elected. Rather may it be assumed that State of Nebraska, Douglas County, sa.:
George B. Tzschuck, secretary of The Bee
Publishing Company, being duly sworn,
says that the actual number of full and
complete copies of The Dally, Morning,
Evening and Sunday Bee printed during
the month of December, 1903, was as folmethods, it will perhaps amount to less thing more certain to injure the party. than some apprehend, but in any event it should operate to strengthen Mr. Roosevelt with the people. The fact that he has insisted upon the application of laws enacted in the interest of the people is his strongest claim to popular support.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN PROMISE.

Again Russia has given assurance to the powers that she will respect the rights any nation has in Manchuria under treaty with China. This, it is said, removes from the nego-30,220 tiations one of the points upon which Japan had insisted and on which she counted for the moral support of other nations, particularly the United States and Great Britain. Will Russia adhere to the promise, in the event that she keep even with the record of fire in the fastens her grip so firmly upon Manchuria as to be in a position to completely dominate that territory? This is a question that naturally arises in view of the failure of other promises, given with apparently as much sincerity as the present one.

The issue between Russia and Japan is due to the failure of the Russian govas the last, but they do not want it a ernment to fulfill the promise it gave the powers to evacuate Manchuria. It fixed a date at which the evacuation should It is intimated that the Omaha post- begin, but when the time arrived an exoffice plum will drop in Washington the cuse was made for retaining its troops coming week. Only one out of a dozen in Manchuria, it having in the meanand more applicants can escape disap- time increased its military force there and its naval power in contiguous waters. The Russian pretext for remaining in Manchuria was that the to maintain order. There has not appeared to be any substantial ground for such a fear, though had it been neces-And now it is said that Pope Pius sary to Russia's purpose her representawas only joking when he expressed his tives in Manchuria could easily have disapproval of the low-cut gowns for stirred up trouble and probably would not have hesitated to do so. Of course the powers must accept the latest Russian promise as being in good faith, but It is doubtful if any of them will feel It is certainly a poor town in which a confident of its being kept any longer local theater has not been ordered closed than Russia is in a position where she for inspection. And the inspected build- thinks herself able to renounce it. The ing is yet to be reported which did not reported acknowledgment that Manneed improvement in the way of devices churia is Chinese territory is really of no great value in face of the fact that Russia is persistently strengthening her Prof. Willis Moore wants an extra ap- hold upon that territory and it is plainly seen to be her purpose to take complete possession of it. If permitted to accomof the territory, which is one of the richest portions of the Chinese empire.

Possibly this last assurance to the powers will have a favorable effect upon the pending negotiations, but it will not affect the nearly universal sympathy with Japan, in the sincerity of whose contention and aims all nations have entire confidence.

DEMOCRATS AND CANAL TREATY. The latest information regarding the attitude of democratic senators toward the canal treaty is that at least fifteen of them will vote for its ratification. It is stated that there will be no democratic caucus on the subject, every senapproval from the south and it has grown stronger every day. Some of The death of General John B. Gor- the southern legislatures have passed vote for the treaty, while in other terial interests of this section are to be more directly benefited by an isthmian canal than are those of any other part of the union, and it is eminently appropriate that southern legislatures and southern commercial organizations sion favoring prompt and positive action by congress." That paper declares which The Bee has always made good into the uncertain sea of negotiation, in other papers is nothing but the pay-"the youngest man now alive will per- ment of "hush" money. two oceans linked by an isthmian connection between North and South

It is utterances of this character from their southern constituents that have small sums which now go in the form of The sheepmen of the west true to caused a number of senators from that postage stamps, to the great annoyance their instinct to be the first on the field section to decide upon voting for the and inconvenience both of the senders have decided at the last hour to call ratification of the treaty. As to those and the receivers. The growth of purcattlemen will have a voice. It is sentment and make it harder to recon- is an indispensable agency for the sale probable that the noise of oratory and cile her to the inevitable, they are gain- of large quantities of goods. This benot of guns will be heard in protest. | ing nothing but odium for themselves |ing the case, it ought to be made to

by fanning enmity to their own country and playing into the hands of the secret influences which doubtless are co-operating against the treaty. The sole encouragement of Colombia in keeping up its futile demonstrations comes from listle methods in the conduct of industry the democratic senators who are opand in the management of railroads, and posing the treaty. As an eastern paper remarks, the same spirit that encouraged the Filipinos to keep up their retion of their favorite projects, but it sistance, which cost so many lives and so much treasure, delayed the pacification of the islands so long and increased the difficulties of the task of setting them in the way of progress, is now at work making as much trouble for the government as possible.

Had the senate democrats taken the common sense view of the Panama matter that the leader of the house that if continued in the presidency his democrats expressed, that being an acbest efforts would be directed to pro- complished fact it must be treated as the treaty would have been country and thus benefiting all the peo- promptly ratified and very likely the threats from Colombia would have At all events the question of constructing the canal would be setnot the least reason to suppose that he tled and the government could proceed with the great enterprise. If the democratic senators who are delaying action on the treaty imagine that they are doing their party any good by such a course they are woefully mistaken. On the contrary they could do hardly any-

AN UNNECESSARY DEMAND.

The Water board has passed a formal resolution making requisition upon the city council for a water tax for the coming year that will produce \$25,000. Most careful inquiry into the conditions surrounding the pending proceedings to acquire the water works falls to show any necessity for this demand.

The ostensible reason for asking for \$25,000 for the water fund at this time is that the board expects the water plant will have been acquired before the year has ended and that this money would be handy for use in carrying tion. along the current expenses until the revenues from water rentals accrue. It is plain that some such fictitious argument is needed to support the requisition because the combined salaries and other expenses of the six members of in Philadelphia. the Water board and its paid secretary do not exceed \$4,000, and there is no possibility under the law of using the surplus to pay the accumulating hydrant rentals for which the water company is securing judgments against British House of Lords. the city.

As a matter of fact, if there were any easonable expectation that the receipts from the water works would not counterbalance the current expenses for maintenance and interest and also contribute something to be laid aside as a sinking fund, its purchase would certainly be a bad financial investment. The pretense that money is needed to anticipate revenue from water rentals after the plant is acquired is not borne out by the facts, as the water rentals are constantly coming due and are subject to monthly collection, while the bills incurred in connection with the plant's operation are also rendered only monthly. The moment the city should acquire the plant it should at the same certainly sufficient to meet all running teresting to know why not. expenses and to provide for the interest fund, upon which demands are made only at long periods of six months in

It is true that the law passed by the last legislature, creating the Water board undertakes to vest that body with absolute power over the water fund levy limited to \$100,000 per year and making the formal request mandatory upon the council when it comes to enact its annual tax levy ordinance. We doubt very much, however, whether it was intended that the powers thus conferred should begin until after the water works should have been acquired and believe no court would construe it to be unconditional.

Why, then, should the property owners of Omaha be required to submit to a needless tax to the extent of at least \$20,000 on the contingency that the water plant may become municipal property within the year and the revwater tax for the coming year means the addition of a half mill to the tax rate, which is sure to be large enough without it; and further than that, that the money will either be dissipated on unnecessary expenditures or \$20,000 out of the \$25,000 will be idle in the banks drawing a petty 2 per cent interest. It is sincerely to be hoped the members take and reconvene at once and revise their requisition.

The bunco game which the local hyphenated paper has been playing on still publishing the announcements of licenses or permits have been granted by the police board on certificates of publication in The Bee. Not a single liquor dealer or druggist who published his notice in The Bee this year or any previous year has ever been refused his license on account of defective publicashould lead the way in official expres- tion. The law requires publication in the paper of largest circulation, to that if the Panama treaty is not rati- its claim. The payment of money for fled, throwing the whole problem again the publication of license applications

> Postmaster General Payne urges upon of some system of postal checks for facilitating the transmission by mail of

perform the function in the most efficient manner possible,

The truth is, thoughtful people of Nebraska have cause to regret that Senator Dietrich did not continue to act as governor to the end of his gubernatorial term after he had been elected to the United States senate. Had he not rebeen saved the reign of Savagery in the executive office, the Bartley pardon scandal and a lot of other things discreditable to the state.

If anything turns up in congress that can be turned to political account in the great game of president making, we may be sure the opportunity will not be lost on one side or the other. The legislation that runs the congressional gauntlet in the face of the presidential must be meritorious indeed.

The Bricklayers' union is the latest organization to attempt to do away with strikes. The bricklayers practically control the building trades and all people hope that they may find a way to avoid the periodical suspension of work. The labor strike, like wars between nations, is viewed most lightly by those having the least to lose.

The postal deficit for the year re a trifle over \$4,500,000. To Uncle Sam this is a mere bagatelle, but we do not know any other government that could look upon a deficit of that size in a single branch of the service with

If the refusal of the railroads to grant the charge for shipment few stock shippers would object. The present rule practically results in adding the price of the fare to the cost of transporta-

Why Russin Hesitates.

Philadelphia North American. If Russia really wants to grab everything in sight she will find it profitable to retain the services of two or three ex-officeholder

An Annoying Discovery. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Congress complains that government is carried on without it. It saves time. Con-

Watch and Walt.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In the event of a prolonged war in the Orient the fact may be demonstrated that Uncle Sam made a very judicious invest ment when he hooked on to the Philippines

An Old Sore Rankles,

Indianapolis News. President Baer of the coal trust is, of ourse, opposed to the nomination of gerous man." He actually talked back to the coal barons and hammered the table with his fist!

New York Tribune.

An Old Story Revamped.

Gentlemen who talk about America's How China Must Feel

Detroit Free Press.

With Great Britain trying to steal Tibet, Japan trying to steal Corea, Russia trying to steal Manchuria and Germany trying to steal anything that is not nailed down. China must feel like a minority stockholder back to line duty being Lieutenant Colonels in the United States Shipbuilding company.

Overworked Government Clerks. Chicago Record-Herald.

There is consternation among governwill in future be required to work seven authors of the revision are General G. B. nours a day, with only two months' leave Davis, judge advocate general of the army, on full pay per annum. As a taskmaster and Colonel E. H. Crowder, judge advo-Uncle Sam is getting to be just too horrid cate, member of the general staff. for anything.

Prince or Pauper.

Springfield Republican. concentrated monopolistic opera ion the iron and steel industry shows no abatement of the extraordinary fluctuations in activity which were characteristic of it in the days before the trust. It is now, as then, either prince or pauper, either way up or way down; and thus is exploded another cherished theory in reenue from the plant may fall short of gard to the trust organization of industry. expenses? The levy of a \$25,000 This huge corporation, the wonder and inspiration of the later trust period, is now among its most bitter disappointments.

FOREST PRESERVATION.

Will the West Heed the Lessons of Eastern Folly? Boston Transcript.

Reports of the lumber cut in the west turning their attention of the Water board will see their mis- to Wisconsin and Minnesota as a source of supply of spruce timber. There are hundreds of thousands of acres tributary o Duluth, not reached by railway lines, which are covered by spruce timber suitable for pulp. Unquestionably there is epough spruce in this country, notwithstanding the enormous quantity used by ndefinitely, provided proper reforestation is carried one. Here, however, is the rub. The customary method of the pulp mill owner who is seeking a supply of spruce is o buy the stumpage and cut off the timber indiscriminately, allowing the denuded land to grow up with any species of wood that happens to be left. Hard'woods com monly succeed soft woods on deforested areas, and vice versa, and therefore a spruce forest once cut down is not naturally renewed for many years. The experience of the eastern paper mills, which have cut over most of the available area of spruce forest, is likely to be that of the central west. The systematic attempt at reforestation has been insignificant compared with the tremendous slaughter of the forests.

The west should take time by the fore ock and insist, by legislation if necessary, upon proper methods of cutting and re forestation. The state has an interest in the preservation of its forests which is paramount to the right of the private land holder. Here in the east what is being done is largely in the way of locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen. With the great forest areas in Minnesota and Wisconsin yet untouched these states should adopt a forest policy before it is too late to make it of any value. Denudation should be made impossible without some reforestation. The greatest benefit, however, will be derived from a control of the cutting in such a manner as to make denudation impossible, and the state can do this now better than later.

ARMY GOSSIP AT WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Secretary Root has renewed his circular imposing restrictions upon officers and employes in the matter of publicity. It is simply a repetition of provisions of similar circulars of 1894 and 1899, with this additional paragraph: "Chiefs of bureaus are signed the governorship we would have primarily responsible for the official records of the War department pertaining to their respective bureaus and under their immediate control, and no information specially prepared from the records of any bureau should be furnished to any person not connected with the department without the antecendent authority of the secretary of war."

In the list of army promotions which result in the retirement of Lieutenant Gen eral Young, there would have been a third brigadier general had General G. M. Randall consented to retire as a major general, and in that event Colonel E. H. Crowder, campaign without partisan opposition judge advocate, would have been advanced. He preferred to remain on active duty, however, being assured of advancement to the higher grade on the retirement of General Gillesple, the latter reaching the age limit on October 7, 1905, one day be fore General Randall.

The changes add to existing vacancies or the geenral staff so as to make details necessary in the case of two colonels, one lle itenant colonel, one major and one captain. The new vacancies are created by Major Knight of the engineers and Captain Gibson of the ordnance department. This ported by Postmaster General Payne ran is assuming the detail of General Gillespie to the place of assistant chief of staff.

It is interesting to know in connection that the appointment of Colonel J. P. Story to be chief of artillery, that he takes a former lineal position in relation to the two senior colonels, Charles Morris and S. M. Mills. These three officers were by the appellants is therefore approved, graduates of the military academy in the and a certificate of difference in his favor class of 1961. At that time the order of of \$861.92 will be issued. For the foregoing passes to shippers of live stock would graduation placed Story first, Mills second result in a corresponding decrease in and Morris third. The system of regimental promotion in the old days operated to revise the list, placing Morris first, Mills second and Story third. There is not likely to be much charge in policy by reason of the succession in the position of chief of artillery. Colonel Story has been in close touch with artillery corps matters, and by virtue of his position as commandant of the Artillery school and president of the artillery board, he has been frequently consulted by the Washington authorities. He therefore comes to his duties in the War department with an unusual familiarity with the tasks devolving upon him and the projects of his arm of the service.

> Two brigadier generals had the opportunity to go on the retired list as major generals and declined the offer. They are General John F. Weston, commissary general, and General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer. Both officers chose to discharge their duties at the head of their respective corps in preference to going on the retired list with added rank.

The promotion of Colones F. S. Dodge to

be paymaster general was at the instance of Secretary Root, General Young and General Chaffee, all of whom thought he should discharge the duties of head of the pay department, inasmuch as he has until September 11, 1906, to serve before retirement Roosevelt; he also considers him "a dan- for age. The most formidable candidate senior to Colonel Dodge was Colonel C. C. Sniffen, who has been on duty in Washington, and who will undoubtedly become paymaster general on the retirement of Dodge, since Colonel Sniffen does not retire until January 1, 1908. Colonel Dodge's promotion is a recognition of a long and faithful serv-"entrance into world politics" would do ice which has been marked by notable galwell to refresh their memories of our his- lantry. He gained special distinction and ster of Omaha was launched last Thurstory of a hundred years ago. If we were won a medal of honor in the celebrated time have acquired a source of revenue not in world politics then, it would be in-1879 under circumstances which displayed the alertness and intrepidity of the officer.

> Vacancies in the staff corps are created by virtue of the promotions to the extent of two in the inspector general's department and two in the adjutant general's department, the officers to be transferred C. A. Williams and F. A. Smith and Majors A. C. Sharpe and Edward Davis.

A tentative revision of the Articles of War has been prepared by the general staff nent clerks at Washington because they and issued for further amendment. The

An interesting chapter of the history of

the campaign in China against the Boxers

in 1900 is disclosed in the case before the accounting officers of the Treasury of Brigadier General Charles F. Humphrey, quar termaster general, United States army, who was then lieutenant colonel and quartermaster of our troops in China. It appears that on July 12, 1906, certain houses in Tientsin were occupied by United States narines as headquarters and as barracks. These houses had been deserted by the owners or occupants by reason of the fire upon them by the Chinese, and, according to the endorsement of Colonel Meade, who was at that time in command of the marines, were tendered to him for the use of himself and his command free of rent on condition that the houses should be protected by them against theft and damage. After the capture of the walled city, Colmal Meade was approached by a man who asked him to affix his signature to some show that the paper making concerns of paper in order that the owners and former coupants of said houses might recover and receive rent from the United States Colonel Meade declined to do so, in view of the agreement. On July 27, 1900, Colonel Meade was relieved of the command of the marines at Tientsin and ordered home. Subsequent to his departure the matter of rental for the houses was again taken up and it having been shown to the satisfac the paper mills, to maintain a pulp supply | tion of General Chaffee, who was in command of our forces before Tientsin, that the offer made to Colonel Meade of the houses free of rent was made without proper authority. General Chaffee directed colonel Humphrey to make an equitable settlement of the claim. The payment thus made by Colonel Humphrey, amounting to \$861.92, was disallowed by the auditor of the War department on the ground that it was not a proper charge against the army appropriation, "barracks and quarters," and because the secretary of the navy in view of the statement of Colonel Meade declined to approve the payment or allow it to be charged to the appropriations for the marine corps. The comptroller says: "If it be true, as stated by Colone Meade, that the consideration for the oc

supancy of said houses was the protection o be given them, the record and the facts in the case show very clearly that the agreement was not carried out in good faith by the United States. According to joint proclamation issued by the officers of the allied forces before Tientsin, there was no warfare existing between this country and the empire of China. . Our troops were there merely to aid in the suppres sion of an insurrection and to afford protection to the lives and property rights of our citizens residing there. Under such circumstances it can not be contended that this government had the right or intended to approgriate to its use the houses in question as barracks for its troops without obligation to pay a reasonable sum there fore. The buildings occupied by the troops



of other powers were paid for and in almost every case at rates higher than those paid in this case. The fact that there was the promotion of Colonel MacKenzie and no contract such as is required by section 3744, Revised Statutes, can not alter the conclusion which is reached as applied to this case. It appears that the original offer of the buildings free of rent was by a person not authorized to make it; that the buildings were acutally occupied by the marines of the United States, and the occupancy thereof will be regarded as having been had under an implied contract which will warrant the payment of a reasonable sum as rental? The payment made reasons the action of the auditor for the War department has been disapproved.

WEBSTERIANA.

Wausa Gazette: Roosevelt and Webster, That sounds all right. Tekamah Herald; Nebraska republicans from now until the national convention meets in Chicago, June 21, should whoop It up for John L. Webster. Let the war

cry be "Roosevelt and Webster." Creighton Courier: The candidacy of John L. Webster for the vice presidency will have organized support in Nebraska from this time on, and the organization to was a universal favorite with his suborbe effected will undertake to secure the backing of other western states.

Kearney Hub: Those at the head of the Webster organization declare emphatically that there is no intention to antagonize Roosevelt's interests in this state as a presumably walked many a time and oft presidential candidate. The declaration is along Connecticut avenue, Washington, on urdly necessary, for there were very few a bright Sunday afternoon. who believed it.

York Times: ' John L. Webster's candidacy will not receive the attention it deserves until the weightier subject of the ap- dent, of which I approve." Quoth one senpointment of a clerk of the supreme court ator in a whisper: "He approves! Lord, the appointment, but every politician in the know!" "Wouldn't that jar you!" said an state is as busy with it as a hen trying irreverend congressman who happened to o cover twenty-one eggs.

Valentine Republican: While Nebraska will probably be unanimous for John L. Webster as a candidate for vice president on the republican ticket, those who are managing his campaign should remember that Nebraska will be for Roosevelt for president first, and then for John L. Webster for vice president afterwards. Hayes City Times Republican: The vice

presidential boom for Hon. John L. Webday night at a large gathering of prominent republicans of the state in Omaha. All loval Nebraskans should give it a boost. Webster is a man of high character, great ability and big enough in mind and heart for the place.

Loup City Northwestern: The Webster boom in Nebraska is on its feet in good shape. It started out in Omaha last week with a monster demonstration. Officers were chosen to conduct his campaign and an executive committee, composed of at least one prominent republican from each county in the state, was chosen to represent the state, was chosen to conduct his campaign and an executive committee, composed of at least one prominent republican from each conduct his campaign and conduc county in the state, was chosen to represent Mr. Webster's interests. Judge Wall is the member from Loup City and no better choice could have been made,

Beatrice Times: There is no room to question the fealty of Nebraska republicans to John L. Webster's candidacy for the vice presidential nomination anywhere this side of where it might be made to conflict with the interests of President Roosevelt as a candidate. This being true all that the Webster workers need do it order to have his candidacy march abreast with that of the president is to show that they are also for the latter under any and every condition.

North Platte Tribune: Some republican papers in the state seem to think that the ming of Webster for vice president is simply laying underground wires to pre vent Nebraska from sending a Roosevelt delegation to the national convention. hardly think this is true, as the Webster comers undoubtedly know that the state is solid for Roosevelt and that nothing can be done to break that solidity. The republicans want Roosevelt for president more than they want Webster for a vice presidential possibility. Pender Republican: If there was anyone

who attended the Webster meeting in Omaha last week who was in the least imbued with the idea that it was to be a 'favorite son" move to sidetrack the Ne craska delegation from President Rooseyelt, his mind was soon thoroughly disabused of the impression. Among the lead ing men and politicians gathered there from all parts of the state there was but one sentiment, "Nebraska is for the nomination of President Roosevelt irrevocably, unequirocally, first, last and all the time." other sentiment was uttered in the lobby and every speaker at the meeting empha sized the thought in unmistakable language. Hon. C. J. Green, the principal speaker, declared that "President Roosevelt would be nominated by unanimous acclamation." Nebraska will be for Roosevel and Webster, but any suggestion that the Webster move is a move against the president is childish foolishness.

PERSONAL NOTES.

An Arizona mine superintendent killed himself because his salary was not raised from \$9,000 to \$12,000. What is there, then, to live for but money? Samuel J. Crawford of Kansus was the

youngest governor ever elected in his state. He is now 68 years old and the last survivor of the union war governors. A crusade has been inaugurated in Bos-

ton against school teachers who "chew gum." How futile! Boston teachers may masticate; it is impossible to think that they chew.

It is announced that "Corporal" James Tanner will be appointed register of wills for the District of Columbia to succeed Louis A. Dent, the change to take place on April 1. Mr. Tanner was formerly commisstoner of pensions.

Grover Cleveland has lived in the time of more administrations than any other citizen who has been president, beginning with that of Martin Van Buren and coming down to that of Theodore Roosevelt-in all eighteen, exclusive of his own two.

Hear Admiral Casey, who has just been placed on the retired list of the havy, has seen forty-seven years of active service. He has ever been noted for his bluff exterior and imperturable good nature and dinates.

Admiral Evans says he never before saw such swells as the Asiatic squadron met with in one week's voyage from Japan to Honolulu. And yet the fighting sailor has

When Senator Lodge was speaking last Tuesday he said: "I will now read a state ment made by Daniel Webster, Mr. Presi s settled. The court is supposed to make wouldn't Webster be glad if he could but be present.

FLASHES OF FUN.

First Clubman—They say Blurcky makes money playing poker. I thought he was too hotheaded for that. Second Clubman—He may be hotheaded, but he generally has cold feet.—Chicago

Towne-Here's an invitation to the wedding of John Winterbottom Jones to Anna May Spriggs. For goodness' sake! I wonder what Jones is marrying her for. Browns-Probably just to see his middle name spelled out in full.-Philadelphia

"If a kicker," said Uncle Eben, "allus took de trouble to thoroughly understan' what he was kickin' about he wouldn't hab nearly so much time to kick."—Washington Star.

'Wiggins is having a high old time, night efter night."
"Wife away?"
"No. Typewriter."—Town Topics

The suitor was importunate when she asked time to consider his propogal.

"If you persist," she said, "I will be compelled to give you a short unswer."

"Well, that's all right," he returned, "only don't make it too short—not shorter than a word of three letters,"—Chicago Post.

"What I want," said the politician who thought he had a strong pull at Washington, "Is a job that will give me a lot of traveling around, with not much to do, and with a good salary attached to it."

"My friend," replied the dispenser of jobs, "even at the ple counter you don't get your ple for nothing."—Philadelphia Press.

FRITZ.

W. F. Kirk in Milwaukee Sentinel. My name it ban Fritz-dy ban yolly gude faller; Ay ant lak to boost my own game wery much.
But ay ban a purty gude fexy Norwegian:
Ay e pose from my name that yu tenk ay
ban DutchNot much!
By Yiminy, ay ant ban Dutch!

Ay vork down in opry huse-vork yust lak blazes, hustle all day yust so hard sum ay Ay ant ban no supe, shoving op die har sir! Ay'ben yenuine property man-Yes, ay ban A Yim dandy property man!

Ay ant pay no 'tention to dese actorinas— Dey standing in files and ban looking at me; Ay know dey han stuck on my shape—ay ban vinner.
But ay ban too busy to fiirting, yu see

By Yee!
A purty smart geezer ay bei

Muester Frank he skol tal me ay ought to he actor— He say ay ban funny, yust lak Billy Van; Ay ant know for sure of he mean vat he Ay ant know for sure of no delay tal me.

Ay tenk ay got gude enough jobe war ay ban—

Ay han dandy property man!

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