Symptom of Returning Sanity.

Washington Post.

Significant Incident.

Springfield Republican.

Porto Rico was pushed along another

step toward statehood in the American

union yesterday in the house, when its

delegate was put upon the same footing

as delegates from the regular organized

territories and admitted to a voice in the

heartiness with which this was done are

of great significance. The idea of grafting

Rainbow Chasing in the West.

There are not wanting indications that

the democrats of New York will not be able

their unanimous choice for the presidency.

to agree upon any citizen of that state as

In that event it will be wise policy to look

be a point of desirable strategy to select a

strong democratic candidate from one of

Roosevelt is Not a Quitter.

The country will receive with pleasure

capable and determined antagonist of capi-

tal in hurtful and restrictive combinations.

and needs at this time. Proof that Mr.

and his party's advantage in the ap-

proaching contest; but what a narrow es-

the hands of fool friends!

cape the president had from fatal injury at

Looking for a Scrap.

Portland Oregonian.

"Fighting Bob" Evans informs the Navy

department that the worst drawback to

discipline in his command has been the ex-

cessive use of alcoholic drinks. To remedy

this he recommends the establishment of

wines may be sold to the men. Evans

was always credited with a strong desire

to stir up a row, and with this suggestion

he will probably succeed. There are large

numbers of people throughout the land who

are so well equipped with misinformation

and immature knowledge regarding the

sailor and the soldier that they will be

shocked by the proposal, and they will

proceed to communicate the shock to the

department. The loudest complaint regard-

ing sailor abuses is always heard from

those who know nothing of ships and the

sea. The protests against the canteen have

likewise emanated from people whose

knowledge of spirituous liquors is gener-

ally confined to unexplainable dislike for

them, notwithstanding their usefulness un-

of the Navy.

London Mail.

ditions of modern fighting, he replied:

only spirit Japan knows, for it never con-

siders defeat even as a remote possibility.

Mikasa and its sister battle ships down to

the men on such craft as the White-naped

Crane and the Dragon's Lamp-torpedo

destroyers-they are swearing by every

ancestor that, if let loose, they will sink o

capture each consonantly named Russian

warship in the Pacific. And do they not

contemplate a possible defeat? Yes, but

capture no. Never will a Japanese ship,

When the turrets are jammed and the

big guns dumb, when the screws are still

and all defense is dead and done, the men

chosen by lot before the beginning of action

will from their station in the heart of the

ship perform "the last full measure of de-

votion" in exploding the magazines, and the

sixteen-petaled chrysanthemum on the im-

perial standard will go deep down in a

welter of blood and steam and smoke till,

"streaked with ash and sleeked with oil

RUSSIA AS A NAVAL POWER.

Ships Poorly Manned by Country Lads

Through Conscript System.

Cassier's Magazine.

An officer admitted to the writer, when

visiting on board a Russian battleship re-

cently, that a large proportion of the mer

are not sallors, but agricultural laborers

drawn from inland districts by the con-

scriptive system. They enter as young

men-not, to be noted, as boys-and serve

from five to seven years, and are ther

passed into the reserve for a further period

of eight to ten years. From the fact that

It is said that the standard of gunnery is

full commission for only about half the

year, and most of the ships in the far east

cently, such assurances must be received

with reservation. No doubt the men pos

sess a high standard of courage and iron

nerves, but these qualities in modern naval

war training, winter and summer, which is

the program of the British and American

Russia has the ships, it is building more

of them, and it has a personnel of 65,064, in

cluding many well trained officers of good

attainments, but what the fleet really rep

resents in naval power is a problem which

only war can solve. It may be that it will

be found, as seems probable, that while the

rapidity, they have been unable to supply

where the aid of foreign yards is involved, it

is possible to obtain ships at short notice

but trained officers and men cannot be se

Under the circumstances in which the

Russian fleet has been created there is con-

sequently good cause to wonder whether

In these days, especially

war cannot take the place of continuou

have been commissioned comparatively re-

learn a great deal.

and German fleets.

quickly supplied.

high or low, go into port a prize

the lukewarm whirlpodis close.

On the sea officers and men are spoiling

insure victory."

canteens in the navy, where beer and light

Baltimore American.

Philadelphia Record.

a colonial system onto the republic is evi-

nated over Bryan's protest.

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ington

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Is J. B. Dinsmore to be the Ed Hoch of Nebraska?

The council committee on paving is divided by the rule of three.

Russian patriotism does not evidently extend to maintaining prices on the stock market.

Secretary Hay's note to France evidently exposed the head of a Senegambian in the fuel.

Russian girls await the return of the Muscovite Hobson who sunk the ships in Chemulpo harbor.

To judge by the noise it is making Japan is sincere in its announced desire to awaken China.

Thoughts of The Hague tribunal cannot be read between the lines of the czar's declaration of war.

ships to make the Dominicans be good, nearly worn itself out.

The inventory now being taken by the water works company appraisers is 225 miles long and from six to twentyfour inches wide.

If Russia can contrive to have sufficient of its army captured early in the war it can bankrupt its enemy by compelling it to feed the prisoners.

From present indications French neutrality bears a strong resemblance to the kind the British exhibited in the early days of the American civil war.

The American public must prepare itself for some of the horrors of war. The magazine writers armed with kodaks are marching to the seat of war.

Not satisfied with a reputation as a humorists, J. Adam Bede, the Minnesota congressman, desires to be responby Cole Younger.

With three democratic candidates for mayor in the open field and half a dozen dark horses in training, South Omaha democrats appear to be as harmonious as Kilkenny cats.

It is a very poor yellow that does not keep a large collection of battleship and naval battle cuts in storage for instantaneous use to substantiate the claim that its artists are always on the spot.

The city building inspector promises to be in evidence in the reconstruction of Baltimore's business district. Baltimore now has the chance of a century the ruins of its past activity.

Iowa retail grocers want a law enacted that will require all barrels and cans containing benzine and gasoline on sale in the Hawkeye state to be painted red. How the use of red paint will prevent explosions has not yet been explained.

The Real Estate exchange is doing well in keeping up the campaign for tax reform, but the exchange should be reinforced by a taxpayers' league to protect the city and county from tax eaters and lawless raids upon the treasury:

Eight years ago Nebraska was plastered all over with New England mort gages. Now the surplus in the permanent school fund is being invested in Massachusetts 31/2 per cent state bonds and the farmer's surplus on deposit in Nebraska banks is being loaned to New York and New England banks.

Nebraska rejail bardware dealers have organized and combined to protect themtime the unorganized and uncombined combines that are after their money.

WHERE BUSSIA IS WEAK.

the advance of civilization. No matter what outward show may have been again. The governing class of the culture, but the great mass of the popu- our territory. lation is still steeped in ignorance that belongs to the dark ages. Free thought and free speech are absolutely suppressed, and popular education as we understand the term in America is unknown. Serfdom was abolished fortythree years ago by the grandfather of the present czar, but the advance of the condition of the people has been so slight that it may scarcely be said to exist. Not only is this a source of dedealing with other peoples who have been taken into the empire bus not been desperate efforts by the Russian government to suppress the Polish national feeling are still being made. The Yar east our government has again apwhile the course pursued by Russia in

mains internally. It is impossible that a patriotic national feeling can exist under such cir-130,000,000 of Russian hearts are beatarmy of conscripts, not of patriots, and ing nothing in common with the rank and file.

On the contrary, Japan is entitled to a place among the enlightened nations of the earth. Its government is constitutional, its parliament being elected by a popular vote, with a manhood franchise, and its people are united as they never were before. The numerical odds are all in favor of Russia, but the advantage of morale in fighting forces and popular support is entirely on the side of Japan in the present war.

LESSONS OF THE BALTIMORE FIRE.

The most impressive lesson of the Baltimore fire is that the best fire fight ing apparatus and the best organized force of fire fighters can make very little headway against a general conflagration even when the supply of water is abundant. More than 100 fire companies, equipped with the most modern fire extinguishing apparatus and commanded The United States adds insult to pos- by experienced fire chiefs, were unable the outcome of the war, for if not persible injury by sending the training to cope with the fire until it had very

The Baltimore fire has also furnished a valuable practical test of fire-proof construction. It has shown conclusively that there is a wide line of demarkation between genuine fire-proof construction the vaults properly constructed withsnow on a bot day.

The owners of buildings who want to with the idea that a veneering of stone or terra cotta on the outside of a building and the use of fire-tile partitions and tiling resting on wooden joists covered by board flooring will resist fire just as well as a solid wall, steel-beam building carrying steel joists and concrete arches. This notion has been exploded by the Baltimore fire, as it had by destructive sible for a dime museum to be managed fires in other cities. So-called semi-fireproof construction is very little better in a great fire than regular fire-trap construction. In other words, a fire-proof building must be built of fire-proof material from the basement to the top of the roof, inside and out.

> Another lesson of the Baltimore fire is the imperative necessity for a system of underground conduits for all telegraph, telephone and electric light wires, and the substitution of the underground for the overhead trolley, at least in the business center, and particularly on narrow streets.

THE SANTO DOMINGO TROUBLE. Insurrection has prevailed for some time in Santo Domingo and the situation of Louisville. to make a modern and model city on has imperilled foreign laterests, which it appears look to our government for protection. The condition of affairs has been under consideration at Washington and the recent shooting by the insurgents of an American sailor has of course intensified interest in the situation, since it calls for action on the part of the government looking to reparation. The Navy department has ordered cruisers to Dominican waters, but just how reparation is to be obtained has not yet been determined. Meanwhile it is stated that the German government has nearly reached the limit of its patience in dealing with Santo Domingo and the British and French governments show equal impatience with affairs there. The interests of their citizens in the island are suffering and those governments feel that the United States is not meeting the obligations placed upon it by the Monroe doctrine, though it is not quite apparent how that doctrine ap-

Manifestly, however, something will have to be done by our government to those that will burn and those that won't restore peace and order in Santo Doselves against illegitimate competition, mingo, or foreign governments will take whatever that may mean. In the mean- steps to protect the interests of their citizens there which might prove irritausers of hardware are left at the tender ting. It has been suggested that the mercy of the legitimate and illegitimate United States establish a protectorate

plies to the case.

some of the people of the Island, particu-For many years' Russia and Russia's larly the foreign element, would welpolity has been the subject of more or come this, but such a course would be less debate by publicists, with the un- of questionable expediency. It has also varying conclusion that the Muscovite been urged that we should annex the has not kept step with other peoples in island, but this is hardly to be taken seriously. We have already quite enough possessions of this kind. The made, the hollowness of the Russian Dominicans are certainly in need of pretense has been proven again and some vigorous discipline and this we may have to give them, but we have country has put on a thin veneer of no use for their country as a part of

ASKING PROTECTION FOR CHINA. The attitude of the United States in regard to China was stated nearly four years ago in the note of our government to the powers, at the time of the Boxer outbreak, urging that the territorial integrity of the Chinese empire should be preserved. The position then dently not growing in popularity at Washtaken by the United States was acquiesced in by the powers, though rather cided weakness to the czar's government, reductantly on the part of some of them, but the policy that has been pursued in and undoubtedly saved China from a large loss of territory and possible dismemberment. It averted complications more productive of good. Poland's dis- and smoothed the way to negotiations memberment is still easily recalled and which resulted satisfactorily to all the nations concerned.

With the opening of hostilities in the

effort to absorb Finland is more recent, pealed to the powers in behalf of China, urging that the neutrality and integ-Asia has been directly in line with its rity of that empire be recognized by course in Europe. The treatment of Russia and Japan. This timely action the Jews is another evidence of the is likely, it is said, to be favorably conunhealthy conditions of the czar's do- sidered by the powers addressed and if so may exert a considerable influence upon the nations at war, Russia particularly. It is well understood that the cumstances. Love of country is unknown aim of that power is not only to keep in Russia, and the assertions of the its hold upon Manchuria, but to extend Roosevelt is that man will inure to his own official press of St. Petersburg that its territorial domination in China and it is not to be doubted that it will ening in unison with indignation at the deavor to do this if successful in the Japanese course is simply rubbish. War, unless interfered with by other More than half the entire population of powers. As to Japan there is no reason Russia may be safely counted as op. to believe that she has any desire for posed to the government and held in the acquisition of Chinese territory. subjection by force. The army is an She wanted it after her war with China and was not permitted to have it and is officered by a governing class hav- Japan now fully understands that she cannot absorb Chinese territory. Her purpose in making war is to dislodge Russia from Manchuria and to safeguard her interests in Corea, imperilled by the presence of Russia in the Chinese province. Hence Japan will doubtless readily agree to recognize the neutrality and integrity of China. As to Russia, however, pressure may be necessary and this is contemplated in the note of our government asking the powers to join in notifying the hostile nations that the neutrality of China and its territorial integrity must be recog-

If the powers should accede to this suggestion the effect upon Russia would undoubtedly be somewhat depressing, even should it not go so far as to apply to Manchuria. If it embraces that territory the effect of the acquiescence of the powers addressed by the United States would be to cause Russia to feel that she would be loser whatever mitted to control Manchuria and make it absolutely Russian territory there Yamgata was asked if Japan would not Miss Mary Belle Flemington of Ellenswould be nothing for her in victory but such money indemnity as she might ob-

tain from Japan. The action of our State department will be heartly approved by the American people and if it shall have the refew really fire-proof structures and all sult hoped for will be another signal diplomatic success for this country. It stood the terrible heat blast, while sham is said that it contemplates restrictfire-proof buildings melted down like ing hostilities to the far east and as it is understood that all the European powers desire this, it would seem the get the largest income out of their American note should commend itself money frequently defude themselves to their favor. The response of the powers will be awaited with worldwide interest.

The ink had scarcely dried on the ordinance by which the city taxes were increased 60 per cent over last year when the reign of extravagance and wastefulness, stimulated by the prospect of a large surplus in the city treasury, broke loose in the shape of increased cierical salaries and orders for additional electric lamps and gas lamps. It is safe to predict that this guit will be kept up from now on to the end of the year, even if a big overlap is to be created again and another issue of refunding bonds should be forced upon the

The bond of sympathy becomes more evident. Following Mr. Bryan's de cision not to discuss presidential possibilities comes the demand of the leader of Tammany that the New York delegation to the national convention go uninstructed. The star-eyed goddess again demands attention from the sage

Why not put an end to the jangle over paving specifications by allowing every contractor to make his own specifications, appoint his own inspectors, make his own measurements, certify to his own vouchers, issue his own war rants and make it imperative on the treasurer to cash these warrants at sight.

Morning Calm Storm Rent. Detroit Free Press. If Corea is provided with such a thing as a cyclone cave, now is the time for its people to crawl in and arrange for under

ground housekeeping.

Was Some Solon Slighted Chicago Post. The Iowa legislature has under consid eration another anti-railway pass bill. And we may safely hazard the guess that it is

as much anti-pass now as it ever will be. Standard Delights.

New York World. Standard Oil is said to have cornered sbestos. There are two sorts of things Mr. Rockefeller delights to monopolize

They dught to Know.

Chicago Chronicle. ple are expressing horror at the eopening of the Iroqueis theater as a play ouse. But so far as safety is concerned it ought after alteration to be the safest theater in the city. It is known now ex- it willi prove in action as formidable as it over Santo Domingo and undoubtedly actly what is needed to make it safe, and appears on paper.

that is more than can be said of any other ROOSEVELT AND NEBRASKA. theater. The preprietors will not trust to

the building commissioner and inspectors Stuart Ledger: Nebraska is solid for

Butte Gazotte: Roosevelt and Webster will suit Nebraska republicans. Arcadla Champion: Don't go to getting Some eminent democratic leaders have fussy. Roosevelt will be safely nominated about decided to quit looking for some and triumphantly elected ere the dawn of republican who can defeat President Roosevelt for the nomination and will try to find some democrat who can be nomi

North Platte Tribune: The Webster boom for the vice presidency apparently needs a little more enthusiasm to keep t sufficiently high in the air to avoid the knobs of opposition which are springing up. Kearney Hub: Ex-Senator Thurston is credited with the remark that "Roosevelt is a man whom everybody is for, whom nobody wants." If the people of Nebraska were taking Mr. Thurston se riously these days they would probably take this remark very much to heart.

house proceedings. The unanimity and Kearney Hub: The temper of Buffalo county republicans, as indicated in the draft of a constitution adopted by the Roosevelt club, will not permit of any triffing with the president's candidacy, and It is also true that this sentiment prevails throughout the entire state. There is mighty earnestness about the Roosevelt sentiment such as has never before been witnessed in Nebraska preceding a national convention.

Johnson County Journal (dem.): About forty dyed-in-the-wool republicans met at elsewhere. There is no dearth of suitable the court house Monday evening to orpresidential timber outside the Empire State. As New York will undoubtedly furganize a Roosevelt club. We understand nish the republican standard-bearer, it may that the selection of officers for the club was deferred and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. fever of organizing Roosevelt clubs seems to be more prevalent in Nebraska than in any state in the union, and this is said to be caused by the combined work of the federal officeholders, supplemented by the influence of Governor Mickey. It is very the assurance that Theodore Roosevelt has not turned "quitter;" that he is still the likely that the name of the club will have to be changed during the summer to the Hanna, Taft or some other club-but what's in the name-the boys don't care. That he is the man the country wants

Nebraska City Tribune: The crocodile has wiped away his tears and is now arranging to cat the victim, boots, spurs and suspenders. For many weary months the populistic World-Herald has "viewed with alarm" the probability that the trusts and Wall street promoters of bottomless booms were about to devour Theodore Roosevelt blood raw. The W.-H. has shed copious and bitter tears good and great a man should fall afoul of so untoward a fate-but that was Chapter I Now comes Chapter II. Suddenly the W.-H. observes that the plutocrats and stock jobbers are all back of Theodore Roosevelt and want him for president, and it is safe to say that Theodore Roosevelt from now on to election day will receive the full broadside fire of the World-Herald mud battery. Chapter I was promulgated to lay a foundation for Chapter II, which will be iterated and reiterated through al the ringing changes of the World-Herald imagination. But-it won't deceive anybody-not this year. As a copper riveted yellow fake the World-Herlad has long worn the championship belt and no onbut "pop" officeholders are subject to its wiles and perennial deceit.

PERSONAL NOTES.

to his father's business cares, that Bible der certain conditions. class will be expecting pointers on other things than paradise. IF THE JAPS LOSE. Little surprise should be excited by the

announcement from Canada that J. P. Capture Stricken from the Lexicon Morgan is skillful on snowshoes. There is difference of only one letter between the ski-game and the skin-game. Emperor William has conferred the title Despite the lesson of the Boer war, the

of professor on Heinrich Gruenfeld, the dump over the river and raise chickens." Japanese did very jutle open order and exthe tended formation work in their last maneuvioloncellist, who was recently in vers, but operated in solid masses as trim United States, and has thanked him for and right angled as though shaped with a the privilege of hearing him play during really goes. spirit level. When Field Marshal Marquis his recent illness.

change its field tactics to suit the con-"Japan will reveal its tactics in battle. Dakota at Groton, Conn., the other day, Be sure that they will be those necessary to This was not the self-confidence of the slippers. unbeaten warrior, but the expression of the

Sir Graham Berry, who has just died in England, was the inspirer of Tennyson's stirring poem, "The Fleet," He read a paper in 1886 before the Royal Colonial in for a fight. From the crews of the huge stitute, in which he appealed for a strong imperial navy, and a few days afterward Tennyson's poem appeared.

Dr. Herr of Leipsic, Germany, is in Washington. He is in this country making a study of reform schools and reformatories After a thorough study of American re form schools he will return to Germany and make a report to the government using his observations as a basis for recommendations.

John Jackson, a fellow of the Royal Geographical society, is in New York after completing a journey of 7,000 miles through the leper settlements of India, during which time he mingled with the stricken people and met Miss Mary Reed, the American missionary, who has devoted her

life to them. A certain congressman from Ohio is noted by his colleagues for smoking the most villainous brand of stogies it has ever been their hard luck to smell. One day last week he made a singularly dry speech, dis cussing the duty on Philippine hemp. After he had talked half an hour a bored member in one of the near seats said disgustedly: What the dickens does he know abou hemp?" "Knows all about," growled the equally disgusted man addressed, "Dodgast him, that's what he smokes."

PREVALENT SUPERSTITIONS

Credulous People Multiplying at an Amazing Rate.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. An entertaining lecture, delivered the other day in New York by Rev. Dr. Joseph these men come from inland provinces it McMahon, on the growth of superstition follows that they have not the love of the would surprice the ordinary reader even sen in their veins, and from the fact that by the title, were it not for the evidence Russia is not an industrial nation, it also which every day is brought to the senses that there is a wonderful amount of the follows that few of these men have any mechanical knowledge. Consequently the navy is manned with the roughest material. We live in a highly organized civilization, and right in the midst of it there is anmen who have to learn everything and unother world which, at times-as in the case of the Hossey trial, in this city-is good, but as no records of any kind are brought to the surface and displayed to the wonderment of the public. published and the ships in Europe are in

students of juvenile affairs are now trying to explore with more or less success. It has a totally different logic from ours. In the same way there is a different order or intellects which cling to the superstitions of dark ages. There is something mysterious in the human mind which makes it look beyond itself, and when faith crumbles, as Dr. McMahon says, there are vast number who go back to something, if only to palmistry, fortune-telling, clair voyance and all the humbug sustained by the cunning technique of ingenious fraud. Thousands of respectable and presum ably intelligent people in every city where humbug is supposed to be dissipated by the white light of intelligence and knowledge Russian authorities have been able to add have recourse to the advertising fortune to the size of the fleet with marvelous tellers. And we all have our mysterious superstitions which we should check and frown upon and never tell about lest the more foolish may be encouraged. How many people diaregard wholly the number thirteen or Friday? In the city streets patriarchial-looking scholars fear to count the carriages in a funeral procession and dread to cross between them; nobody spills salt if it can be avoided, and every college girl makes a wish when she sees

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR



IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Both the ultra good and the sporting to a continuous surprise by the Tammany government. Affairs are not conducted as the prophets predicted and hoped for, Adherents of the Parkhurst idea of government declared in advence that the town would be wide open from the Battery to Marlem. The sports confidently believed up as it ever has been or is ever likely to be. The prophecies of evil so freely made before the election have not befulfilled. Mr. Jerome was one of the most dismal of the ante-election prophets, but now he gracefully admits that he was in error. "There will always be some gambling in a city like New York," he says, "but I think we have now reached the irreducible minimum."

There is consternation in Chinatown and throughout the lower cast side because Chuck Conners, mayor of the Mongolian settlement, has announced his positive intention to quit New York and move to Jersey. "Hoboken for mine," says Mayor "This town is on the lallapazas." Chuck. His honor's disgust assumed its present acute form when he visited the Arlon ball at Madison Square Garden the other night That anual event has hitherto been the occasion for the getting together of about is invested entirely in city and town bonds, When young John Rockefeller succeeds all the hilariousness in town. The fun usually begins at midnight and lasts until the winter sun rises and scares the revelers home. But this year Chuck found is "I went dere," he reports, "and dull. found it as quiet as a strawberry festival in Orange. Dere ain't no more sports nor swells in New York. Dere ain't no more Tenderloin. Me for Hoboken. Me and me tion upon the bride to obey her husband, bundle (wife) is going to get a nice little

A young naval officer returned recently dale, N. D., the girl who was selected by to New York from the European station James J. Hill to christen the great steamer and brought several odd bits of furniture which he had picked up in a small shop is barely 17 years old, but she weighs 165 in Portsmouth, England. One of the pleces ands and stands six feet 2 inches in her was a folding table, antique, and conse quently somewhat worn. It was much admired, and the price he paid for it, £3, was considered amazingly small. One day he showed it to a dealer with a request for a valuation of it, and information as to its age, make, and the like. In the course of the examination the dealer looked at the under side of one of the drawers and found thereon a somewhat blurred paper When this was inspected close to Inbel. the light these letters were readily dis-

And thus passes from sight one of the

institutions of New York-that is, if Chuck

cernable. They were: "GR-ND RAPID-MICHI-"

The largest tips paid any place in the world are given in that territory bounded by Thirty-third and Forty-second streets along Broadway and Fifth avenue. the world-wide rule of 10 per cent on the cost of orders is thrown to the winds. Luncheon parties of two are expected to disgorge at least 30 cents for a tip and 50 cents never surprises a waiter. This practice has led to a peculiar internal condition in the big restaurants and hotels. waiters are themselves "held up" by the other attaches. The oyster man must be tipped, the "bus" or extra waiter must have his bit, the chef must be "seen weekly and the order cook always demands a share of the spoils. This cuts the waiter's profits from tips almost in half. This tipping system operates in an The proprietors fix other peculiar way. wages according to the chances his employes have for gratuities. Where tips are high wages are low.

The great house of the late W. C. Whitney, on Fifth avenue at Sixty-eight street, opposite Central Park, was finished about four years ago. It is one of the most costly houses in New York City, and contains pictures and furnishings of great

The music-room in Mr. Whitney's house is composed of fine, richly carved panels of oak gilt, and was formerly the property of Phoebus d'Albert, Baron de Tours, field Marshal of France and governor of the crudest kind of superstition all around us. Guyenne province, who was a chevalier the time of Louis XIV. His castle was near Bordeaux; thence the salon, which is the music room in the Whitney residence, was transferred in the time of Louis Philippe to Paris, where it was purchased by Mr Whitney's agent. The ceiling is decorated There is a mysterious child's world with a large painting, and on the walls which the modern psychologists and are hung costly works of art and rare tapestries. One piece of tapestry

Bonchi and a painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds are among the prominent pieces. A corridor leads from the music room to the grand hall, which is one of the beautiful features of the house. This is all antique inlaid work, and bears the name elements of New York are being treated of the artist, "Francisco Orlandini, Verona, This passageway is lighted by antique chandeliers formed out of stag horns and carved metal, and is furnished with chairs of the time of the woodwork Among the works of art which are distributed about the house are "The Sower," by Millet; "The Knitting Girl," by Hopner the prophecy would be fulfilled. Both are a portrait of Gaetano; two large panels by disappointed-the first agreeably so, the John La Farge; a portrait of William de latter painfully shocked. Even that stickler Villers, Vicomte Grandisson, by Van for good government, District Attorney Dyck, said by Hermann Schaus of the Jerome, places the seal of his approval on Schaus Art gallery to be the highest Taummany. New York is as nearly closed priced picture ever imported to this country, and reported to have cost Mr. Whitney \$120,000.

The receipts of the New York police pension fund for 1903 amounted to \$1,-636,880. The amount disbursed from the fund in pensions was \$1,075,999, and the refunds for sick pay, fines remitted, and the like, were \$20,099. The deficit in the fund amounted to \$59,217. This was paid from the capital of the fund, leaving it at \$227,282. During the year 193 officers were retired on pensions aggregating \$155,550 annually, and seventy-four widows were placed on the list. At the close of the year there were 1,231 retired officers, 872 widows and 161 children on the pension rolls. The net increase in the fund's an nual liability during the year was \$119,-945, and abnormal growth, due to the numerous retirements ordered by Mayor Low's commissioner. The fund's capital except \$12,000, which is in West Shore railroad 4 per cent bonds.

Mayor McClellan does not believe that the word "obey" should be used in the marriage ceremony. In officiating at a wedding at the city hall the other day the mayor declined to impose an injuncand after joining his second pair in wedlock today he gave his reasons for omitting the "obey." He says it is obsolete, just as obsolete as the other ancient vow. "With all my worldly goods I thee endow." Neither is if binding in law. It has been so decided in the English courts.

"Of course," said the mayor. "I have no objection to the bride promising eternal obedience if she so desires and were I requested to insert the word 'obey' I would comply; but I find a remarkable unanimity of opinion the other way."

PLASHES OF FUN.

"What we want to do," said one Corean, "is to remain perfectly neutral."
"Yes." answered the other; "that's what we want to do. But the question is what do the other people want us to do?"— Washington Star.

"Major Rye takes a little canter every morning after the breakfast."
"Yes, and a little decanter every evening after dinner."—Princeton Tiger.

"Our new company is capitalized at \$40,1 "Great. Let me see your prospectus."
"Oh, we haven't got out a prospectus yet,
The—er—the darned printer wants his pay
in advance."—Puck.

"A man cannot always expect to be com-ensated in proportion to his individual pensated in proportion to his individual merits," said the philosopher.

"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "Some people are lucky enough to live so far away that they can draw twenty or thirty times as much mileage as others."—Washington Star. ington Star

"Well, he doesn't have to work hard, "How do you know?"
"Because he gets a big salary."—Detroit

The pessimist that growls that he Finds life all dark an' holler, al'ays mighty quick ter see The bright side of a dollar. —Philadelphia Press.

LATEST WAR REPORTS.

New York Globe,

ierilis rumored that Count Muscovich
Will go to Pumpernikelich
To talk with General Rubberneckski,
Who will proceed to Tchrantkotechski

The Russian armored syllable boat,
The Blazeawayandbattickin
(The strongest naval name afloat),
Is soon hostlittes to begin.
The jaw-destroyer Kekkoticha,
Is sailing for Manchooria.

Tokio—
This afternoon Count Okiahoma,
While taking notes from Fujiyama,
Saw something through the water stip
That seemed a Russian battleship.
He's trying to report the same.
But no one can pronounce the name.

Port Arthuriral Hangoff's battleshipski, The splendid Alexanderipski. This morning met an accident That much expensive damage meant. Her first three syllables exploded— Her first three syllables exploded.— Bang didn't know the name was loaded

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