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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of February, A. D. 1904. M. B. HUNGATE, (Seal.) Notary Public.

The man who oils the big water works pump has not yet been pumped by the appraisers.

If a plank sidewalk is a permanent sidewalk, of what material should a temporary sidewalk be built?

When the South Omnha police judge pronounces a city ordinance unconstitutional, it must be unconstitutional.

The preliminary state campaign is be coming interesting. It may become exciting before the 18th day of May.

The retail hardware dealers want to turn the clock backward, but the ratchet ests, is in danger. We have an unwheel of progress only turns one way

If Turkey and Bulgaria do not take the opportunity to wipe out old scores they will miss the chance of their life.

The Japanese declaration of war is probably the first instance of such a traility. At the same time our govern- Weights and measures inspector ..

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY. observe absolute neutrality in the Russoditional policy of the United States. years. While this country has very important interests in the far east which it, will not fail to carefully look after, it will maintain complete impartiality toward the nations engaged in war and respect to the fullest extent the obligations imposed by international law. What this requires is very clearly defined. It is already apparent that European powers are regarding the position of this country with very great interest. The note addressed to the powers by the Department of State relative to the recognition by Russia and Japan of the neutrality and integrity of China is at money realized on the loans has been this moment a commanding topic in the spent in building the Transsiberian rallchancelleries of Europe. It came to road, improving the internal waterways them as a surprise, since our governand building the new fleet. The situament had seemed not to be concerning tion is such that Russia will find it itself very greatly about the course of difficult to place further loans in France, events in the far east. It had secured a which heretofore has been her chief commercial treaty with China giving It financial reliance, and if she cannot oball that was asked, including the opentain money there it is not likely that ing of two ports in China to the trade of the world. It had received renewed she can elsewhere. Russia has large resources, but the war will be enor-

assurances from Russia that its rights mously expensive and it does not appear and interests in Manchuria would be that she has made much financial preprespected. It was assumed that having aration for it. thus gained the points for which it was contending the United States would resources are very much less than those have nothing further to say in regard of Russia and she has been spending to far eastern affairs. But it was apa good deal of money in building up parently forgotten that this country was her navy and in preparing for war, is the first among the powers, when the yet believed to be relatively in a better territorial integrity of China was threatfinancial condition than her enemy. She ened four years ago, to announce its opdid not neglect the money consideration position to any seigure of Chinese terriin getting ready for hostilities. tory. In doing this it stood not only the carrying on of war will not be so 29,170 for the integrity of that empire, but costly for Japan as for Russia, espealso for the peace of the world. With a cially in the matters of transportation consistency which the world must recand army subsistence. It is highly ognize our government now renews its probable, however, that both nations declaration in behalf of the integrity of will have their treasuries drained and China and appeals to the powers to be compelled to borrow, in which event Join it. they will doubtless find it very difficult

There is in this no inconsistency with to obtain the money needed. the position of neutrality. Russia and those who sympathize with her may re-CREATING MORE OVERLAPS. gard it as favorable to Japan, but the Notwithstanding the 60 per cent in unquestionable motive of our governcrease in the levy of 1904 over that of ment is to conserve world interests, re-1903, there is every indication of angardless of either of the nations engaged in hostilities. The sympathies of other large overlap before the end of this year. The charter limits the amount the American people are with Japan, of expenditures from the general but this has no influence upon the government, which views and considers the fund to \$255,000. The expenditure last are to believe all that Mr. Bryan tells to situation from a practical and not a year, including overdraft for sal-

sentimental standpoint. Neutrality imaries and unpaid claims, aggregated poses no obligation to abstain from ef- \$278,195.53. The expenditures of this forts to protect another neutral power year are estimated at \$293,568.64, which whose integrity is menaced by the war. would be an overlap of \$38,568.64. In detail the estimated expenditures for There is no obligation of international law which requires that the United 1904 are as follows: States shall keep silent when China, Mayor's department .....\$ 4,200.00

City council ...... 8,100.00 with which we are on terms of friend-Comptroller ..... 12,500.00 ship and where we have large inter-City clerk ..... Treasurer .... doubted right to ask the protection of Tax commissioner ...... 15,000.00 that empire and to invite the powers to Engineer ...... 18,000.00 Legal department, abstracter ..... 10,400.00 join with us in an effort to secure this. Electrician .....

There is no reason to apprehend that Building inspector ..... the United States will be drawn into Boller inspector ...... Plumbing inspector (incl. board) .. the far eastern conflict. We shall maindas inspector tain with reference to it a strict neu- License inspector ...... 

vessels now being built, the total cost say. The United States is at peace The decision of our government to of the new ships authorized being a with both of the belligerents and canlittle less than \$28,000,000, the expendi- not countenance a breach of neutrality Japanese war is in accord with the tra- ture of which will extend over several through Colonel Grigsby or any other rough rider.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

Japan, on the other hand, while her

St. Clair McKelway is an optimistic democrat. He persists in hunting for A recent dispatch from Paris said candidates for the presidency in spite that the raising of funds for the proseof both Bryan and Watterson's resolu-

cution of the Russo-Japanese war would tion to kill anything which bears the become a serious question for both comleast friendliness to Grover Cleveland, batants. It stated that a large portion of the existing Russian public debt, which Mr. McKelway's first choice. exceeds \$300,000,000,000, is owing to

Then

them.

Official courtesy must be observed. French creditors and the prospective Secretary Hay was not supposed to heavy increase of Russian indebtedness know anything about the hostilities in naturally causes some solicitude in Asla until yesterday, when both the Paris. It appears that Russia's four Japanese and Russian representatives loans, aggregating \$1,400,000,000, came notified him of the declaration of war. chiefly from the French people. The

> The Nebraska Retail Hardware association is ferninst rural delivery and parcel post. King Kanute once ordered the sea to stand still. Free rural delivery has come to stay and the parcel post is only a matter of time.

### "Whatyer Givin' Uaf"

Chicago Chronicle, Democrats who are so weary of Bryanism that they cannot fight it may find the yellow kid of Hooliganism more diverting, but we doubt it.

> Things that Won't Mix. Washington Post.

John D. Rockefeller has resigned from the directorate of the Steel trust. He probably prefers to stick to his specialty of oil instead of trying to mix it with water.

**Cruelest Knock of All.** 

Philadelphia Record. Senator Hanna lately declared that William Jennings Bryan was a valuable republican asset. The disposition of astute republican leaders to laud and cherish Mr. Bryan is only a fair return for the service he is rendering them.

> A Morgue for Pleasure. Brooklyn Engle.

Chicago wants to reopen the Iroquois theater. This would be a more fatuous proceeding than opening it in the first place. It would be a morgue of enterprise, for they have human feelings in Chicago, little as you might suspect it.

> Strange Inconsistency. Brooklyn Eagle.

Mr. Bryan is doing a dangerous thing He is building a library on the spot where he was born in Salem, Ill. Now, the effect of a library is to make people think, and the more they think, the less likely they

The Nebraska Lamentation.

Nashville American (dem.) Prophet Bryan may thus lament in the language of Jeremlah: "And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face

though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not harkened to receive instruction." This is still the burden of his song: "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not 8,500.00 regard silver; and as for gold, they shall 30,000.00 not delight in it."

#### All Hail the Name. New York Sun.

Our glorious old friend, Hon. Dithy ramb Dick, the sublime singer of Pilduzer Park, is a candidate for game warden of Maryland. He is the fittest man for the

serves. By his words of power he can

JAPAN'S DEFIANCE.

of the Orient.

Collier's Weekly

1,530.00 place. He has but to pipe and all the 2,350.00 beasts and birds fish or fly to his pre-



President Clark Wires: "Baltimore Losses about \$500,000. All losses will be paid promptly in CASH."

#### **AETNA IN GREAT CONFLAGRATIONS**

\$3,852,000 losses paid in the great Chicago fire Oct., 1871

\$1,635,000 losses paid Boston fire November, 1872

\$240,000 losses paid St. John fire June, 1877 The Aetna has Paid Over NINETY-SIX MILLION DOL. LARS for Losses Since Its Organization.

# Total Assets Jan. 1, 1904, \$15,190,888.15

#### Northwestern Department.

New York Life Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Ohio Knox, Agt.; John I. Lutz, Agt., Council Bluffs, Ia. T. J. O'Neil, Agt., South Omaha.

Port Arthur to Vladivostok, about .... 1.270 JAPAN AND THE JAPANESE. Some Facts About the Island Empire SHOTS OF NEWSPAPER WARRIORS. of the Orient.

The plucky defi and the swift, stunning blow landed on the naval solar plexus of Russia, brings Japan more conspicuously in the public eye than ever before. Ten years ago the island empire handed a similar one to China that attracted international admiration, but as China never ranked high as a fighter, the scrap passed into history as the trouncing of a novice by a featherweight champion. For

featherweight to tackle a heavyweight and land on a vital spot in the first round is an eyeopener for the spectators, as well leave no doubt as to his pluck. as for Russia.

The first thing likely to jar the reader of war news on examining the maps is the variety of geographical names and the manner of pronunciation. In a "Handbook of Modern Japan," by E. W. Clement, published last August, the author explains the peculiarities of pronunciation and the significance of certain geographical names. For instance, the sound of a is as in

begin the fight before he has got him to father, e as in men, i as in pin, o as in Moscow and knelt to pray to the God of pony, u as in book, at as in alsie, et as in-Battles to give the victory to the bear that weigh, au as o in bone; i in the middle of a walks like a man and plunders like a Slav. work and u in the middle or end are al-Minneapolis Journal: Contempuously most inaudible. All consonants are sounded breaking off negotiations that were rotten as in English. G has the hard sound as to the core, the Japanese, have smitten the Ch has the soft sound of s. . C

· SAID IN FUN.

4,000

Japan

Colonel Richley Gruff-I understand my daughter is determined to marry you. Well, I want to say right here that she's a fool. Jack De Witt-Ab! Hereditary, I sup-pose.-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Curiosity in woman is a great thing for the human species." "How so?" "Why, every girl is crazy to find out if matriage is really as serious a thing as she has been told it is."-Chicago Post.

"Old Squeezem, the ice man, feels aw-ully discouraged over the outlook." "What's the trouble?" "He says the ice they have been cutting a so thick that it melts very slowly."-Sloveland Plain Dealer.

Actress-I have been robbed of my jewels. Hotel Clerk-It won't do any good; there isn't a newspaper in the town.-Town Topics.

Grimes-Belinda, I really telleve you are calous of Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Grimes-Nothing of the sort. I don't want you to become so intinate with her that she will find out what a fool my hus-band is. I have a hitle pride left, I'd have you to know.—Boston Transcript.

should not be ro inconsiderate as to strike the czar below the belt-in other words, to

"I'm sfraid Josh doesn't value money as he should," said Mrs. Corntossel. "Well," answered the farmer, "the way he keeps writin' fur it indicates a purty lively appreciation."-Washington Star.

"Reginald, come home. I will not permit

you to stay here.", "what's wrong?" "Why, my dear, what's wrong?" "There's that Mrs. Scaddsleigh without her diamonds on. It's terfectly scandal-ous!"-Chicago Record-Herald.

A LEAP YEAR PROPOSAL.

He swung the rake with a steady hand, While passing zephyrs his features fanned.

Anon he would spit in his hands that they Might grasp the rake in a firmer way.

Maud Mueller came riding along the isne, And she eyed the man of the legal brain.

A something within her seemed to say: "Your fate may lie in that field of hay."

To do a proposal song and dance!

"'Tis leap year, girlie, and now's your

be true and

bumble bees 'round the haycock

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "Thrice i he armed that hath his quarrel just, and four times he that gets his lick in fust." Chicago Record-Herald: It now appears that Admiral Alexieff was foolish enough to neglect to provide himself with a cyclone cellar.

the Crimean war.

Kansas City Journal: The Jap evidently has the courage of his convictions. When he decides that the time has come to fight. he starts in with a dash and vigor that

Another Richmond in the field, this keeps on every county in the state except Douglas will have its candidate for governor.

It is to be hoped that Great Britain will not be required to take part in the present war, for Alfred Austin is still poèt laureate.

Before declaring its neutrality the king of Corea should learn from the American minister something about Governor Magoffin of Kentucky.

A consignment of Egyptian mummles has been shipped to the St. Louis exposition. , No wonder its gate receipts had to be mortgaged for \$4,500,000 to the government.

It is now intimated that the powers will set Roumania to watch Bulgaria in order to avoid trouble in the Balkans, but who is to watch Roumania is not yet decided upon.

St. Louis is to be congratulated upon getting its bill for a loan through both branches of congress, the more so from the fact that the security is so exasperatingly intangible.

Omaha and Kansas City are neck the other. and neck in the race for supremacy as pork packing centers. Each of the two cities is credited with packing 580,000 hogs since November 1.

Upon learning of his election as president of Colombia, General Reyes immediately went to Paris. He probably Intends to wait until the fighting power of his rival candidate can be demonstrated.

It was quite unnecessary to announce that Russia does not like the plan of Secretary Hay for the preservation of gressive purpose, but rather as a means the integrity of China. "No thief ere of insuring peace. The United States is felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law."

Life in the Latin-American republics shall be any-and who can doubt that is not without some recompense. Honduras is the second within the month is for that possibility that we must be where the president has sent wordy prepared. Our navy at present ranks congressmen into retirement until they learn better manners.

If the powers consent to the passage of the Russian Black sea fleet through in order to do this the policy of build the Dardenelles, of what use will be ing up must be continued so long as the agreement barring warships from other great nations go on increasing that water? It was generally under- their sea power. With our insular poskeep the czar from a southern outlet.

Before announcing his determination mayy to decline, to take a regiment of rough riders to the Orient Colonel Grigsby should innot large.

ment may properly make every possibl effort to safeguard the integrity of China without in the least violating any international principle or obligation.

and the second division of the second divisio TO STRENGTHEN THE NAVY.

The naval appropriation bill has been Advertising reported to the house, accompanied by Feeding prisoners .... report in which the expediency of further additions to the navy is strongly urged. In the senate recently the democratic leader, Mr. Gorman, took-a posttion hostile to further naval construc-Miscellaneous tion, or at least to any material increase of our sea power, and the report of Chairman Foss of the house committee on naval affairs is regarded as a reply to the position of the Maryland

senator, which is presumed to represent the view of democrats generally in congress.

The house report affirms that public sentiment is in favor of continuing the policy of building up the navy, that if we stopped now we would be left be- lows: hind the leading countries of the world, Salaries Pension

and that "foremost and above all must stand considerations of national department ..... fense, maintenance of our foreign poli-Eighteen new horses. cles and protection of American citizens

everywhere." It is declared that the American people are not willing to lessen their influence on this hemisphere, nor forsake their interests on

It is not to be doubted that this is in accord with general popular sentiment, which is very likely to be strengthened by what is transpiring in the far east. There is no disposition here to enter into rivalry with any

other nation for superiority in sea power, but on the other hand our peoment ple do not desire that the United States shall fall to the rear of all the great nations in the strength of its navy. It is not desired that we shall build up License board our naval establishment for any ag-Interest on

Salaries, October, November and secure from attack on land. We are in no danger from invasion by a foreign

foe. Our fighting in future, if there The charter limits the lighting fund there may be-will be on the sea and it tail as follows: 496 electric lights at \$94.50. fifth in strength, though perhaps third,

and in the opinion of some even second. 250 gasoline lights at \$2 in point of efficiency. It should at est on warrants. Unpaid claims least be maintained in this position and

Total expenditures. stood that the agreement was a plan to sessions to protect in addition to our of payrolls and creation of liabiligreat seacoast it must be apparent to ties beyond the city's income, even with anyone that we cannot safely permit our the most burdensome taxation

The hill reported in the house carries If Colonel Grigsby wants to join the appropriations aggregating a little over Jap army nobody can hinder him, but spect the Japanese allowance of rations. \$96,000,000 and authorizes the construc- if Colonel Grigsby undertakes to organ-The regular ration is principally rice tion of one battleship, two first-class ar- ize a regiment or a company of lariat and not much of that, while the crop of mored cruisers, three scout cruisers and slingers and cow punchers to help the mavericks on the Manchurfan plains is two colliers. The sum provided for in Japanese make war on the Russians the bill is large, but most of it is for Uncle Sam may have something to and p. d. q., at that

paralyze a poacher at a distance of Board of Public Works. 5.000.00 league. He's all right for game warden. Street department ...... 30,000.00 but all wrong for fish commissioner. Maintaining city hall ...... 15,000.00 fish make for dry land just as soon as he Police court ..... 2,650.00 begins to harp. Emergency hospital 10.000.00

Removing dead animals..... 1,600.00 Inspection of public works ...... 8,000.00 2,000.00 Widespread Sympathy for the Yank 3,000.00 Printing annual reports..... 3,000.00

3,700.00

4,475.00

1,500.0

1,720.00

1,125.00

Election expenses ..... 6,000.00 City taxes ..... 1,500.00 Interest on warrants ..... 5,000.00 Ak-Sar-Ben week..... 3,000.00 5,000.00

Premium on official 1,500.00 Unpaid claims ... Salaries for September, October, November and December, 1903.... 45,598.6

Total estimated expenditures, \$293,568.6 The charter limitation for the sinking fund is \$200,000, the total estimated expenditure for 1904 is \$208,321.20. The charter limitation of the fire fund is

\$150,000 and the estimated expenditures \$225,289.51. The total exhibit is as fol-

.. 1,615.00 Maintaining and operating fire de-4,050.00

increase act, new houses 24,540.00 Fire and Police commission 1,700.00 Interest on warrants..... 3,000,00 Unpaid claims ..... 7,616.51 Salaries for September, October,

November and December, 1908 ... 25,413.00 Total estimated expenditures...\$225,289,81

The charter limitation of the police fund is \$115,000; the estimated expenditures aggregate \$140,667,61, as follows Salaries (estimate by chief) ....... \$101,216.00

Maintaining and operating depart-760.00 Maintaining and operating patrol. 1.545.00 Maintaining and operating city jail. 2,450.60 Maintaining alarm system ... 2,055.00 Fire and Police commission. 1,700.00 2,025.00 warrants. 2,300.00 Unpaid claims 1,351.57 of Europe would never have forbidden

Total estimated expenditures, \$140,667,61

a joke as Hearst. to \$70,000. The estimated expenditure for lighting is \$87,920.52, stated in de-\$47,250.00 front.

1,042 gas lights at \$30.... .... 21,260,00 7,000,00 1,500.00 910.53

\$\$7,920.55 A careful study of these figures discloses the absolute disregard of charter limitations and unwarranted padding

a prominent Nebraskan returns from anywhere abroad now there are people in Lincoln to organize a big reception. There is one exception, however, and it is decidedly unfair! Now there is Mr. Cruzen! Has voice or pen been lifted or dipped for

a "home again" party to this distinguished and slightly extinguished son of the fertile soil of Nebraska? Woe is us! We be leaving things undone that ought to be done,

hundred miles away when he spoke.

CRUZEN AND HIS BOOM.

alone is in the same class, and for that reason most authorities use the k as in When "do" is the last syllable Korea. in place names it signifies road or highway. In like manner "fu" signifies a municipality, "ken" a prefecture, "ku" an urban dis trict, "gun" a rural district, "shi" an incorporated city, "sho" a town, and "san"

a village.

Th

Seldom does a nation which invites wa Japan is "Dal Nippon," meaning "Sun It consists of four large islands with such open defiance as Japan gain such Source." widespread sympathy. This sympathy is -Hondo, Shikoku, Kyushul and Yezo, Forpartly selfish, Russia standing for a check mosa, ceded by China in 1894, the Pescato trade, but it is more the generous im dores, and about 4,000 small islands, of 22,300.00 pulse of the world, which goes out to the smaller and more honest combatant. The which the Ryukyu and Kurile groups ar the most important. The empire has an preliminaries have been carried on with the area of 161,000 square miles, a little more eloquence of a prize fighter by Japan, and than twice the size of Nebraska. But the with a sort of sullen reticence by its huge habitable area is only a fraction of the opponent, and yet the world has swung, total. The country is very mountainousduring the elaborate interchange of defis, only 12 per cent of the land being level and distinctly nearer in feeling to Japan. The 13.8 per cent arable. In latitude the islands universal sense of justice has been touched correspond with the states of the Missis sippl valley, and the climate varies from since the bellef is so general that Japan's the cold of Minnesota to the balmy gulf fight is for its life, and therefore inevitable and just. A sort of straightforward in preczes of Louisiana. Mr. Clement places the population in 1903 at 49,000,000, while tegrity has also won friends. In contrast to Russian wiles and blinds and bluffs.

other authorities fix the number at 45,000, Japan has said, as one man, that it meant 000. For governmental purposes the coun to have one particular thing, if the effort try is divided into nine geographical circost its life. On such grounds the symuits, eighty-five provinces, three municipathy of statesmen may not be given, but palities, forty-three prefectures and fifty the sympathy of peoples is, and in diploncorporated cities.

macy leaders are often driven by the bulk of sentiment in the masses behind. Ex-Japan, with its long and irregular coast perts are now busy contradicting one an line 18,000 miles long, is particularly rich in bays and harbors, both natural and other about the relative abilities of the rival artificial, which furnish shelter for the powers, and statesmen are busy studying the interests of their own countries, but shipping of all kinds. The "open ports," the people all over the world observe the which formerly numbered only six (Nasituation with disinterested emotion and gazaki, Yokohama, Hakodate, Ozaka, Kobe Niigata), have reached the figure twentycheer for the nation which they think has the fairer cause. If actual warfare comes. six; and the growing foreign commerce an this moral sympathy may mean little, or i nually demands further enlargement. Of may mean everything. Chance is a mighty the old ports, Nilgata is of no special impower in war and peace, and Japan has at portance in foreign commerce; but of the least prepared itself admirably to take new ports, Kuchinsotu in Kyushiu, Muro whatever favorable chances the future may ran in Jezo \* (Hokkaido), and especially unfold. A little nation which is backward Bakan and Moji, on opposite sides of the and deceitful, like the Boers, gains sym-Straits of Shimonoseki, are rapidly growing. pathy merely from its littleness. A little In this connection it is, perhaps, not in nation like Japan, which is remarkable for appropriate to make mention of the farcharacter and progress, arouses a wide famed "Inland sea," known to the Japanese spread kindliness which may at any moas Seto-no-uchi (Between the Straits), or ment find an opening for declaive expres-Seto-uchi, which lies between the main sion. Certainly, if Japan had enjoyed the sland, Shikoku and Kyushlu. repute in 1896 which is its today, the powers

it to take what it deemed its from China. scenery, great and magnificent temples, great cities and a great many people. For, while the area of Japan is only twentieth of that of the United States, the Alliance Times: Cruzen is almost as bly population is about one-half as numerous. Even in the country districts the villages Alliance Times: The amusing Cruzer are almost continuous, so that it is an infrequent experience to ride a mile without wants to be vindicated by election to the senate. Now let Joe Bartley step to the seeing a habitation; and in the large cities the people are huddled very closely to-Grand Island Independent: Who said gether. The latest official statistics, those

of 1900, give the total population of Japan 'Cruzen" for senator? or Savage for govas \$7,646,810, of whom the males exceed erner, or Meserve or Bartley for state the females by about 600,000; and as of inte treasurer, or Porter for secretary of state? years the annual increase has amounted Falls City Journal: A. R. Cruzen seems to about 500,000, the present population only man with nerve enough to announce his candidacy for the senate, and (1908) may fairly be estimated at more than his courage is discounted somewhat when

49,000,000. it is remembered that he was a great many The following table of distances in statute miles will help some: Grand Island Independent: Every time Straits of Corea (Tsushima island) to Corea (Tsushima island) to itraits of

Japan Yalu river to Chemulpo by sea, about Chemulpo to Saseho (Japan imperial hemulpo to Baseno (13) dockyard) by sea, about Port Arthur to Chemulpo Port Arthur to Taku forts Port Arthur to Chifu

660 294 107 510 196 Chifu to Shanghal Wel Hal Wei to Hong Kong

Russians, hip and thigh. The little em pire has treated the big empire just as the well meaning individual, minding his own business, treats a boor, who insults, an

Chicago Post: In its righteous indigna

tion over the "perfidy and treachery" of

the Japanese in their night attack off Port

Arthur, Russia seems to have forgotten

that little massacre with which it began

Louisville Courier-Journal:

noys, lies and gets in the way. There is a James Barton Adams in Denver Post. time for the fist, and there is a time for The judge went forth on a summer day To a clover meadow to rake some hay. the army and navy.

New York Tribune: Russia is a pretty He was on vacation, and being wise, He felt that he needed some exercise close northwestern neighbor of ours, the territories separated by a comparatively The summer breeze in airy play Soughed through his whiskers of iron gray. narrow ocean strip, and great industrial, commercial and social activities will pre The honey bees in the clover hummed vail between us before the world is much

Meantime, that great northern older. country might with advantage discipline itself in reasonableness and strive to see the occasional mare's nest for what it is without the ocasional hallucination that there is an eagle in it. We have no hostile sentiments toward it, but expect it to be have itself and respect treaties and our commercial and other rights, and should

think better of it as a neighbor if it also gave proper consideration to the rights of others, Chinese and Japanese included.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

"He's old, 'the true, and is great of paunch, But his brand of love may be true and staunch?" Chicago's fire made it a great city. Baltimore's may make it another

She scaled the fence like an agile cat, Her divided skirts being built for that. "Mother" Wheeler, one of the best know of the nurses of the civil war, has just died She tripped like a fairy toward the judge. Who was somewhat rattled, but didn't budge. at Eldora, Ia.

The appropriation for carriages for the War department will have to be increased. She smiled so sweetly upon him he Returned her a grin through courtesy. Secretary Taft weighs over 300 pounds.

The youngest engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad is Thomas V. Fisher, who is just 23 years old. His run is between Cincinnati and Columbus.

Eight hundred children marched out of burning Toronto school while it was on fire and no one was hurt. Children appear to

have so much more sense than grown folk in some emergencies, George G. Reynolds, for many years

judge of the city court in Brooklyn, or Sunday celebrated the eighty-third anniversary of his birth. Judge Reynolds is the oldest member of the bar of Greater New York, having been in active duty for the last sixty years.

Marquis Ito, now one of Japan's greates nen, was once a stowaway. A plot to assassinate him had been formed and he was hidden by a woman who was attached to him until he could be sinuagled aboard an English ship in a bale of slik. This was

Isador Rayner, the newly elected sen ator from Maryland, had a Jewish father, but married a Presbyterian wife. He has been described by one Haltimore lawyer as the blank page between the old and th new testaments. When he was running for congress he used to attend the Jewish synagogue, of which his father was presihis wife to the Presbyterian church on Sur

tent, every Saturday, and then accompany day. He was never seriously inoculated with any particular religious germ.

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She said she had started out to git Her affinity, and that he was IL She fell for his arms in the usual way, But he shied and she, lit on a bunch of hay. But unto her knees she quickly riz And said she'd be happy if she were his.

bummed.

She begged that her plea he would not But would softly murmer that he was her'n

The judge in judicial way replied: "The plaintiff's motion must be denied!"

He raised his hat from his brainy head. And Maudie's hopes like a phanton

She cast a glance at his pale, bald crown, And she knew that he had a wife in tow

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