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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK. Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of February, A. D. 1904. M. B. HUNGATE, (Seal.) Notary Public. 1904. (Seal.) From all accounts this would be a good

time for the aspiring cities of Corea to

Not average raies

The irrepressible conflict in the city hall is shifting from paving specifica- Japan has coal mines of her own and tions to fire engines and fire hose.

Russian troops is on a par with that of will be held by the Japanese governthe soldiers of Spain before the Spanish | ment to be contraband of war." As to

The full loss to the country in the death of Senator Hanna will not be known until the Civic federation attempts to settle the next industrial dispute.

Doctor Senn might have known that the Japanese would not be anxious for his assistance. No wise Japanese citizen would spend a yen to get but a sen in return.

rate war for a while, courts may change articles ordinarily known as contraband fact which is unalterable and consetheir opinion in some cases as to what charges constitutes reasonable for freight traffic.

student who can take the dispatches nations. Thus our people can sell anyfrom the Orient up to date and tell just thing to the belligerents, contraband or how many battles have been fought and the loss to each party.

If some of the distinguished officers of the United States army are correct in consignments of canned beef will have the worst of the engagement.

as the coal mifes of Pennsylvania.

The Irish parliamentary party in the British Parliament has again proven that there is no alliance with the present government. The Irish may trade but they must first see the goods.

The socialists may rise in the esteem of Emperor William. The leader of the party in France has advocated the renunciation of the Franco-Russian alliance, and Lorraine is still Lothringen.

bage ordinance. It takes profound legal tween now and the first of July. study to ascertain how, where and when

Corean neutrality lasted until the Japanese troops arrived, then Corea fmmediately granted them permission to march over its soll. There is mighty little glory in this war for the hermit kingdom.

In view of the fact that the bill opening the Rosebud reservation to homestead entry has passed both houses of congress, the remonstrance of the Rosebud tribe of Sloux Indians against the measure comes somewhat late in the day.

South Omaha has contracted for \$70,-000 worth of Galesburg brick pavement, and it is to be hoped that a lower grade brick from other localities will not have to be substituted by the contractor by reason of a shortage of the Galesburg or rather unaccountable supplies, are product.

The supreme court should not be in construction. such a hurry with its South Omaha police board decision as it was with the in South Omaha in legs than six weeks.

QUESTION OF CONTRABAND.

serious one. It is a question that is repair expenses, \$2,365 to increased stallaw of the matter. revived whenever war breaks out, but tionery and supplies, \$12,500 to miscelin the present instance it relates chiefly laneous and \$7,000 for maps, globes and dispatch pointed out that Great Britain, the school koard invested in and where whose merchantmen were detained in are they distributed, and what does the Port Arthur on the ground that they \$13,876 miscellaneous stand for? were supposed to contain contraband of According to Secretary Burgess, the that country's large interests in the rice- against this \$74,247.37 cash in the treaslem, the solving of which is not unlikely \$21,011.21. Deducting this deficit from

defined and well understood. It appears month, whereas an average of \$40,000 is try or places occupied by the army or affairs. navy of a belligerent are always contraband. Merchandise of the second class is contraband only when actually destined for the military or naval use of

the beligerents, while that of the third may be liable to seizure for a violation of a blockade or siege. There has always been discussion, however, as regards the lines which di-

jurists have been as inconsistent as have

ssa.30s the actions of nations themselves. One 28,493 writer on the subject remarks that two of the articles of merchandise over which there has always been dispute are coal and provisions and says: "In a contest between naval powers the coal supply for battleships and cruisers is of the utmost importance. Both Japan and Russia have made purchases of English steam coal, some of which has probably not yet been delivered. As Russia must buy coal for her navy in the far east, should her present supply Evidently the enlightenment of the be exhausted, it is probable that coal provisions, the same writer remarks, if It can be shown that they are intended for a port controlled by a belligerent it It probable that they, too, will be classed as contraband by both Japan and Russia. Of course any declaration in this respect by the nations at war will not affect the right of Americans to sell to either of them merchandise of any class. The neutrality proclamation of the president says that all persons "may lawfully and without restriction manufacture and sell within the United States If the railroads will keep up this grain arms and munitions of war and other ticles upon the high seas for the use or service of either belligerent, without ineurring the risk of hostile capture and What is really needed now is some the penalties denounced by the law of not, without violating American neu-

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCIERING.

trality.

The financial exhibit submitted to the their beliefs the enemy which captures Board of Education by Secretary Burgess throws a great deal of light on school board financiering. The detailed estimate that furnished the basis for Russian commanders should be given a the 3½ mili par value school tax—which chart showing the location of the mines at the old standard of one-sixth is equal in the Russian harbors. From all ac- to 21 mills-aggregates \$597,850 for 1904, counts those mines are almost as deadly and the expenditures during the seven months ending February 1, 1904, have been \$321,056.78. If expenditures are limited to the estimate, this would leave at the disposal of the board for the remaining five months of the year \$276,-793.27, but these figures are deceptive.

As a matter of fact, the amount collected by the board, from all sources since July 1, 1903, aggregates \$359,-284.28, and the 31/2 mill tax levy will yield \$354,000 in round figures, which would place at the disposal of the board \$713,284.58, exclusive of the half yearly The judiciary committee of the South state apportionment and money from Omaha council is wrestling with a gar- fines and licenses that will come in be-

How is this colossal sum to be exgarbage should be collected and dumped. pended? The estimate of the finance committee of the board for expenditures aggregating \$597,850, includes: \$50,000 for interest and exchange, \$50,000 for bond redemption and \$25,000 for construction, leaving \$472,850 for the maintenance of the public schools. Of this amount \$310,000 represents salaries of teachers, \$36,000 salaries of janitors, \$12,000 salary of the secretary and his assistants, leaving \$126,850 for inciden-

> The heavy items among the incidentals are: Repairs and improvements, \$25,-000; fuel, \$19,000; books, \$11,000; furni- in the pending senatorial inquiry into truth is the soul of poetry. Again: ture and fixtures, \$11,000; stationery and the charges against Dietrich is only a kindergarten supplies, \$11,000, and \$22,-000 for miscellaneous supplies, whatever his own official life. that may mean, leaving \$28,000 for minor incidentals. Those \$48,000 for repairs, improvements and miscellaneous, rather steep, considering the fact that the repairs do not include furniture or

Another glance at the exhibit is equally suggestive. A comparative Omaha police board decision, which was statement of expenditures for the first discharged three days before the city seven months of the year 1902election. There is to be a city election 1903 and the first seven months of the year 1903-1904 discloses these facts: The total amount al-Having been assured of his pay on the rendy expended for the seven menths basis of commander-in-chief of the ending February 1, 1904, is \$321,056.73, armies of Great Britain for the next while the total expenditure for the two years Lord Roberts has consented seven months ending February 1, 1903, to accept the position of inspector gen- is \$267,648.44, an increase of \$53,408.26 eral. A good soldier always provides for this year over last year, or \$7,600 a would get together on the labor ques-

to one commodity, rice, which in the charts. It may be impertment to ask far east is a prime necessity of life. The how many globes, maps and charts has

war, has always protested against rice school board had \$96,158.58 of unpaid being considered as contraband and warrants affeat on February 1, 1904, and are contraband of war are very clearly year would be \$332,080, or \$66,418 per school? be used for either war or peace, accord- tional conclusion from this is that a levy commission was evidence enough. ing to circumstances, and third, articles of 21/2 mills would have been ample for exclusively used for peaceful purposes, all the wants of the schools, providing It was further held that articles of the the board had been disposed to apply first class destined to a belligerent coun- business principles to the conduct of its

SYMPATRY WITH COLOMBIA. Our neighbor republic of Mexico, while on the most friendly terms with the United States, is said to strongly pared with yellow journalism's reports of 29,080 class is never contraband, though it sympathize with Colombia in the Pan- what did not happen. ama matter, though the only indication of this is to be seen in the fact that the Mexican government has not recognized the Republic of Panama. According to vide these classes and the decisions of a newspaper correspondent at the City to mail their wives' letters leaves a lot to of Mexico, the Diaz government pro- be explained regarding men who don't fesses to see dangerous imperialistic tendencies on the part-of the United States in the developments attending the birth of the new republic. It is stated that since Panama's declaration of independence the public mind in Mexico has been fired by anti-American editorials in the press of the capital city operating under have a strong influence in determining the government subsidies and that as a consequence Mexican sympathy is over- negotiations. whelmingly with Colombia. The burden of the newspaper utterances is that noth-

ing is safe from Anglo-Saxon aggressive-

ness, that the statesmen of Latin

America are not deceived regarding the

guard, and that the only course open to to amputate it. Latin-American countries is the formation of a defensive alliance, It is not at all surprising to learn that sentiments of this kind exist in Mexico by so sagacious a statesman as Presiment. In the first place these men understand fully that the establishment of the Panama republic is an accomplished of war," but they cannot carry such ar- quently sympathy with Colombia in the matter is utterly useless. It can be of no benefit to that republic and can serve second place they know that a Latin-American alliance is wholly impracticable and would really amount to nothing if it should be effected. The efforts that have been made to unite the Central American republics and hold them together were unsuccessful and even with

> tries could not be held to it for any length of time. The Mexican republic is doing well. Its people generally are fairly prosperous and it is making steady material progress. Its policy should be in the future as in the past to cultivate the nost cordial relations with the United States, of whose friendship it has had the most conclusive assurances, and keep clear of alliances with the Latin-American countries which might in the least degree involve it in trouble. Mexico cannot afford to take a position that might require it to take part in the quarrels of any Latin-American country and it is pretty safe to say will not do so while Diaz is at the head of the govern-

Farming out the collection of taxes has been decreed unconstitutional by the Iowa supreme court in a test case from Hardin county for the payment to the tax ferrets who had a contract for 15 per cent of the taxes collected and 15 per cent additional for attorneys' fees. While the constitution of Iowa in its revenue laws differs in some respects from those of Nebraska, the principles enunciated by the Iowa supreme court would in all likelihood also apply to the payment of commissions on delinquent tax collections.

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain District Attorney Summers can match the "heathen Chinee." His game of procrastination in forwarding names of witnesses and documents clever piece of legerdemain to prolong

The prospective erection of a monumental freight depot by the Stickney road has spurred the Burlington to the construction of an extensive terminal freight depot. Rival lines will probably see their way clear before long toward making some improvements in their shipping facilities.

The most prominently mentioned candidate for the chairmanship of the democratic state committee is Lee Herd man. Why not Lee Spratien? Would it not be better to let the dog wag the tail instead of compelling the tail to wag the dog?

It would clear the atmosphere some what if the courts of Ohio and Illinois for an effective commissary department. month over last year's expenditures. Of tion. One judge holds that an unincor- the schools.

this increase \$21,900 is chargeable to in- porated union is responsible for the A dispatch from Paris a few days ago creased construction expenses, \$5,000 to action of its officers and another holds stated that the question of what shall increased cost of fuel, \$3,000 to increase that it is not. Regardless of the posiand shall not be considered contraband of teachers' salaries, \$1,000 to increase tion of people on the subject of organof war is likely to become ere long a of janitors' salaries, \$2,500 to increased ized labor all would like to know the

The first thing to be done to make Omaha beautiful is to make it appear beautiful at first sight. That will re- in the city; in that ending January 16 there quire the beautifying of the approaches by the removal of unsightly shacks and clay banks from the river front and along the railway tracks between the 1800, 9,360 the year preceding and 8,168 the Union Pacific bridge and South Omaha.

If the school board should decide to accept the offer of \$14,000 for the Izard carrying trade are bound up in the prob- ury, leaving a deficit on February 1 of street school site, what would it do with pital in 1871 there were 5,000 cases a year, the money? Would the proceeds be de- and now there are 28,000 cases a year. Simto arouse early discussion between the the proceeds of the 31/2 mill tax levy, the voted to the payment of its floating debt British and the Russian governments, amount at the disposal of the board for or would it be absorbed by an ex-In a general way those articles that the remaining five months of the fiscal pansion of fads and frills in the high

that the supreme court of the United ample for maintaining the schools all The Russians might have known that States has held that merchandise may be the year round. At that rate there there were no American naval officers divided into three classes, the first to would be a surplus of \$132,000. But in an active capacity on board the consist of articles primarily and ordin- even if the collection of taxes fell short Japanese vessels at the bombardment arily used for military purposes in time by \$30,000, the board would still have off Port Arthur. The fact that only

Rapid Fire Action.

Boston Transcript. Speaker Cannon demonstrated his rapidfire quality in putting 200 pension bills through the house in 155 minutes,

Yellow Work in Print. Detroit Free Press. The official reports of what happens in a war are tame and uninteresting when com-

As Clear as Mud.

Philadelphia North American. That Iowa professor's "discovery" that early classical education makes men forget know the difference between a Greek verb and a prehistoric turkey track.

Vital Point Obscured.

Indianapolis News. The Japanese now charge that the Rus sians fired the first shot of the war. Evidence concerning this question should be very carefully collected, as it will no doubt assessments of the costs during the peace

Old Theory Demolfshed.

New York World. that holding fine flour culpable, it sustains ness in New York City. responsibility of the United States in the common belief that doctors know little the Panama affair and are on their of the malady beyond the expeditious way

> Inventive and Initiative. Chicago Chronicle.

It is sometimes said of the Japanese that they are imitative, but not inventive. It is and it is possible that they are quite a fact, however, that they have taken out general among the people, but it is not patents in every patent office in the world. casy to believe that they are entertained the riffe now in use in their army. Senator Beveridge says they have made greater dent Diaz or any of the able men who progress in medicine in the last ten years are associated with him in the govern- than any other people on the globe and that their quarantine system is the best in the world.

Absolutely Neutral. New York Sun. There are signs of an attempt in certain the far eastern inbrogllo, and it seems that some credulous persons in Russia are inno good purpose in any direction. In the clined to take the success of such an attempt for granted. As a matter of fact, there is no reason to suppose that, in any contingency now foreseeable, we should swerve in the slightest degree from our traditional attitude of neutrality. Neither the Japanese nor the Russians need apprehend any divergence on our part from our policy of neutrality, so long as the rights of neutrals are respected. When the war is Mexico in such an alliance those counover, however, it will be our duty to see to it that our national interests in China and Corea are conserved.

WINTER POSES IN NEBRASKA.

Muse Working Overtime While Old Boreas Blows. Chicago Inter Ocean

Although possessing unusual advantages in the climate, soil, vegetation and distant horizon which conduce to the growth of native poesy, Nebraska has heretofore been

rather neglectful of the muse. It is only when the heart of the Nebraskan is troubled by some great emotion, or when he is compelled to remain indoors at a time of year when he ought to be doing his early spring plowing, that sentiment gets the better of his practical nature, and poesy issues from his state in quantities to be noticed and in quality to arrest attention.

One of the striking characteristics of the be put down to the credit of the Nebraska poet that on those occasions when he consents to become a medium for the muse he knows her.

This is all the more pleasing in view of the fact that when nature sets out to be the "colored Demosthenes," who holds posed increase, which provides for a noticed in Nebruska she seldom fails. For down a state job-he is the commissioner example, take the case of the poet who in charge of the collection of the state tax contributes a poem on the winter of 1904 on horse racing, that is. His name is to the Ayr News. Note the boldness with which he plunges into his theme:

This winter will be noted
As the winter of the snow,
For it beats the old folks' yarns;
It beats their long ago.

And the frost is something awful, The like has ne'er been seen; It's pretty cold at zero, When it blows a hurricane.

The captious may find fault with his rhyme, but those who have even a passing acquaintance with Nebraska in February know that he adhenes to the truth, and

The trains are few and far between, Some are frozen to the rail; The fire won't burn and then no steam, It makes the poor men quali.

It rains when it is freezing.
And when it thaws there's snow,
The banks stand high above us,
As high as we can throw. One can almost see the drifts rising ahead, and sympathize with the vain efforts of the Union Pacific plow to penetrate

desolate and the situation is discouraging, and yet the Nebraska poet looks beyond doubt keep the property clerks of the stathe mere present: But then you know it's this way: The cold has got to come; Better, far, to have it now Than when the flowers do bloom.

We'll have a lovely apring.
You can have my word for that;
And the sun will shine in summer
Till you'll say it's far too hot. This may not be a fair example of higher class western verse. Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming have done better. But the poets of those states are fanctful, whereas the Nebraska poet aims only to present to our mind the picture as he sees it, without regard for the offeminacies of ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Pneumonia bids fair to outclass the

'white plague" in the mortality record of New York City. The former is stadily increasing while tuberculosis has decreased one-half. In the week ending November last there were 154 deaths from pneumonia were 363, and now, in the week closed February 6, there were 317-only 2 per cent less than the week before. There were 9.714 deaths from this disease in New York in year before that. These are figures of mortality-the increase of cases under treatment in the hospitals has been far larger. The assistant superintendent of Bellevue ilar isolating treatment to that of grim tuberculosis is advocated by physicians.

Mayor McClellan's house has been put on the regular itinerary of the "Seeing New York" tourists, who are now carried around the city in big vans, accompanied by a guide, who describes the various places of interest. The other morning as the mayor left his home one of these vans was standing in front, the 'spieler" meantime rumbling through a megaphone: "This, ladies of war; the second, articles which may \$102,000 more than is needed. The ra- three Russian vessels were put out of and gentlemen, is the home of George B. McClellan, mayor of the city of New York. Mr. McClellan was elected last November by the enormous majority of 63,000, and is now prominently mentioned for the democratic nomination for president-" " The mayor dived down the steps and made a dash for Broadway. As he disappeared he heard the barker shout: "He comes of a great and illustrious family, being the only son of General George B. McClellan, who also ran for president, and-" But by that time his honer had fled beyond hearing.

> Postmaster Roberts of Brooklyn has is sued an edict against the practice of men in the service playing the races. He says he will not tolerate followers of the races among government employes under his supervision, and he has sent out a warning notice. "I am against my men betting on horse races, both for the good of the service and the good of the men themselves," said the postmaster today. "I am moved to take this action because three men in the Brooklyn postoffice have committed suicide by reason of irregularities in their secounts.

"These discrepancies were traceable to gambling on horse races. I find there are a number of postoffice employes who are prone to play the ponies. It's bad business and I want the men to understand they cannot hold their jobs and play the horses at the same time."

Money lenders who have been exacting usurious interest loans advanced on sal-Forward comes a doctor with the state- aries have been dealt a blow which may nent that appendicitis is contagious. While be more effectual than the attempts of the this jars the old grape seed theory and also district attorney to drive them out of busi-

> Notice has been served upon them by large corporations that any claims they will not be recognized. This has been followed up with a notice to employes forbidding them from assigning their wages

the concerns which has acted in the matter. Joseph Williams, the treasurer, says those who assign wages will be dismissed. "It was for the good of our employes he loan sharks, and the action of the all large employers would refuse, as we to the union.

do, to recognize assignments of salaries Norfolk News: Previous to the meeting Japs won another victory.—New York Sun. all large employers would refuse, as we to the union. the loan men would quit. In my opinion of the republican state central committee laws should be passed at Albany making there was a considerable discussion regard. it a felony to loan money on assignment of wages."

An eminent New York tawyer dropped an inadvertent hint which throws a cufi- expressing ylews were favorable to the ous light upon a peculiarity of wealthy men. He said that immediately following of the plan and issued a call in accordance the sudden death of so notable a man as therewith, however, there have been nu-William C. Whitney there is a tremendous rush on the part of men with large estates to make their wills. Modern millionaires, he declared, are as a rule so averse to the thought or consideration of death that they are becoming more and more reluctant to make their wills, and it requires, the lawyer went on, the death of so distinguished a man as Mr. Whitney to teach approve the plan should have made their them a needed lesson as to the uncertainty of life, whereupon they fairly work their legal men to nervous prostration by clamoring to have their wills drawn up. This lawyer, one of the most eminent in his profession in New York, expressed the conviction that all men with large es- the action of the voters who were there. tates should make their wills immediately upon attaining their majorities, and he said that that custom prevails in the Vanderbilt family alone of all of the wealthy families of New York.

Humorous republicans of New York are talking of putting up a job on the gifted vantages from such action, but there but inflammatory Bourke Cochran, who is going to take the seat in congress vacated by young Mr. McClellan.

Bourke is, of course, going to have walkover, for the district is a "hopelessly" democratic one, giving Mr. McClellan at his last election a majority of more than Nebraska poem is its realism, for it should 14,000. But the republicans want, at any rate, to have a little fun out of the thing, even if they see no chance for a run for their money. So they are contemplating he loves to paint nature as she is, and as the putting up of a black candidate in opposition to the rhetorically testy Bourke The black is an ebon-hued individual, called Charles Anderson. His enthusiastic followers in the "colored tenderloin" would match him at any hour of the day or night against any sprinting or long-distance orator, white, black, red or yellow. The chances seem to be that Mr. Cochran

will have to make his run, or his walkover, against the "black Demosthenes," and venturesome, not to say reckless, republican politicians are even talking of having the black, in case he is nominated, challenge Bourke to a series of joint debates on any old subject or subjects that Cochran elects to talk about. If anything like this really comes off the police of New York are going to have their hands full, for the congressional district which Bourke is going to represent not only includes the "colored tenderloin," but it takes in the "gas house region," with its splendidly organized and predatory hands of "gas house terriers," and if these conflicting elements of New York's population should ever happen to get together at Madison Square garden the razors and bludgeons that would probably them. From our viewpoint the scene is be gathered up from the floor after the smoke of battle cleared away would no tion houses busy for weeks.

A lawyer who used to know his way about the town when it was wide open entered an elevator in a downtown bust sess building the other day and discovered to his susprise that the elevator man was one who formerly whirled the roulette wheel and dealt fare in one of his favorite resorts. The elevator man didn't seem to know him.

"Hello, John," said the lawyer, "I didn't now you were here!" "Neither does anybody else," growled the elevator man: "And for heaven's sale keep it quiet. But a man's got to live

NOMINATING A SENATOR.

Kearney Hub: There is more than one way to look at the question of nominating a senator at the state convention. It may be a good thing, but there are a great many other things to be attended to this year.

Taylor Clarion: No! The Clarion is not in favor of having the state convention pominate a United States senator, for ten to one the legislature would not recognize him. It would be just as easy, and we believe more so, for the political wire pullers to get in their work.

McCook Tribune: If the people knew whether or not the proposition to express choice for a United States senator in the next republican state convention is really "loaded," or even if they knew definitely in whose interest the proposition is "loaded," they might enter into the question with some enthusiasm. But there is on this proposition, which will take time to explain away.

Alliance Times: It's about time candidates for United States senator were getting busy. The state convention, which is expected to nominate a candidate, is only three months away, and the time is short for candidates to cover this big state. Up to date Congressman E. J. Burkett of the Lincoln district is the only candidate seriously mentioned. The North Platte country, which casts several thousands of votes more than the South Platte division, and holds only about one-third of the political appointments in the state, ought to get together and agree on a candidate for senator-and then stay with him till the last horn blows. The Times has no favorite, but will cheerfully support any honest and competent man who is the choice of the republicans north of the South Platte. York Times: It is very true that the mer

elected at the polls do not always fairly represent their constituents, and this is a misfortune, but if he will not be true when he alone represents 5,000 votes actually cast for him what he would not do when he is only one of a dozen who have been chosen delegates by less than a dozen votes in a caucus? It has always gone without question before that the best way to get fair representatives of the people is to elect them by a vote of the people, but it has never been claimed seriously that even then the people were always fairly represented. It is a strange innovation, and one that the public will be slow to accept, that public officers would be more conscientious if elected by a caucus than if elected at the polls. This is a thrust at the intelligence or integrity, or both, of the voters that they will be slow to indorse. It is provided by law that the people may express their choice for United States senator at the polls if they so desire. Tilden Citizen: The more one considers

the action of the state central committee in recommending that the republican convention nominate Senator Dietrich's successor, the more unsatisfactory such action appears. It virtually amounts to dictation to the republicans of the next legislature If we could all feel satisfied that each dele gate would vote intelligently, and in the interest of his constituents rather than as may have upon the salaries of employes an automaton, there might be something said in favor of such a course. But until assurance is forthcoming that the professional politicians are expected to take a to loan agencies on pain of dismissal. back seat in the convention, the rank and The New York Edison company is one of file of the republican party are not likely to show much enthusiasm for the innovation. The correct procedure would be to that he had issued a notice to employes give the voters an opportunity to express in order to check a growing abuse that their preference by their ballots at the general election. If this plan should be followed to its logical conclusion, the next senator would more fully represent the state of Nebraska—as distinguished from "They don't come so high."—Houston Post that we acted," said Mr. Williams. "The senator would more fully represent the Herald has done good work in exposing state of Nebraska-as distinguished from some particular class or faction-than has district attorney will be beneficial, but if been the case since the state was admitted

ing the advisability of nominating a candidate for the United States senatorship at the convention, and the majority of those plan. Since the committee has approved merous protests against the action on the part of newspaper men and politicians. It would seem that this is somewhat unfair to the committee. The impression was general that such a movement would be favored by the republicans and the committee was fully justified in making a movement accordingly and those who disprotests earlier if they desired to save the ommittee embarrassment. It is a little on the same line with the man who falls to attend a primary and give and support his views, but after the work of the primary is finished makes a loud protest against It is possible that the state convention will not choose to nominate a United States senator, but if there is no reason to outweigh confidence in and support of the state committee such a nomination will undoubtedly be made. There would be some advantages, and probably some disadshould be very good reason for repudiating the call of the committee.

FAIR PAY FOR GOOD WORK.

Strong Argament in Support of Rural Free Delivery Demands. Detroif Free Press.

In defense of the movement instituted

by rural free delivery carriers looking toward an increase in salary, President Frank H. Cunningham, of the National Rural Letter Carriers' association, scores some strong points. Opponents of the prograded scale of \$600 for the first year, \$720 for the second and \$850 for the third and each subsequent year, call attention to the fact that there will soon be 50,000 rural carriers whose salary will amount to \$30,000,000 at \$600 a year, and that in the face of such an expense any increase would be unwise. In reply President Cunningham points out that the average number of persons living on a rural route is 500, and that thus 25,000,000 persons will be given the benefits of daily mail at a per capita cost to the government of a trifle over \$1. Possibly the most eloquent argument that could be advanced in support of the request for an increase is contained in the recent report of the postmaster general, which shows that 2,879 resigned last year. Considering the fact that there were only 8,000 carriers

at the beginning of the year and 18,000 at the end, the resignations average nearly 25 per cent. This is due largely to the fact that on the present compensation it is imp possible to provide and maintain the required equipment and eke out a livelihood. Rural free delivery, which has come to stay, has worked marvelous changes in the agricultural districts. The farmer, who for years has been contributing his full share to the support of the government, is beginning to enjoy some of the direct results to which he is entitled. If the system is to be maintained at a satisfactory standard there must be sufficient nducement offered competent men to remain in the service. Compared with the salaries of other government employes, the claim of the rural carrier is modest, and his request should be granted.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Ida M. Tarbell is getting more and more a robust question mark before the people spunky. She now challenges the national administration.

Eergeant James Reardon, the noted soldier-mathematician, has just died at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

There are too many grand dukes in authority in Russia. Lords make good generals if they are allowed to do nothing but

wear gold lace. Senator Ankeny understands the Indian language perfectly and acted as interpreter the other day in Washington when a group of Yakima Indians were presented to the president at the White House.

A London paper, the Chronicle, says that in the matter of clothes the House of Commons is the most correct assembly of legislators in the world, and the American house of representatives the most astonishing.

The supreme court of Indiana has rendered a decision which enforces upon a son-in-law the duty of treating his mother in-law with as much consideration as he would give to other human beings. A righteous principle, indeed, and noble the state in which it is thus established by law. Let us all recommend to our mothersin-law to move to Indiana.

In the last congress official directories were printed with half-tone photographs of senators and members nicely inserted at the proper pages. These topies were not for profane eyes. Constituents fortunate enough to secure one of the directories had those without illustrations. Now a ban has been placed on the production of such fancy books. There can be no more illustrated directories.

A unique reunion of ex-secretaries of war was observed in a corner of the senate chamber in Washington one afternoon last week. Senator Alger, Senator Proctor and Senator Elkins held a long confab, and were in the middle of their talk when Secretary Taft, the huge Ohloan who now holds down 'he war secretary's chair, came in and joined the group. Senator Proctor is tall and rather heavyset among ordinary men, but Secretary Taft, by tiptoeing slightly, can look over the Vermonter's

EIRTHFUL REMARKS.

'You have allowed yourself to be daxzied by money."
"That." said Senator Sorghum, "Is untrue. In any matter where money was concerned I have invariably been coldly practical."—Washington Star.

Uncle George—Have you heard the news?
Tom Tyler is going to marry Tillle West.
Aunt Hanneh—For the land's sake!
Uncle George—Yes, I guess you're right.
Tillie owns some very valuable real estate.
--Boston Transcript.

The Rose-What makes the chrysanthe-

"But this unfortunate enterprise was protested the man to his unscrupu-riner. "You must be alone in this ous partner. "Nonsense!" replied the other, who was determined to drag his partner down with him. "Naturally, "u' and "! must be to-gether in 'ruin." -- Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Schoeppenstedt—The I meses have a piano playe that coat them. \$500. Mr. Schoel mstedt—Well, you can tell them that we have one that has cost me \$10,000. Elvira will be 16 tomorrow.

Mand-How is your brother Phil getting on in college?

Mabel-Foor Phil! He's the odd sheep of the family. He could have been on the foot ball team if he'd wanted to be, but he said he'd rather have a degree. He's just crasy on his nusty old text books and things!—Chicago-Tribune.

A soldier of the R. ssians Lay japanned at Tschrizvijskivitch, There was lack of woman's nursing And other comforts which Might add to his last moments And smooth the final way; But a comrade stood beside him To hear what he might say. he took that crurade's hand, he said: "I ne more shall se he said: "I ne. so more shall se' own, my native bad; a mertage and : token some distant friends of mine I was born at Smnlxarskeqrxzki, ir Smnlxarskgqrxzki on the Irk kimnov."—New York

A LEAP YEAR REVERIE. James Barton Adams in Denver Pos

James Barton Adams in Denver & Sat the maiden in her chamber, Myrtle Gladys Mae McCloskey, Maiden of but 27.
Recently marked down from 40. Sat she there in rumination Wrestling with a puzzling question, On her face just newly painted in artistic, skiliful manner, Showing years of careful practice, Sat a look of indecision In artistic, skind of careful practice, Sat a look of indecision As she thus mused to her lonesome: "Will he think me too presuming? Too uncalled-for bold and forward, "Foodumfresh," as Brother Jack says. Too uncalled-for bold and forward,
"Toodumfresh," as Brother Jack says.
If I'd hit the pike and seek him,
Seek him in his stag apartments,
And within mine arms enfold him,
Thaw his lips with warmth of kisses,
Teil him that I long have loved him,
That to me he is the fsirest
Of his sex, and that without him
Life to me would be as arid
As the desert of Sahara.
And in dovelike tones implore him
To permit me to be his'n,
Would he cruelly repulse me?
Cry 'hiss-cat!' and cast me from him?
Tell me I should ring up Central
And inform the hello maiden
She had given the wrong number?
Or would he burst forth in blushes
Red as Colorado sunset.
Try to speak and only stammer,
Try again and do some better,
Try once more and sweetly murmur Try once more and sweetly murmur Try once more and sweetly murmur That the question was so sudden, But if I could stand it he could And if I were good at dedging Rather heavy winter footwear I might go and ask his papa. That the quid stand.
But if I could stand.
And if I were good at doogs.
Rather heavy winter footwear
I might go and ask his papa.
Desperate is the chance, I fear me,
But a faint heart, say the classics,
But a faint heart, say the classics,
Yet has won a fellow,

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