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GEO, B. TZSCHUCK. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 2d day of May, A. D. 1904. (Seal) M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

The rank and file of republicans in Douglas county are not in the avenging business.

Omaha never looks better than when it is just putting on its spring bonnet, as it tection has brought to the nation and is right now.

From present indications Missouri democrats must have been attentive students of Folk lore.

military experts have been for the most Japanese will go to Louisiana to raise part sadly astray in their conjectures rice. They will also continue to raze and predictions regarding the course of Russian forts in Manchuria. military operations in the far/ east,

An American precedent is again adopted by Russia. Cotton is now declared to be contraband of war.

tions of the combatants in the far east, Santo Domingo having become quiet based upon the books relating to mili- Blackburn's chestnuts out of the calfor a while Hayti has started a revolu- tary strategy and tactics, but thus far tion to make sure that the island is not nearly every surmise and guess they

THE DEMOCRATIC ISSUE. relieve the other members of the school board upon whom devolves the duty of So far as can be inferred at present filling the vacancy. the whole democratic issue in the coming presidential campaign will have ref-

THE MERCERITE AVENGERS. erence to the tariff policy of the repub-The factionists who have constituted lican party. The talk of the leader of

Thomas W. Blackburn their chief the minority in the house of represpokesman in the republican primary sentatives has had particular reference campaign are endeavoring to rally the to the tariff and so far as the democrats rank and file of the party on the plea in that body are concerned has unmisthat Dave Mercer's defeat of last year takably shown a purpose to put forward must be avenged. These good people Parker. In the Parker list are put the the question of tariff reform as the lead: do not seem to remember that Mercer sixty-eight delegates from Pennsylvania. ing issue in the national campaign of was repudiated by the republicans of this year. In the senate the democratic leader was less demonstrative in this dithe Second congressional district for good and sufficient reason. rection, evidently realizing that his

First and foremost, Dave Mercer had party might go to an extreme in regard forfeited the right to represent this to this question, and as a consequence district by reason of his nonresidence. the democrats in the two branches of congress were by no means agreed as to A man's home is where his family rewhat the position of the party ought to sides and Mercer's family resided for be in respect to this very important forty-nine weeks of the year in Washington, Atlantic City and Minneapolis question in the coming campaign.

It is not at all likely that there will and three weeks in Omaha. During the last years of his congressional cabe complete agreement between the facreer they only put in an appearance in tions of the party at the St. Louis con-Omaha once every two years-just bevention, though some sort of a comprofore election. Needless to say he has mise may be patched up. The simple not resided here since. fact is that there are thousands of demo-In the next place, Mercer was not crats in the country today who are not

legally nominated. His nomination was at all in sympathy with the free trade brought about by the importation of idea, but on the contrary believe that it repeaters from Iowa and the coercion Pacific ocean. is in the interest of American labor and of corporation employes in Nebraska American industries that the policy of protection should be maintained. The and a large corruption fund. According to the memorandum published in n who take this view are not only support of the alleged confession of ose who are engaged in industrial en-Shercliff, the 'Pollock diamond robber, surance men apparently reasoned that prises, but also many who are em-Tom Dennison made a donation of \$400 | it must be their fault that the other parts yed in industries and who take an elligent as well as an interested view to Mercer, presumably to help pay the what the consequences would be of a expenses of his campaign, and Judge versal of the existing economic policy Hubbard, the Iowa legislative lobbyist surance rates that made some people of the Northwestern railroad, urged upon doubt whether, barring the inconvenience Governor Shaw the pardon of Shercliff the war upon protection to American

because it would be worth several hunlustries and American labor is cerdred votes to our Dave, who had renn to be renewed in the coming presidered him, or rather the Northwestern cago was obliged to pay a large share of ntial campaign. The democratic leadrailroad, such valuable assistance in logers have already announced that this is rolling the Sioux City & Pacific Railto be the leading issue of the campaign. road company's bill through congress. They have so indicated in their discus-In the light of these revelations the sions in congress and in every state platrank hypocrisy of the Mercerites, who form that they have thus far adopted. were appealing for support to the better To all intents and purposes they have elements of the party by bombarding side-tracked every other question and Dennison, is without a parallel in the have gone back to the old fight on the annals of political history of Omaha tariff. The republican party will gladly and Douglas county. The attempt to meet them before the people on this avenge the defeat of Mercer is in reality question, absolutely confident of its nothing more than an attempt on the ability to demonstrate by unanswerable part of Blackburn and the satellites who facts the inestimable benefit that prorevolve in his orbit to continue in control of the machinery of the Second conthe necessity to a continuance of our gressional district and to reinstate the prosperity of maintaining that policy.

minority faction in power in Douglas county. We apprehend, however, that intelli-

gent republicans will not allow themselves to be boodwinked. They know that Mercer as a political issue is a dead issue and cannot be resurrected. They know that he got all he was entitled to while he was a living issue. In other words, they are not in the avenging business and will not allow themselves to be used as cats' paws to pull Tom

about \$61,000,000, which is the figure for the like period of 1902. It is remarked that no general increase in insurance rates has been made and that some of the underwriting companies seem to be opposing action in that direction.

Parker Far in the Lead. Philadelphia Record (dem.)

An estimate of the election of delegates already chosen to the democratic national convention, and of those in which the result can be confidently calculated, gives 464, or nearly half the total, to Judge From the character of the Pennsylvania delegation there is little doubt that it will be solid for Parker. To retreat now under the menace of faction and take the chances of a new alignment of the party forces would be fraught with danger to the democratic cause.

INSURANCE LOGIC.

Plan to Squeeze the West for Eastern Fire Losses. Chicago Chronicle

During the last year there have been exceptionally destructive conflagrations in Baltimore, Toronto and Rochester. Therefore it has been resolved by the Union Fire Insurance association, which is possible, therefore, that there will be is a trust, pool or union of the insurance companies of the country, that after this month there must be an increase of 20

charged in all the large cities of the country between Lake Michigan and the In 1871 there was quite a blaze in Chi cago. In fact, the west side-then a small town as compared with now-and a fragment of the south side were about all there was left of Chicago. But the inof town burned down and so those surviving parts and the new buildings in the burned district were obliged to pay in-

of the matter, it would not be cheaper to be burned out than to pay for insurance. there is a rejection of the nomination Others may have been forced to "stand i It is understood that the president may raise," too, but it seems certain that Chiappoint Colonel E. H. Crowder to the place, although Lieutenant General Chaffee its own fire losses. is said to be against the selection of any The order emanated, of course, from

of the younger officers. The chief of staff eastern cities, where the insurance comentertains the view that appointments panles have their lairs. This big western hereafter made to the grade of brigadier city had got itself burned up and they general should be from among the list of made it pay for it as largely as possible. olonels, mainly for the reason that any Now three distinctly eastern citles are departure from this former custom is havthe chief sufferers by fire, and again by ing a bad effect upon the service and that eastern order all the western cities-the it is advisable not to fill the grades of nearest one more than 500 miles away general officers by the appointment of from either fire-must be mulcted 20 per those who will have a long time to serve cent on previous rates to pay the losses. and in that way cause stagnation in army That is a kind of logic that Chicago and promotions. That is a feature which appears to have been forgotten or at least St. Louis and San Francisco cannot quite see through. If it is the proper thing for favor. It has led to much discontent in these western citles to pay the losses in the burned eastern cities why should it the army and expressions from army offinot have been the proper thing to assess the Chicago losses of 1871 on New York, Boston and Philadelphia? BRYAN'S CHICAGO SPEECH.

should be made.

An Omaha Democrat Points Out Som "Peerless" Inconsistencies. of the record of enlistments made by the W. S. Shoemaker in Chicago Chronicle. recruiting service of the army in the report The purpose of Mr. Bryan's Chicago for March, wherein the names of the offispeech was twofold: First, to reach a large number of the democratic voters of cers in charge of the respective recruiting the Mississippi valley, and, second, to stations are given. This report shows that criticise the action of New York demo- during March 2,975 enlistments were made crats as expressed in their platform at of which 2,880 were made in cities and 586 their recent convention. As to the first at military posts and surrounding towns and in the field. At the city stations 1.532 proposition, he mentions Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana and

it was in bad taste and undemocratic for

platform began in these words:

yet Mr. Bryan is not happy.

tons to the St. Louis convention I should

would have rejoiced at his election

Ohio, the democrats of which states he fifty-eight foot and fifty mounted colored desired to reach, as they had not yet held soldiers were secured, the total number of rejections being 7,511. At stations, at select delegates to heir convention Remember that if Blackburn, in his posts and surrounding towns \$25 foot and the St. Louis convention. sixty-one mounted white soldiers, thirty What are the facts as to those states' foot and twenty-two mounted colored sol-Illinois, which went for Cleveland in 1892 diers and five Indians were enlisted, the by 26,993, gave 142,496 plurality against the number of rejections being 201. In the democratic ticket in 1896, and again in 1900 the same as has been done in every other field 100 foot and eleven mounted white gave a plurality against the Kansas City congressional district in the state, there soldiers, three Porto Ricans and twentyplatform ticket of 94,924 votes. Cleveland nine Filipinos were enlisted and the numwould be no complicating circumstances carried Wisconsin in 1892 by 6.544, and in ber rejected was nine. 1896, on the free silver issue, ft gave a plurality of 102,612 against the democratic

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Matters of Note Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Considerable interest must attach to the policy of the administration in filling by means of recess appointment the vacancies in the grade of brigadier general, that

which already exists by the failure of the senate to confirm the nomination of Colonel A. L. Mills (captain, First cavalry), the superintendent of the Military academy, and that which will be created by the retirement in July of General P. C. Hains. Of course it is the purpose of the president to appoint Colonel Mills to the place during the present recess, an incident which will give that officer the pay of the grade until there is senatorial action. Before that recess appointment, however, it is rumored that there will be a number of other apppointments for the purpose of retirement at increased grade. Of course this action is no longer necessary in the case of colonels of civil war service who are of the classes of officers to be promoted upon retirement, but there are many officers such as some colonels and lieutenant colonels who have no civil war service to their credit or who are of the classes such as those of thirty years' service who would

not attain the grade of brigadier general under any existing conditions of law. It several recess appointments in the grade of brigadier general for the benefit of officers who would not otherwise reach per cent in the premium rates to be that rank.

> Whatever the president may do in behalf of Colonel Mills it is certain that the nomination when it finally reaches the senate will not be confirmed. The senate military committee was in favor of the promotion and so recommended, as is well known. So much opposition was finally expressed in the senate that it is now realized that the nomination will be rejected or will fail of favorable action during the short recess. It is probable this senatorial sentiment is known to the president and if he makes a recess appointment of Colonel Mills it will be merely for the purpose of giving him the pay of the grade until the end of the second session or until

know, but suspect that he will do much as Editor Hammond will do when Mickey is

ernor. Aurora Republican: Adams county re-

overlooked in the distribution of executive This was contrary to expectations and light of harmony. Will some wise and

five or six candidate for secretary of state, An innovation is made in the publication

his nationality and his extensive and fa-

formidable candidate.

reporter at Milwaukee the other day, Edfoot and 749 mounted white soldiers and

islative majority.

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POLITICAL STRAWS.

Sutton News: Adam Breede of the Hastings Tribune will in all probability go as a delegate to the republican national convention from the Fifth district. This is all right. Adam is a loyal republican worker

and a good fellow. Schuyler Free Lance: Editor Hammond of the Fremont Tribune wonders what Bryan will do if Parker is nominated by the democrats for president. We don't

renominated by the republicans for gov-

publicans endorsed Governor Mickey along with the other one-term state officials leaves Hamilton county all alone in the darkness outside the circle of the glowing

fatherly gentleman please stand forth and tell us where we are really at? Crete Vidette-Herald: We hear kind words spoken of the candidacy of F. J. Sadilek upon all sides. While there are

we verily believe that Mr. Sadilek will receive the nomination. His especial ability and fitness for the position, his experience as a public official, his location.

vorable acquaintance throughout the state all conspire to make him a strong and

Kearney Hub: Talking to a newspaper ward Rosewater expressed the opinion that Bryan would be a candidate for United

Kearney Hub: There has been nothing

more remarkable in the history of Ne

brasks politics than the steady, natural

in any Nebraska newspaper, this fact in-

dicatir ; that he has elements of political

strength and personal popularity that make

his nomination a safe proceeding, even

saying that great care should be exercised

the nominating method.

Paul Revere had made his famous ride. "It was really a failure." he confided; "nobody arrested me for exceeding the speed limit." Feeling he could never be counted with the Four Hundred, he accepted the measly laurels of fame.--New York Sun. "Don't you find it rather hard to remain neutral?" "Not a bit," answered the emperor of Corea. "It doesn't make any real differ-ence to me which army burns up the towns and destroys the crops."-Washington Star.

POINTED PLEASANTRIES.

Askew Offen-Hello, Mulb'ry! What scheme are you working on now? Young Mr. Mulberry Sellers-A great one. I'm getting the signboard rights along both sides of the Fanama canal.-Judge,

"Are you handling Sanator Buncomb's speech?" asked the managing editor. "Yes," replied the copy editor, "I'm just writing the head. Let's see, "Glittering Generalities' would be just the thing, but it's too long." "Abbreviate it. Make it 'Hot Air.'"-Philadelphia Press.

Towne-Why do you call her an amateur actress? She's on the regular stage. Browne-I mean that she has only been married to one man and she lives with him yet.-Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

Mile after mile they sped along, alone, under the witching moonlight, yet speak-ing only the merest commonplaces. It was becoming intolerable. "Is there a sparker with this machine?" the maiden asked, at last, looking up at him soulfully.-Puck.

Missionary (out west)-Did you ever for-

give an enemy? Bad Man-Wunst. "I am glad to hear that. What moved your inner soul to prefer peace to strife?" "I didn't have no gun."-Modern Society.

Queer, isn't it, that it should take the ald-headed man so much longer to comb States senator before the next legislature; and that if he entered the fight with his of his luxuriant locks .- Somerville Journal influence and the co-operation of the popu-

cers have reached the senate in a form which indicates very clearly that that system of appointment has gone altogether too far. The senate is very clearly of the opinion that no more of these appointments

forgotten.

The mayor of St. Paul is having a round with the ministerial reformers and blue law advocates. Omaha is not the only city where the radicals clash.

To the charge that it loses no opportunity to stir up factionalism in the republican party, the World-Herald answers that it admits the soft impeachment

Despite the charge that Omaha is a thorities of that country had in view, haven for criminals it is observed that and the results thus far show that the criminals who are wanted for anything Japanese plans have been quite differanywhere are careful to stay away from ent from what the military experts of Europe and America believed to be ab-Omaha.

Russian soldiers may show more energetic fighting qualities when they realize that their choice is to face either the Japanese in the field or typhus and smallpox in the forts.

Russians were in sufficient numbers to When called upon to decide the right defeat such a movement. The result of a belligerent to search a neutral ship simply shows how inadequate was the Great Britain adhered to its record. information in regard to the Russian Having taken both sides of the constrength for resistance and also the troversy it rendered no decision. lack of judgment as to the force and

skill of the Japanese. These experts In ordering the cowboys to leave their are still calculating on what may hapcards, whisky and guns at home when pen, their opinion in the main being govstarting on the spring roundup the South erned by the idea that the Russians Dakota authorities have struck another have a great strategic plan for overblow at the picturesque in western life.

It is not strange that city officials lose nese have shown much greater ability their temper over the street repair question. People compelled to ride over the operations than have their opponents rough places in our down-town paveand that there is no sound reason to ments have been losing their temper expect that they will not continue to every day. manifest superiority in this respect.

The obvious fact is that up to this South Dakota luckily has no vote in time the Russian commanders in the the "Big Sixth," for the residents are far east, unquestionably the ablest men displeased with Judge Kinkaid, whose that could be selected for that service. bill, they allege, has taken much from have shown themselves to be inferior in the Rosebud reservation boom by atability to the commanders of the Japatracting people to the 640-acre Nebraska nese forces both on sea and on land. homestead. The admiral of the navy of Japan ope-

rating before Port Arthur has demon-The St. Petersburg Bourse Gazette strated that he is one of the greatest says it does not know how long the naval officers the world has produced. night of Russian defeat will last. If while the military commander of the Russia had not been benighted so long Japanese forces invading Manchuria has its awakening would not be so unpleas established his claim to a place among ant, for the present war bids fair to the greatest of modern soldiers. awaken the mujik as well as the Mongolian.

The republican county primary, which is to be held next Friday, comes nearer to the people than any primary held for similar purposes before. The individual voter never before had a chance to express his choice direct for the person he wishes to represent him in congress and in the national nominating convention.

to be of very little value. Lincoln jobbers are swinging around the circle in a trade excursion intended

to cultivate friendly relations with the One of the members of the Omaha merchants of the interior towns. This is Board of Education is said to be consida commendable spirit of enterprise, but | ering the matter of resigning because of Lincoin's trade need not be built up by removal from the city. The way the pulling Omaha's down. The two cities law has usually been read the relincan accomplish more for each by both quishment of residence within the school working together than they can by pulldistrict vacates the office without resiging apart. nation. A resignation, however, might tions excluded, the loss will amount to York friends who tried to reason with him. for the entire week.

have made has failed to justify their judgment and it is not surprising that capacity of congressional committee, had there is no longer any confidence in performed his duty and issued his call what they foreshadow regarding the for a congressional convention long ago, campaign.

The simple fact is that the remarkable secrecy maintained by the Japanese in respect to their campaign, which has whatever confronting the republicans of been altogether exceptional in the his- this county. tory of modern warfare, has put it out of the power of any one to form a definite judgment of what the military au-

for the reason that it was thought the

There will be reverses for the Japa-

uese, undoubtedly. It is not to be rea-

sonably expected that they will have

an uninterrupted course of victory. They

are contending with a powerful foe and

soldiers of indomitable courage. But

the record the Japanese have thus far

opinions of the so-called experts in re-

gard to the campaign have been shown

THE MILITARY EXPERTS.

These gentlemen, here and abroad,

started out with what they conceived to

be the necessary course of the opera-

It must be confessed that so far the

It is one thing to raise a hue and cry for merely political purposes about the inadequate assessment of railroad property, but it is another thing to get the facts and figures and make the showing gave 20,412 against Cleveland in 1892, folbefore the regularly constituted authori-

dron.

ties who are to make the assessment. solutely necessary. For instance, it was If reports are to be believed Hercules stated a few days ago that the military had an easy task at the Augean stables observers at Washington did not expect when compared with the work of sanitathat the Japanese would make the movetion on the isthmus of Panama. But ment they did across the Yalu, simply

where the Grecian god deflected a river the American commissioners expect to as a candidate for governor by 113,812. turn on an ocean.

in 1900 77,560. The real election in Florida took place vesterday when the democratic primaries were held. The result will be ratified by the same people this fall, as the opposition in Florida is not supposed to count-or rather it is not counted.

Not satisfied with its gift and its loan from the government the St. Louis Ex- from Mr. Bryan or his side partner Mr. whelming the enemy, apparently losing position company now wants to levy Hearst there would not be enough demosight of the fact that thus far the Japa- tribute of \$1 on each federal employe fall's election to wad a shotgun. on the grounds. Nothing like getting

and skill in conducting the military all the traffic will bear. The Real Thing.

Philadelphia Press. The yellow peril is certainly menacing Russia

Loyal to Free Silver. Philadelphia Press. When an Iowa democrat is bought evi dently he stays bought. The Hearst move-

ment has come up with different condi tions in some of the states. Abuse Never Wins.

Cleveland Leader Evidently the democratic slogan for 19 is to be "Down with Roosevelt." A campalgn of personal abuse can be welcomed by republicans. It will weld the affection of the plain people all the closer to the patriotic and forceful American whom they admire, love and trust

Physical Condition of Immigrants Boston Transcript.

The statement that the poorest physical pecimens to come before the physicians of the immigration commissioners' force are the immigrants from English mill towns rather than Jews, Italians or Scandinavians, sup ports the observations of most of the Englis socialistic writers from Ruskin through to J. A. Hobson. The operatives of Bradmade warrants the utmost confidence in ford and Nottingham owe their bad their ability and valor. Meanwhile the physique to the country where unrestricted individualism dominated British industry.

Hitting the Insurance Surplus.

Springfield Republ The Teronto fire loss of \$12,500,000 make the April record nearly double the usual sending of Hearst delegations would be figure-\$23.023,060 for the United States and equally disastrous. Canada compared with something over \$12. 000.000 for April in each of the two past cratic ticket since 1864, including years. For the four months of the calendar year, according to the New York Journal of Commerce, the fire loss reaches the appalling total of \$146.666.350 against \$52,700.000

timore, Rochester and Toronto conflagra-

in the same time last year.

With the Bal-

During the week the War department licket, which was increased in 1900 to a plu eceived the information from General rality of 106,581. Democratic Indiana in Bates that Major Frank DeL. Carrington. 1892 gave Cleveland a plurality of 7,125, and U. S. A., had disappeared from St. Louis. in 1896 a plurality of 18,181 for the repub-The latter officer was recently detached lican ticket, and in 1900 it went repubfrom the command of the Philippine scouts lican by 26,479 plurality. Michigan, which on account of charges which had been made against him and was instructed to owed with a republican plurality in 1896 await orders, pending the result of an inof 56,878, and again in 1900 of 104,584. Ohio quiry into the matter. The alleged disin 1892 went republican by a plurality of appearance of Major Carrington from St. only 1.073 votes, and in 1896 it gave 47,493 Louis under such circumstances became of republican plurality, and in 1900 a plurality more than passing moment. Later in the of 69,036. And last fall Tom Johnson week General Bliss advised the War demayor of Cleveland, tied up with Mr. partment that Major Carrington was in the Bryan and persuaded the democratic concity and that his earlier advices on the vention of that state to endorse the Kansubject were not justified by circumstances. sas City platform and he lost the state inasmuch as Major Carrington had been in the city all the time. Minnesota went 12,369 against Cleveland in

1892 and in 1896 53,875 against Bryan and The general staff has completed its work

on the new articles of war, but of course I simply cite these figures to show the nothing can be done with these until the political situation in the states which Mr. next session of congress, as it requires Bryan went to Chicago to "reach." As he legislation to make them operative. The 'reached" those states in 1896 and 1900 and new army regulations are nearly completed, the result was so disastrous to the demothe material remaining to be acted upon cratic party, it would seem that demobeing that relating to the new military crats of those states ought not to follow secretary's department and certain changes his leadership or advice any farther. If made necessary by general staff legislathey should submit to one more "reach" tion. The new infantry drill regulations have gone to the public printer and it is expected the proof for final revision will cratic votes in those states cast at this be ready in the course of a few weeks. Five chapters of the new field regulations As to Mr. Bryan's second proposition, h is equally unfortunate. In the first place,

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Bryan or any other citizen of a sister state to go to Chicago or elsewhere to de No one need fear a shortage of money ounce the action of the democrats in New just because the Philadelphia mint has York. It will be time encugh for Mr. Bryan coined its last gold bar. Uncle Sam knows to find fault when the national convention where there's more of the same stuff. shall have spoken. Mr. Bryan says the General John C. Black of Chicago, who New York platform is dishonest. But what is visiting Atlanta, Ga., on May 4 decorated shall be said of his treatment of it in his the grave of the late General Gordon Chicago speech? It would be indecorous General Black is grand commander of the for me, only an ordinary mortal, to charge Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Bryan with being dishonest and re-Leslie's Weekly says that thirty-six of sorting to trickery in his comments on the New York platform. I will only say his the 616 men who met at the Republican strictures on the platform were adroitly national convention in Pittsburg, Pa., in put and very unfair. One example will 1856 and nominated Pathfinder John C. Fre suffice. He starts out with what he desigmont for the presidency still survive. nates the first plank, studiously overlook

Never try to commit suicide by jumping ing what in reality is the first plank. Th into a well until you have measured you "The own diameter and that of the well. democrats of New York in renewing their Missouri man tried it the other day and pledge of fidelity to the essential principles stuck. The neighbors pulled him out and a of Jeffersonian democracy, as repeatedly justice of the peace fined him \$1 for his nunciated in our national and state platlack of foresight. forms, make these further declarations

A Chicago physician, desiring to decrease upon the national issues of the hour," etc his weight from 229 to 149 pounds, has Then followed the further declarations started to fast thirty-five days. In the first which Mr. Bryan commented upon without five days he lost five pounds. The fast is noticing the first declaration at all. So it to be divided into sections, and at ten-day appears that whatever is contained in the Kansas City platform of the essential intervals he is to allow himself to eat one principles of Jeffersonian democracy it is baked apple and one piece of toast.

approved by the New York platform, and Very many towns in Massachusetts are making arrangements for the observance If the democrats of the states sought to of Old Home week, and Governor Bates be reached by Mr. Bryan should send has been asked to issue an official proclama-Kansas City platform endorsement delegation inviting all former residents of the

certainly doubt their good judgment. The week's observance a memorable one. General Nelson A. Miles has been invited to attend the Kansas semi-centenary cele. I have suported every national demo bration in Topeka and take part in the Mr exercises and parade on Tuesday, May 31 Bryan's candidacy in 1896 and 1900, and He saw a good deal of military service there when Kansas was a territory. The either campaign. I believe, therefore, I plans for the celebration are increasing in have a right to criticise Mr. Bryan's remagnitude and it is now promised that cent course. He should on his return from something will be "going on" every day Europe have taken the advice of his New

At the end of thirty years Hiram had accumulated a fortune. His wife and daughter were delighted. "For," said they, with becoming modesty, "we now not only have money enough to cut a splurge, but lists he would make a warm campaign. This is a possibility, and while there is no doubt that there will be "something doing" there is no reason to doubt that the republicans will come out with a good legpoor, dear papa is too broken down to ap-pear among the best people."-Life. poor,

PROFANITY.

New York Tribune.

development of Congressman Burkett's The verses of Maurice Francis Egan. which won the prize in a recent contest candidacy for the United States senate. and especially his candidacy for the nomi for the best poem condemning the practice nation for that office by the coming reof profane swearing, are worthy the prize publican state convention. This progressive they won, but it is interesting, by way of campaign has been entirely in the open comparison, to reproduce the following and while it has been in progress for verses from "Watt's Compleat Spelling months, nothing derogatory to Represent Book" of colonial days. They are entitled ative Burkett, either as a man or as a "Of Taking God's Name in Vain." representative in congress, has appeared

To mention God, no man has just pretense. But ito his honor, or the truth's defense. In common talk, where triffes most shound. God, Christ or Lord strikes horror with the

God, Christ of Lord strikes norror with the sound. Nor should we dare appeal to Him on high. To gain belief, or to attest a lie. Thus to abuse that name, if man presume. The third commandment loudly speaks their doom. Yet some, alas! In every trivial cause. To stop a gap in speech, or for a pause: though all republicans do not approve of

Lincoln Star: The appointment of H. G. Lindsay to the office of the cierk of the To stop a gap in speech, or for a Or to fill up the sentence, at eac From mouths unhallowed breathe supreme court will make necessary, it is assumed, the selection of a new chairman God or Lord. Lord, if e'er such monsters I come of the state central committee. It is a place Good of great importance, and it goes without

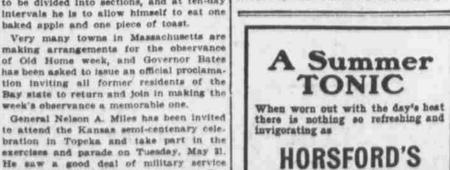
from their ill ways give me the grace to

in the selection. In the situation of parties in Nebraaka the need of the right man at the heim of the organization is always urgent, and it is especially so in the year of a presidential contest. Already a number of well-known republicans have been suggested for the chairmanship. It is well that the matter should be thore. ghly considered by the party pending the meeting of the state convention. Occasionally the convention itself directly names a chairman, and under some conditions this is proper. Generally in a campaign of great importance, if a new chairman must be chosen, the matter is wisely left to the central committee, which acts in agreement with and usually upon the suggestion of the candidates. With a senatorial candidate, in addition to the state and congressional tickets, this is likely to be the method this year.

> Unavoidable Accidents. Philadelphia Record.

Although the lamentable loss of thirtywo men by a premature explosion of charge of powder in the turret gun of the battleship Missouri has been ascribed by the court of inquiry to an "unavoidable accident." It would be worth while to find some means of making such accidents avoidable. A "blow back" could not have occurred if no inflammable gases had been left in the chamber of the gun, and such gases would have escaped sooner or later. The question to be determined is how many seconds or longer units of time should be permitted to elapse between the firing of a twelve-inch gun and the opening

of the breech to receive the next charge It ought to be possible to calculate the in terval required to insure absolute safety.



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