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The man who left his Christmas purchases to the very last day will now rush to the front.

present for the czar.

King Peter has abolished the freedom of the press in Servia. A new revolution must be about due.

London reports its fog as disappearing. The residents of that city must now be able to see their street lights.

The abolition of land offices by operawestern line of Nebraska;

Judge Sears wants it distinctly understood that he holds the paid legis lative lobbyist in contempt, even though he does not cite him for contempt.

discreet than some of the bankers she

In recommending a new court-martial for Captain Dreyfus the French attorney general evidently desires that the world shall not be permitted to forget his coun-

If the railroads would pay their just proportion of municipal taxes in Omaha the city tax levy could be reduced by 2 mills and property values would go up at least 20 per cent.

So many candidates are out for the Wisconsin that legislators can pick al- is questioned, there is not a valid reason commercial importance. The consensus sire when the voting time comes.

Omaha's long felt want has been a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, as they say at sea, that long felt want will be gratified during the coming year.

The report of the New York grand fury on the alleged corrupt use of money at Albany may be a valuable tip to inexperienced legislators who desire to lose no time in connecting with "the perquisites of office."

hood were they sure of the law governbring final separation.

when he looks toward Africa.

It is doubtless true that the great mafority of the members of the Civic Federation are acting in the best of good faith, but some things done by their officers and hired attorneys indicate decidedly bad faith on their parts.

against Chief of Police Donahue has year, and it is believed that a majority been concluded, it is to be hoped the of the republicans in both houses concur police board will find time to take into in this view. It also has the approval consideration the suggestions for practi- of the administration, the president in cal reform of the police government his message having urged that constant made by The Bee.

General Kouropatkin says he saw a however, is that it is in another sort of observed by congress without being par-

called attention not only to methods in will not be questioned. the market which are disreputable, but all corporations were required to give its value in winning a public confidence, street to have conditions which conduce efficiently performed in a few days.

observes that much of the iniquity which representations of resources and prospects that are not well founded and cantiented disclosures of its assets and linwhich this country and other countries change must become the scene of legiti-Russian warriors still have twelve mate dealings and honorable methods of the state. days to prepare a victory as a Christmas and not gain the repute of serving the manipulators, who rig the market and tion of law is another evidence that the or of the practical details and methods within the past two decades the consti-"frontier" has long since passed the of their business. Publicity would prove tution would have long since been reunconscionable plungers and manipu- framing of an entirely new constitution.

FAVOR A TRIBUNAL

Some of the more prominent of the eastern railroad presidents who have Mrs. Chadwick says she will not talk expressed themselves in regard to proposed interstate commerce legislation would indicate that she is much more while opposed to giving the commission power to regulate rates are inclined to favor an interstate commerce tribunal. One of them said that legislation suggested looking to the establishment of out serious consideration in order to exsuch a tribunal, the members of which should be appointed for life, "would be in the end prove more costly than a full fair to the railroads and would not be sixty-day session spent in diligent and will have a railroad connecting the Nile seriously opposed by them."

There is no doubt that the more carefully the proposition to create such a to meet the public wants and remedy court is considered the stronger will become the conviction as to the wisdon and expediency of establishing it. If it stitutional authority to create such a Omaba, is cheaper than in any other office now held by Senator Quarles of tribunal, and we are not aware that this city of equal population and of equal most any degree of "reformer" they de; against it. So far as the railroads are of opinion is that high taxes are the Those Japanese ships in the neighbor- which they would be assured not only portionately. shood of the Straits settlement should be of fair treatment, but also of a quick cautious, as they might be mistaken for determination of all matters presented to fishing boats by the Russians, and then it-a consideration quite as important to there is no telling what might not hap- the corporations as to the public. It is quite evident that the trend of opinion is strongly toward a distinct interstate commerce court with exclusive jurisdicfirst-class, fire-proof hotel, and with a tion in all cases of violations of the interstate commerce law.

KEEPING DOWN EXPENSES.

It appears to be quite definitely determined that appropriations for the expenses of the government shall be kept efficiency in the public service. The said to be very strong, but the impression is that river and harbor appropriations for this year may have to be conthe elimination of a public building bill lid to be taken off? is probable. A large reduction in naval France finds a deplorable condition estimates also seems to be assured. The existing in Morocco and an English offi- large number of members of the house cer just returned says everything is sat- interested in river and harbor work and isfactory. It depends much upon which in the erection of public buildings in It should, but it doesn't. The back side of the channel the observer stands their districts are not disposed to submit taxes have all been spent long ago and which he only left to take the direction ernment work, while increased appro- well. priations are asked for the navy.

Senator Allison, chairman of the senate committee on appropriations, and Speaker Cannon are both on record in favor of keeping down expenses, so as to bring them within the estimated receipts | financiers of Oberlin. Now that the hearing of the charges of the government for the next fiscal care should be taken to guard against unnecessary increase of the ordinary expenses of government. "The cost of Japanese soldier with frost-bitten feet. doing government business," he said. The general is evidently not making it "should be regulated with the same rigid as hot for the enemy as the occasion scrutiny as the cost of doing a private warrants. The common understanding, business." This sound principle can be

WHERE PUBLICITY WOULD SERVE. or desire a paring-down policy that Recent demoralization in the stock would impair the efficiency of the public market, largely due to the attack on cer- service, but the wisdom of keeping extain securities of a single individual, has penditures within the estimated receipts

Judge Sears hits the nail squarely on the public knowledge of their affairs. In the head when he admonishes the inthe long run there will never be either coming legislature not to heed the cry stability or security in the operations in of "Pass the appropriation bills and adcorporation securities until either by a journ." To pass appropriation bills and federal law or the action of the Stock ex- adjourn would be simply running away law, but to raise a new loan of \$73,250,000 to change itself opportunities for the spec- from pressing duties and grave respon- pay war expenses in Africa and meet ac ulator without scruples and with ability sibilities. The coming legislature will are eliminated by requiring publicity of be in position to render the state invalall corporations. Most of these that are uable service by making searching in this purpose would be exhausted in five sound give this publicity now, realizing quiry into the management of the state's finances, the sources of the state's revbut the great majority let the public enues, the unavoidable expenditures for know as little as possible about their the maintenance of state government would cost Germany more than \$5,350,000,00 condition and are thus vulnerable to and state institutions, and the avoidable raids which demoralize the general body expenditures and leakages. The task is

dangering, the general business of the do not keenly feel the burden of taxacountry? No such commotion as has tion or the burden of public debt. The market could have occurred if every is rather to be interpreted as a popular the Stock exchange gave publicity to its the republican party will endeavor to right whatever may be wrong, to rectify defense of the empire. The New York Journal of Commerce abuses and devise measures that will all branches of government, state, generally supposed to have been made with county, municipal and school district as

First and foremost of all, precautionbetter safeguarding of public funds, and especially funds dedicated to popular methods of its business, is a pernicious failure of constitutional amendments defactor in the stock market and no stand- signed to make the investment of public ing ought to be given to its so-called sc- school funds more remunerative and at urges that if New York is to be a finan- are, should not deter the incoming legwill resort for opportunities, and to ting constitutional amendments of the can look for the gauge of values in ments that will make the executive and American securities, "the Stock ex- judicial departments conform to the existing conditions and enlarged demands | merchants, students and travelers of Japan

Our present constitution is a strait ends of unconscionable plunderers and jacket and something decisive must be with constitutional provisions and limiway to get a defective constitution does not affect his argument, as he never corporations that make no authenticated if enforcement creates serious friction an effective check to raids on the part of vised either by direct amendment or the

> It goes without saying that the comonly to grapple with the problems of making the state government selfsustaining without increasing the state's Togo should find it necessary to detach debt, but that many measures affecting four armored croisers to intercept the Viac will have to be disposed of rationally and to the best interests of their constituents. To rush things headlong withpedite appropriations and adjourn would intelligent effort to give the people the most salutary laws that can be enacted

Business property and, for that matbe admitted that congress has the con- ter, all other classes of real estate in welcome a court of that character, from property values will naturally rise pro-

According to the Associated Press computation, the democrats, or rather the fusionists, lost 62,137 votes in Nebraska this year, as compared with the vote for Bryan four years ago, while the republicans gained 16,723 votes. What became of the 45,514 lost fusionists? Will they ever be found?

The city physician of South Omaha recommends a thorough inspection of the public schools of the Magic city with a view to safeguarding children against down to the lowest point consistent with scarlet fever and other forms of contagious disease. The Omaha public pressure for a river and harbor bill is schools also need inspection by health

As usual, the Holt county bank wreckers insist that their troubles are be so adverse to being joined in state- fined to an emergency bill, such as was the result solely of too confiding trust in passed last session and which will carry borrowing friends-to misfortune rather ing divorce in such cases; but there is only sufficient to keep important projects than crime. But why, then, did they much doubt as to the process which will from deteriorating. It is also said that run away when the time came for the

"Every dollar of back taxes should mean one dollar less to be raised next year," exclaims the Beatrice Express. quietly to economy in these lines of gov- some of the taxes yet to be levied as

> St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Victims of the Humbert swindle in Paris will realize only 3 cents on the dollar. Not much comfort in this for the frazzled

Cold Comfort for Dupes.

Safety Coupler Much Needed. Washington Post. The supreme court has decided that raffonds must generally adopt the safety couplers. The crying need is for a safety coupler that will hitch the senate to the rallway rebate bill without serious cas-

Lawson on His Metal.

Thomas Lawson's latest "sensations" are that an attempt has been made to poison to shoot him. It is only parenthetically and incidentally that he informs the public that he has for sale the cheapest and best game that the participants get cold feet. simonious. The country does not expect lot of copper stock in the world.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Germany undoubtedly ranks in effective ighting strength as the most formidable military power of the world, but the continued deficits in the imperial budgets and the enormous cost of modern armies on a by statistics of men in arms or trained and this drain out of the treasury as a "finan-Franco-German war as a basis. This authority assumes that Germany could not begin to raise such a sum-not even half o as part of a plea for the amendment or re peal of the state bourse law, they indicate that the "mobilization of finance" is an even more serious problem than the mobil ization of men. Colonel von Renauld takes recently been experienced in the stock overwhelming majority in the legislature the ground that the bourse law would be a great danger to Germany in case of war, corporation whose securities are listed on expression of confidence and trust that curities, except at a great loss, and so tie up capital which would be required for the

> A motion recently introduced into the Australian legislature, to permit the entrance of Japanese into the country, is not rious intent, but merely as a move on the political chess table. Australian authori ties in London say that the sentiment of the country is as strong as ever against the ary measures should be taken for the admission of the Japanese, although the fore. The prejudice against Asiatics of every degree seems to be as bitter as ever schools and universities. The repeated An Australian official in London said the other day: "The original act was meant to save Australia from the Chinese, but the close interpretation of its clauses may be some mischlevous in the future. The labor the production is reduced to that of white men only. That cannot go on indefinitely as Australia is crying out for men. An unto defense. Restricted admission of Japanese might be allowed with advantage. The government has relaxed the law to admit Indians of recognized status; probably the could have the same privilege. But, of course, immigration must have elaborate restrictions for every color."

> A Russian naval critic has been discuss ing the possibility of Russia recovering the command of the sea, an eventuality of which he sees very little probability. Since calculated on its being able to offer the Pacific squadron any substantial aid. Nor Admiral Rojestvensky. The latter, he concludes, must rely upon his resources, which are not by any means equal to the task of defeating Admiral Togo. The value of the opposing battle fleets, including armored ing legislature will be compelled not 334 in favor of Japan, his calculation being based on a comparison between their fighting qualities in respect of speed, armament and defensive surmor. Even if Admiral probable, the value of his fleet might still, he calculates, be stated as 451, thus leaving a considerable balance in his favor. The superiority of the Japanese in protected cruisers and in torpedo craft of all kinds he regards as too great for any comparison to be instituted.

Before long the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan with the Red sea, and giving that vast inland region the short cut to the ocean that is imperatively demanded by its growing commercial interests. About thirty miles of track have been laid eastward from the confluence of the Nile and Atbara rivers; and at the port of Suakin a large force is grappling with the chief difficulties to be found on the route, the cutting of the roadbed across the coast mountains. The enterprise is thus in full swing at both ends of the line. Over twenty years ago it was thought that this railroad would be pushed concerned it would seem that they would primary cause. Remove the cause and through to the Nile as a military necessity. What was wanted was a rail route from the Red sea to Berber, a little north of the Atbara's mouth, so that troops and supplies might quickly be carried within easy reach would lend considerable galety to the camof Omdurman, where the Mahdist power might be attacked in its greatest center. A large amount of railroad material was landed at Suakin and in a short time military trains were running a few miles inland to Otao. But the task was too difficult with Mahdist forces swarming on every side. For months there had been hard fighting in the region around Suakin. The Anglo-Egyptian forces never got a firm foothold in this region, through which the caravan route between Suakin and Berber passes, till Kitchener went up the Nile and captured the Mahdist capital. The railroad project was abandoned and never revived until recently.

> The appointment of Rear Admiral Fournier as a member of the international commission of inquiry into Admiral Rojestvensky's performance on the Dogger bank is regarded as a recognition by the French government of the fact that the representative of France will occupy a delicate po sition, requiring diplomatic as well as technical skill. Rear Admiral Founder's tact was conspicuously shown in 1884, when France had to obtain from China the renunciation of her pretensions over Tongking. Commandant Fournier, as he was then, was pitted against Li Hung Chang, and yet he returned with a treaty in his pocket which completely satisfied his government. Later he was placed in command of the French naval division in the far east, a position of the Higher Naval school. He has passed from one maritime prefecture to another, interrupting his administrative work ashore by periods of sea service. Recently he has been on a tour of inspection of the French North African naval bases. Rear Admiral Fournier is the author of a valuable work, "Cyclones and Typhoons," and the inventor of an instrument for the regulation of ships' compasses.

Cleveland Leader. There are fine feathers in Paris, where the mighty admirals are gathering for consultation over the bad break made by the Russian fleet in the North sea. We may be sure that in accordance with tradition and custom there will be a plethora of politeness around the consulting board. Admirals must be diplomats or failures. The exigencies of their profession require the highest exercise of tact. At the same time, brains cleared by battling the breezes of the main are apt to be clear brains, especially when brought to bear upon the subjects with which they are professionally well acquainted.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Governor Odell of New York is vigorously haking the peach tree and fears are entertained that our Chauncey will fall. Governor Van Sant of Minnesota is driving spikes in the senatorial coffin of Moses Moses is moseing around for

Governor-elect Folk of Missouri has cut out all the pomp and circumstance of inauguration. Simplicity and dignity will mark the ceremony at Jefferson City. John R. McLean, editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, announces that his paper will organ, as he is not in sympathy with either

Bryanism or Parkerism. Charles J. Bonaparte, the only republican elector successful in Maryland at the last election, will journey to Annapolis shortly with his seven democratic colleagues and cast his vote for Theodore Roosevelt for president of the United States.

A bunch of rude reformers in St. Louis have resolved to cut loose from the Butlers and lift the democracy of the town beyond the odors of a garbage contract. The move is agreeable to the Butlers, who have more urgent troubles to look after. especially the trouble of dodging the peni-

The spectacle of Senator Thomas Collier Platt hustling around trying to save the neck of his senatorial partner from the political guillotine of his former private secretary is one calculated to make others than angels weep. The erstwhile "easy boss" makes a sorry showing chasing

Judge E. F. Dunne is the latest "men tioned" for mayor of Chicago. Mr. Dunne has several advantages over other aspirants. Besides being a jurist of eminence and high character, he could command the services of his namesake, the philoso pher of Archey road, and he and Hennessy

Chauncey Depew speaks the language of confidence when discussing his chances of re-election to the renate. "Of course nothing is absolutely sure except death," says "I have found, however, that when I felt the greatest anxiety, I had the least cause for such sentiments. There is always a deal of talk preceding the assemblage of a legislature that has a United States senator to elect. Experience teaches me not to worry. I take the 'sunny side' of life , exactly as I had to accept the sunny side of birth. I wasn't consulted about my birth. I might have had opinions about the matter different from other peo ple if I had been asked to, So shall I take the sunny side of this senatorial matter. And when the last call comes there will not be any difficulty in finding me, because I shall be walking on the sunny side of the highway of existence."

CAUSE OF RAILROAD WRECKS.

Locomotives Too Heavy for the Average Roadbed. Frederick U. Adams in Success.

I will make a statement which will be challenged, but which can not be disproved. The abnormally heavy locomotive, now the standard on American railroads, is the positive cause of a large percentage of rail road accidents, most of which are charged against other factors of equipment or service. The craze for powerful locomo tives set in about 1878. Prior to that time the average locomotive weighed twenty-five to fifty tons. Our roads were planned for engines of this type and weight The rails, switches, bridges, viaducts, and other features were in conformity to the medium weight locomotive. It was discovered that there was an economy in big freight engines, hauling a large number of cars, and thereby doing away with train men. It was also discovered that the greatest source of safety in case of the inevitable collisions was a car so solidly constructed that it would smash through

weaker ones. To hauf these heavy cars at high speed required engines of increased size. The mechanical world was surprised when the seventy-ton locomotive was announced. Then it went to eighty, then to ninety, and there was much acciaim when the 100 tor monster was turned out of the shops. A passenger locomotive which does not weigh 100 tons is now considered out of date. To meet the terrific impact of these monsters, the size of the rails has been slightly increased, but we still hold them to the ties by the primitive method of spiking them

down. What is the consequence? The rails A CHILD'S VISION OF SANTA CLAU! spread on a curve, and sometimes on a straight piece of track, and a disastrous creased at an alarming rate. It is an open secret that hundreds of ac-

cidents are charged against misplaced switches when the cause should read "ripped-up switches." It seems impossible to construct interlocking switches which are safe against the well-nigh resistless impact of 100 or more tons of metals hurled forward at a speed of seventy miles an hour. The tracks and switches are too weak for the locomotives. There is no doubt in the world about it. There is not a railroad main the country who does not democratic know that this statement is absolutely true.

Kelly-Con Cooney wor pinched this afthernoon for intimidatin a strike oreaker.
Welch-Ye don' tell me? An' phwat assed between thim? Kelly-Wan brick.-Puck.

"Now, there was my Aunt Philenda Pine," ruminatingly remarked the Old Cod-ger. "She was such a careful, painstaking woman, with a nice little knot of hair like a horse chestnut on the back of her head, that when little Oscar had the measless she "Now, there was my

Soubrette-What, do you paint your eye rows, too? Prima Donna-No, I draw the line there. Cleveland Leader.

The accused banker started to his feet. "It is false!" he cried, "as heaven is m "Has any such witness been subpoensed for the defense?" asked the judge. "If not, the evidence is not admitted."—Cleveland

"You didn't go to church last Sunday."
"No, I didn't have any money for the No. I didn't have anything less than

a dime and there was no place to get in changed.—Philadelphia Press. "Bliggins' wife thinks he is the smartest man on earth."
"No." answered Miss Cayenne. "She doesn't think so. She merely makes Blig-gins think she thinks so."—Washington

"Well, goodby! Let me see," said the guest, a good fellow, but forgetful, "did I bring anything with me that I was to take away again."
"Nothing but your welcome," replied his host.—Cleveland Leader.

"Good night," said Mr. Staylate, finally breaking away. "I've enjoyed myself immensely. Now, next Sunday night I-er-expect to pass you house and-"
"That will be nice. Good night!" said she, and shut the door.—Philadelphia she, an Ledger.

"Are you going to make a fuss about a little thing like this?" asked the woman who was found shoplifting.
"We are obliged to take action," answered the proprietor of the department store.
"Humph. You ought to be glad I'm no Mrs. Chadwick."—Washington Star.

Did ever you hear of Santa? Old Santa with beard so white; Who scrambles down the chimney In the stillness of the night? Who comes with his snow-white horses Who comes, with his reindeer sied, Who comes in his frosty mantle, While the children are in bed?

I think last night I saw him Stoop down by the trundle bed. (When baby was praying for doll And listen to what she said.

He flitted about the chamber, And went from chair to chair, As John and Jim and Susie Were saying their Christmas prayer,

Might come from heaven again

And then I saw a tear-drop Fall on his frosty check; He stayed and watched beside us Till we were fast asleep.

I heard a noise in the chimpey, Though I was sound asleep— I'm sure he filled the stockings— 'Tis a secret I must keep.

Hurrah for Christmas morningt Hurrah for carts and sleds! Hurrah for beautiful dollies. All tucked in their trundie beds!

I wonder if dear old Santa Went back to heaven again? I wish he had left his horses For Jim's little soldier men.

But maybe it's always winter In the place where Santa dwells; He'll need his sled and horses When they ring next Christmas bella

But we must pray for Santa, He's getting old and gray; If he gets lost in the snowdrifts, There'll never be Christmas day;

Then what will we do for dollies,
For ribbons and funny things?
Let's pray to God and the angels
To give old Santa wings.
—Angle F. Newman.

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