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dress will be changed as often as requested. Hayti's seizure of the customs receipts may foreshadow the next movement of

mailed to them. It is better than

a daily letter from home. Ad-

the "big stick." Another South Omaha industrial enterprise has been abandoned. This time it is the rock pile

Where was the Real Estate exchange when the council fixed that 13-mill levy fever situation in the south. In connection maturing bonds. for the coming year?

In place of becoming panic-stricken, head and a steady hand on the oil tank.

far the yellow fever proves for the mosquito.

The backbone of a strike is something like the backbone of winter. It sometimes gives a false impression of having been broken.

Former Captain Kirkman will have to get his book on the market soon or that Indiana divorce case will take all of the novelty out of army scandal stories.

The general attorney for the Woodmen of the World and the attorney general for Nebraska do not quite agree on the interpretation of our revenue

When Nebraska wheat which grades No. 1 reaches Minneapolis it is hardly dealers.

The fact that Mrs. Chadwick's estate will pay 7 mills on the dollar shows that she was not as expert in hiding her resources as some of the other frenzied

Dmaha next year with their complimenagreed to foot the bill.

Omaha's senior yellow.

assume such fierce proportions if the It appears that it has been the custom United States first stops the "hold-up" of owners of mines to engage engineers methods said to prevail among some of of the geological survey to examine and the inspectors in China.

Predictions are made that the Omaha & Beatrice Interurban will be completed from Omaha to Papillion before the fall election a consummation devoutly to in the most glowing terms the facts pershall see.

The story that it is part of M. Witte's for Russian bonds is interesting, despite ago to look into the methods and regulaits denial, and may give our Wall street tions of the departments and bureaus. plutocrats an opportunity to strike an effective blow for peace.

secrecy about the meeting of King Ed. no telling when or where the discovery creased tax rate and be will point to ward and Emperor William as there was of irregularities will stop. The fact that about the emperor's meeting with the Attorney General Moody shortened his and he will lay it to the Water board; czar. But the conversation will cause vacation and is back in Washington may ask a water commissioner and he will a tremor of nervousness at Paris just not unreasonably be construed as an indi- put it on the council. And the taxpayer the same.

in the Agricultural department as the tice. The disclosure of irregularities al. men who have made yellow fever a pro-"personal house-cleaning of the admiris- ready made naturally creates suspicion found study, the infection of yellow tration" should be a warning that it will that there may be others, but does not fever is carried by mosquitoes and by not end with the department under fire warrant the assumption of the opponents no other means. Persons take the disat this time. No good housekeeper con- of the party in power that wrongdoing ease by being bitten by mosquitoes that

more manifest every day between dif- spare no effort to purge the public servferent members of the government service as to the future of the reciprocity such as may be found amenable to the situation. It is stated that the treasury laws officials especially feel a lack of sym pathy with the whole idea of reciprocity and generally predict that there will be larly in regard to what can be done

vorable to American products. Of course if the administration is not the Washington reports represent the views of persons who have no authority But fine promises butter no parsnips. to speak for the president and the counquestion the careful consideration which | bonds that will come due next year. its importance demands and that in due political parties. The extensive business interests and organizations that are behind the present agitation may be expected to carry it on with persistent

SHUTTING OFF COMMERCE.

vigor.

A complete shutting off of commerce ate a situation which seems to demand will remedy the existing conditions.

of the matter. Perhaps they are too not to incur the liability. much engrossed with other affairs to give it attention, but there is good reasooner or later and probably very soon. that "the effect of this experience should tional quarantine service and to compel comes through "regular" or "irregular" protection to life and health without proponent was Horace Greeley and not paralyzing trade or allowing the country this is the practically universal view.

STILL FINDING IRREGULARITIES.

Almost every day there is disclosed some irregularity in the government service. The latest discovery relates to Members of the Northwestern Hotel the geological survey, the allegation Men's association have decided to favor being that the names of mining engineers connected with that service are tary patronage, and Rome Miller has used to boom worthless stocks in fake mining schemes. It is stated that this practice has been going on for years and The Lincoln Star wants to know how the thing complained of is the improper much longer it must wait for some news- use of their official positions by these paper fakir to have another interview engineers to promote private enterprises, with Pat Crowe. Look for reply in with the result that many persons have been bitten by promoters of valueless mining stocks bearing the indorsement Perhaps the Chinese boycott will not of engineers in the government service. report upon their properties. It is not charged that the engineers deliberately misstated conditions and reported favorusually the ore deposits were described mit, which would be sufficient for the purposes of the owners.

with particular reference to the arrange-There will probably not be so much have still more work to do, for there is cilman who is responsible for the incation of some development of uncom- foots the bill. mon importance requiring the attention Mr. Moody's characterisation of work of the head of the Department of Jus-

ice of the former class and to punish There are more things between Heaven

AN EXCESSIVE TAX LEVY.

When the council levied an 11.5-mill no results whatever from the agitation tax last year, taxpayers were assured now in progress. One report quotes an that the dose would not be repeated, in- is becoming interested in the matter to whole has no disposition to favor reci- the city to pay off the floating debt procity. Still it is understood that the created the previous year and place it State department is looking into the mat- in position to get along with a 10-mill ter from a serious standpoint, particu- levy, including the \$100,000 water tax. Assurances were also given out by the about getting terms from Germany fa- Board of Education last year that the excessive levy of 1904 would not be rein favor of the negotiation of reciprocity be able to take up its outstanding waragreements the agitation for them will rants and meet the demand for current be futile. It is possible, however, that expenses, interest on bonds and sinking fund payment by enforced retrenchment.

With an increase of nearly \$5,000,000 try will wait for some utterance from in the aggregate assessed valuation and him on the important subject instead more than a quarter of a million placed of accepting as conclusive the opinions at the disposal of the city council and of officials who perhaps have not the school board through the operation of slightest knowledge of Mr. Roosevelt's the scavenger tax law, a levy of 13 mills views. It is not unlikely that after the has been ordered by the council for the Chicago conference the president will fiscal year 1906. The only excuse for indicate his position on the question. It this excessive levy is that we need every is well known that he is exceedingly de- dollar for the maintenance of municipal sirous to promote the expansion of Amer- and school government, and if, perican trade and if he should conclude that chance, the additional income from fu-28,170 this can be done through reciprocity ture scavenger tax sales shall leave a agreements he will not hesitate to advo- large balance in the treasury, the promcate that policy. It can be confidently ise is held out that the surplus will be assumed that the president will give the used for the redemption of outstanding

We apprehend, however, that there is time his views regarding it will be com- not the slightest danger of any balance think that Komura hates to let them off municated to the country. Meanwhile being left over. There never was a time so cheaply when he asks for only one public discussion of the subject will when the council could not spend every serve to develop what the general senti- dollar at its disposal either by creating ment is. It is evident that the reciproc- new sinecures, or by undertaking imity question is coming into greater prom- provements to absorb the surplus. But inence than ever before and may have even if we had a guaranty bond that a decided influence upon the future of there would be a large surplus next year with which to redeem outstanding rettes, which have been prohibited in the bonds, that assurance would afford no latter state. Pennsylvania looks on in consolation to the average taxpayer.

The credit of the city of Omaha is good and is improving from year to year. The city will find no difficulty in floating a 4 per cent refunding bond providing the policy inaugurated this is threatened by the action of some of year in setting apart a quarter of a milthe country districts of Louisiana. One lion a year for the sinking fund shall of these has cut itself off from all out- be maintained. Most of the taxpayers side intercourse, while in other cases of Omaha, we feel sure, are not able to radical limitations have been placed upon get 4 per cent money and would prefer Japan offers. There is nothing very "great" traffic. A New Orleans dispatch sug- to take the risk of making their money about Russia these days except its griegests that these extreme measures may earn more than 4 per cent rather than bring the federal government into the pay it into the city treasury to take up

With a 13-mill levy confronting the taxpayers of Omaha, it is to be hoped the interposition of the general govern- the county board will compress its levy people of the south should keep a cool ment. With the armed militia of two to the lowest limit. There has been a states facing each other, interstate trade marked improvement in county govern- dent of one of the largest exporting and being blocked and the people of Louis- ment within the last year by way of re- importing companies in San Francisco, more lana becoming more and more excited, trenchment and business administration from its correspondent in Shanghai, has effective than striking telegraphers in there appears to be every reason why and unless the board gets into the old rut orders. Boycott of American trade efstopping trains. Score another victory federal authority should step in, as it a great deal of saving should be ef- fective among Chinese merchants. All make and enforce such regulations as useless, however, to effect savings at one end and pour the surplus into rat-There has been no intimation as to holes at the other. The way to save what the Washington authorities think the money is not to levy the taxes and

The democratic oracle of these parts son to believe that they will have to derives much consolation from the recent disclosures of graft in republican Referring to what has already taken Philadelphia and in the Department of place, the Philadelphia Ledger remarks Agriculture, manned by republicans. Monday afternoon, preparatory to the suc-Looking backward, the oracle points be to strengthen the hands of the na- with glee to the times "when republican audiences used to cheer when that disit, with universal approval, to exercise tinguished proponent of republican docthe ample powers conferred by statute, trine, Robert G. Ingersoll, would tell brushing aside the incompetent local au. them that while every democrat was thorities and establishing such a national not a horse thief, every horse thief was and scientific quarantine as will give a democrat." As a matter of fact, that Robert G. Ingersoll. And Horace Greeto lapse into barbarism." Undoubtedly ley was honored for possessing the courcandidate of the democratic party for president of the United States,

The Real Estate exchange has approved the planned system of boulevards and gone on record especially in favor of the boulevards planned for higher grounds in the city. This is all very well, but what does the Real Estate exchange have to say about taxing the whole city for building the roadways on the boulevards and exempting the owners of the property improved from the burden, excepting their fact as well as in name. share of the ordinary tax imposed on all taxpayers, whether they own real estate or personal property. Why should Effect of Commercialism on the not owners of lots adjacent to boule vards be obliged to pay for the grading and paving without the aid of enforced tribute from other property owners?

While the Fontanelle pipe dreamers who unbosom themselves through the local democratic organ were giving vent ably on mines that were worthless, but to their fears that Congressman Ken- readiness with which lawyers in good nedy might prolong his tour of Europe "thus avoid dropping his mask," that distinguished traveler had already remission to look up the American market the commission appointed a short time stand. Plans and specifications will

now have to be revised. The beauties of divided authority in ment of salaries and promotions. It ap | municipal government are about to be pears probable that this commission will graphically demonstrated. Ask a counthe school board; ask a school director

According to the learned medicine fines her house cleaning to one room. and the betrayal of trust are general in have previously hitten a vellow fever trade.

the public service. Dishonorable and patient, and a mosquito to become in-What position the administration will unscrupulous men have found their way fectious must bite a yellow fever patake on the reciprocity question is at into the service, but the very great ma- tient during the first three days of his present uncertain. According to reports | jority of those who are serving the gov- attack. How a patient who has the yelfrom the national capital a marked di- ernment are honest and faithful. The low fever before he is bitten by a mosvergence of opinion is growing more and assurance is that the administration will quito came by the disease is not yet disclosed. In the language of Hamlet:

> and Earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

Secretary Wilson's determination to take no vacation while the investigation of the Agricultural department "grafters" is in progress shows that the secretary

Report of the damage of a Japanese scout ship in the fight of the sea of Japan has just reached America. In the course of time the real story of the Russian defense may be told, but probably peated in 1905 because the board would not until Japan feels safe to admit its

Difference in Methods.

Detroit Free Press. Study of the municipal methods employed in England shows that over there the government uses the politicians and here the politicians use the government.

China's Surprising Nerve.

Chicago Chronicle. The spectacle of China shouldering its way into the Russo-Japanese negotiations with a demand for indemnity from both parties is calculated to excite world-wide amazement and amusement. We have so long been accustomed to regard China as an indemnity payer that its appearance in the opposite role is startling.

Brooklyn Times. Baron Komura is certainly a desponden ooking gentleman. One would think that he were about to represent the defeated nation in the coming peace conference. Let M. Witte look out. Perhaps the sad demeanor is put on to make the Russians billion of dollars.

Model Commonwealths.

Philadelphia Record. The governor of Nebraska, like the gov ernor of Indiana, is determined to Estain in office no man who drinks or swears, and we presume the embargo includes cigaadmiration, and wonders if it will ever attain such a moral level; at present the most it hopes for is to get rid of the men who steal.

"Never will I conclude a shameful peace r one unworthy of great Russia," says the Czar. All of which has a lofty and highminded air about it, but, to get down to facts and conditions as they exist, the Czar may have to accept any kind of peace that lous blunders. These have proved the wonder of the world.

The Chinese Boycott.

New York Commercial That Chinese boycott of American goods s not an idle dream of alarmists in the It is a flying, rasping reality, Orient. This cablegram to Mr. Louis Getz, prest-

> Job of Counting Money, Baltimore American.

Counting a billion dollars is no mean task. A billion is easy to say, but it is simply unthinkable to any finite mind, and while not uncountable, it draws largely upon time when the count is to be made. The count of the actual cash in the United States treasury at Washington began on cession of Morgan H. Treat to Eliis H. Roberts as treasurer. The entire amount to be counted is \$1,152,818,725, and it is estimated that it will take sixty-three clerks three months to do it. If John D. Rockefeller is really worth a billion of dollars. he is lucky in being able to employ others to count his cash for him.

Regulation of Express Companies. Springfield Republican.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ately ventured to assert a regulative authority over transportation by private age of his convictions by being made the freight and refrigerator cars, and this after vainly appealing to congress for enactments to cover the case, as if the present law were not adequate. So, it would seem, the commission might assert itself in the matter of the express companies, following the precedent now made by the Kentucky commission. Such a step at least would serve to force the question upon the attention of the country and congress. Logically the railroads should conduct the ex-

FROM BAR TO CELL.

Lawyers of New York. Philadelphia Press. In New York City sixteen lawyers are

under indictment and in the state 193 are enal terms in the last twenty years. This appalling record is a natural, inevitable result of the lax discipline enforced by the courts, the low standards of the bar and of bar associations and the standing condone rascally conduct and sometimes practice it themselves without

osing their "good standing."

The bench is, however, the worst of-fender. Judges are timid. They will not association summon the courage and awake professional conscience to bring charges, those who lead in the matter know that the courts will only act in cases close to the criminal law. Judges should be ready to act on their own account and without charges. But they hesitate. They have been lawyers themselves and sometimes expect to be aguin. One ex-justice of the supreme court is under indictment in New Fork now. The "corporate spirit" is strong. cases of sharp practice and dubious dealing the bar and bench are too often in

an apologetic mood. A lawyer's work is liable to blunt his keener moral sense. Worst of all, the higher standards of the bar are not maintained. Men in good standing fellowship OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The Transvanl appears to be just now the black sheep of the British South African colonial family, a family which is far from a happy one on many accounts. Natal in particular is kicking vigorously against the exclusiveness of the policy of the Transvaal administration, which favors the foreign port of Delagon bay to the prejudice of Natal's port of Durban, Natal, unlike Cape Colony, allowed the Chinese coolies for the Rand mines to land and pass through its territory, and in return the Rand mine owners import all the supplies for the coolie compounds through the Portuguese port. The Natal Witness goes so far as to may that the Transvani ways and methods are smothering the influential officer of the government as asmuch as the prospective income from a degree not always shown by heads of British instinct of fair play and sense of saying that the administration as a the scavenger tax sales would enable departments where irregularities are unness shown by the Transvaal to the rest of South Africa now than when it was under the Boers. The commercial depression throughout South Africa, it says, has not been lightened by a hair's weight, for all the Chinese that have been imported; and it calls on the Natal government to ficulties thay have arisen it would rather have settled amicably on the spot and not referred to the imperial government.

> The recent disasters to English and French submarine boats have been the cause of much public discussion in both countries, and the newspapers are filled with suggestions of various plans by which such an accident might be prevented or rendered less fatal. Most of these hints are pronounced by expert engineers to be impracticable, but there is a wide agreement of opinion that some radical changes in design must be made if the submarines | member of the house of representatives. are to possess a reasonable measure of confidence. One of the features in their beer on a recent Sunday. During the enconstruction that has attracted very general attention is the failure to make pro- that Missouri would be benefited if Govvision for salvage in the case of disaster. There is no chance of escape for the men in moderately shallow waters-or any arrangement for facilitating the work of raising the sunken hull. The idea that all submarines should have some sort of external projection, such as hoops or rings, to which chains and hooks could be attached easily by any floating derrick has occurred to many. It is understood that the British naval engineers are engaged anxiously upon these problems.

The English Garden City association, whose efforts are directed against overcrowding in large cities and the consequent good cause to congratulate themselves on the progress of their scheme. It consists in the developing of new industrial and residential towns surrounded by belts of agricultural land; the unearned increment being Inhabitants after payment of 5 per cent per ward practical realization was taken in 1903, when a joint stock company (the Garden City Pioneer company, limited) was started with a capital of £3,000,000 to develop an estate of 3,850 acres situated between Hitchin and Baldock. During the last two years building, roadmaking and vigor, applications for small holdings and for residential and factory sites have come in with greater and greater frequency, and reason to think that, before the close of 1905 the first Garden City will have risen on what a short time back were only the open fields of Letchworth. The exhibition of cheap cottages, which is to be held on the estate from the end of July till October, may be counted on to add to the popularity of the undertaking and to increase still further the demand for sites.

The German campaign in Southwest Africa is proving costly, both in men and money. Their force there in January, 1904, branding has been absolutely abolished. No. 2, generously.

That terrible engine of official grafters, the one he has on, wouldn't it?"—Detroit Free one he has on the has on the has on the head of the has on the head of t may justifiably do under the law, and fected during the coming year. It is business entirely suspended." This means numbered forty-two officers, seven officials simply that the Chinese will not receive and 772 men, together with 800 horses. Since or pay for any more American goods if then reinforcements to the number of 665 also been sent into limbo. No more will officers, 196 officials and 18,653 men, together the system of whipping by light and heavy with nearly 12,000 horses, have been sent bamboos be practiced. All the barbarous out. The total losses in action up to date practices that have been proverhially assoamount to forty-one officers, eighty-three non-commissioned officers and 306 men killed are to be ended, so far as the imperial or missing, and fifty-three officers, 109 noommissioned officers and 303 men wounded; or a total of 894 officers and men of the regular corps killed or wounded in action. practice in American institutions has The deaths from disease or in consequence included a vigorous warning in the edict, of accidents include those of eighteen offi- which has also been widely published, for ers, sixty-three non-commissioned officers the information of the people generally. and 383 men, a total of 474. In addition, 119 It calls upon viceroys and governors to officers and men of the colonial reserves be diligent in making sure that their sub also fell or were wounded in action. More- ordinates carry out the provisions of the over, murder, disease and accidents have reform. There is the right ring about this: accounted for one officer of the local re- "Should any be found who, while outwardly serve and 127 men who were either farmers observing, are secretly disobeying the edict, or reservists or both. Thus the rising has treading the old path of malpractice, let so far cost the lives of some 1,100 Germans, them be at once impeached. There must and 512 men have been wounded in action. be no shielding of them, nor any attempt The total percentage of losses in killed and to save their faces." wounded amounts to 8 per centsof the offi- Our old friend Wu is to be congratulated cers, and 19 per cent of the non-commissioned officers of the force. No fewer than lated upon her eminent servant, Dr. Wu. fourteen officers and 341 men, or nearly 4.5 per cent of the average strength of the force, succumbed to typhoid fever. The total cost so far is estimated at between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000.

Japan's shipbuilding yard at Nagasaki, giving employment to 7,000 men, is by far the largest shipbuilding yard in the far east. It was started in 1864 for ship repairing, and its dry dock was not built press business themselves, as their other till 1871. Since then it has been, and still freight business is conducted; and this is, the nursery of the Japanese navy. This principle should be extended to the point is the description given by an enterprising also of eliminating the private car and its Russian, M. Krazheffski, who, over the subterfuges to gain special favors. Let signature of "Mr. Palmer." describes the the railroads be made common carriers in yard in the Russkoye Slovo. Since 1898 the yard has built eight steamers, each of 5,000 tons or mere. Out of the 7,000 workers only six are foreigners, but all the engineers and all the mechanics speak English, having received their techincal training in England or the United States. 'Now we train our own foremen on the spot at home," said the Japanese engineer in charge. In the yard is a museum connow in state prison, while 383 have served taining models of all the best ships in the world. England supplied the main equipment of the yard, but the electrical ap paratus in use was manufactured in the United States,

At the very moment when one of the Russian officials issues a statement that the crops are poor in only a few provinces and that they are from good to ex cellent in the greater part of the country the central statistical committee, which Investigation of this is to be made by turned and resumed business at the old use the summary power they possess to is a governmental bureau, announces that disbar. When in some flagrant case bar the harvest is a complete failure in fortyone out of sixty provinces in European Russia, and in five provinces failures are interspersed locally with barely sufficient crops. In many other provinces the results are similary mixed, and good crops are expected only in six Polish and four Russian provinces. The prospects for the coming winter, therefore, are appalling. Russia is likely to suffer more from famin at home than it can possibly suffer from Japan on the other side of the world.

> The Rush for Land. St. Louis Republic.

The migration of American farmers into the frost-bitten regions of western Canada the eager push for the few homesteads of legally with men whose record will not the Uintah reservation and the cheap lands bear examination. For a generation past, At mostly for grazing, offered for sale by in which the lawyer from the day of David | the State of Texas, show that the pioneer Dudley Field and the Erie scandal has ing and land-grabbing spirit is as strong been "commercialized," the bar has come a trait of American character as ever i to be less of a profession and more of a was. But none of our neighbors have much good land to be grabbed.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Ohio voters will ballot this fall on an amendment to the state constitution changing the biennial elections from the odd to

Former Senator Billy Mason of Illinois nlivens the good old summer time by minating Joseph Benson Foraker of Ohio for president in 4905.

District Attorney Jerome of New York City proposes to run independent for reelection. Then the rival machines will get in their fine work on Mr. Jerome. Mayor Woodward of Atlanta, Ga., declared against the clawhammer habit

and proposes to stick to plain clothes. Any function requiring the spiketail will be cut off the mayor's visiting list. City Clerk Anson of Chicago is shroad with a stout bat urging a tax on cats, of which there are 200,000 in town. A threat of \$1 a head doesn't agitate Tommy's whiskers and it is doubtful if Anson can get

on to his curves. The proposition to run John D. Rockefeller for mayor of Cleveland against Tem assert its independence of Transvaal fa- Johnson is seriously made. Should oil vors and demand its rights in regard to and electricity get into a political mixup, commercial and railway matters. The dif- as courageous, a person as Ida Tarbell would scoot for timber

> A police canvass of the voting lists of Philadelphia developed nearly 32,000 bogus names on the registry. A subsequent canvass by unofficial people produced a total of 70,000 spook voters. The impression is quite general that Philadelphia's vote will suffer a severe shrinkage next fall.

> Carter H. Harrison, former mayor of Chicago, is said to have an ambition to become congressman from the First Illinois congressional district and thus further emulate the example of his father, who was mayor of Chicago and was also a

The Humboldt Turnverein of St. Louis stability and thus inspire their crews with was not permitted to tap five barrels of suing thirst the members dryly resolved ernor Folk returned to his mative state, Tennessee, and stayed there. As evidence inside-even should the craft come to grief of good faith and good will, the members pledged the governor free transportation.

A CHINESE REFORMER.

Former Minister to the United States Stirs the Celestial Kingdom. Philadelphia Press.

When Minister Wu Ting-fang, fnimitable, departed from these shores, leaving behind him a void that yawned, there were those who said that his polish and his progressive views and his general out-Yankeeing of the Yankees would be left behind him on shipboard. depopulation of the rural districts, have and once again upon his native soil he would become "a heathen Chinee." All such base and slanderous prophecies

have been set at rest by the news from China. The rapier-witted Wu, with his full quiver of satire and cynicism, is a reformer sound to the core, as well as discreet enough to save his own head, besides manifesting annum on the capital. The first step to- the great American characteristic of being able to bring things to pass. Word has reached this country of two monumental reforms recently established by Emperor of China, at the suggestion of a commission headed by Dr. Wu. The first is an edict abolishing cruel forms of punishment, and the second edict does away

with the use of torture in courts of law, Three delicate attentions which Chinese law has long bestowed upon its victims are dismemberment and disemboweling exposure of the head and beheading of the corpse. Now, thanks to the wise Wu, these have, at a stroke of the Emperor's pen, been made obsolete. For them has substituted the more merciful method of immediate decapitation. True, this is not altogether as up-to-date as electrocution, but it is progress. Crimes that formerly were punished by decapitation; are henceforth to be visited with the pen-

alty of immediate strangling. Etill further the reform goes-and remember, this is China. The penalty of use of torture in securing evidence, has | Press. clated with the farcical. "justice" of China power can end them.

The canny statesman who was so quick to discern the hiatus between theory and

upon China, and China is to be congratu-

Uncle Sam as a Host. Brooklyn Eagle.

The president has received the Russian ambassador as formally and courteously as he received the Japanese ambassador, and he will receive the Russian peace plenipotentiary as formally and courteously as he has received the Japanese functionary for that purpose. Our government will be the host of the plenipotentiaries. It will be people cannot be so impartial as their gov.

The earth will moulder and decay,
And all things that men have made none need think that the government will be wanting in any of the requirements of equity or of otiquette.

GOVERNMENT LAND LOTTERY.

Scramble for the Prizes on the Unitah Reservation.

Philadelphia Press Although lotteries are not regarded as legitimate in the United States, the federal government, by virtue of necessity, has een obliged to distribute public lands open for settlement by lot, and may shortly offend the sensitive who regard all chance ventures as immoral and demoralising.

Over 1,000,000 acres of the Uintah reservaion, in northwestern Utah, are to be thrown open for location and entry on and after August 28. By proclamation of the president, authorized by congress, regisration for the right to select sections in the reservation in rotation, to be ascertained by lot, began on August 1 and will end on August 12. In some of the former distributions of the public lands there was a mad rush at the appointed time and the struggle for the possession of the best tracts became a riot. The only way to preent the recurrence of such violent scenes was to assign the choice of location by lot, The government makes nothing by this singular lottery. It is adopted only as a convenient method of distribution; but those who draw the early numbers will be able to secure an immediate sale of the choice for a much greater sum than the amount invested, \$1.25 an acre, which may be regarded as the cost of the lottery ticket,

It is said that a mining company, desiring to exploit certain promising territory, has a standing offer of \$60,000 cash for the first right to locate drawn. This is considered the grand prize in the drawing, and this is where the gaming character of the transaction is in evidence.

There are 1,600 farms, or prospective farms, to be distributed, of varying degrees of productiveness. It is predicted that 50,000 persons will register for the drawing. principally farmers and wage earners. More than 48,000 will be disappointed and remain landless. Three-fourths of the territory is said to be without present value for cultivation, but there are mining possibilities and enough uncertainty in the venture to induce thousands to travel far and to submit to incredible discomfort to

take their chances in the rush. Some of the places appointed for registration are 150 miles from the nearest railroad station. They are reached by rugged mountain roads or trails, but this is a slight obstacle for the man who can buy and for \$1.25 an acre, with the chance of selling out at once for a snug little fortune. Under the federal homestead law any American man or woman, native born or naturalized, over the age of 21, who has not appropriated land under the homestead laws and is not the Swner of 160 acres, can participate in the drawing,

POINTED REMARKS.

Borem-Well, I've got a right to air my pinions, haven't I? Knox-O! of course; they're so stale and hat sort .- Philadelphia Press

"Old Hunks is too mean to live."
"O, I don't know. If he thought he could note people by dying he'd die."—Chiago Tribune.

"Are they rich people?"
"They must be. Each member of the family has an automebile, and the cook goes to early church on a motorcycle."—

"Is your son working?" asked the neigh-"Not yet," answered Farmer Corntossel, "Can't he get a job?"
"He ain't satisfied with a job. He wants position."—Washington Star.

"I tell you," the landlord was saying, "It takes a good deal of skill and management to run a hotel. A man has got to know how to put two and two together."

"Well, you can do that, all right," said the guest. "In convention times I we know, you to put two and two together in a room just big enough for one."—Chicage Tribune.

"They say that sneaky-looking man across from us is two-faced!" whispered the first boarder. "Well, I hope he is, for his sake," said

Baity More-Did you ever know a man o lose his entire fortune in one fell swoop? Calvert, jr.—Yes, but I have seen more nen lose their all in one fool swap.—Baitinore American.

"Would you allow your name to go on the payroll of a corporation?"
"Never," answered Senator Sorghum.
"Anybody that needs the benefit of my counsel and support hereafter will have to come around with the cold currency, in a lump sum."—Washington Star.

RIP'S LAST SLEEP.

James J. Montague in the Cosmopolitan. The purple shadows lie along
The Catskills, as they did of old;
The robin sings his even-song,
The sky is rimmed with red and gold
Past shining lake and somber hill
The stlent feeted twilight creeps;
The stars light one hy one—and still The stars light one by one—a Old Rip Van Winkle sleeps.

It is no slumber of pretense
That wraps the wandering idler now;
No wonder whispering audience
Waits on to see the silvered brow
And tottering form and vacant stare
When, with the dawning of the day,
The spell dissolved, old Rip shall rise
And take his homeward way,

Not one is left to jeer and flout, Among the chattering village folk. And greet his looks of fear and doubt With many a jest and clumsy joke. No friends, grown gray with time and

trial.

No children, changed to wrinkled mesWill tap their heads and slyly smile
When he halts home again. Will pass in crumbling dust away,
And when he wakes—ah! would we knew
Before that far-off morning breaks,
If kindlier, friends he'll journey to
When Rip Van Winkle wakes!

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