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Six weeks more of winter, according to Mr. Groundhog's weather forecast.

When the railroads agree to the passage of the Hepburn bill it will be for

fear of worse should that fail.

The announcement of the visit of Admiral Togo to be made in the spring should wake up our hero worshipers

If the threatened coal strike is averted some one will have to discover a new excuse for advancing the price of fuel

of the primaries scheduled for April.

Since a change has been made in the personnel of the committee trying Senator Smoot the Utah statesman will feel safe again until the new member has digested the evidence.

If it costs the Equitable only \$13 per year to carry \$1,000 insurance on the life of each of its employes it may be possible from this basis to discover the profit in the business.

Educated Russians say that the people of other countries do not understand the peasant. From the present fear at St. Petersburg it is evident that official Russia understands him little better.

General Bell will come to the office of chief of staff young enough to execute a policy as well as to formulate one during the time he is eligible for active service-surely a novelty in our history.

It may be considered strange in some quarters that while "square deal" folks are commending the "Hepburn" bill, people in Iowa look at the name and wonder where the "joker" is concealed.

With General Bates at the head of the army the military district, with headquarters located at Omaha, over which he once commanded, ought to continue to fare well in matters of army admin-

British conservatives talk of throw ing over both Balfour and Chamberlain and electing a new leader. What they seem to need is a tactician rather than a strategist to lead a detachment instead of an army.

Now that the government has decided to investigate the sinking of the Valencia inspectors of vessels on the Pacific coast may experience a shaking up like that which followed the Slocum disaster on the Atlantic seaboard.

It is quite like France to walt for Germany to make the first real move in the matter of the police force of Morocco at the Algeciras conference; but this cannot be entirely attributed to the proverbial French politeness.

The county assessors are to be "jacked up" by the state board to impress them with the necessity of listing all property at full cash value. Heretofore it has been the state board that has been "jacked up" for not listing all the railroad property at its full selling

If it is the correct thing for insurance companies to furnish free insurance for clerks and the railroads to furnish free transportation for employes, we may expect the free list to make its appearance in due time in a lot of other business institutions, beginning with a request by people in the government servpaying taxes.

According to some reports from Washington there is a good deal of talk among congressmen regarding the fariff. One of these reports states that members have been awakened to the fact that a real scheme for the passage of a maximum and minimum tariff, whereby the free list would be abolished and 25 per cent added to all duties, is being hatched. It further states that influential men in the councils of the republican party bave been astounded at the discovery of a serious intention to deal with the tariff so as to strike back at Germany. The prediction is made that if things go as they are now tending there will be a very lively tariff controversy before the end of the session.

Possibly there is some basis for these statements, but there is not much probability of anything being attempted that would be likely to cause serious disturbance among republicans. Undoubtedly there is a very considerable sentiment in favor of some action regarding the tariff that will strike back at Germany. The McCleary bill proposing a maximum tariff to be applied to countries whose tariffs discriminate against American products perhaps has many supporters Nothing of this kind, however, will be attempted without the practically unanimous approval of the republicans in both house and senate, and it is doubtful if this can be had. Conjecture respecting the tariff is not at present of much

#### THE PHILIPPINE REPORT. There are some reassuring statements

sion. It is gratifying to learn that very generally there is peace and order in the islands. Only in three provinces was this not the case when the report was prepared and there has been no recent information of serious trouble in any of these, from which it may be concluded that better conditions now prevail in them as the result of vigorous measures to suppress and punish lawlessness. The Moros, it appears, are the most difficult element to deal with, but it is the opinion of the commission that in time they can be brought into relations of friendship and confidence. In regard to busi ness conditions the situation is not altogether satisfactory, the statistics showing some increase in exports but a larger falling off in imports. The new currency policy on a gold basis seems to be working well, but the supply of money is inadequate and the establishment of agricultural banks is recommended in order to enable the people to borrow for the purpose of agricultural development. While there appears to be a good opportunity for the profitable use of capital in this way, there is not likely to be much capital employed as suggested. The government might render some aid, but that would be of doubtful expediency. The commission recommends that the present The groundhog evidently did not law regarding land holding be changed want all those candidates for municipal so as to allow larger purchases by inhonors to warm up too much in advance dividuals and corporations, the existing limitation being discouraging to investment in land.

The problem of first importance in the Philippines is in regard to promoting the industrial and commercial development of the archipelago. When that is solved improvement in all other conditions will follow.

## THE FEAR OF PUBLICITY.

the stock market to any move in congress for information relative to railway affairs is noted in the fact that the passage by the house of representatives of the Gillespie resolution gave the Stock exchange a scare and set prices tumbling. This resolution requested the president to report to the house all the facts within the knowledge of the Interstate Commerce commission respecting a combination or arrangement between the Pennsylvania Railroad company and various lines connected more or less with it "in violation of the act passed July 2, 1890," known as the antitrust law. That there is an arrangement or combination between the railway lines referred to in the resolution is well known, but it appears that the Pennsylvania Railroad company does not have a controlling interest in any of the lines, but with other corporations and individuals it has established a "community of interest," which is effectual in making them operate in harmony with its system. It is pointed out that the Baltimore & Ohio and the other lines are practically subsidiary to the Pennsylvania company and there is no effective competition in the field which these

In view of the general knowledge of this it is somewhat remarkable that a request from congress for information should cause alarm to the stock market, but it well illustrates how apprehensive those who deal or speculate in stocks are of the possible consequences of efforts for publicity regarding the railroads. "But publicity will have to be faced," remarks the New York Journal of Commerce, "and the conduct of the railroad business will have to be adjusted to fair requirements of law. Facts must be admitted and explained, and they must be made either to square with the law or the law must be made to square with them. The policy of quiet concealment or systematic evasion is getting to be untenable," As to the information called for by the Gillespie it is possible to prepare it. The presi- tions. dent promptly directed the commission to comply with the request of the house and there will be no avoidable delay in doing so. Whether or not anything will result from the inquiry remains to be seen. Of course if it shall be shown that now go without food for forty-eight hours the "combination or arrangement" vio- and make a few further remarks. lates the anti-trust law there will be instituted proceedings to break it up, but the general opinion appears to be that there is no violation of the act of 1800. ice to be freed from the necessity of it is urged that the arrangement is

does not contravene the anti-trust law. The report of the Interstate Commerce view is engreet or not. One thing seems no longer to be permitted to enter into being required to explain their action and its purpose. The demand for publicity will not hereafter be unheeded.

### STOP THIS FARCE

There is imminent danger that the freedom accorded under the new primary law to candidates to file their names without cost for different offices to be voted for on the official primary ballot will be so abused as to make the law appear farcieal.

While there is no let or hindrance to any one eligible to office to make the necessary filing that will enable him to see how his name looks in print on the ballot, the presentation of long lists of names of men, many of them absolutely discredited or without any qualifications whatever for the places they seek, is liable to disgust as well as to confuse voters, who look to the direct primary to give them better party nominees than

The people of Omaha are in no humor to be trifled with by the indiscriminate filing of roustabouts and ward heelers who want merely an excuse to touch somebody for campaign contributions.

It was supposed that the new law, by the penalities it prescribes for the use or promise of money to induce candidates to file or to withdraw, would put in the report of the Philippine commisa stop to this sort of imposition, but the grafters evidently think they see a way to get around the law.

The Bee gives this admonition now, in the hope that it may be timely in checking the influx of misfit candidates, who cannot possibly themselves take their own candidacies seriously.

The Congressional Record, reporting the maiden speech of Congressman Pollard, shows with what difficulties a new congressman has to cope when he ventures first into the field of debate. Mr. Pollard no sooner got the floor to advocate a larger appropriation for the experiment work of the Agricultural department than he was bombarded with a shower of questions and interruptions by the older members of the house, who were evidently in on the game, and be fore he got back to his text the chair man sagely announced, "The time of the gentleman has expired." Just to show their good fellowship, however, the house extended Mr. Pollard's time twice, and for good measure threw in "leave to print," apparently as a reward for not getting stampeded on his first appearance in the congressional kind and the novitiate from the First Nebraska will be a seasoned veteran.

The latest development of government by injunction is to be found in forbidding him to say anything in his candidate for United States senator. one from voting for the editor in disfavor the success of his principal competitor will be cinched. Whether the An instance of the sensitiveness of Georgia precedent could be successfully transplanted to Nebraska remains to be

> State Treasurer Mortensen continues to admit by his published mouthly bal- non-Mormons and anti-Mormons are now ance sheet that he is depositing at interest all the public funds in his possession, including the state school monies which his predecessors farmed that body. out for their own benefit under pretense that these trust funds did not come within the scope of the depository law and that depositing them along with other money would subject the treasurer to prosecution for embezzlement. No one has ever moved to prosecute Treasurer Mortensen. Public officials are not prosecuted for being honest.

One of the Fontanelle endorsees declares that the club took him "on faith" without requiring him to sign its pledge to abdicate his official patronage to the governors and give the executive committee carte blanche to handle all the campaign cash. When it comes to election, however, Omaha voters may not be disposed to do business on that sort of "faith."

The summary execution of "anarchists" at Warsaw doubtless means that the governor of the province took a radical method of disposing of a perplexing question. Had the accused been tried it is probable that, even in Poland, the real facts of the revolution would have transpired.

More prisoners are now confined in the Douglas county jail than ever before in its history. That means that the county jail feeding graft is bigger than it ever was before and explains also why the beneficiaries of the graft have been fighting so hard to retain it.

Activity in Omaha real estate is as sured for the next few weeks. The charter requires candidates for the council to be freeholders-so watch the real estate transfer record if you want to resolution, it will be supplied as soon as find out who has councilmanic aspira-

## out with the Pitchfork.

Cnicago Record-Herald. President Rooseveit's two sisters have been ejected from the lobby of the house of representatives. Senator Tillman should

Fugitives from Justice.

Philadelphia Record. Shall those good and prosperous citizens, John D. and William Rockefeller, be classed among the fugitives from justice? There is a good deal of curtosity to know where

curities company plan, being simply a be inaccessible until the suit of Missouri "community of interest" agreement that against the Standard Oil shall be settled. Both are notably reticent, and it is supposed that they would dislike to go on the

#### Not as Bad as Pictured Baltimore Globe

witness stand.

The railroad commissioners of New York their annual report for 1905 show that arried. And yet some good people never muke a railway journey of 100 miles without practically settling up their affairs and drawing up a will.

#### How to Cure a Deficit. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Great Britain's parcels post carried last year 4,000,000 packages at a profit of \$12. 000,000. The charge in the United Kingdom for a three-pound parcel by mail, with house-to-house collection and delivery, is 10 cents. In the United States the postage on a three-pound parcel is 48 cents. The British postal surplus last year was \$22,-000,000. In the United States last year the postal deficit was \$13,000,000.

### Special Interests on Guard

New York Tribune The special interests hit by the pure food bill, it is reported, are relying upon the senate to kill the measure. It is to be hoped they will find that the senate as well as the house is awake to the importance of checking the growing menace to the health of the people as well as to the moral life of the nation involved in the many articles of adulterated food now imposed ipon the people by unscrupulous dealers and manufacturers.

## Swearing as Remedial Agent.

St. Louis Republic Swearing is something of an economic ne cessity in a community where hauling and the mule are an industrial factor. It is a well known condition here in Missouri that in driving as many as four mules over or through a mudhole a certain amount of otherwise questionable exhortation is in evitable. The mules expect and demand it. And it is an indisputable therapeutical fact while it has no cognate bearing on the theme, that nothing is better for a torpid liver than a warm discussion with a team of mules.

#### Educational Values of Trees. Buffalo Express.

The forest service of the United States now offers to co-operate with towns and cities in identifying and naming their park and street trees. In many places park rees are now labeled and the good practice is spreading. It is well that scientific accuracy should be employed in such label ing. But the offer of the forest service will interest the smaller towns rather than the large cities, since the cities may be supposed to have expert knowledge already a

## LOOKS BETTER ON CLOSE VIEW. Tolerant Opinion of the Mormon

Institution. Boston Transcript President Hall of Clark university, who

spent holiday week in Salt Lake City, brings back with him a more tolerant opinion of the Mormon institution, as it ow manifests itself, than is entertained by many ardent people who have never been there. He finds polygamy rapidly dying out. "The younger generation have almost never practiced it." . The Mormon girls many of whom are highly educated, conring. A few more engagements of this demn it. The pastor of the largest Protestant church in the city told him that between 200 and 300 of the most regular attendants were Mormons, and not a few of hierarchy discourag the action of a court removing the "Gentiles speak in the highest terms of editor of an Atlanta paper from his their integrity, industry and personal virposition for disobeying a court order tue," and it is difficult to say how much of the intense antagonism is due to the fact that they have "pre-empted most that is own paper favorable to himself as a best in the state, and made competition hard for the late comers." Speaking of the Now, if the court will only enjoin every problem that has been before the senate, he says: "Abolitionists, and indeed all religious people, believe in a law higher than that of the state to which they would adhere if the two came in conflict. Why should the Mormons be condemned for doing the same? If Mr. Smoot is himself an exemplary man and a monogamist, why should he not be allowed to represent the creators of a great new state in congress? These are the questions that fair-minded beginning to ask." Evidently there are more urgent matters now before the upper branch of congress than the fitness of this very respectable man for membership in

## POLITICAL DRIFT.

The Mississippi legislature has decided to dispense with the services of a chaplain. Friends of George Ade threaten to run the "County Chairman" for congress in the Tenth Indiana district.

The "reform" Pennsylvania legislature has repealed the notorious "ripper" legislation by a vote of 182 to 2, in the lower of its newly discovered virtue in various other respects.

Both the Alabama senators are candi dates for re-election. Senator Pettus, whose term will expire in 1909, is \$4 years old. Senator Morgan, whose term ends in 1907 and who has served continuously since 1877, is \$1 years old.

Benjamin Franklin was considered a first rate politician in his day and it was Franklin who said: "Mankind are very odd creatures; one-half censure what they practice, the other half practice what they censure; the rest always say and do as

It was difficult at the time to appreciate the keen regret of Israel Dunham in quitting the insurance department of Pennsylvania. The reason is clearer now. An investigation shows that the office is worth \$118,000 in fees a year, and Mr. Dunham pocketed the fees.

New York's magnificent capitol building threatens to become a colossal ruin. Originally planned to cost \$1,000,000, it has cost somewhere between \$25,000,00 and \$30,000,000 Now the main entrance has been closed for repairs, owing to the settling of the foundation, and architects and engineers are viewing the whole structure with mlarm.

Virginia politicians say that the great tion. They point out that the negroes are In the north and others to labor in western mining territories. So important has the labor question become, the politicians say, that the state's commissioner of agricul ture has sent a representative to the crowded cities of England in the hope of nducing 30,000 workingmen to emigrate to Virginia

When Senator Blackburn of Kentucky re tires from political life it will be to go to the farm of 300 acres which originally be longed to Blackburn's family and has been given to the senator by a generous friend. the noted horse owner, Mr. Harper. Mr. Blackburn's service in the senate covers a quarter of a century and there are only eight men left there who have served without interruption during that period They are Morgan of Alabama, Berry of Arkansas, Teller of Colorado, Culiom of Illinois, Frye and Hale of Maine, Aldrich wholly different from the Northern Se- they are, and it is rumored that they will of Rhode Island and Allison of Iowa.

# HEALTH IN THE FOOD

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they have been brought almost to a halt.

The periodical debate on the subject of

lieutenant who had been dismissed from

the service by a local court of honor at

Muhlheim for refusing to challenge a man

victed in a court of law of wilful and pro

vocative libel. The Prussian war minister.

General von Einem, approved the proced-

ure adopted by the Muhlheim court of

tween officers had taken place last year

He concluded by reading a communication

to the House from Prince Bulow, which

pointed out that, while Emperor Will-

jam's rescript of the year 1897 had materi-

ally restricted the limits within which

duels were permissible, further restrictions

could only be imposed by means of the

penal code, which was now in process of

revision. Until this work had been accom-

plished German officers could not tolerate

among themselves any man who was not

prepared, if need be, to defend his honor

weapon in hand. The chancellor's state-

ment was received with loud and prolonged

protest on every side of the House except

Baltimore American.

Perhaps nothing could more completely

typify the thorough reunion of the nation

than the union and confederate flags on

General Wheeler's coffin. He fought under

both, but it was the former that his last

and undivided allegiance was given, and

the lesson of the twofold tribute should

Perish the Thought.

Washington Post.

Of course, no one will contend that this

sudden anxiety on the part of congress to

ascertain whether the railroads touching

Washington are in a merger is due in any

degree to the fact that the said railways

have quit issuing passes to members.

among the conservatives.

not be tost.

### OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

sounder civilization reigns than in Denmark. The people are free, but conserva- present confusion reigns in Seoul. It is tive of their ancient institutions-and yet | declared that there is no real head to anynot so conservative but that they are thing. Cabinet officers fear to leave their slowly ripening to broader liberties. They houses on account of the danger of asare thrifty and as good farmers as the sassination. The emperor sometimes Dutch, but they are not recking in super- fuses to see anyone. The Coreans feel blifluous wealth, as the Hollanders seem to ter enmity toward the Japanese and the be. Their menacing neighbor, Germany, situation is further aggravated by the keen has made an end of her territorial aggression. The late king's numerous and admirable family has supplied kings for two doubt that Japan will eventually succeed other European countries and consorts for with its task. The Japanese are resourceother European countries and consorts for with its task. The Japanese are resourcetwo great potentates, and the little state ful and patient. Corea may never submit is rich in protecting alliances. Universal gracefully, but the Coreans will soon be education for almost a century has made introduced to a new order of things, on a them were communicants, and the same the Danes a reading and thinking people. higher plane than existing conditions, was true of other churches, though the Literature and art find an honored place in their homes. Happily dull in its later annals. Denmark does not lack the inspiration and comfort of creative genius,

The annual rainfall in North China is nost variable, both in quantity and the months in which it falls. In the best years there is a good rainfall durin. April and who had insulted him, but had been con-May and a heavier one between the middle of July and the middle of September. In neither of these periods is the rainfall exessive. Then comes a year of floods, or bonor and remarked that only one duel be more often a year of drouth. Usually the drouth extends over comparatively small areas, but owing to the lack of cheap transportation the people in the drouth area are dying of starvation while a few hundred miles away there is a surplus of crops. The construction of railways will alleviate these conditions, but in view of the present conditions all the land possible is irrigated, this being done in a most crude and primitive manner. There have been no irrigation works constructed of any importance or size and the Chinese government has no share and has taken not the slightest interest in this most important and vital economic question. The primitive work which is done is performed usually by small village communities or individual farmers. The methods employed are much the same in all North China and have apparently changed none during the last 2,000 years. Stone-cut pictures of 2,000 years ago show the people raising and handling the water in exactly the same manner as the house, and is showing zeal in the exercise work is done today, and also show that the form of the agricultural implements has not in any way changed.

> The proofs that the Japanese are growing taller are ample, as shown by the reports of the army surgeons, who in 1892 examined 343.337 men applying for enlistment, and in 1992 431,093 men. At the former date, the number of stature below five feet was 29.17 per cent; in 1962 the percentage had fallen to 16.20; and that of men below five feet two inches, from 37.93 to 36.07, Between the same dates the percentages were, of men five feet four inches and over, 10.06 and 13.67; and of men between five feet two inches and five feet four inches, respectively, 31.84 and 35.06. The change of the national fashion from sitting, often for many hours, on bams and heels to chairs, and the introduction of habits of physical exercise for all classes during the growing period, dates from 1870, when the first of the 1,200 or more American and other foreign teachers began the modern system of education in Japan. Enlarged data on this point will be among the results of Japan's putting a million of men in arms during the struggle with Russia.

King Christian IX had too small a sphere of activity as monarch of 2,500,000 people o achieve great distinction in statecraft But he was notable for his long and blame problem in their state is the labor ques- less life, his protected reign and his eminent success in marrying off his children. Per leaving the Old Dominion, some to work haps the credit for the latter belonged to the late queen, who was known as the greatest match-maker in Europe. He was twelve years older than the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, but the latter began to reign fifteen years earlier than Christian. Kings of Denmark have had long reigns. Christian's sixteen predecessors averaged nearly twenty-six years on the brone; but he wore the crown for nearly forty-three years. His family married into more royal families than any other regal family in Europe, and he died father of the queen of England and the king of Greece, and grandfather of the czar of Russia and the king of Norway.

In working out the details of the protect orate established over Corea Japan finds hat it has a most difficult task on hand. The Japanese have been expeditious in obtaining possession of the country and extending their authority. But at this point

## MERRY JINGLES.

There probably is not a more difficult peo-Intelligent Foreigner—Your president seems to have a great many of what you call fool friends.

Intelligent Native—Yes, but he has just as many fool enemies, and they offset each other.—Chicago Tribune. ply to change than the Coreans. They are fully as immovable as the Chinese. At

Little Andrew—Fups, what do people mean when they talk about the "big stick?"
Papa imember of congress from the Umpteenth district—Any United States senator, my son.—Cleveland Leader.

Step lively," said the conductor.
"Not on your life," responded the grouchy
passenger. "If I felt like doing that I'd
walk and beat your old car,"—Philadelphia

The periodical debate on the subject of duelling in the army happened in the German Reichstag the other day. A clerical deputy directed attention to the case of a order right along."—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you think your daughter could live on my salary?"
"Perhaps she could, but what would you do?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "But isn't your father likely to come in at

"Oh, no. Poor papa is hiding in the coal celiar. I made him think that you were a process server."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You'd never think Kjones was from the country, would you? His maner is perfect and his dress fashionable." Yes, but he gave himself dead away on e street car today."

"Got up and gave his seat to a woman."— Cleveland Leader.

## THE SNAPSHOT.

St. Nicholas. "Come on; all ready. Stand right there
I'll tell you when I'm taking. Walt—
I've got to focus. Now! Prepare!
No, no—the camera's not straight.
How far it is, do you suppose?
I'm focussing at twenty feet.
No, papa needn't change his clothes.
And doesn't baby look too sweet!

'Now! Wait a minute-I can't get You all in somehow. Mamm Move close to papa—closer yet; Or sit, with haby on your kr Or sit, with haby on your knees.
I'll move back, too, a little bit.
Now! Wait-you're partly in the shads.
I guess that mamma'll have to sit. Or else she won't show, I'm afraid.

"And, papa, you sit, too. Let's see-"And, papa, you sit, too. Let's see—
No, that won't do; your feet are out
Of focus; they would look to be
As big as ferryboats, about!
Turn catty-corner—there! Now! No.
That won't do. Wait. I guess we planned.
Best way at first. You seem so low.
Porhaps you all had better stand.

'No! Wait!-until the sun is "No! Watt:-until the sun is bright.
How mean a cloud should interfere!
You're all three now exactly right!
Just fine! And baby's moved! Oh, dear!
But, there—it's coming out! Now, quick!
Here, baby! Look at sister—look!
Just look at sis.-! in taking!" (Click!)
"There, now! It's over with. You're
"took,"

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