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When the National Live Stock Exchange meets in Omaha the members will find a warm welcome all the way from Albright to Florence.

A Krupp gun factory is to be located in Mexico. Central America will naturally be pleased to find a gun supply house nearer home.

Live stock shippers in Missouri will hereafter be denied return transportation, which means that the railroads are doing their business on a business basis.

The storm which did so much damage in the vicinity of Omaha did much good in other parts of the state and thereby vindicated the law of compensation.

Mr. Bryan will have the support of Massachusetts at Denver, but the trouble is that he always fails to get the support of Massachusetts in Massachusetts.

It remained for the sedate Baltimore American to account for Mrs. Guinness' success in securing husbands by the statement that "she had such killing ways."

The Bellevue woman who found the water pitcher in which she had stored her money uninjured but empty probably wishes she had blown it in instead of leaving it for the tornado to blow out.

David R. Francis of Missouri is being urged as a compromise candidate for the nomination at Denver. Francis is all right, in most respects, but this is an off year for compromise candidates.

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I will support Mr. Bryan if he is nominated," says Governor Johnson, "just as loyally as Mr. Bryan would support me if I were nominated." Even at that the Minnesota man is not promising very much, as Judge Parker can testify.

THE INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

With the certainty that Mr. Taft will be the republican nominee at Chicago and Mr. Bryan the choice of his party at Denver, some share of the political attention will be directed to William Randolph Hearst and the part he is to play in the national campaign.

His personally conducted independence league, which recently decided to change its name to the National Independence party, has a national convention scheduled to be held at Chicago on July 27, and political forecasters are aware that they will be compelled to reckon with the Hearst forces as a factor in the campaign, particularly in some of the eastern states.

To date Mr. Hearst has been somewhat reticent concerning the independence party plans, although he has made a few things plain. He has announced that the party will not support Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan and will not fuse with any other political organization, but will have a candidate of its own and make its own fight in its own way.

Whatever the Hearst plans may be, the result of his participation in the national campaign with an independent ticket should not be underestimated. While he doubtless will be disappointed in his apparent hope that his candidacy will cause great defections from the ranks of both the old parties, it must be remembered that he has a following in New York, in Massachusetts and in California that is sufficient to cause extreme worry to other politicians.

Premier Asquith of Great Britain has made a strong bid for political support for the liberal party, which has been showing strong signs of losing its hold on the British voters, by proposing for the consideration of Parliament a scheme and plan for the payment of old age pensions.

The proposed Asquith plan is in striking contrast with the old age pension system in Germany, where the plan has reached its best development, after long years of experience.

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THE LABORERS, WHOM THE LIBERALS ARE ATTEMPTING TO WIN OVER.

The fiscal feature of the pension plan is certain to attract much attention. Premier Asquith estimates that it will cost the British government about \$30,000,000 a year to carry the scheme into effect.

The energetic way in which the conference of governors has taken hold of the question presented for consideration promises a definite outcome. The men concerned know what is needed and will not hesitate to recommend it.

The declaration of the Union Pacific dividend at the rate of 9 per cent is a fair indication that the great Overland road has not suffered to any alarming extent during the recent period of "depression."

The allied opposition to Secretary Taft does not seem to be getting any particularly cheerful news as the presidential situation grows nearer to the climactic.

Only in America could the Guinness murder farm with its gruesome associations be transformed overnight into a Coney Island, with the picture postal vender and the fakir out in force and a crowd of 15,000 arriving by train and trolley car and automobile to search for ghastly souvenirs.

Although Secretary Taft led President Roosevelt by a few votes in the California primaries, it is remarkable that Mr. Roosevelt's popularity was strong enough to make him a close second in spite of the fact that he is not a candidate and cannot be a candidate.

The school for the instruction of congressmen in the elementary principles of finance, which Schoolmasters Weeks and Vreeland are reported to be conducting in the basement of the Capitol at Washington, while the conferences and debates on the various currency bills are in progress upstairs, is needed badly enough, though up to date the results are not encouraging.

REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY.

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Sperry, along with the rest of the crew, reached the land and after a succession of privation and danger the party made its way to Madras and was there put on board a chartered steamship and brought home.

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COST OF BATTLESHIPS.

Suppose Some of the Money Was Put to Other Uses.

A modern battleship of the first rank, with full armament and equipment, costs upward of \$10,000,000. With that money one could build 16 miles of railroad.

Is it any wonder that such a costly luxury as this is a heavy burden for even the greatest nations of the earth to carry? Is it any wonder that the ambition of Kaiser Wilhelm to make the navy of Germany equal to that of England is a cause of disturbance to the money markets, necessitating as it does the putting out of a new Prussian loan, resulting in a financial strain in Berlin, a drain of gold from the Bank of England, and an export of gold from New York?

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