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Venezuela has not yet evolved any plan to beat the Dutch.

American troops are to leave Cuba on April 1-and that's no joke.

Russia's plans for a naval loan are said to be coming on swimmingly.

King Corn is not bothered about "lese majeste" nor "by scurrilous and libelous" newspaper sttacks. Anyway, the Huttiens choose their

presidents without the worry and hur- tion but to appoint the men thus rah of a national convention. President Castro has promised to be

fore, be correspondingly lonesome, Still, Colonel Goethals is making

good while in Paris, and will, there-

dirt fly at Panama faster than it does In congress, and to better purpose. Some members of congress doubt-

less wish the president would wait to do his hunting until he gets to Africa.

will mean a lot more work for Mr. Hearst.

to deaf and dumb patrons, Naturally, lobs with political camp followers. it can not expect much support from politicians.

The prohibitionists made a bitter fight against Speaker Cannon and now he is getting even by opposing waterways plans.

The popular vote for Mr. Roosevelt in 1904 was considered phenomenally large, but the vote for Mr. Taft in 1908 exceeded it.

In the meanwhile; the Nebraska supreme court seems to be getting along tolerably well with only six judges instead of seven.

locating the troops withdrawn from care of its full share.

"The people are partners in all gie. Now we know what is meant by the term "silent partners."

Mr. Roosevelt has been discussing the awakening in China and at the same time causing an awakening in the house and senate at home.

The "mink king" of New York has been robbed of \$40,000 worth of furs. He will have the sympathy of the minks, that have similarly suffered.

Competition does not seem to be very brisk to be first to register at Lincoln as a lobbyist under the new Nebraska lobby law. Don't crowd."

Those bank robbers who have been operating in Oklahoma are certainly shall recognize a member who addresses If the experiments are successful, we considerate in choosing banks for loot whose depositors may expect reimbursement from the other banks that much to restore the house to greater

estimates that Nebraska's present population "can hardly exceed 1,250,000." the cyphers:

A POINT WELL TAKEN. OMAHA, Dec. 15 .- To the Editor of of consideration by the house. Your reference to the dis-Illinois have been doing extra work for ompensation from the institutions they examined, and your remark about similar practices elsewhere, are apt and timely; but do not go far enough. You know, or you ought to; that here in Nebraska salaried officials are constantly accepting imployment on the outside, which would never get except for the fact that they are public officials. This practice ought to be stopped all along the line.

Our correspondent makes a good point and one that will strike a popular chord. The trend of public sentiment everywhere is against the old the extreme, and it is doubtful life idea that a public office is to be regarded, if not as an instrument of graft, as a means of promoting private revision of the rules promises some interests elsewhere.

Without going into specifications, it gress. Bee, Editorial Department.

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State and local officials of all political parties have greatly abused their positions by making them merely a base of operations for private activities. In many cases the public official has persuaded himself to look at his salary State of Nebrasks, Douglas County sa;
George B. Taschuck, tressurer of The
Bes Publishing company, being duly sworn,
says that the actual number of full and
complete copies of The Daily, Morning,
Evening and Sunday Bre printed during the
menth of November, 1908, was as follows: whose financial success depend upon favor procured in an official capacity,

That this is all wrong and should 21...... 37,000 be stopped is perfectly obvious, but how to stop it is not so clear. If the a scale by which we could rightly demand their exclusive services, all ont-28...... 38,890 side work could be prohibited. Under present conditions and in this day of publicity, perhaps the abuse could be obviated by requiring all these saltheir terms of office and make sure public duties.

THE CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

Congressmen, republicans and demporats alike, have joined in rejecting the recommendation of President Roosevelt that the enumerators to be employed in the taking of the next census be appoined only after a competitive examination. The charge was made in the course of the house debate on the question that the republicans and democrats were to share alike in the appointment of enumerators, thus placing the distribution of patronage on a "pork" basis and securing the votes of all who expect to share in it.

The bill as agreed upon by the house provides that the enumerators in the several congressional districts be selected by the congressmen, leaving the director of the census no opnamed. As there will be about 3,000 additional clerks appointed for the service in Washington and a good many thousand enumerators for the work in the field, this will give the congressmen the largest volume of

patronage they have had for years. The present director of the census ested against this method of appointing clerks and enumerators, insisting layed and is efficiency impaired by personal influence or political pull. the stage where our congressmen will A New York bank caters especially voluntarily forego the filling of a few even though the census work suffer.

THE CONGRESSIONAL INSURGENTS.

The close fight in the house over a resolution looking to change the re- all the pledges in the Denver platport of the committee on rules fur- form applicable to state legislation. If nishes an illustration of the growth Mr. Bryan would kindly specify how of the sentiment among members for far the platforms on which the demoa modification of the existing system crats won out in Nebraska are bindof conducting the business of that ing, both as to what they contain and body. This fight is now being made as a matter of principle and not as a ter what to expect. display of personal opposition to Speaker Cannon. While opposition to the speaker's re-election has practically vote cast at the last election em-If there should be any difficulty in excessive power lodged in that office is growing rapidly, with promise of negro disfranchisement. The south-Cuba, Fort Crook will be able to take real results when the new congress era democrats not only prevent the people of this country, and the way to of its first-term members pledged to a revision of the rules. Congressman great fortunes," says Andrew Carne- Hepburn of Iowa, who has always been classed as a close supporter and personal friend of Speaker Cannon, is leading the movement for reorganization of the rules. Is program, ac of sentence in the last month of his cording to a published statement.

Would confer on the speaker authority to appoint one-third of the members of each committee, on the party caucus authority to name another third, and on the minority authority select the remaining third. He would delegate to the committees so selected the right to obligatory on the speaker a week so that they could present, without the permission of the speaker, measures on which they desire action by Mr. Hepburn would also abolish the rule which makes it optional with the speaker, whether or not he

the chair. Some action of this kind would do freedom of action, and make it nearer an open forum for discussion. It is, of course, necessary that an unwieldly body like the house rould have its order of business arranged in advance, We will have a federal census next its time assigned for bills and speakyear and will then be able to fill in ers recognized by agreement, but it is evident that the program should be made up after a more general consid-A New Jersey man has been placed eration by the membership of the in tall for declaring his intention of house instead of having it firmly and 'going after the president." He should definitely fixed by the committee on be taught that only editors and con- rules, dominated by the speaker. This

lation, practically denying the right

The proposition of Mr. Hepburn to losure that the state bank examiners in have the speaker name one-third of ity party to name the other third strikes at the real seat of the trouble in the house at present. It would deprive the speaker of two-thirds of his power in choosing members of the the power to name chairmen, who would naturally be favorable to his legislative program. These propositions of change are radical, almost to they can all be effected, but the appearance of an effective sentiment for corrective measures by the new con-

THE PHILIPPINE SUGAR TARIFF. The reported agreement of the ways and means committee of conof Philippine sugar free of duty, with will probably be accepted by congress, face. as it is urged by Mr. Taft and is generally felt to be due as a partial performance of the piedges made to the Filipinos to grant them trade concessions under the tariff laws. The present production of sugar in

the Philippines is only slightly in ex- at the price. cess of home demands and but little 24...... 57,000 salaries we pay our officials were on of it is sent to this country. Those familiar with conditions in the islands contend that it will be ten years or more before the sugar available for export to the United States from the Philippines can amount to anything aried officials to record publicly all that amount, duty free, from the Phil- gress. private business engagements during ippines would not seriously affect this country, although it would act as a that they do not conflict with their stimulus and encouragement to the industry in the islands. The free admission of 300,000 tons annually from the Philippines would be felt only by other sugar exporting countries. Germany, Cuba and the Dutch East Indies, which now send annually to the United States more than 1,600,000 tons of sagar. There is apparently no danger that sugar Importations from the Philippines will make any marked inroad on the domestic market for years to come.

> THE JANUARY DIVIDENDS. In face of all the complaints of financial and business depression throughout the country in the early months of the present year, reports show that the January dividend disbursements will be the largest on record, amounting to more than \$200,-000,000, and exceeding last year's dividends by nearly \$20,000,000.

The money to be thus disbursed has been earned largely by the railroads and the big industrial corporations, nearly all of which have not only met their regular dividend payments, but have added to their surplus reserves. The record appears to discount the complaints made by the railroad managers and the captains of industry to and all his predecessors have propolicies of the government were ruining investments and frightening inthat the work of the census is de- vestors. The opposite effect appears the failure of congress to provide and investigation relating to the opervice department of the government, it men selected by merit rather than by ation of big corporation and industrial enterprises having reassured the Apparently we have not yet reached people of the soundness of these condividends will seek reinvestment, thus assuring an abundance of money for safe and sane enterprises.

> Mr. Bryan wants the coming Nebraska legislature to enact into law what they omit, we would know bet-

The completed table of the popular subsided, the sentiment in favor of phasizes again the gross disparity beplacing important limitations on the tween the values of the electoral franchise north and south due to comes in with a considerable number negroes from voting, but in substance vote for them themselves.

The usual tail-end rush for pardons and paroles from the outgoing governor is on. The safe plan is for the governor to grant no commutations official term that he would not have month of his official term.

Omaha and Council Bluffs have been fraternizing more during the It is said that the duke of the Abruzzi past week than for many a month. elect their own chairmen, and would Omaha and Council Bluffs people have so many interests in common that to call the committees once or twice they ought to be pulling together all the time.

The Department of Agriculture has started experiments with hen food, to extend over a period of twenty years. may have an abundant supply of eggs who, as a private, was the first man of after twenty years.

It is all well enough to make swearing over the telephone a finable offense, but how is one going to prove it? When it comes to a question of declares that she is proud of being able telephone veracity the average juror to vote as a full-fledged citizen of the will take to the woods

Charles Frohman has returned from Europe where he has been making astronomical observations. At least, he on the 10th instant, and as usual enlivened has been looking over the new stars.

Walter Damrosch says that if there

music. The chin music variety would not help the situation a little bit.

Diamond importations for the the committees, the party caucus to month of November amounted to name the second third and the minor- \$1,809,605, as compared with \$541,365 in November of last year. The sparkler follows the prosperity flag

> A Philadelphia man is said to have contracted hydrophobia from eating sausage. This seems to verify certain popular suspicions as to the source of

Mr. Roosevelt is quoted as saying that Julius Caesar was the greatest man the world ever produced. Yet Prof. Ferrero insists that Caesar was

to know why the shortest days of the year should have been put on the calendar just in front of the holiday

If swearing at a person over the telephone is to be a misdemeanor, the proa duty of 75 per cent of the regular fane man will have to take it out tariff on all excess of that amount, swearing at the other fellow to his

The Family Roll Call.

Washington Herald. "Uncle Samuel" some \$12,-000,000 to find out how much he has grown during the past ten years. Still the old gentleman probably realizes it is cheap

> Giving Itself Away. Chicago Record-Herald.

We are told that congress has neglected to do a lot of things it might have done president. This being the case it should not be difficult to get a correct estimate like 300,000 tons. The importation of of the patriotism which prevails in con-

Cleveland Leader.

ments upon the law which restricted the limits were fixed.

The Pace of the Century.

Baltimore American. ular grasp, a corresponding change will one observer. take place in the standards of living is impossible to deny.

Charleston News and Courier. Sun and Mr. Delavan Smith of the Indian-Panama canal matter, we trust that they beneath the richness of their folds. will be committed to the fall in Charleston, a very large and commodious building, so that we may have the satisfaction of visfrom the messages of Mr. Roosevelt. They might, however, regard this as an excesneed is such instruction in rightedustiess.

CONGRESSIONAL "ABAM-GODS."

dent's language.

What stupid donkeys they are-these congressional Adam Gods who think they can- committee, whose desire for a downward not be harmed, who regard them prophets and who believe that they are immune from the processes of law and the ping containing the above story was shown course of justice as it follows other men. to him. These congressional Adam Gods, ignorant, arrogant and not above approach, will which you are sitting," was his message to have the same experience that Adam God the press table in returning the clippings. Sharp had in Kansas City. When the bull An examination of these chairs disclosed let of public wrath hits them they will that they are labeled, in large printed letsee how their faith is all wrong. They ters, "Vienna, Austria." As a matter of will see that no honest congressman can fact, many of the furnishings in the ways object to the presence of secret service and means committee's room are imported. men in the country. They will see that no honest congresman can vote to rebuke plea for protection on their product they the president in doing his duty; they will find that the people will watch the vote congress, and that the man who votes to rebuke the president cannot get behind the fact that he voted with the majority of his party, or that this or the other congressman also voted that way. The roll-call on that vote will go before the keep off that roll-call at the next election is to get off that roll-call when the matter tomes to a vote.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Denial is made of the rumor that John D. is to devote \$50,000,000 to uplight the benighted, the report having arisen from his donation of 5 cents to a worthy waiter. A Chicago youth arrested for sending granted just as freely in the first threats of death says he was imitating Consu Doyle, but even Sherlock Holmes never caught Doyle doing anything of this

sort. is planning to climb Mount Everest next spring. This Himalayan peak rises 20 000 feet and is one of the most dangerous climbing propositions in the world. Moses C. Wetmore, the tobacco man

lost money on the Bryan campaign. He enbaceibed \$1,000, and put in a bill \$969.85 for expenses, leaving a deficit of 15 cents, with no funds in sight to pay, Lieutenant Calvin P. Titus has resigned from the army and the president has accented the resignation. Titus was the boy all the allied army of the world to scale the walls of Peking.

Mrs. Richard Sophris was the oldest woman to cast a ballot in the election in Denver, Colo. She is in her 18th year, has perfect control of her faculties and

country. No public function at Manchester, England, is considered complete without the American consul, Major Church Howe of Nebraska. He attended two such affairs both affairs with breezy short talks nitched in the melodious tones with which he woord the birds on the banks of the Nemaha. Referring to the late financial

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIPE. Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched

on the Spot.

year when congress adopted the provise restricting the employment of by the president in his regular message there was a good deal of excitement among ertain members of congress, who were ed to believe they were watched and spied opon by a cabal of political police. Capito gossips spread the stories in all directions and eventually brought about the clause restricting the operations of the secret service men. That there was some basis for |the stories about spying into the recent inquiries, but the apying was not done by government secret service men. A Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune explains this feature of the controversy He says: "The rumor that the president employed secret service men to watch the personal conduct of members The Christmas shopper would like of congress appears to have grown out of the misguided enterprise of a member of the local police force. This man sought to obtain an increase of pay for District of Columbia policemen. Failing to do so, he undertook to shadow a number of members of congress. He obtained evidence, as he believed, to insure the increase of pay, but when he laid it before his superior ie was dismissed from the service. Noth ing ever came of his efforts, but some members of congress learned that they had been shadowed, and they immediately assumed that it was by secret service men acting under the direction of the president,

although nothing could be further from the

The quarters occupied by the ways and

neans committe in conducting the tariff

is arranged with a studied design to lend | making \$290,000,000 more than in 1907, his the committee the pomp and dignity of a most prosperous previous year, and reachhigh court; but the actual result laugha- ing the enormous grand total of \$7,778,000,000 bly overshoots the purpose, says a Washdesired through its inaction to spite the ington letter. The committee members are seated on a raised platform behind a semicircular desk or bar of dark, rich wood, mounted and pollshed stone. They thus look down upon the witness, who stands, ing the value of the farm products in 1899 as it were. In a well at the center of the semi-circle, while the seats for the public extend to the other end of the long but When congress gets through with plans comparatively narrow hall. If properly for punishing the president for his com- treated, it might have been a beautiful room; in fact, it was beautiful until its use of the secret service men to the single effect was marred. It has a high vaulted, field of counterfeiting, possibly it may oc- ceiling, with arches springing from pillars cur to the senate and the house that the on either side, and its windows are large, country would like to know just why such But some one with barbaric eye for stage effects has provided elaborate and costly hangings of deep crimson. Not only do these shroud the windows, but at the rear of the committee's platform there The world may have a 4-cent cable. With hangs from a carved and golden cornice a facilities formerly luxuries coming as similar folded curtain of crimson which necessitles within the reach of all, it stands out from the wall a distance equal is next to impossible to predict the possi- to the concealed steps, which on either bilities which the present century will de- side lead down to the special door which velop, yet barely hinted at. That, with the curtain hides. This detailed description the extraordinary facilities of modern in- is given because of the instant impression vention and scientific resources within pop- which the scene has made on more than

With the crimson window curtains drawn together and the brilliant electric chandeliers, hideously swathed in flags, the long and lofty chamber takes on the aspect of a chapel or temple. The likeness If Mr. W. M. Laffan of the New York is intensified to the last degree by the crimson hangings which stand out from apolis News are convicted of criminal the end wall behind the committee, as if libel against President Roosevelt in the an altar, the very holy of holles, were hid Embarrassing and amusing incidents crop

out in the tariff hearings. Some enemy of iting them on Sundays and reading to them the protective system, anxious to score on his opponents, discovered that the towels in use by the committee were of sive punishment, but what they evidently foreign manufacture, the imprint, "made in Great Britain," being conspicuous on the linen. Says the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post ment the episode. Chalrman Payne is reported Turning the Hose on Warm Members to have been visibly embarrassed when effort?" his attention was directed to the circum-William Allen White in Emporia Gazette. stance that his committee had discrimi-The members of congress who quietly nated against an American industry by cut off the appropriation for the secret purchasing foreign towels. Representative service men are now insuited because the Dalzell, another high priest of protection, Star. president told the truth about their mo- turned red in the face and refused to make tives. He said that the members of congress objected to being watched in their about the damning foreign towels. The dishonest transactions. They are now proventaged to the chances are that the imported towelling in cerns. It is expected that most of lng that he was right. They have appointed the ways and means committee room will the \$200,000,000 to be disbursed in a whining committee to hewall the presi- give way to a domestic product within a day or two.

One of the republican members of the as revision of the tariff is well known, chuckled audfbly when a newspaper clip-

"Look at the bottom of the chairs in When the gypsum men were making their called attention to the fact that the plaster used on the walls of the committee room was manufacured from gypsum imported from Nova Scotia.

Champ Clark and his democratic colleagues laughed gleefully when it was brought to their attention that the advocates of the protective policy who have been clamoring for a home market for American products went abroad for their purchase in fitting out headquarters of the tariff committee of the house. They recalled that when, eleven years ago, Mr. Dingley was making a speech in the house and pointing out the advantages that would accrue to American industry under his tariff bill, Representative Jerry Simpson of Kansas turned the tables on the Maine congressman by calling the attention of the house to the fact that the lining of Mr. Dingley's silk hat bore the mark of a London maker.

BOOST IN FREIGHT RATES. Move to Grab Two Dollars for Each Dollar Lost.

Wall Street Journal.

The advance in freight rates of 10 per cent, notified to the Interstate Commerce commission, to go into effect January 1 is perhaps the most important developmen of the week. It is the shortest way of settling the disputed question whether the price of transportation can be raised without restricting the demand for it. Up the time of King Charles II it was believed that the addition of a live fish to a bowl filled with water to the brim would not displace any of the liquid. The king was informed of this remarkable fact in nature and had the experience tried. Possibly it was not the right sort of fish, but the water ran over to exactly the bulk its body displaced. It is not necessary to fall out of a window to demonstrate the law of attract tion of gravitation, but there is no actual decision by the courts against trying the experiment. That a reasonable advance in rates is justified by prevailing conditions of wages and prices is the prevailing con sensus of opinion.

> Fine Card for the Game. Boston Herald.

Virtuous base ball umpires! They not only spurned the bribe, but they are prepared to expose the names of the wouldgressmen have the privilege of going committee now restly exercises absowere more music there would be fewer unpleasantness Major Howe pictured it as be bribers. It is a fine card for the indivorces. Depends upon the kind of "rich man's frolic."

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PROSPERITY ON THE FARM. Crop Showing that Enlivens the

Channels of Trade.

New York Tribune. The farmer evidently knew of the panilast year only from the newspapers. He sione of all the producing class had no exhearings is known as the marble hall, or audience chamber, of the new House of sened profits, but, on the contrary, enjoyed Representatives' office building. The room the most prosperous year in his history. for all his products.

The prosperity of the farms has been steady, the value of farm products rising without interruption from year to year. Secretary Wilson's report shows that, takat 100, the advance has proceeded thus: 1903, 125; 1904, 131; 1905, 134; 1906; 143; 1907, 159; 1908, 165, a gain of 65 per cent in nine years. It has not been afected by general business conditions, but has expanded steadily without regard to the slight business contrac-

steadily advancing—the increase in the total value of cereal crops in five years, for example, which increased in that time only 2 per cent in quantity, has been 32 per cent—and they are more likely to continue to do so than to recede. Farming has apparently reached a condition of stability which it did not have in the days when steadily advancing-the increase in the the gradual opening of the west constantly brought the products of newer and more fertile creas into competition with those of older and less fertile areas to use the economist's phrase, constantly reducing what had been "rent lands" to the position what had been "rent lands" to the position of "no rent lands." That process is over And we challenged it in sport terms and the tendency is in the opposite direction, which is doubtless the explanation of the present movement "back to the land." Such figures as those in Secretary Wilson's report immensely stimulate "hature love.'

SAID IN FUN.

"Why did you not let that woman in?" asked the shade of St. Peter.
"I told her she might come in, but she's a cook," replied Peter.
"What has that to do with it?"
"She wouldn't come in unless I would promise her three afternoons out a week."—
Houston Post.

"Was that story you printed a humorous "It was," rejoined the author with nity.

"It was,
nity.
"It didn't make anybody laugh."

"Well, it was a good joke on the editor who accepted it, anyhow."—Washington

"Be patient with her, my boy, Remember when you married her, she was telephone girl."—Baltimore American, Mrs. Scrags-My husband hasn't a dolla-in the world and I think I am entitled to Mrs. Baggs—On what grounds? Mrs. Beraggs—On the ground Mrs. Scraggs-On the grounds that married him for money.-Puck.

Gladys (eloping with Harold in aero-plane)—Darling, who is that man who seems to be following us? Harold (pale but calm)—Some fly cop in the employ of your father.—Chicago Tribune. chapel organs and player organs is thrown on the market at prices which

"Now, young gentlemen," said the pro-fessor of moral philosophy in winding up his little talk to the class, "you under-stand, do you not, what I mean when I



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use the term 'ethical and intellectual aris-"Yes sir," answered the young man with the bad eye; "it means being great and good in your mind."—Chicago Tribune.

"What did the Boston girl say when Sutherland refused the leap year proposal she made him?"
"She sighed and remarked that she was

Wife-Dear, I haven't half enough money for Christmas presents.

Husband (unfeelingly)—What's the dif-ference? You never get half enough pres-ents for the money.—Puck.

THE JOY RIDERS.

Minna Irving, in Leslie's Weekly. We slipped from the dark sarage
At ten of a moonless night,
And we had the muffler on, you bet,
And lit but a single light.
But we opened up the final notch
The minute we get outside,
And away we tore with a bang and a roar
And for the joy of a midnight ride.

tion of 1908-04, or the severe business disturbance of 1907-08.

Farming, of course, is subject to the uncertainties of the weather, but in every other respect it is an extraordinarily stable industry. Prices of farm products are steadily advancing—the increase in the

For they could not keep the pace. Whenever we saw a gilded sign
We stopped for a round of drinks.
And we hit a boy, but were out of sight
In less than a couple of winks;
And then we met with another car,

We let it out till we went so fast That the road was like a streak, And I could not bear, and I could not see. And I could not even speak. Then a screw or a spoke or something And we cannoned against a tree, And out we crushed, and the car was

But it did not belong to me. Hospe's

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