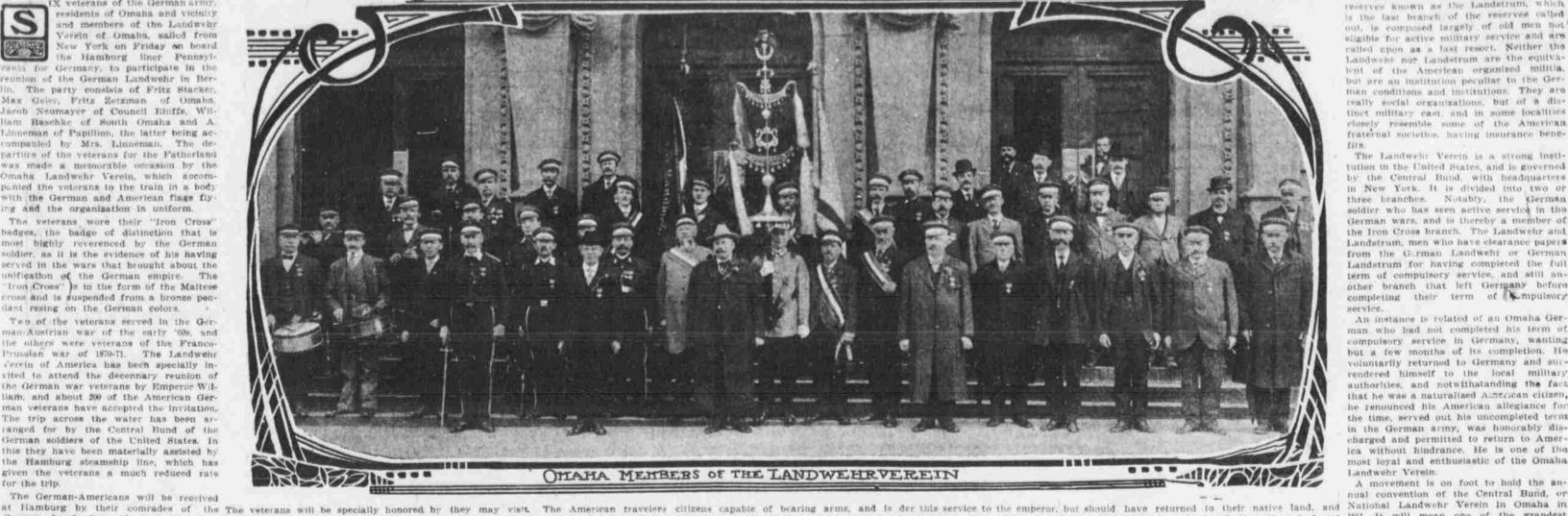
IX veterans of the German army, residents of Omaha and vicinity and members of the Landwehr Verein of Omaha, sailed from New York on Friday on board the Hamburg liner Pennsylfor Germany, to participate in the

reunion of the German Landwehr in Ber-The party consists of Fritz Stacker, Max Geler, Fritz Zetzman of Omaha. Jacob Neumayer of Council Bhiffs, Wil-Ham Rasehke of South Omaha and A. Linneman of Papillion, the latter being accompanied by Mrs. Linneman, The departure of the veterans for the Fatherland was made a memorable occasion by the Omaha Landwehr Verein, which accompanied the veterans to the train in a body with the German and American flags flying and the organization in uniform.

The veterans were their "Iron Cross" badges, the badge of distinction that is most highly reverenced by the German soldier, as it is the evidence of his having served in the wars that brought about the unification of the German empire. "Iron Cross" is in the form of the Maltese cross and is suspended from a bronze penlant resing on the German colors.

Two of the veterans served in the German-Austrian war of the early '60s, and the others were veterans of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. The Landwehr derein of America has been specially invited to attend the decennary reunion of the German war veterans by Emperor William, and about 200 of the American German veterans have accepted the invitation. The trip across the water has been arranged for by the Central Bund of the German soldiers of the United States. In this they have been materially assisted by the Hamburg steamship line, which has given the veterans a much reduced rate for the trip.

The German-Americans will be received



of the emperor will be present. The great entertained at the nation's expense while Germany for three or four months.

German Landwehr with imposing cere- the German army in a grand review given will not all return home together. Three exempt from duty in time of peace, except he lack any part of it, though he leave when it was found that they had not 1911. It will mean one of the grandest monies, at which a special representative in their honor, and they will be lavishly or four of the Omaha party will visit in that members may be occasionally called the country and become naturalized else- completed their term of compulsory mill- gatherings of German soldiers ever held out for drill. This compulsory service where and return to his native land, he tary service, they were forced back into in America. An effort will also be made reunion will take place in Berlin July 4, in Berlin. The German-Americans will also The Landwehr is that part of the Ger- covers a period of from three to five years is liable to arrest and may be compelled the army, sent to the front and treated to have present on that occasion one of and will be one of the most elaborate af- be made the recipients of special attention man army which has completed the usual in periods of a few to several months of to complete his compulsory service. There with almost as great severity as de- the representatives of the German royal fairs of its kind ever held in German, and honor in all the German communities military service exacted of all German must ren- have been cases where German young men serters.

Another branch of the German military reserves known as the Landstrum, which is the tast branch of the reserves called out, is composed largely of old men not? eligible for active military service and are called upon as a last resort. Neither the Landwelle nor Landstrum are the equivabent of the American organized militia. but are an institution peculiar to the German conditions and institutions. They are really social organizations, but of a distinct military cast, and in some localities closely resemble some of the American fraternal societies, having insurance bene-

The Landwell: Verein is a strong institution in the United States, and is governed by the Central Bund, with headquarters in New York. It is divided into two or three branches. Notably, the German soldier who has seen active service in the German wars, and is thereby a member of the Iron Cross branch. The Landwehr and Landstrum, men who have clearance papers from the German Landwehr or German Landstrum for having completed the full term of compulsory service, and still another branch that left Germany before completing their term of Empulsory service.

An instance is related of an Omaha Ger-man who had not completed his term of compulsory service in Germany, wanting but a few months of its completion. He voluntarily returned to Germany and surrendered himself to the local military authorities, and notwithstanding the fact that he was a naturalized American citizen, he renounced his American allegiance for the time, served out his uncompleted term in the German army, was honorably discharged and permitted to return to America without hindrance. He is one of the most loyal and enthusiastic of the Omaha Landwehr Verein.

A movement is on foot to hold the annual convention of the Central Build, or

## Some Light and Sunny Views of World Wide Noted Personages

for all things English was well senatorship." known, relates the London M.

A. P. When he visited this thirty-five years ago, when I saw her first," wrote the famous humorist. "I did for a time, reports the Washington Times, and inexperienced people to say. That she still looks to me as young and beautiful cately. evidence that ten thousand people have already noticed this, and have mentioned it to her. I could have said it and spoken that. I have kept the remark unuttered, he said:

The following, sent in reply to a letter of congratulation on an anniversary of his velope and address it to the White House birth by an English school girl, is a charm- when he showed it to a close friend, who Indeed, yes, Miss Nettle B--, and I thank you for thinking of it. An attention from a school girl gratifies me more than the like from any other source. I am 73, and grandchildless, and so one would expect the whole left-hand compartment of my heart to be empty, cavernous and desolate, but it isn't-not by any means-bcause I fill it up with little school girls such as you.

and have saved her majesty the vexation

of hearing it the ten thousand and onth

The above was written on the back of a photo of Mark Twain's residence at Reddington and labeled "Innocence at Home."

Squally Weather Imminent. On one occasion, relates the Popular his hypochiorite of lime solution at work.

Magazine, Prof. Willis Luther Moore, head of the United States weather bureau, brought to Omaha by the water company traveled from Washington to New York in in an effort to improve materially the quaia smoking compariment with three men, ity of the city water. He has made good who, when he encountered them, were his claims in other cities where he has subuslly engaged in roasting the very bureau perintended the installation of his scheme of which Moore was the chief.

'Why, that fellow Moore," said one of the east and south now have chlorination the strangers, "cught to be run out of the plants in operation. government service. He always predicts. but he's generally wrong," 'He's a dub. like all the rest of those ing stations. Dr. Leal came to Omaha and

fellows," said the second, apparently in- examined into the situation in March. He dicating with a sweep of his hand the told the company he could purify the city whole government service. "Look what he did last inauguration teria would be cut down to an almost in-

day!" chimed in the third. "Sald it would finitestimal number per cubic centimeter. be clear, and we had enough snow to tie which is about twenty drops of water. Goup every railroad system in the country." Moore, who has a sense of humor, got prepared and forwarded plans to the water into the roasting bee at this moment.

"Rotten!" he said, emphatically, "I'd like sets of tanks at the settling basins for the to meet that fellow and tell him what I mixing of the chemicals and introducing really think of him." "But he's got the farmers bluffed," con-

ceded the second speaker. tions temporary structures have been built And so the abuse was heaped on the to inclose the mixing tanks. The latter are professor for more than 100 miles, Moore large boxes built of two-inch lumber, about himself helping in the tirade. Before it as big as an ordinary dry goods box. One was over the weather bureau and all con- is set above the other and in the upper box nected with it had been put in the pan or tank the mulch is made by dumpling in

and reasted to a rich dark brown. a certain quantity of lime that has been When the party left the train Moore chemically treated. This material, called called a taxicab, and so did the other hypochlorite, comes from Wyandotte, Mich. three. Just as the professor stepped into and is new produced in quite large quantihis vehicle and left his companions stand- ties for the use of cities and private water into the settling basins, day and night. ing on the sidewalk he handed them his companies,

card, on which was engraved. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather is placed to make a sort of paste when reports indicating that the bacteria army bureau, U. S. A.

Bristow, a Man of Figures.

The recent attack made by United States Senator Bristow, a Kansas insurgent, on the railroads, alleging freight rate discrimination in favor of Baltimore, recalls something told me last winter in Kanaas by one of Bristow's insurgent friends, relates the Baltimore Sun. "Do you know how Bristow got to be

"I do not," I replied, though I had met Joseph and found him an utterly immune person so far as humor is concerned.

"Well, he got up on the stump everywhere he appeared in Kansas and quoted figures. Where on earth he got those figures nobody knows. I do not even know what they related to or what they meant. But they were figures, copious figures, deinges of figures-oodles of figures. And then more figures. He quoted them as glibly as it he were saying the multiplication table, and he never cracked a smile when he did it. His eyes showed the whites all around the popils when he did it, that end his bristling mustache and gay Prince Albert and long arms giving him an air of profound and incurable neatness. What chance had his opponent? He couldn't dispute the figures. Neither could anybody else, for nobody knew a thing about them. Things we cannot dispute are convincing. Therefore, Bristow's opponent went down in ignominious defeat before the onslaught of that avalanche of figures. I've often wondered since where Joe got them or what they referred to, but I've been afraid to ask

How Gage Was Spared. The stories of ruptures in the cabinet A cigar shop man for many years was ish. After Mr. Gage had been in the cabinet the man said:

as she looked thirty-five years ago is good. One story after another of that sort ap- with which we had been stuck. These "Feeling bad, eh, Jimmy? Can I do anywanted him out and immediately thrust it when they began to burn.

> the cabinet you need not go to the news- cigar-naming the brand. papers to tell me so."

the note and envelope and saved what States, and

for Dr. John L. Leal now has

Dr. Leal is the expert from New Jersey,

of purification and a good many cities in

Preparatory to the experiment now being

tried at the Florence and Burt street pump-

water to a point where the number of bac-

ing back to his home in the east, Dr. Leal

company, which proceeded to construct two

At both the Florence and Burt street sta-

it into the water.

rectly over an intake welk

however, according to all reports.

in the cabinet.

Twain's Tobacco Habit.

not say this to her, because I learned long an influential paper appeared with per- but I don't think he had any taste to somewhat rough. As he leaned over the candor were qualities of her character atives, friends and the servants of the let spoke of Geenral Kitchener at the reago never to say the obvious thing, but sistent reports that President McKinley enjoy the best tobarco. Again and again steamship rail disconsolately, his friend the which were born with her. Her judgment household. It was a strange combination ception in San Francisco as the greatest leave the obvious thing to commonplace wanted to get rid of Gage, but had found I have seen him buy some of the most judge approached and asked in the superior of people and things were sure and accu- which wrought into one individual, so to living general in the world," says a corresno way to let him know the fact deli- villainous cigars that were ever built. We tone assumed by those immune of mal-dedid stop him once though with some goods mer: peared until finally Gage one morning cigars had attractive labels and a Span- thing for you." picked up a clipping telling how McKinley ish name, but they were unspeakable Mr. Beck drew himself up to the top of

> ful and went off. The next time be came overrule this motion!" "Mr. President, if you want me to leave in I asked him what he thought of the " 'Young man,' he said, 'they smoked-

Mr. Gage was about to seal up the en- liked a clergyman's discarded habits."

Overruling the Motion.

attitude and never failing kindness of the was always encertat, and she was always encertation.

his stature and said in formal tones: the truth, but I have been too wise for into an envelope with a note in which "One day Mr. Clemens bought a pocket- "Yes, your honor. I would like you to

Tsynin's Tribute to His Wife.

in his autobiography;

humor might well be expected not to flour- and woman to the last of her life.

majesty, Queen Alexandra. "I think it is bring to mind the fact that Lyman J. Mark Twain's home in Fifth avenue. Talk- related what occurred when he was cross-energy, devotion, enthusiasm and absolutely to do the like. For she taught them and the time-a note not to be repeated." not an exaggeration to say that the queen Gage was nearly driven out of the Me- ing of the humorist-for Twain used to ing the Atlantic last fall in company with limitless affection. She was always frail they drew their fortitude from her. The looks as young and beautiful as she did Kinley cabinet by newspaper reports, . visit the New York store simost daily- a distinguished member of the bench. Mr. in body and she lived upon her spirit, whose love which she bestowed upon those whom Beck is rather susceptible to seasickness hopefulness and courage were indestruction she loved took the form of worship, and in "He used to be a remarkable smoker, and on the second day out traveling was ble. Perfect truth, perfect that form it was returned by rel. of a host to a guest-when Governor Glirate. Her intuitions almost never deceived speak, by marriage-her disposition and pondent of the Los Angeles Times, her. In her judgments of the characters character and mine. and acts of both friends and strangers there . She poured out her prodigal affections Los Angeles a sturdy old trooper whose charity never failed.

"I have compared and contrasted her with ways an astonishment to me. hundreds of persons, and my conviction re- "I was born reserved as to endearments acter I have ever met. And I may add upon me as the summer waves break upon Mark Twain has thus spoken of his wife that she was the most winningly dignified Gibraltar. I was reared in that atmosphere person I have ever known. Her character of reserve. I never knew a member of my I saw her first in the form of an ivory and disposition were of the sort that not father's family to kiss another member of miniature in her brother Charley's state- only invites worship, but commands it. it except once, and that was at a deathbed. ing and delightful illustration of the gental told him not to send it and that President James M. Beck, former federal district room in the steamer Quaker City, in the She was always cheerful; and she was al- And our village was not a kissing commun-

"During the nine years that we spent in ing of that day

IK late Mark Twain's fondness though, for they sure delivered to him the would have unquestionably been a break for some of the country's largest corporate in the following December. She was slender poverty and debt, she was always able to "She had the heart-free laugh of a girl." interests, has a very presty wit which is and beautiful and girlish, and she was both reason me out of my despair, and find a 1t came seldom, but when it broke upon ready with repartee even in cases where girl and woman. She remained both girl bright side to the clouds, and make me see the ear it was as inspiring as music. I it. In all that time I never knew her to ut- heard it for the last time when she had "Under a grave and gentle exterior ter a word of regret concerning our altered been occupying her sickbed for more than

was always room for charity, and this in kisses and caresses, and in a vocabulary war record throws Kitchener back in the

a charming compliment to her which are being much circumstances, nor did I know her children a year, and I made a written note of it at

Kitchener a Mere Recruit.

"I trust it was only persiflage-the words

"Any day you can see on the streets of of endearments whose profusion was al- recruit class. General Chaffee knows more about soldiering and has been in more fights than Kitchener ever heard of. He hundreds of persons, and my conviction re"I was born reserved as to endearments has had more bullets shot at him than mains that hers was the most perfect charof speech and caresses, and hers broke Kitchener ever saw piled up in ammunition boxes.

"The glorious victory at Omdurman, when Kitchener's troops out down an army of dervishes who rushed headlong upon his machine guns with their crazy old Indian fights that the world at large never heard of, but which were flercer by far than the victory over the dervishes, because our Indians were trained and almost indomitable fighting men.

"Kitchener is the earl of Khartum and Kandahar, and then some: General Chaffee is a member of the Board of Public Works.

How Caruso "Olls Up."

An ex-super relates in Harper's weekly: Back of the throne we walted with paipltating hearts for our "debut" in opera. Our attention was attracted by the entrance of the great Caruso, accompanied by his valet, carrying a towel, a glass of water and an atomizer. Then he began to 'oil up." He "honked" the rubber bulb on the atomizer, and sprayed his throat and nose repeatedly. Then "E-ch." he snorted. "Ah-ah, e-e," as he tried his voice. After this a gargle. His attendant gave him a small phial, which he tucked away in his bosom. Surely, we thought, he must be ready now; but no-one more gargle, and

"Now, gentlemen, ready!" "One-twothree," commanded the stage director, and we boosted Radame's chair with the proclous load on to our shoulders.

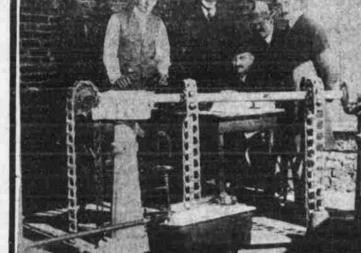
Jim looked at me and I looked at Jim. It was appalingly heavy, and we two were getting all the weight; some of the other "supes" were either undersized, or were ducking under the burden, but we sallied forth, shaking and trembling in our knees .Caruso pounded on the floor of the chair with his staff and we halted. The king then rose on his throne and sang a few words of welcome. Another tap of the staff and we brought the hero down slowly; onetwo-three. Again lifting the proderous. but now empty chair to our shoulders, we marched offstage. Then, grabbing Amonasro (Scott) by the arms, we re-entered, restraining him in his rush on to the

As often as I have heard Caruso in Aida, I have never failed to see him "oil up." Even while the act is in progress, and he turns in despair after having Amneria thrust upon him as a wife, the tenor, in raising his hands to his head, takes from his bosom the little phial and swallows its contents surreptitiously-so far as the audience is concerned, though in full sight of the ballet and the "supers." Then, turning again, he is Radames, singing as fervently as ever, Sometimes, while standing thus, he made us laugh with his funny faces of mock despair.

Giadstone as Prime Minister.

In the course of a description of the monuments of Westminster Abbey before the London Geographical society, Lord Eversley pointed out that he not only selected the Beaconfield site in the sacred edifice, but he wrote the epitaph. It read: Erected by Parliament in memory of Lord Deaconafield, twice prime minister." He remembered at the time that in one speech Lord Beaconsfield had made he r ferred with great pride to his having been twice prime minister. When he showed the inscription to Mr. Gladstone the latter said. "Twice prime minister; that's no great distinction." He (Lord Eversley) had looked up the names of several who had been twice prime minister, and one had been prime minister three times. That was Lord Derby. By way of finishing the conversation with Mr. Gladstone-it was during his second ministry-he said to the prime minister; "I hope you will beat Lord Derby's record." Mr. Gladstone after that \_\_ .-

Expert Improves the City's Supply of Water in the Omaha city water? Not in its color or consistency, but in its quality. An improvement should be due about this time,



WHEN THE CHEMICAL IS APPLIED

the Burt street plant the solution was first connected with the water on Thursday, May 5, at 2:30 o'clock. From then on the Leal solution has been steadily flowing And as a result the city bacteriologist has In the mulching tank enough hypochlorite submitted to Health Commissioner Connell mixed with writer. Then the mixture is al. is being put to rout, is vanishing in very lowed to flow into the lower tank, where satisfactory fashion. The lime is burning it is thoroughly stirred with an increasing the life out of the small, but dangerous quantity of water until the proper solution pin-soint atoms with the big name.

There are much more elaborate chlorinaresults. The solution is then let out into strainers at the bottom and from this point tion plants in operation that the two now is led through a pipe to a small tank di- working in Omaha, but Dr. Leal says in his quiet way that the temporary tanks This small tank, equipped with a very built here will suffice to show that his competent little valve and float contriv- process will do what he claims for it. The ance, is the mechanical bors of the job, expert is more of the business man than When set at the proper notch just so much the scientist in appearance, but a short conof the solution is allowed to pass into the versation with him convinces one that he settling basin every hour-and not one drop knows his work and is a master of it. He more than is considered necessary can get will talk chlorination until the cows come through. At the Burt street station this home, but always in the spirit of the carequantity of solution put into the water is ful person who wants no extraordinary at-31.7 gallons per hour, while at the Florence tributes attached to himself or his achievestation the quantity is 121 gallons per hour, ments. During the heavy rain of Thurs-The Burt street station has a capacity of day he was as busy as a bee, with Superin-2,500,600 gailons per day and the Florence tendent Hunt and his staff, at the river station has a capacity of 16,000,000 gallons. station, and turned on the solution when Where the solution enters the general the first batch was mixed with a satisfacbody of water it has a pale, limelike color, tion and assurance that was delightful to and to the unitiated looks anything but im- witness.

pressive. It does the work planned for it. In a good many cities, notably Nashville, Tenn., the conditions are practically similar Superintendent A. B. Hunt of the water to those existing in Omaha, the water being company has given his personal supervi- pumped from the Cumberland river, which sion to the building and arrangement of the is turbid and the bacial content very high, houses and tanks, and keeps close In the Nashville plant sulphate of alumina watch on their operation, with a clerk who station on Tuesday, May 3, at 5 p. m. At keeps careful record of material used and was first used, and afterward the chlorinasees to it that the quantity of lime used is tion process was added, with distinctly will appear officially that the "hypo" was mind of the people in control. The treated users to a very appreciable extent.

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EXTERIOR OF THE TLANT

nim. They were good, useful figures, first turned into the water at Florence water is very much better ever since the In turbidity reading at Nashville, when clear was 523 mm. In the treated water muddy water

CRAVENS, CROWLEY, LEAL, FAIRFIELD, LANGFELD

then dipping his fingers into the glass of water he moistened his nostrils.



chlorination process was started, and the the chlorination process was first started the minimum depth at which the wire quickly retorted: "That's an impossibility correct and the solution is always "just satisfactory results. There, as in Omaha, reports of Dr. Langfeld in the local inves- there, the minimum depth at which the could be read was 1.265 mm., and the this is my last ministry. A man must be the raw water showed a number of hac- tigation are expected to continue to show plannum wire could be read when the maximum depth was 2.705 mm. In the records of the water showed a number of hac tigation are expected to continue to show platinum wire could be read when the maximum depth was also mm. These mad to think I shall ever be printipolate will appear officially that the "hype" was middly was about in ministry is over." Mr. tiladmaximum depth when the water was fairly effect of the chlorination treatment on stone, however, was prime minister twice