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TODAT'S WEATHER. - Snow and colder;

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

### OUR GREAT TEST CASE.

There are Southern newspapers-the Charleston News and Courier is a conspicuous example-which do not attach tion to put it in force de facto, as Mr. much importance to Mr. Bryan's the- Hovey admits, is virtually to give ory of "consent of the governed"- away the whole case. judged by historical precedent in our National polity.

Recently a Northern journal asked how we obtained the consent of Louis-iana, Florida, New Mexico and Califoranswered that the country was not peopled in the ordinary sense of the term, but was sparsely occupied by a few savage tribes and scattered settlements tion to annexation.

This statement, however, was not entirely correct, since troops of the lif the plow trust reduces prices to the United States were compelled at different times to fight flerce battles with to venom against it only with extremest inhabitants of former Spanish and Mex. difficulty. Witness the smooth sailing ican territory, who rose in insurrection against American authority; but the whose iniquities Mr. Lloyd has drawn Presidents of the early time did not in such livid colors, but which neverhesitate to crush all such insurrections theless has reduced the cost of keroby force, as President McKinley is sene. The starch trust, for example, crushing the present insurrection in the has profited stockholders, saved many Philippine Islands.

But the journal of Charleston disdains this kind of answer. It brushes ber trust, also, has recently announced away all defense of our former acqui. a reduction of 25 per cent to dealers. altions, based on the assumption, or and at least one independent firm has fact, that there was a country occupied announced its inability to meet the out. only by a fews savage tribes whom we Let us at once admit these things are had a right to "remove"; and it sar-castically asks: "Why beat about the economic strength. Nobody will underbush in this manner and be so careful take to defend monopoly, but numbers to avoid any and all allusion to a case which must be uppermost in your minds? The Confederate States were not sparsely occupied, and they made cause it is a labor trust. considerable and protracted opposition to annexation. When, and where, and

how, was the consent of these people to their annexation obtained? And pointment to the Text-Book Commis-sion is a misfortune, especially as he

such an arrangement. Settled rates make the great desideratum of busiroads are not Morgan and Harriman, but the hundreds of thousands of savings bank depositors, fire and life insurance polloy-holders, and in general

Morgan and Harriman think they are serving their clients, and so they are; but they are also working for every man, woman and child in the country who has anything to gain by prosperity or lose through business disturb-ance. What a far remove is constructlve financiering of this sort from the campaigns of destruction Mr. Gould

was wont to wage for the possession of envied properties! A precedent is not always right, as Mr. Hovey, in his letter elsewhere printed, maintains. Neither is it presumptive evidence of its own error. The real value of a precedent is not in the fact of its existence, but in the light it sheds upon the case in hand. The uniform practice of our Government in extending the Constitution and especially the revenue laws over new acquisitions gradually, has grown out of

examination of the debates on these extensions, than that each case was settled on its merits. The contention that the Constitution is self-extending make in New Origuns by Ernest & Co., has been broached, and that is why For sais in Denver, Colo., by Hamilton & The cases of Porto Rico and the Phil-ippines are president. Benton came to pronounce it a vagary in that they present practical prob-lems to be solved, and call for careful adaptation of measures to the needs at hand. To put the case in a nutshell.

if there is any necessity at all for legislative action in the matter, the Constitution and the revenue laws are not self-extending. To admit that the Constitution requires Congressional ac-

The plow trust announces that it will be able not only to make \$5,000,000 a year more for the factories, but also to reduce prices to the farmer. Now, it is other trust whether this sort of promise to the consumer is kept or broken. Theories about trusts, for or against, are not likely to cut nearly as much of white people, who made no opposi- figure as their practices. It is a very practical world, whose busy people are very apt to judge things by their fruits.

concerns from bankruptcy, and withal reduced the price of starch. The rub-

Judge Lowell's declination of the ap-

where he was born and reared.

## THE MORNING OREGONIAN, SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901.

Nobody, except in isolated cases and Supreme Court in this small state than tempting to move from one port to anfor a short time, will be injured by three Justices can take care of. An in- other in caim weather. The condition termediate Court of Appeals will be is one that demands Congressional inreasonably certain to arrest a consid- quiry. If due to the failure to exploit ness. They let the merchant know erable volume of the unimportant ap-where he stands, they insure steadiness peals that now clog the channels of the construction of such craft should be and permanency to employment, and they protect the stockholder. And the stockholder includes pretty nearly everybody. The owners of the railconfined to those who expected personal gratification of some sort in the proposed commission. These, doubtless, will find a great deal of fault with the everybody who has saved money enough for permanent investments. Munly bill. But they need not give much concern. bors.

ARMY RETIREMENTS.

The Senate committee on military affairs has agreed upon the retirement of General Fitzhugh Lee and General James H. Wilson as Brigadier-Gener-als, and for the retirement of General Shafter as Major-General. These offihands of Congress, but they are not a whit more worthy than are a num-ber of veteran Colonels of the regular

Army who will reach the age of retirement this year. These old Colonels of good record ought to be retired with the rank of Brigadier-General, They entered the Army at the outset of the Civil War, endured all its hardships, were engaged in arduous service against the Indians during nearly twenty years of service following the Civil War, and have since served with galiantry in Cuba, the Philippines and in China. The majority of these old Colonels have suffered wounds in battle; the majority have been brevetted for conspicuous gallantry in both the Civil War and the Indian wars; some of them

toria cross that is cherished by the gallant soldlers of England. The frequent changes of post make it difficult for an Army officer with a fam-ily to save anything for a rainy day, and it would be only decent for Congress to retire these veteran Colonels with the rank of Brigadier-General. This would give them \$3750 a year for the short remainder of their lives. The splendid stuff of which these olđ Colonels, whose first baptism of fire was in the Civil War, is made, was shown by the fact that the men who led our regular Army into battle before Santiago were all gray-haired, and

some of them, like Colonel Hawkins, were white-haired. Colonel Liscum, who fell in China, was nearly 59, while there are serving in the Philippines nia, when their territory was acquired likely to make a great deal of differ-by the United States. A Bryan paper ence to the plow trust and to every nels who will reach the age of retire nels who will reach the age of retire-ment this year. These old soldiers did not ask to be retired when ordered to a distant country, a tropical elimate and a disagreeable if not inglorious warfare, for public opinion does not think today as nobly of General Custer, who fell by the hands of the Sioux Indians, as it does of General McPherson, who

fell by the hands of a white, civilized soldiery before Atlanta, and there is not as much popular fame losing your life at the hands of a Filipino as there would be in charging an intrenchment defended by the Boers. The Army service of the last forty years has been, taken all in all, ardu-ous, dangerous and difficult, and these old men who are found today at 64 years

of age still assembled with the colors on the firing line deserve as much honorable recognition at the hands of CongressasGeneral Fitzhugh Lee and General James H. Wilson, who endured no equal military service but sought and obtained the honors and emoluments of givil life from the close of the Civil War until the outbreak of our conflict with Spain. These veteran Coloneis deserve consideration, for they have stood up gallantly in battle against the choicest troops of the Southern Confederacy;

country must suffer the humiliation of having hundreds of thousands of dol-lars invested in naval vessels that are helplessly confined to sheltered har--

The ingratitude of the yellow peoples

who are characterized by Kipling as "half devil and half child" is strikingly paralleled in the attitude toward the paralleled in the attitude toward the United States of members of the Cu-ban constitutional convention. They seem to hate this country quite as hadly as they hated Spain, utterly ob-livious to the fact of the intervention, at the cost of many lives and millions of dollars, of our Government, whereby they were rescued from the barbaric rule of Spain. Porto Ricans are, by comparison, behaving like men, ready to accept guidance where they are in-capable of leading. All that our Gov-irrument asks of these people in return Sor the large favors shown is that they prove their ability to establish and maintain a stable suthority over the cers are worthy of these honors at the at the cost of many lives and millions maintain a stable authority over the island that will insure protection to life and property. In case they are not equal to this task, the Cuban question is likely to become indeed a formidable one.

Michigan elevated Pingree, but nothing becomes her like his retirement. The state has had no higher tribute wear medals of honor, which were as than this unsolicited testimonial from fairly earned for heroism as the Vic-

Pennoyer and Walte have drunk of the same cup.

A nameless vessel, floating bettom upward on a stormy sea, is an object to make mariners shudder. The sport and prey of the winds and waves, there is at once pathos and menace in its still afloat, and with no sign of life on board, have lately been sighted off the Oregon Coast, and shuddering speculation is busy in the attempt to locate and give them names. It can only be hoped that these uncanny wanderers will be sunken or stranded by the powers of water and air before they bring disaster to some passing ship.

Portland will, in a few days, have a culating free library, as the outcome of many months of careful, systematic effort on the part of a number of her. public-spirited citizens, both men and women. It is proper to congratulate these workers upon the success of their endeavor, and to express the hope that the library will meet with a warm reception and such generous support from the people as will justify the self-sacrificing effort that has been made in its behalf. The idea underlying the free circulating ilbrary is one that has met the test of usefulness and approbation in every considerable city of the land. have faced the awful possibilities of Indian warfare against the fiercest savages of the plains; have carried in-

judgment at the time was that the prope sition was impracticable; that it was a grave question whether it would result in any actual gain to the producer, and finally that it might not be able to stand the Constitutional test. There is no res-son for a change in this judgment. The shipping subsidy measure and the bounty on farm products should both be shelved. The bounty is better than the subsidy, however, and if Congress is determined to grant either, the Lubin proposition should prevail over the subsidy scheme. sition was impracticable; that it

way of lake, canal, river and ocean. From Pittsburg to Liverpool via the St. Law-rence is estimated as 207 miles, as com-pared with 355 by way of New York. The Herald further says: "The freight rate to Liverpool by New York is 57 50 a ton; it is confidently ex-pected that this will in future have to be considerably cut as a result of the low rates obtainable through the use of the Montreal water routs. Bo confident are men of experience in the iron and steel world that a saving of from \$1 to \$2 a ton can be made in this way that vessels are already building specially designed to make the best use of the Secondian cunsi facilities. How sanguine are men in the iron and steel trades that there will soon be a demand for such services may be infurred from the fact that the steel ship-

inferred from the fact that the steel ship building plants on the Lakes have siready been given contracts for all the new ton-nage they can possibly undertake. Sev-

land is a novelty; but we have for years been exporting other products directly from Atlantic ports. There is significance, however, in the fact that the Canadian route is now a competitor with the Amer-ican routes, and that trade has natural laws under which buyers deal with those offering the best bargains.

ANOTHER TRADITION ASSAULTED.

cane disaster were largely tided over by liberal contributions from the United States. The island is fertile and the cli-The Serpent's High Pince in Fancy Put in Jeopardy.

than this unsolicited testimodial from its whilem Governor: I am satisfied that I would have had the prilse and suppert of our "best citizens" and our "best society" and of the press of the state generally, if I had upheld those whe have for years attempted to control legisla-tion in their own interests, to the end that they might be reflece the burden of tax-itom. I would have been pronounced a good follow and a great stateman. That is to say, Pingree as a player to the "poor and lowlyt" and a crusafer against property, has been an arrant demagogue, and the people have at length discovered him at his true value. Pennoyer and Walte have drunk of the

snake blte.

bites have served as an argument for li-cense-to which this statement will carry

baskets of potatoes and other farm pro-

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Having no paper, Governor Boosevelt is still talking.

We have so little faith in Aguinaido

that we wouldn't believe the story that he is dead if we heard it from his own lips.

It looks as if the open season for Boer shooting will be extended as long as General Kitchener is in the humor for the sport

If Eruger comes to America, Webster Davis will make Pat Crows look like a mere apprentice in the art of making himself scarce.

To escape paying rent, a Chicago man tried to drown his landlord. It is usually the landlord who tries to make the typant take water.

A New York actress has been arrested for stealing jewels. This form of advertising, while undoubtedly new, has some slight drawbacks.

Bryan is speaking of clubs in connection with his paper. If it gets its full share of McKinley prosperity, he will soon be able to make it stand for a few diamonds.

There is nothing so incredible about the statement that a man found a \$10 pearl in any oyster served in a Chicago restaurant stew. The remarkable thing is that he found the oyster.

gation. Why should an entire commu-nity be in such a desperate condition at this late date? The effects of the hurri-The Atlanta Constitution is now printing Frank L. Stanton's poetry in a double-column frame. This will gain Mr. Stanton no more readers, however, be-cause he already has as many as there are readers of the Constitution. mate favorable to the rapid growing of crops. The burdens of taxation were nev-er so light as they have been since the

There is in Paris a hotel which has 4000 employes. The smallest kettle in its kitchen will hold 100 quarts, and the largpassage of the Porto Rican revenue act isst April. Any community in the United States, with anything like such favorable conditions, would be on its feet again est 500. Each of the 50 roasting-pans is big enough for 300 cutlets. Every dish for baking potatoes will hold 225 pounds. When omclets are on the bill of fare, 7800 eggs are used at once. For cooking alone, The Secretary of the Interior reports 10 cooks and 100 assistants are always at

The Secretary of the Interior reports eggs are used that "agriculture in Porto Rico is in a backward condition, due to the ignorance of the common people regarding the sub-ject." He also mentions the lack of good roads as a cause of destitution. Will these things explain the suffering of the sor Friedric In a recent address to the students attending his course of gynecology, Profes. these things explain the suffering of the people at Adjuntas? Whatever the causes may be, they should be discovered and removed. Porto Rico now has its own civil government, and these matters are in its own hands, but the Government at Washington cannot look upon such dis-tress with indifference. sor Friedrich Schanta, of Vienna, expressed the opinion that law and other professions should be thrown open to women, because at present too many of them crowd into medicine, for which few are fitted. Of every 100 female medical students, he said, only 33 became physi-clans, the others being incapacitated by the horrors of the dissecting-room and other impediments.

Kansas City Star. Kansas City Star. The advantages of free trade between the countries of Europe are recognized by M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, the econo-mist, in a call for an "economic alliance," on the Continent. A humorous phase of the situation is that the reason for his appeal is the pressure of American com-petition by industries which still clamor for government and urotection Mr. Le-

Mr. Rockefeller's latest gift to Chicago University makes a total of about \$5,500,-000 which he has given to that fortunate institution, which he founded in 1889. This makes an average of nearly \$1,000,000 a year for each year of the decade. Nor for government and protection. Mr. Le-roy-Beaulieu argues that to meet this competition the nations of Europe must lay aside every impediment to trade. The have his gifts been confined to that university. A year ago he gave Brown Uni-versity \$250,000, and he has added large interstate taxes he regards as the most serious of these. sums to the endowment funds of Newton Theological Institution, Wellesley and other colleges. In addition, he has been generous in his gifts to church, charitable and missionary enterprises. If all his benefactions during the past three years were summed up, it is calculated that they would exceed \$15,000,000.

humor is at all acute, they must smile at the absurdity of the situation. On one side of the Atiantic the nations of Eu-rope are protecting themselves against the product of expensive American inhor and an European economist is calling on the powers to enter into an industrial ai-llance against the growing competition of the United States. On the other side, these much-feared industries refer to themselves plaintively as "infant," strug-sling concerns. On this basis they appeal to the public purse for aid. The people then pass laws compelling themselves to pay higher prices for products until a concern like the Carnegie Steel Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000,000, can make \$41,000,000 profit in a year. This public must employ a muse that is keyed. up to a 2:00 flat gait. Inspiration that requires from 24 to 48 hours to transmit The proposals of M. Leroy-Beauliau will liself to undying verse stands no show divine afflatus the anow folds its tent like an Arab, and allently sneaks away. Therefore, gentlemen and ladies the latter), if you would see the pretty children of your fancy clothed in the bright raiment of print, smoke up, and let the work of your genius be right out of the even.

of giad gifts. Let all the world be grateful and offer up thanksgiving for the preservation through another 160 years of this genial little minister of cheer and generosity, and for the hope that when the year 2000 comes to its close Santa Claus will be present to ald in the celebration of the event event. But the iconoclast-that relantless ma-

is at once pathos and menace in its almiess drifting. Known to the carri-ers of commerce as a "derelict," it is the one uncharted danger to naviga-tion in the vast expanse of ocean high-way. Two of these hulks, wrecked but

nction and pleasant fancy is not idle. His failure to dethrone Santa Claus has not weakened his fell purpose to pursue his work of devastation in other directions. He will redolce, with an unholy exuita-tion, to learn that a professor in the Uni-versity of Chicago-Edmund J. James-has, after 29 years of "patient search and yight long," been able to find only one well-authenticated instance of death from make bite. There will be other localities beside the prohibition State of Kansas-where snake

serious of these. While European nations are apprehen-sive of the development of American commerce, even in the face of their tariff discriminations against it, manu-facturers in America still cry out about their inability to compete with the "pau-per labot" of Europe. If their scare of humor is at all acute, they must smile at the absurdicy of the streation Do one cense-to which this statement will carry a shudder and a sickening suspicion that there is nothing left in this world which may not be removed, even to the solid mountains. Fancy the constemation which the alleged discovery of the Chi-cago professor will carry into the sane-tums of rural newspaper offices where snake literature is one of the essentials of the trade! What will become of that familiar figure, the rustic dame, who an-nually receives her death wound from rathers and corperheads secreted under huckleberry bushes? Where will the ro-mance come in in picking up chips and corncobs if no deadly serpent hirks be-neath them? Leaving the country dis-trict and coming to the city, who is to trict and coming to the city, who is to take the place of the hucksters who are stricken to death by the ratifesmakes which reveal a penchant for lodging in

since they were connexed without the embraces the opportunity to renew his tars, and have fearlessly encountered the Filipino insurgents, whom the sense of any further prating in this been a resident of the state but a short sense of any further prating in this been a resident of the state but a short country, or in the Northern section of time, perhaps not long enough to hold it, at any rate, about the American public office, and whose appointment is all subsequent wars have their just redoctrine of the consent of the gov- further questionable by reason of his erned ?" service in an institution supported in

It must be admitted that this is very part by public funds. Judge Lowell's much to the point. It is, indeed, a poser. Here were twelve millions of reasons for declining are inadequate What we need is not so much men fapeople, fittest for self-government of miliar with text-books, for the County any in the world. Yet they were not Superintendents were all that, but men allowed self-government. Is the claim of sufficient decision to do what is right of savage liberty entitled to more conregardless of pressure from interested Undoubledly, if Mr. Bryan, sources. That is why he, with others Recognizing this fact, the Navy Deor any "anti" of today, had been an like him, was appointed. We want men active politician at the outbreak of the in this commission who are dublous Civil War, he would have denied the about their own supreme merit, who right of President Lincoln to "coerce" feel too busy to undertake the work, the Southern States-that is, he would whose successes have been those of If the mosquito craft is to be effective, have denied it had he held his present business and affairs. Governor Geer as an auxiliary force, the commandtheory of consent of the governed, has done wisely in putting only one ers of the torpedoes and cruisers allke Truth is that progressive nations get school man on the commission. consent of the governed by compelling hope he will persevere in this method This is the historical law of na- in the case of any vacancies that may tional growth. But conservation of occur. And it is greatly to be desired modern war craft can be shown. personal rights and individual freedom that Judge Lowell would reconsider his must go with it. This has been fol- declination. lowed in our Southern States, and it

will follow in the Philippine Islands. When national autonomy is denied, it personal freedom. Under the Governliberty today in the states of this Union where consent of the governed was de government had been allowed. So it will be in the Philippine Islands.

A most impressive demonstration in limitations of law is afforded by the Chicago Tribune's description of the new "magnate committee" of trans- that they are living in the enlightened continental rallroading. A few determined men have gone to work, and in Mr. McBride may not be elected, friends a few weeks have practically accomplished through conference what the combined efforts of courts, Interstate steadfast friend and unassuming gen-Commerce Commission and Congress have been unable to do or to frustrate The best brains of the railroad world Corbett may not be elected; and if he have long sought a remedy for ratecutting within the limits of law. They his uncomplaining shoulders a large isting statutes and they have formulated bill after bill for new devices. But while the Interstate Commission has been clamoring for more power. Remember this, and remember that poand states have been enforcing antitrust laws, and the United States Su- life worth having. Assume a self-repreme Court has been alternately scar- spect, if you have it not. ing and solacing railroad interests, Messrs. Morgan and Harriman have discovered that the true remedy for all these various troubles of traffic is in amity of ownership. It is not necessary for the roads to pool their

to form a trust or trusts. But It is essential that the accredited representatives of stockholders should

trenchments defended by Spanish regubut purchased a peace with gold. Let these old veterans of the Civil War and ward.

### UNSEAWORTHY CRAFT.

Naval experiments in time of peace are conceded to be necessary to test the enduring and co-operative powers of the various types of vessels of war of which the new Navy is composed. partment, some months ago, conceived plans whereby a flotilla of torpedoboats were to be sent with the North Atlantic squadron on its Winter cruise We should know it by practical demonstration, by which means alone the con bined capabilities of the two classes of It has, however, been asserted re-

cently that this plan cannot be carried out, for the substantial reason that the We desire to commend to the attenunseaworthy condition of the tornedo tion of members of the Legislature and boats necessary confines them to the does not carry with it, under civilized a few Oregon newspapers the tone and sheltered harbors of the home ports, rule, denial of individual rights and temper of the interview with Repre- The machinery of these boats is of the sontative Eddy, printed in Thursday's most expensive kind, and the wear and ment of the United States there is more paper. Mr. Eddy is for McBride for tear upon it, even in the ordinary tesis Senator, but that does not prevent him of speed that are applied as prelimifrom being a gentleman and a person nary to their acceptance by the Govnied and everthrown by force than of perceptive faculties. "I have not ernment, are enormous. Examples of throw straight when there is anything there would be if their claim to self- overlooked," he says, "the high char- this fact are not far to seek, the incl- costly to demolish. acter and great ability of Mr. Corbett, dents attending such tests being in eviwhom I greatly respect." Will those dence wherever they have been made. Without having seen active service, it individuals who have felt it necessary to malign Mr. Corbett's character beis said that the machinery of these boats has deteriorated so greatly that cause he is a candidate take a lesson from Mr. Eddy and kindly remember many of them cannot be moved, even in still waters, without extensive reatmosphere of the twentieth century? pairs costing large sums and requiring a considerable length of time for

their completion. and brethren. And if he is not he will continue to be the loyal Republican, If this is true, a grave responsibility rests somewhere between the Secretary of the Navy and the contractors of tieman he has always been in this state. these vessels. It is not necessary to be versed in the details of naval architectis not, he will continue to bear upon ure, or of the construction of machinery, to know that a very costly mistake have tried to adapt themselves to ex- part of the financial burdens of this has been made by those in authority, community, public and private, and he if after the large sums that have been will still lend a helping hand and gen. expended in building torpedo-boats they are practically useless when com erous purse to every deserving cause. pleted. Naval vessels hugging the coast in time of war, more liable to litical success is not the only thing in suffer disaster from the working of their own machinery than from an enemy's guns, are a reproach, either to

Mr. Munly's bill for a Circuit Court of the practical intelligence of the men Appeals, drawn, it is understood, with who compose the Bureau of Naval Conthe approval of one or more Judges or the Fourth Judicial District, is the most ers. If the torpedo-boat idea is at promising measure we have seen for fault, the blame lies-with the for earnings. It is not even necessary relief of the Supreme Court within the if its conception and execution have constitution, and without extra exbeen bungled, it lies with the latter pense. Its engaging feature is that it Wherever the blame rests, it is plain strikes at the heart of the problem, that some one has blundered seriously have an understanding sufficiently close that is, accumulation of unnecessary when naval vessels that have been con-

The notion that Kruger is "looked at askance in Germany and Austria be-

cause he is the President of a republic" is absurd. He was not the President of a republic at all in the modern sense in which the United States is a republic. He was President of a villainous, corrupt oligarchy, which, was a republic only in the sense that medieval 'Ten," an absolute tyranny, was a republic. , Kruger will make a fool's journey to visit President McKinley, who can only tell him what he told his envoys last year, that the fate of the

Pingree is against courts. Nevertheess, however much he may be a man of the common people, it cost the Legislature \$40,000 to keep him four years. Does he mock the common people, or is he Pingree?

ness.

Several newspapers of Oregon which are edited by postmasters are very bitter in their opposition to Mr. Corbett. places to Mr. McBride

A Michigan man was at Portland the other day, and had \$100,000 to invest in a lumber plant. Did our citizens see him, or were they not interested?

The example of Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Kansas, shows that a woman can

public.

The powers have more trouble in signing that joint note than in agreeing to it.

AMERICAN EXPORT VIA CANADA. Dominion Facilities Helping to Give Shippers Chenp Freights.

Philuselphia Public Ledger. That the Carnegie Company is shipping great quantities of American steel to Great Britain is generally known, but it is not so well known that part of this great ment is made through Canadian wat-The Montreal Herald halls the latter nterprise as probably the most interesting development of the year in the trans-portation business. Four cargons of steel portation business. Four cargos of steel bars from the Carnegie docks at Con-neaut were sent direct to England by the

the purpose. It is conceded that the success of the experiment depends materially upon the ability of the Canadian system to compete with shipments by way of Philadelphia and New York. It is figured It is written in a very old book that the

scrpent was more subtle than all of the other beasts of the field, and his evil machinations have filled great volumes and columna columns upon columns of newspaper space. Is all of the Scriptural testimony about the flery serpents in the wilderness and the perennial item about the annual destruction in India of \$0,000 hapless na-Venice, with its corrupt "Council of Pen," an absolute tyranny, was a re-public. Kruger will make a fool's jour-ney to visit President McKinley, who tives by the bites of poisonous anakes, to the thought. Let society, on the eve of the new century, record a vow to stand for its cherkshed traditions, as well as for its altars and its fires, and, more than Transvaal is none of his public busiall, for the snaks stories which since Adam and Eve and Eden, have never low their power to fascinate the fancy o youth and enlist the credulity of age.

Beginning and End.

New York Sun. It is a year and over since The Sun

printed an exhaustive discussion as to the momeni when in the great relay race of time the 19th century stopped and the 20th century took up the running. Some. their opposition to Mr. Corbett, postmasters owe their official to Mr. McBride. will keep midnight of tonight as the di-viding line. It will be well to give here the two formal recognitions of this chro-nology giver by the head of the church possessed of the strongest claim to continuous existence since the begin-ning of the Christian era, the Pope. For December 31 of 1859 the Vatican published these instructions:

throw straight when there is anything costly to demoilsh. Kruger is coming to the United States. He wants to learn the differ-ence between an oligarchy and a re-public.

prints, at intuition of the same only of the coming year the present century will come to an end and a new one begin, it is very appro-priate that thanks he given to God, by some ploue and solema ceremony, for the benefits received during the course of the present cen-

Tonight ends the holy year, and in due course the decree from the Vatican, is-sued last November, directs its celebration:

To the King of the ages Christ Josus To the King of the ages. Christ Josus, it is above all befitting that all the redeemed, in whatever parts of the world they may be, should solemnly consecrate the end of the waning century, now at hand, and the begin-ning of the new century hastening toward us, so that both thanks may be given for the ben-din social form the second to the second of the received from Him, especially in the cen-tury that has elagard, and that amid such ad-verse vicinitizes, in affairs. He, pititul and merciful, may bestuw on us more powerful aid to enter happily upon the new contury.

out a demand for a bounty on exports of American farm products. Senator Allen, of Nebraska, asks for a bounty of 10 cents per bushel on wheat and rye, 50 cents per barrel on flour, 5 cents per bushel on corn, 1 cent per pound on cot-ton, etc. This question was all threshed over a few years ago, when David Lubin, of California, conducted a most vigorous commune in forcer of humptics. The best have an understanding sufficiently close and mutual to repress disastrous rate-cutting and maintain stable conditions. No greater volume of business should be permitted to press upon the

with a capital stock of \$25,000,000, can make \$41,000,000 profit in a year. This thing would be amusing to the general public if the cost of the joke were not so great.

STARVATION IN PORTO RICO.

Responsibility of Our Government

Can't Be Evaded.

Chicago Tribune. In the last annual report of the Secre-tary of the Interior attention was called

to the fact that the death rate in Porto Rico was still high in several places, nota-bly in Ponce and Adjuntas. "The com-monest cause of death," says Secretary

moment cause of death," says Secretary Hitchcock, "appears to be anaemia, brought on by poor nutrition and unsan-itary surroundings." This statement is now corroborated with rather startling emphasis in a report by Surgeon Will-iams, one of the assistants under the re-cent military regime, in which he says that the most harrowing stories from Porto Rico have understated rather than exaggerated the truth. He tells of la-boring families industricus people, who

boring families, industrious people, who were in a state of starvation even dur-ing the issue of relief supplies, and who

are now in a pitiable plight. He con-

At Adjuntas the conditions are appalling

At Adjuntas the conditions are appending. Men, women and children, swollen, bloated, diseased, and emaciated, with pinched and haggard features, appeared weighted with the spirrows of years, the remembrance of which throws its ahadow over me even now.

Such a state of affairs calls for investi-

by this time. What are the special con-ditions that cause this extreme misery in a Porto Rican town?

A Joke on Protection.

tinues:

probably come to nothing for the present. with the snow we have in this country, Jealousles between the powers are too for while it is writhing in the throes of strong and the strength of favored classes is too great. Nevertheless he has served the good purpose of again calling the attention of Americans to the obsolete system of taxation under which they live. Of course, no tariff legislation will be attempted during the present short session of Congress. At the next session, however, public opinion will have the opporto make itself felt so that tunity the Republican Senate and House will se the necessity of great reductions in the London Mail Conches Fear Hold-Ups.

present schedules

## Oldest Yncht Still in Service.

London Express. The Royal George, Queen Victoria's first racht, is still in the land, or the sea, of the living. She lies at Portsmouth, a de-pot ship for the crews of royal yachta, when they are under repair or refitting. She is the oldest yacht in the world. The last state occasion on which she was used was in August, 1842 when Her Maj-esty made her first visit to Scotland, ac-companied by the Prince Consort. The Queen was so much impressed by the performances of a steamer which passed the royal yacht that she left the yacht and came back in the steamer. Twelve months later Her Majesty had a stean yacht of her own, the original Viotoris and Albert. It was on this vessel that the Queen made her first visit to Ireland in August, 1849.

### A Meadow.

Gascoigne Mackie in the Spectator. There is a meadow in the West. Green, open to the sun and sir; A thrill of joy, a throbbing breast, I could not cross it but in prayer.

It glittered like a frees of gold, And every blade of grass was bright; Each drouping bud was survoird, And every blossom crowned with light.

And leaning from their leafy nook Moon-daisies, in the orimson glow, Would gaze upon the gliding brook And watch the star of love below.

I drank of that love-haunted stream Whose water bath no bitter less, And walked with God as in a dream Beneath the dark, melodlous tre

And, thronging through the twilight sir, The dead, the living, even as one. Would gather round me wandering there Beside the rivulet atoms.

They same of legends dim and old Ere this mysterious world began, Of earthquaks, storm and fire they told, And of the still small voice in mag.

They mang me songs of love; they mang Of broken hearts and wild farewells; And every note of anguish rang Like the deep sob of distant bells.

Then floated a triumphant strain From highest heaven-now soft, now loud-Swester than skylarks after rain That sing above an April cloud.

And somring to'ard the distant gleam And singing as they passed from sight; The rack and rainbow of my dream Dissolved and faded into light;

Faded: and fainter one by one Their volces reached ms from afar; Til, over the green medior shons Only the shepherd's evening star.

Doubtless for reasons of economy and expedition the Postoffice has its parcels between London and Brighton conveyed by mail coach, says a London correspon-dent. By virtue of an old act, which has never been repealed, this coach is obliged to carry an arms basket, containing a couple of pistols and an old cutiasa. Highway robbery of the Dick Turpin type is practically unknown now in this coun-try, but it would satisfy the public cur-osity very much if one could be definite-ly informed whether the antique weapons to serve as a sentimental link with the past, or to be used as a means of de-

The Boy Who Lives Next Door, S. E. Elser in Chicago Times-Herald, The boy who lives next door Has freekles on his face; His ears are red and hang Away out into space. And when I hear a dog kI-yi And see it flee in terror, I Can quickly guess the caus 'Tis merely that one more Poor little victim knows A boy resides next doorf

fense in case of attack.

He runs across the lawn I've nursed with jealous cars, And, in the Summer time, Knocks down the flowers there! It seems to give him pure delight It seems to give nim pure one To yell around with all his mi And every week or so A pebble finds its way Against a light of glass For which I have to payl md with all his might,

He has no teeth in front. His hands are cracked and brown, His hands are cracked and brown, Twice he has nearly burned Our Summer klichen down! He calls to people. "Hey! Watch out?" And when they jump he whoose about-I used to think if God Would take him from below Up to the sky. I'd try To hravsly bear the blow!

The little child whose love Is all to me, one day If all to may work to may be addenly When I was far sway-The boy who lives next door target The yell around, but ran and brought The doctor to the bed. And when I came, at last Shrank from me with a look Of pity as I passed!

The boy who lives next door Brought in his tops and gun, And pocketful of trash. To please our Bills one: He played beside my darling's bed. Turned cartwheels and stood on his head, And God was good to me-Let's wait a while before. We ulterly condemn

We utterly condemn "The boy who lives next 4per?"

It will be a world celebration. Gratitude nexut were sont direct to England by the St. Lawrence Canal system. The vessels took only 1000 tons each at Conneaut, al-though they doubled their cargoes by stopping at Montreal and taking on puip. Our contemporary says that vessels ca-pable of carrying 3000 tons each might pass through the canals if constructed for the currose. It is conceded that the suc-of Nebraska ask for a bounty of 10