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to the Senatorial campaign.

propriation of \$500,000. It is true that

this amount is larger in proportion than

be opened and forests to be made into

lumber. That is why the contribution

to this our own enterprise must be on

a larger scale than if it were merely

to serve as the backing for a spectacular

show. A realizing sense of this the true

nature of the matter is growing, and

when it has penetrated to every nook

any formidable opposition whatever to

can consistently contend for a small ap-

A FAR-REACHING BLUNDER.

The recent elections proved so conclu-

sively that the Democratic party is

a leader that non-partisan political ob-

servers, who are by no means outisfied

with the Republican party, are hopeless

of Democratic success before 1908. The

prepent situation of the Democratic

party is due to its far-reaching polit-

ical blunder of 1896, when it not only

became a reckless advocate of depreci-

ated sliver, but of populism. The intel-

ligent, conservative Democrats of the

that was hostile to honest money and

hostile to the sanctity of the Supreme

Court as part of our machinery of gov-

ernment. The commercial classes knew

that debased currency would mean ulti-

mate bankruptcy for the Government

abiding classes saw that populism

fancied political emergency. The terrible

was the rift in the Democratic party,

and the recent election shows that the

less and without even a National battle-

and it is not surprising that the Demo-

crats, East and West, find it difficult if

not impossible to get together. In 1861

the Democracy made a far-reaching

blunder in its refusal to support the war

policy of Lincoln, and so profound was

proceion made by this blunder

flag.

are getting few and far between.

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TODAT'S WEATHER-Fair, with slowly ris-

VESTERDAY'S WEATHER-Maximum temtemperature, 34; preelpitation, none.

### PORTLAND, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

The Irrigation Convention has left behind it, in the hands of a subcommittee of three men, a task which is surpassed in importance by nothing that came before its sessions. This is the matter of an irrigation code for the state. It is superfluous to say that the Legislature cannot be depended upon to do anything of value in this line. The universal condemnation of the state's Carey law by those who voted unanimously for it supplies all the evidence on this head needed. Under the most strenuous sort of pressure from outside, the Legislature may be induced to vote, but not to investigate or construct. Therefore the subcommittee on legislation must buckle itself down to the task of perfecting a code, and Mr. Sam White, the chairman, could ask for no prouder monument than an irrigation code which will not only facilitate and reguate the processes under the Carey law, but will also define the procedure for water rights in such way as to enable the Federal Government to begin work of its own. It is extremely doubtful whether any steps will be taken by the Interior Department within the borders of Oregon until a satisfactory state law regulating water rights has been passed and sustained by the courts. Little was said on this subject at the convention. but it is of immeasurable importance, and Mr. Davis stated definitely that question about water rights is equally prohibitive of Government initiative with prior private occupation of land. Get together, Mr. White, and let us see your irrigation act.

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sons to fight its battles inadequately

armed and so ill supplied in the matter

of powder as to be at a disadvantage in

every contact with the enemy. And, he

declared, it is no excuse that nothing

is guilty when she does not keep on

hand-ready for any emergency-what-

over is requisite for the effective service

of her soldier cons and for every possi-

ble measure of protection that may be

There is weight in these points. A

soldier has a title to speak in plain

terms and with utmost emphasis. Where

complainance on the one hand and econ-

omy on the other are practiced at the

right when he declares that there is no

plies of smokeless powder, for sending

our coldier lads to face better tools and

better facilities than their own. He is

States Senate on the Alabama claims to

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Veagh to talk about.

involve us in war with Great Britain

clent to furnish themselves and families

with the comforts of life, or coal con-

sumers must stand a rise in the price of

coal that will be keenly felt, especially

by the poor. The profits of the wealthy

operators cannot be diminished. That

point seems to be settled. Some things

are too absurd for even Wayne Mac-

The sturdy lade of Oregon who are

officers should begin to "study up."

Naval Academy awaiting Oregon boys,

5 and examinations will be held a month

given them.

Itself, through its Governor, forwards do not believe in it. It is quite possi by its own application the movement ble that by 1908 on this issue there may by which the Federal Government be a realignment of parties, as there "wrests" from it and from purchasers was in 1896 on the issue of honest money. This is the only burning questhe alleged mineral lands. It assists powerfully at its own mesault, like the | tion of the future, and it will not be disyoung woman who offered to hold the posed of by the Republican party's procalf. Does the Governor think it is high posed regulation of trusts, or by tariff policy for the state to encourage the reduction as an adequate protection voldance of its contracts, and will be against monopoly and privilege. The so declare himself? If so, our colpopular temper will sooner or later welumns are open for that purpose, come a party that demands radical not excluding the customary reference trust regulation and public control of | better is on hand, for a Nation like ours public service monopoly. If the Republican party answers this demand, it will keep in power; if it does not, it will be Utterances of leading men and of the forced to give way to the Democratic

newspapers of the state as reflected in party, standing on the platform of pubthe columns of this paper from day to lic ownership of public service monopday reveal a steadily growing temper oly of acquiescence in the suggestion of the Lewis and Clark Board for a state ap-

#### NO COLOR LINE AMONG REPUBLIC-ANS.

#### has been customary in other exposition President Roosevelt received a warm welcome from the colored people of states; but the cases are by no means parallel. The typical exposition to a Memphie, and he descrived it, for he has acted the part of a man in refusing to show, an entertainment. Its work is done when the gates close on the last prescribe any American citizen on the day. Far otherwise in it to be with the ground of race or color. By his recent Lewis and Clark Centennial. That is to removal of Collector Bingham, in Alabe a memorial celebration and an obbama, the President showed that he would not permit a Federal officer to ject-lesson with a new and distinct purpose. The reward of the Chicago and use his position and his prestige under Buffalo evente was gate receipte. The a Republican administration to draw a reward of the Lewis and Clark Centencolor line in the party. If the color line nial is knowledge of this great region. were established in the South, Collector from the Rocky Mountains to the ocean Bingham could not logically object to and from California to Alaska, in every the reduction of the representation of community on the globe where money Alabama in the Republican National Convention pro rata with the Repubis looking for investment and enterprising men for land to till, mines to lican white vote. How would he and

nomical "prudence." his fellow white politicians like that? Edwin D. Mead, an ardent anti-im-The Republican party knows no color perialist, quotes approvingly 'from line as a matter of jurtice, and could Charles Sumner's address before the not afford to know one as a mere mat-Boston Peace Society in 1845 on "The ter of selfish policy. True Grandeur of Nationa." This was In Ohio there are 25,000 colored voters, the voice of an anti-slavery Whig who and there must be an equal number in was opposed to the Mexican War, but New York State. The states of the this same Mr. Sumner did his best by South, of course, can do as they please his inflammatory speech in the United

and corner of the state, including some remote fastnesses of close-fieted Portin the matter of suffrage, but the Reland taxpayers, we do not expect to see publican party recognizes no color line in its National conventions. As a party a half-million appropriation. If there is it repudiates the racial injustice and inany part of Oregon that wishes to be equality which Collector Bingham cocks unknown of capital and settlers allke, it to establish as the law and practice of the party in the Southern Stater. It is propriation; but localities of that sort reported that President Roosevelt will appoint Dr. William D. Crum Collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., despite the protests of the "lily whites" of both

parties. There is nothing against Dr. Crum except his negro blood. He is a man of culture, accomplichments and without a policy and absolutely without character. His political opponents admit that his life is without reproach, and concede his capacity for the office. The only objection offered to his appointment by the Mayor of Charleston and others is that the appointment of any man of negro blood would be offensive to the white Democracy of South Carolina. So much the worse for that white Democracy if it opposes the right of a free man to hold an office for which country revolted against a platform he is fitted by education, by brains and character. The social equality shibboleth is a ghost that won't walk. Social equality is not fixed by law in this country; it takes care of itself. The great French novelist, Alexander Dumas, was the son of a brilllant French General and distress for the people. The lawwho was a mulatto, and his negro blood showed strongly in the hair, complexion looked forward to packing the Supreme and features of his famous son. Push-Court through Congress at every real or kin, the greatest poet of Russia, was of negro blood. Parls was proud of Dumas defeats of 1896 and 1900 proved how deep and St. Petersburg of Pushkin, and some of us even in America are today proud of Booker T. Washington, who routed Democracy still remains leaderis welcome in London's highest and most exclusive aristicratic circle, the The blunder of 1896 wap a terrible one,

came circle that welcomes Ambassador Choate. The New York Evening Post recently published some extracts from the diary of a cultivated French gentleman of noble blood who lived goveral years in this country. Among other incidents recorded we note the following:

bility with their emptiness, Dined with J. B. Smith, a colored caterer, n's Cheve sent my Agrival, a magnificent bauquet. I went with Mr. Phillips to thank him. I found him at his home in Cambridgeport, with his wife (very white and well bred). I did not decline Smith's invitation to dise with him. My wife and Mrs. M. W. Chapman were with me; the other guests were Summer and Longfellow. The din-ner was excellent. Longfellow was extremely gracious, and conversed with much warmth, Here we see a polished French gentleman and a distinguished Senator of the United States and a famous poet, all of them men of fine culture and refined tastes and manners, who did not shrink from dining with an intelligent, wellbred man of color. Longfellow never was conspicuous at all as an anti-slavery agitator, but he was a well-bred man who was too manly to manifest any race prejudice against a man of negro blood who was well bred, upright and intelligent. The Republican party has no quarrel with negrophobists in politics, but the Republican party is content to be in a minority in the South before it accepts negrophobia as its political philosophy, faith and practice.

#### volunteer regiments carried guns of in-SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS ferior and obsolete pattern, rendering them, man for man, other things being A Rule Reversed. equal, at a disadvantage. A nation Walla Walls Union. The coal barons may think that might makes right, but John Mitchell's triwhich has money for everything else, the speaker declared, is morally guilty umphant way of standing off his sophistic or something like it when it sends its

the rest of the state.

ross-examiners proves that right makes might. Here's a Lopg-Headed Publicist.

Salem Journal. What interest have other towns in Ore-gon in making Portland a city of a quarter of a million? Like other cities. would suck the life-blood out of all

# Unduly Pessimistic.

Albany Democrat. The great question before the next Congress will be that of the tariff. There is a strong sentiment in the Republican party in favor of tariff revision, but the man who thus appeals for the American bosses in the party have decreed other-wise, so that when Congress meets it is very doubtful if the party permits anything of the kind. In fact, it will not be done, for the simple reason that a re-vision of the tariff will be detrimental to risk of the soldier's life, it is indeed a case for plain speech. Major Evans is the interests of the trusts, and regardless of taik for political effect, the party is excuse for being short of modern guns, not going to do anything serious to the advancing while wages remain stationary trusts. Some people can see this, some cannot, and some do not wish to. This condition demands that some effort be put forth for its correction, and Prezfor not having on hand adequate suptrusts.

### Says It's Too Much

right when he demands that the Gov-The Dalles fimes-Mountaincer. Since Governor Geer has refused to listen to the plaintive appeal of Portland for an extra session of the Legislature ernment get the best in the shape of gune, no matter at what cost, and maintain such supply, at no matter appropriate \$500,000 of state funds for what cost, that its soldier sons shall not the Lewis and Clark Exposition, let the be compelled to face disadvantage and people of that city who are connected with the management of the fair become a little more modest in their demands. even death as the effect of a stupid eco-Let them ask for a reasonable appropriation at the hands of the Legislature, one that will be preportionate with the benefits to be derived by the state at large, say, \$250,000. Such an appropriation will very likely meet the approval of a majority in both houses, and will be sanctioned by the people generally throughout the state. It will receive attention early in the session, and a referendum vote will hardly be demanded.

#### An Important Point. Salem Statesman.

under Grant's first administration. In All these people who are talking about irrigation of the arid lands of the state by the Government or by private individthis famous speech Mr. Sumner went so far ab to insist that it was our duty to uals forget one thing. They forget that expel Great Britain from North Amerthe people who are expected to buy and settle on the lands are likely to be pos-sessed of some intelligence. Under the ica by the forcible annexation of Canada. Mr. Sumner always was an apostle rule of caveat emptor, they will look out for themselves to some extent. It is conof peace except when the shooting was done with his permission and approval. tended by some of the people who are op-posed to private enterprise that the Carey law does not make any provision to fur-It seems to be a foregone conclusion that coal consumers must bear the burnish the settlers with water perpetually. den of increase in miners' wages if this But the private persons or corporations would have to see to it that the land was increase is allowed. The possibility that sold before they could get their profite. They would have to find buyers. And the profits of operators might be somewhat reduced in order to let the miners And they would have to offer them som have a living wage and still be large ducements in order to sell them the land does not enter into the discussion of the Over in Washington, perpetual water rights are sold with the land, by irrigaquestion. Simply stated, miners must either be held down to a wage insuffi-

tion and land companies, who are not operating under any act at all. They offer this inducement in order to get their oney and profits out of their lands. They could not find bifyers in any other way if they offered less. The thing for the people of Oregon to do is to get all the arid lands irrigated possible, and as fast as possible.

#### Delivery of the 28. Spokane Spokesman-Review

With characteristic egotism, Wilson is parading the boast, "I cast 28 votes for Foster for United States Senator." He willing to serve their country as naval follows this boast by revealing in the Ta-coma Ledger a part of the consideration of that deal. He declares that he drew There are still two vacancies in the from Foster a signed contract-the price of his delivery of his deluded supporters. This contract had at least five sections, examinations for which will be held in April." While it is a matter of regret that several applicants have failed to and Wilson has published the fifth sec-tion, being a promise from Foster to sup-port him for the Senate in 1993. The pass the required tests; this should not deter others from entering the lists, but rather encourage vigorous, earnest efclauses of the contract are not revealed by Wilson, and probably will not be revealed. They would disclose more than Wilson would care to have the peo-mother. The divorce who still love their children. The wife in such cases is generally sacrificed to the mother. The divorce record also show fort. Nominations will be made March than Wilson would care to have the peo-ple know. More, perhaps, than he would want the obliging 28 to know. There is nothing surprising in this revelation. It is what was expected by persons cogni-zant of Wilson's career and methods. But it is surprising to find Wilson engaged in a ridiculous effort, after this confession, to round up another bunch of Legislators for use as trading stock at Olympia this later. "Brace up," boya. Don't let these vacancies at Annapolis continue to mock your patriotism or your capa-

#### NOTE AND COMMENT. CAST OFF THE LINES. Baltimore American.

It is carnestly to be hoped that the re-

ident Roosevelt can do no wiser

affiliations

ace.

The man who will take a dare frequently has to take it farther than he wishes.

port that President Rocsevelt has deter-It is quite proper that a girl who is a mined to lct Wall Street look out for itself vision should be seen in a dream of a is true. The President of the United dress. States is not elected to advance or protect

the interests of any particular class of Fire-escapes are compulsory now. The citizens, or special group of men. His question is what will they do with the duty is to the whole people. He owes it unfortunates who do not escape? to them, because of their suffrages, and

under his oath to so administer the affairs The unknown persons who dynamited of the Government that the welfare of all the gambling dens in Chicago possibly the people will be conserved. It is better found it the only way to make a raise. by far that any cotorie of speculators.

Curfew will not ring tonight. But the body of promoters, or particular company curfew belice will still be open to the of capitalists, should be disturbed. cone and subjected to less than that the sweet protestations of youth with a ring. great mass of the people should be made the victime of undue financial burdens. While we have seen restored to the

The proposition to tax bachelors is behind the times. Every single man in this country prosperity in unparalled measure, we have seen at the same time nearly all of its benefits usurped by the country now has to pay tribute to every falr woman.

classes, the masses having been almost entirely excluded from participation in prosperity's profits. Capital is today It has been finally announced that Teddy, Jr., left school on account of his stronger and bolder than it has over been eyes. Way couldn't the rest of us make The people, on the other hand, are in a sorry plight, the cost of living steadily that excuse go?

The poor little girl who ran away to Baker City may thank her stars that homesickness came upon her while she more popular thing than to cast off the lines that now hind the financial departyet had a home. There is a nostalgia too bitter for tears when the place of affection ment of the Government to Wall street, is darkened forever.

nearly taking the helm boldly and fear-lessly, steer a course which shall bring relief to the people. There are trusts to be curbed, moropoly to be crushed, dan-gerous and grinding combinations to be King Leopold has resolved to live better hereafter. He is a good man, and everybody hopes that a life so marked by domostic virtue, fatherly kindness and respect for the Ten Commandments may long be spared to his devoted people.

A Chicago preacher warned the girls of his congregation against dudes, deadgame sports, the man who promised to efforts. But let him once raise the stand-ard, let him call, and the people will raily reform after marriage, and the young man who'didn't believe in religion. Girls. to his support, irrespective of their party there's only one thing for you to do.

The trusts have become a public men They must be dealt with and if

A man whose experience in society has Theodore Roosevelt will write into his forthcoming message to Congress a-decbeen limited to a modest range was inlaration which, by his subsequent action, vited not long ago to a very swell house shall become a proclamation of emanci-pation from the trusts, he will have where there were maid servants and man servants. He stayed and enjoyed himself 'made good" his claim to the confidence hugely for a couple of weeks. On his return he was asked by a less-favored frierd what he had discovered. "Nothing much," was his response, "except one "What is that?" came the query, thing. "I now know the definition of a maid."

A. M."

he used to experiment on was dickering

with a lottery ticket vender, and this

proved so engrossing that he did not no-

tice when the small boy gave the end

of his pigtail a couple of turns about a

doorknob. His chaffering finished, the

Celestial started off and was brought up

coundly. In the endeavor to twist his

head to see what the matter was, he

broke the strands and his sleek locks dis-

integrated, unraveled and showed that all

but the six inches nearest the scalp was

made of fine black thread. This strange

phenomenon bewitched the lad who was

the cause of the trouble, and he incau-

tiously approached to get a nearer

him, gave vent to barbarlan language,

caught him by the slack of his breeches

and spanked him in improved Western

The infuriated Chinaman spled

Cast off the lines, President Roosevelt Congress must back you up. queues yesterday. The Chinaman whom

San Francisco Bulletin.

The latest official figures show that there are in the United States 114,600 divorced women, against \$4,000 divorced men. The greater number of divorced women is accounted for on the ground that a larger proportion of divorced men marry a second time than of divorced women. It is assumed that the greater ability of the divorced husband to earn enables him to marry a second The woman in most cases has to money await the coming of a man who is at once agreeable and able to support a family, While there are instances of wives who seek divorce in the hope of improving their financial condition, by far the larger part of wives will cling to their homes, if home is not all they had hoped for. The mother's attachment to her chidren is ad-mittedly stronger than the father's, and for this reason, if for no other, she only for this reason, it for no other, she only applies for divorce when release from marriage vows is forced upon her. Ask an unhappy wife why she does not apply for a divorce, and her eyes will turn in-voluntarily to her children. There are in-stances of huzbands who have given their wices abundlet annue for diverse why wives abundant cause for divorce who still love their children. The wife in

style. When the fracas was over the by standers were unable to decide who was the madder, the boy or the Chinaman. The tail was false. The story thereof is true. A Helena hack driver smiled inoppor

tunely at a somewhat funny slip in Stuart Robson's tenses one night last week, the story runs, and lost a fare. Incidentally he uncorked the vials of the eminent Thespian's wrath. The incident happened front of the Grandor Robson, tired from interpreting his Shakespearean role, was pacing the floor of the rotunda within. The driver waited outside in the cold. The actor was to Binghamton Leader. The 57th Congress will reassemble in be carried to the Northern Pacific depot. But he seemed to have forgotten the fact, He dallied and the horses stamped. The

view.

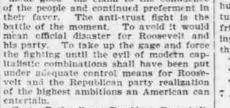
thwarted in their designs against the peoplc. This is work enough for one man, and it is work that should be pleasing to a man of the type of Roosevelt. The foe is powerful enough to furnish all the en-tertainment be desires and he is quite likely to realize a new phase of the stren-uous life before success shall crown his

Come West.

"Yes?" "A maid is a woman who is dressed at

An urchin of an inquiring temperament discovered a new thing about Chinese

The Divorce Record.



phis brings him into the light in respect of authorship. He is not a great writer, but no one is better equipped to speak of Tennessee's history than the author of "The Winning of the West." We should say that next to his moral influence upon society, in Europe as well as in his own country, the President's chief service will be his incidental enthronement of the intellectual life. For with all his traits of impetuosity and out-ofdoor activity, Mr. Roosevelt exemplifies as no President since Garfield has exemplified the scholar in politics; and while his thought is seldom profound and not always convincing, his mood and method are those of the thinker far beyond the mood and method of Garfield's somewhat tawdry oratory. No public speaker of his time addresses himself so undividedly to the thinking faculty of his audience as the President does. Elegance of diction he ignores utterly, and even denies himself the humbler flowers of rhetoric which Lincoln loved and McKinley employed upon occasion. All that Roosevelt alms at is to communicate his thought to his hearers and arouse them to his own conclusions. His few quotations are introduced, not to grace his speech, but to fortify his thought. This is why the reasonable expectation that the President would improve as a public speaker is meeting justification. A scholar by method if not by temperament and accomplishment, he is in the way of advancing from the crude utterances on trusts and tariff of a year ago to sound conclusions worth the attention of Congress. His speeches and state papers may never be literary achievements; but they are apt to be events in the march of affairs.

Our Salem dispatches this morning put the State Land Board in a very unfavorable light. The Odell transactions. facilitated at Salem, connived at in the Burns Land Office and now discredited and balked by Secretary Hitchcock, tend to portray the state as a willing accessory to Odell's operations, under which the machinations of the lieu land iniquity are given free course. There are, of course, numerous defenses to the unsavory exhibit. There is the timehonored excuse that if Odell hadn't his office in the Statehouse and easy access to every aid he needs, somebody else would. Then it is pointed out that the Federal Government does not defend the homesteader's rights any more than the state defends the recipient of its school land deeds, although the homesteader's rights are inchoate and the state's deeds are ripened. The Government protects the homesteader when his title is in the same finished state with the school land deeds. Another apology is that the state makes \$1 25 an acre in the lieu land transfer, which many will regard an insufficient recompense for participating in the act of repudiating its own deeds. Mr. Odell is in a very thrifty way, and apparently within the letter of the law, but this whole business in going to appear as a far from creditable chapter in Oregon's history. and one to which no posterity will point

that the Democracy did not carry the Presidential election until 1884. In 1892 the Democracy came into power on the platform of "a tariff for revenue only." but a Democratic Congress repudiated this platform, with the result that the evangelists of dishonest money and populism captured the nominating convention for 1896. The Democratic leaders who were not advocates of depreciated silver and populism made another farreaching blunder in opposing McKinley's Philippine policy. The history of this country shows that no political party ever opposed the National Administration in time of war and traduced the American Army without exciting the hostility of the American people. The Democracy is in a very bad way today because it has lost the confidence of the friends of honest money and the National Supreme Court; because it has lost the confidence of the intelligent friends of thorough tariff reform, and because it has lost the confidence of patriotic men in both parties who love the American flag and are proud of the American soldier. For these reasons the National Democracy has no just hopes of successfully contesting a Presidential election before 1908. It is true that the National campaign does not take place until 1904, but the events of the next year do not promise to alter the present outlook. By a year from the present date the candidate of the Republican party and the issuee which he will represent will have been finally determined. In the Winter and Spring of

made, but there will be no uncertainty as to the action of the National Convention long before these delegates are chosen. Nothing short of some very important, unexpected and far-reaching event can possibly change the present outlook, which is that President Roosevelt will be easily elected his own successor.

1904 the choice of delegates will be

Assuming, then, that the Democratic party has no chance of success in 1904, what platform can it hope to succeed upon in 1908? Its only hope, in our judgment, is to become a socialist party, The Bryanite following at the West would probably welcome a platform of this sort and there is a deal more socialism at the East than there is pop-There were nearly 35,000 votes ullem. polled for the socialist candidate this year in Massachusetts. It may not be denied that the labor problem is resistlessly forcing itself into American politice. Many thoughtful men in both parties have reluctantly reached the conclusion that we shall be obliged to choose between government by the managers of concentrated capital, -possessed of a monopoly of public necessities, and government ownership of all great public utilities that are popular necessities which must not be monopolized in outrage of the common weal, Neither party has yet made any decisive declaration on this question, but the time is not far distant when neither

party can afford to dodge it. There are a good many Republicans who believe in Government ownership; with pride. The record is that the state there are a good many Democrats who armed, but the greater number of the also just,

#### A SOLDIER'S APPEAL.

Major Robert K. Evans, of the Army, made a point in an after-dinner talk at the Loyal Legion banquet in this city Wednesday which deserves emphasis, Speaking for "The American Soldier," he declared that in two particulars he has not been fairly treated by the country in the recent wars in Cuba and the Philippines. "Your soldier man," he said, "by the rules of his trade is in some respects a servile instrument-servile in the sense that his first duty is to obey and in the further sense that milltary discipline makes him almost an automaton in his dependence upon his officers and in his work on the battlefield." And under these conditions, continued the speaker, the soldier is entitled to efficient command, and he is most grievously treated when subjected to untrained and incompetent officers commissioned through political or other "outside" motives Proceeding, Major Evans declared that both in the Cubar and Philippine service commands of conspicuous importance, calling for skilled professional judgment, were in the hands of men with no military training and no moral right to command. He cited instances, in one of which his immediate battalion participated, in which brave and patriotic men went to their death through the incompetence of unskilled commanders; and with a suppressed but passionate emphasis he declared that the blood of these dead was upon the head of somebody who, for some political or private motive, had imposed upon "the soldier man" an incompetent and blundering authority.

Proceeding to his second point, Major Evans declared that the American soldier is entitled to the best tools of his trade-to the best guns, the best ammunition and the best appliances in general

And yet, he pointed out, the Spaniards had better guns than the greater part of the American troops in Cuba; and even the Filipinos were better supplied with smokeless powder. In the Philippines our regular troops were well

The provincial towns of England are securing better service as regards gas, water and markets by municipal management, while also reducing their rates out of the profits. Darlington in six years has made a net profit of \$350,000, relieving the rates of each family in the town to an average amount of \$7 50. Birmingham's profits in five years are \$618,640; Bolton's, \$1,002,325; Leeds' \$872,015; Nottingham's, \$620,000; Man chester's, \$2,210,600, while the water rate also has been reduced from 5d to 1d in the pound.

The operators would much prefer separate unions of the anthracite and the bituminous miners. It will probably not be maintained that they take this stand out of any desire to benefit the status of the men. It is far more probable that they think such segregation would facilitate their own tactics in the controversy. Nothing could so convincingly approve the course of President Mitchell in contending for a common union.

The world of intelligent, spiritual conception and growth, regardless of denominational lines, will lose a friend and counsellor in the death of Rev. Joseph Parker, the great English Congregationalist preacher. Dr. Parker represented to progressive religion under one name what Dr. James Martineau represented under another. There was ome distinction, perhaps, between the tenets of the two, but little difference.

The attractive pictures put before the Irrigation Convention by the various counties with promising reclamation projects made an impressive exhibit in local loyalty, and in the aggregate ministered powerfully to state pride. It is permitted every citizen to view these widely scattered regions with uniform hope and pride, and to feel a larger confidence in the great future of Oregon. -

Of the present Generals of the regu lar Army, thirty-four in all, only eight are graduates of West Point. Not one of the Major-Generals, of whom there are seven, is a graduate, nor in the Lieutenant-General. Of the other Generals but two rose from the ranks of the regular Army. The rest were appointed officers from civil life, or have come up from the volunteers of 1861-65. -

R. L. Smith, the Booker T. Washington of Texas, enjoys the distinction of representing a white district in the Texas Legislature, although himself a colored man. He is at the head of the Farmers' Improvement Society, an organization of negroes, who own 50,000 acres of well-stocked land and expended upon it last year \$30,000 for improve ments.

Secretary Hitchcock has checkmated W. H. Odell's progress in the great land game in which he has been playing a lone hand for some time. "The applications," says the Secretary of the Interior, "do not conform to the regulations." This is decisive. No doubt it is

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for use as trading stock at Olympia this attach Winter, Members who might themselves to this political huckster, after these amazing admissions, could not hop to escape one of two classifications. They would either be regarded as exceedingly stupid or as alert and vigilant to offer themselves for trading purposes.

#### Idaho Is Interested Lewiston Tribune.

There is every reason to believe Mr. Ankeny would make the improvement of the river as a whole his first interest and duty in Congress, as doubtless would Mr. John L. Wilson, though in the nature of things the latter's concern could scarcely be so immediate and direct as the for-mer's. In fact, any man of sufficient intelligence and discretion to find his way to Washington without being taken there in handcuffs by the Sheriff would necesan habecults by the importance of open-ing this free highway to the sea. Even Idaho has been known to send men there who would vote right on the question on roll-call. What Idaho will do hereafter in this respect cannot now be seen. Con-gressman-elect French understands ...e situation clearly, and will undoubtedly act vigorously in the public interest. The Senatorship is a dense puzzle at this time. and when it is settled it may be merely a means of distributing postmasterships rather than for the furtherance of a great economic benefit like the open river. But it ought to be made plain that the river question is the greatest of all questions to the people of all the region drained by the Columbia, while the postmasterships and similar considerations not only concern only a few, but can be disposed of just as satisfactorily by those large enough to understand and influence the politics of river legislation. The river politics of river legislation. The river would be open today if the people had only stood up for it and demanded it. Appropriations large enough to secure continuity of the work to an early completion could be secured at any Congress if the people made that the first consideration for sending men to Congress. It is the dereliction of the people as an ex-ample to the Congressmen that is pri-marily responsible for the delay and halfheartedness in making a commercial high-way out of the second river in the Nation in importance and capacity for usefulness but some day the people will rise and de-mand that the way be opened, and then it will be opened.

## Old Grimes, Jr. Boston Globe. "Old Grimes is dead, that good old man,

We ne'er shall see him more Until some mighty trust shall buy That far-off "Golden Shore."

He was as honest as the sun. And all his bills did may, So consequently had to wear His Winter suit in May.

He paid good wages to his men; He must have been insane; He lived a simple, quiet life And never did complain.

He helped the widow in her need, His name the orphans knew; He had but one new hat a year, And boots he had but two

His life was like a Summer day; is and to think he lived in vain Who might have lived in style.

Yes, he is gone, good old man Grimes, We ne'er shall see him more He was so far behind the times He should have died before

# Need of the Post Currency.

ew weeks and it is widely hoped that a part of its work will be the pussage of the post check currency bills, which pro vide for a practical and convenient meth-od of sending small sums of money by mail. A great deal has been written on

this subject, and there are few who do not know that this method is simply an once of currency that can be circulated as cash and also be safely remitted by mail, because when mailed it will be made payable only to one person whose name is written in the blank space that is left for that purpose, Under the present money-order system

safety can be assured only at the sacrifice of convenience, and convenience can be consulted only by disregarding the element of safety. The post check plan is both convenient and safe, and, being so. it is just what the public needs in its The business interests and the line. press favor it with virtual if not actual unanimity, and, in fact, the full measure of popularity it has won is a warrant if not an order, for its adoption by Congress.

## Tariff Revision Assured.

San Francisco Call. The Call said that the retirement of Speaker Henderson definitely settled the future of tariff revision and established it as a Republican policy. Current develop ments prove the correctness of our fore-cast. The West controls the next House. No Eastern candidate for the Speakership is considered. That power will pass from Iowa to filinois with the election of Cannon, and a Western man, probably Babcock of Wisconsin, will supplant Payne of New York at the head of the committee of ways and means. Though contradictory reports are given out, there is every reason to believe that the coming short session of Congress will be followed by an extra session comprehen-sively to revise the tariff. This is a bold policy on the eve of the Presidential election of 1904, but the Republican party has never been cowardly in its course upon any subject, and as it is now dominated

revisionists that work will not be lone plecemeal, by amendment haphazard, but by an entirely new bill that wipe the Dingley bill off the statutes entirely.

#### To a Footlight Charmer.

The Brooklyn Eagle. I sat last night in an orchestra chair. And studied your features so wondrously fair

A bleasure it was, I confess. Although you spoke naught but the lines the play. Your voice o'er my heart exerted a sway

I cannot find words to express. And yet, as I sat in that orchestra chair, Some troublesome thoughts occurred to there.

Now, Julie DeVere is a beautiful name, And truly I hope you were christened the same And not a plain Maggie O'Toole.

The newspapers tell me that twenty's your age. But many are that for years on the stage-I hope you have broken that rule. And yet, as I sat in that orchestra chair, troublesome questions occurred Such

there. The programme informs me that you are a

"Mise." Yet some programmes err in matters like this, For bills-of-the-play will deceive; The man who was playing the monster bazoo, For all that I know, may be married to you, Although it is hard to believe. And yet, as I sat in that orchestra chair, surmises would come to me there.

grew impatient. He opened the door and looked in. His appearance clearly disturbed Robson, for he broke off his meditations and emerged frowning. "Isn't it your business to wait until I am ready to go?" said he. "It is, but I can't wait all night. I have another fare," replied the driver, "And the train is almost due at that," he added.

cabby, with visions of other work ahead,

"Sir," said Robson, drawing himself up, "you contracted with my manager to take me where I choosed and to do so when I choosed." A startled look from the driver greeted the first "choosed." The second caused a smile to flit across his face. The player caught the glance and turned on his heel. "I shall employ another cab," he called over his shoulder. 'or maybe I shall walk to the depot.'

"Do," came the reply through the darkness, "and be hanged." Members of his company, it is stated, cooled their leader's wrath sufficiently to induce him to give up his determination to walk, and try another cab.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

He-Carrie, I believe you think I'm a fool-She-And yet you say I'm always in the wrong.

-Boston Transcript. Alice-What do you do when Jack talks foot-bail to you? Julia-Weil, I try to look intelligent,-Detroit Free Press.

A man feels blue with trouble, red with rags, white with fear, yellow with eavy, and green with jealousy.-Baltimore American.

"If I should die rich, I'd leave my money to establish a much-needed institution." "What is that?" "A dormitory for policemen on night duty."-Puck.

Gerald-As it is to be a secret engagement, it would not be wise for me to give you a ring at present. Geraldine-Oh, but I could wear it on the wrong hand.-Judge.

"Yes, Muggins is an innocent, trusting indi-vidual." "I should say so. Why, that mum can buy a cheap pair of patent leather shoes and think they won't crack?"-Baltimore Her-ald ald.

"Why is sujcoide "rong?" should the freethinking crank. "Because it interferes with digestion, respiration and other important func-tions of the body." answered the health crank. -Life.

"So you had a successful hunting trip?" "Eminently successful. We didn't bring back any game, but nobody was shot by any of the other members of the party."-Washingtop Star.

Mamma-I was surprised and shocked by the coldness with which you greeted Miss Boresum when she called. Ethel-Yes, mamma, but 1 made up for it inter. Mamma-Did you? Ethel-Yes, indeed, you should have seen how ordially I bade her good-bye,-Philadelphia Press.

Doctor (finding patient sampling a bottle of whisky)-Here, here, my man, that will never do. That's the cause of all the trouble. Face-lious Patient-Well, then, fill your glass, doe-tor. Now we've found the cause, the sonner we got rid of it the better.-Glasgow Evening

Fond Mother-I do wish you would look over some of my little boy's sketches, and give me your candid obinion of them. They strike me as perfectly marvelous for one so young. The other day he drew a horse and cart, and, I can assure you, you could acarcely tell th difference!--Punch.

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