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Chairman Jones, of the democrati national committee, is said to have a committee of Southern senators at work on a model for the Kansas City platform that will harmonize the pa and seeking to formulate a plank or that question upon which all democrats can stand. It is also paying close attention to the democratic platforms since 1880 and hunting for material to strengthen the platform which it is trying to construct and upon which all democrats of all shades of opinion can stand. It can readily be seen that the committee's work is not at all easy and that if it seeks planks from old platforms on which the democrats of all shades of opinion can unite, it will be forced to touch upon a multitude of subjects. But, judging from the lieve in sound money and who are decidedly opposed to the free coinage fallacy-and their number has not de creased since 1896-and who are no abuse of the administration for its Philippine policy or to give aid and comfort to the Filipinos, the committee, no matter how many old doctrines it revamps, will not succeed in uniting the party on its platform. It may try to obscure the silver question with a multitude of other issues, but trine of free silver and the un-demo cratic doctrine of antagonism to expansion will be so strong as not to be snared by the adroltness of any set of platform constructors.

There are very conclusive reasons why the present tariff tax on wood pulp and printing paper should be repealed and there is no reason in the interest of American industry that pleads for the continuance of these taxes. They are now simply an element of robbery under color of law, and they should be effaced from our statues. The paper trust is now taxing the newspapers and book publishers of the country many millions, not because of any such actual increase in the cost of producing paper, but because the trust has the power to extort from the purchasers of paper up to the extent that would make tariff-taxed foreign paper and pulp cheaper than the prices demanded here. This trust has played its scheme of extortion to the uttermost, and congress should at once remove the tax that protects no Amer-Ican industry and that has become an

How easy it is for young ? girls to go into the "decline." They eat less and less, become paler and paler and can harldy drag through the day. They are on the steady downward course. Iron does them no good; strychnine and bitters all fail. They need a food \$ that will nourish them better, and a medicine that will correct their disease.

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agent only to rob the consumers. The we conclusive reasons which should nake congress act promptly are-first. that the paper trust should be at once American forests by the admission of free wood pulp from Canada; and, second, that the present extortion practiced by the paper trust upon pubtematic robbery, it must be overfor a tax upon the manufactured article, and the raw material should b free, not because that general principle is correct, but because the paper

trust has demonstrated that thes

taxes a rve only a single purpose-tha

is to invite robbery under color of law

The Boers have one distinguishing

quality that makes it impossible for into some new part of Africa and establish a new government of their own where they can maintain slavery to do their work and enjoy the absolute freem of some section of the dark conment. They refuse to yield anything to the Christian civilization they so strangely burlesque, and there is no middle ground on which the Boer and the Briton can occupy South Africa. The Boer, who cherishes many of the worst features of barparism of centurics ago, did not err in the conclusion that he must now tear up liberal civilization by the roots or see Boer despotism and intolerance perish from South Africa. He deliberately provoked war and suddenly precipitated it, against her, and that the absolute independence of the Boer republics would be acknowledged. England was thus forced to decide whether South Africa, in which she has colonies of again protected the Boers against the vengeance of the border tribes which they had enslaved, should be wholly Beer or wholly Briton, and that issue s now well understood on both sides, It is a struggle like that between Rome and Carthage, when the young men of both nations were not only educated, but swern to the destruction of the other, and in this, as in all such inexerable conflicts, the survival of the fittest is inevitable. The Boer is toiay the greatest obstacle to the civilization of South Africa; and he must how to the inevitable. He will not learn; he will not bend, and he will be broken. The South African republics could have been a combination of Boer and Briton but for the Boers' implacable hatred of his more enlightened and progressive competitor, and now that the Boer has forced the issue for final arbitrament, South Africa will oner or later, and soon at the latest,

A NATION IN A HURRY.

Chicago Tribune.

be wholly Briton.

That we are 'a nation in a hurry is plain even to those who are in the midst of the mad whirl of the cities and who will take time to thing about t. It is the foreigner or the return-

graphically portrayed by Eliot Gregsteamed up the bay toward New York that apparently invited repose; but all this calm soon disappeared as he set hurry took possession of his mind, Everything breathed of haste. It was

Our transit from dock to hotel," says the writer, "was like the visit to a new circle in the Inferno, where trains rumble eternally overhead and cable faced throng of the "damned," who, in explation of their sins, are driven forever forward, toward an unreachable

This curious curse which has fallen upon our people is not perceptible in ur business transactions alone. Its caleful effects are noted in all the activities of life. The real joy of a busiess man, of course, is when he can do wo things at once. Rapidity in busiess transactions is appreciated more han correctness of detail. Celerity is the all-pervading, dominant idea. But the readlong, fidgety haste is also noted in our pursuit of pleasure and entertainpent, to say nothing of our eating, Contrast our fidgety way of feeding at the theater, where we might expect to find people reposeful and calmrestlessness is most apparent, and no sooner do people discover that the end of a play is drawing near than they ommence a frantic struggle to get into

Hurry is the cause of "slouch" in ociety, in business and in the buildng of a city. Nervous diseases are onstantly on the increase and human crecks are multiplied. No wonder a eading diplomatist recently declared that the whole nation seemed to him to be "but five minutes ahead of an pileptic fit."

TWO HUNDRED NEW TOWNS FOR THE WEST, NOT INCLUDING OREGON.

Chicago Times-Herald. Public attention has been directed of ate to a feature of railway developent which is a revelation to those who cent figures concerning this feature of her own, and where she has time and railreading would indicate. The railroads have not only been promoting the building of factories along their routes, but they have made it a part of their business to find markets for the proluct of these factories.

The Western railroads, however, are tot content with building factories and finding markets for them. They now propose to build a couple of hundred ew towns as an incident of the transe scattered over the country between hicago and the coast of the Pacific people to populate them. Millions of follars will be expended by the roads n an effort to advertise the resources and advantages of the sections of the West in which it is proposed to locate

The railroads which have entered nost extensively upon this work of town building are the Atchison. Topeka and Sante Fe, the Chicago and Northwestern, the "Burlington," the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Northern Pacific, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois and the Illinois Central The territory which it is proposed to open for development embraces portions of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kaneas, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska and Washington.

The work of carrying the enterprisog sons and daughters of the farmers of the Ohio valley and the Middle aken up again with greater vigor than ver. Territory which the hard times forced the railroads to ignore is to be capidly developed. Free town sites for burches and schoolhouses are offered y nearly all the roads as an induce ent to encourage speedy settlement, and the policy of the roads in the transportation of settlers is character ged by great liberality.

The work undertaken by the railroads seans more town and more people for parsely populated portions of the West, and following this will come the building of new railway lines and the development of agricultural, mining and timber resources.

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chandlery and component parts of ra-tions, may be had upon application at this office; proposals must be submitted on these forms, Sep-arate bids will also be received the same time and place for lubrica-ting and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and no contract will be put in force until congress shan bar, priation for the purpose. JOHN FOX. til congress shall have made an appro-

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