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WORKING FOR ECONOMY.

The present house of representatives is bent on making a record for economy this year. The sundry eivil appropriation bill, now under consideration, is so conservatively constructed that the democrats have almost given up hope of being able to make any capital out of it, says the Post-Intelligencer. This is a novel condition of affairs in the session of congress immediately preceding a national election, at which time the party not responsible for the conduct of affairs of the government is exceedingly prone to boast of how much cheaper and better it could carry on the task if the country would but intrust it with the job.

nection with the present bill that while 10 hours and had to adjourn because there was no one prepared ridicuously so. to take up the remainder of the time.

According to the statements made in debate, the full amount of appropriations at the present session of congress will be some \$22,000,000 less than the short of the estimates by the departments. The saving is made by paring down estimates all around and omiting the river and harbor bill altogether. The omission of the river and harbor bill at this session does not mean that congress has abandoned, even for the purpose of making a record for economy. The more important work on river and harbor improveprevious appropriations and appropriations for conpropriations are now being made.

The senate will probably add considerably to the appropriation bills as they pass the house, but neverthe less the total amount to be expended through appropriations passing at the present session of congress will probably be well within the income of the government. The democrats will thus have a surplus to worry over, as is usually the case when republicans are in power, instead of the deficiency which worried them when they were trying to carry on the government in all of its branches themselves.

A WAR OF GREAT POWERS.

Some people who wish well to Japan in the present finally swamped by numbers.

sition to maintain a Russian war than the British are. dreds of millions. They have more trained soldiers than the British have, their army organization is infinitely superior, and the navy appears to be quite as good in proportion to its size. England is near the bulk of Russia's constituents; but the average man prefers that population-Japan is five thousand miles away. There his breath should smell of old rye at election. are more than forty-five million Japanese, all living in the war zone, and not over three million Russians within three thousand miles. The Japanese on the spot outnumber the Russians by at least fifteen to

one. Of the seven great powers of the Old World Japan comes just in the middle of population. She has fewer inhabitants than Russia, Germany and Aus- heaven in comparison. tria, and more than Great Britain, France or Italy. Austria's margin of superiority over her in population is very slight, and is far more than balanced by ing to do except to remain neutral and see what be Japan's great advantage in homogeneity and na-

Japan has more than nine million men of military A Colorado man has invented the seedless apple. age, which is more than any general can handle or It will never be popular with the small boy who begs any commisary department feed in the field-that for cores.

is to say, she has more men than she can possibly use for fighting purposes just as Russia has. The differance in the total population of the two countries cuts practically no figure at all. The result will depend upon comparative efficiency in disposing of resources which on both sides are substantially inexhaust-

In this respect all the advantage seems now to be with Japan.

COOKING TEACHERS AND COOKS.

Some surprise is reported to have been expressed among members of the New York board of education that the city should encounter and difficulty in securing good teachers of the art of cooking for giving instruction in the public schools. There were two such appointments to be made, and the board made application to the municipal civil-service commissioners for an eligible list. Six names were sent in. The board decided on two and promptly notified both eligibles that they had been formally appointed "teachers of cooking" by the New York board of education.

They failed to respond-took no notice of the honor thus conferred.

The next two selected and notified made prompt reply that they didn't care for the job.

Finally the last names on the eligible list-and presumably they belonged to the two most poorly qualified out of the six-were taken in hand. These persons accepted. They are both women. Their salaries will be \$50 a month each, with Saturdays and Sundays off, and with the usual ten weeks' vacation in the summer, presumably.

There is really no cause for surprise in this inci-So hard was it to find anything to attack in con- dent. To begin with, good cooks are by no means plentiful in this town. Probably not one in fifty a half were fixed by rule for debating the measure, among these can teach cooking. It is one thing to at the expiration of one hour and a half there was know it, but quite another to impart that knowledge no one ready to continue the debate, and the house to another. And the salary is inadequate-almost

The "run" of cooks in domestic establishments here in New York commands wages from \$16 to \$22 a month, really efficient or expert ones \$30 and upwards-and they will get "room and board" and estimated revenue for the year 1905, as the bill pass days off besides. Those in restaurants and hotelsthe house. They will also fall upwards of \$42,000,000 chiefly men-get much higher wages, the pay not infrequently running up to the levels of bookkeepers', managers', clergymen's and other professional salaries. And no doubt the very best of them would make sorry failures as public school instructors in the art of cooking. Most of them can't tell how they temporarily, needed river and harbor improvements do the thing, and many of them don't even know how do it themselves. It just "comes natural to them."

It is of vast importance that our girls and boysments has already already been provided for by the latter quite as much so as the former-should be taught how to cook. The domestic life of the future tinuing improvements now under way. Improve- is going to depend in a large way on that attainment. ments now under way will, therefore, be carried on But it is much to be feared that the city of New toward completion, but there will be no new pro- York will have to reconstruct its cooking-school sysjects undertaken during the fiscal year for which ap- tem before any really valuable results of the instruction will appear.

The recent decision of the supreme court in the merger case does not necessarily imply that every monopoly is repugnant to the law, says the Ledger It depends upon how such a monopoly is brought about. The control of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, in the opinion of Justice Brewer, might have been merged in a way that might have been legal. According to his view, one single individual might own a control of both roads. "Freedom of action," he says, "is among the inalienable rights of every citizen. If, applying this to the present case, it appeared that Mr. Hill was owner of a war think that her ease is hopeless because the odds majority of the stock in the Great Northern Railway are so overpowering, says the Saturday Evening Company he could not by any act of congress be de-Post. They draw a parallel between this contest prived of the right of investing his surplus means and that in South Africa, where the Boers, after in the purchase of stock of the Northern Pacific holding up the British Empire for two years, were Railway Company, although such purchase might tend to vest in him through that ownership a con-It seems not to be realized that Japan is not a petty trol over both companies. In other words, the right state like the Transvaal-whose entire number of which all other citizens had, of purchasing Northern burgher inhabitants was less than the population of Pacific stock, could not be denied to him by congress Omaha—but in every sense a great power. It has because of his ownership of stock in the Great Northmore people and more territory than the UnitedKing- ern Company." Justice Brewer's vote turned the dom, and there are no deductions to be made for a scales in the case, and from these observations it is hostile Ireland in its flank. Nobody imagines that easy to figure out a course which would have been England would be hopelessly overmatched by Russia, legal in his judgment. Perhaps this is not a safe hint yet in many respects the Japanese are in a better po- to give to men who count their wealth by the hun-

> Some congressmen may distribute free onion seeds in the joyous hope of being in good odor with their

> The ministers who are wanting Utah read out of the union should close their bibles long enough to read a few sections of the constitution.

> Before he leaves Australia Dowie may come to the conclusion that New York was

Corea has felt from the first that there was noth-

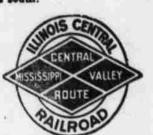
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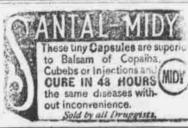
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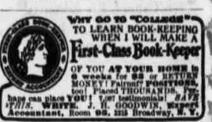
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