Elu 클ily gistorian.
 Tur fact that nearly all the state tax of 1886 has been paid $t$
the state treasurer is good evi dence of the general prosperity of the commonwealth.
A xsw journal has appeared at Albany,
Helping Hand. It is Helping Eand. Mtrimony," but
in the ioterests of mat
does not appear to furnish anydoes not appear to furniss ony-
thing additional in the way of in. dnceenents to commit that indis. cretion.
Accordina to Harper's Weekly. neither party has the slightes,
chance to elect its standard bearen chance to elect its standard beare
in the next presidential campaign Can it be that all the goodness bas fed to the case of Adulam of the mugwumps that a candidat that can win is to be found
Bkrons the interstate commerce aw went into effect printing ps per was laid down here at 6) cents a
hundred from the Mississippi; now it is 83.50 , and eastern paper dealers have adranced rates 50 per ought to boom now; there seem to be no reason why it shouldn? get tho Oregon
trade, at least.
Ix the interstate commerce law the rairoads seem to have abour a furnishes them an excellent excuse lur 81 sorts of little games. Our thought, if they thought anything that they were cinching the rail road companies, when, as a matter will entail continual hardship and anoyance on that portion of the

There is a noticeable improve ment in the variety and quality of state in the past two years, the majority of them now taking tele grams to the limit of their re has developed into a costly figh for supremacy, notably in San Francisco. The latest develop ment in this state is the large increase of telegrams in the Neres more than ten columns of brevier being in some issues of that paper
and the copyrighting of some of the dispatches in the Oregonian.
Srocktos, the county seat of Rooks county, Kan., a thrifty, Wide awake city of the second
class, is carving its way to national fame by the noyel manner in which it is treating the municipal agreed to give the women a chance to make a supreme, test of their
ability to deal with. public affsirs, and in order to do this have stepped aside and will simThe entire city ticket-mayo councilmen, etc.,- $=$ is composed
ladies, who were unanimously non inated to the position. Stockto is on the south fork of the Salmo river, and has lately voted to build
waterworks. The handling of this important matter will be left to the women, who will have to let perform their work properly, pay off the men and supervise things generally.
tral branch of the Missouri-Pacifio line, that is likely to be extended this year, and they will have an opportnnty to grapple with the
rairoad question among other railroad question among other
things. In short, the municipal things. In short, the municipal
government is to be handed entirely over to the ladies, and the whole nation will wateh with eager intere $t$ the result of añ experiment that is without parallel in the history of modern times.

Says a San Francisco dispateh: War is in progress between the managers of sugar refineries, the object beirg to get control of the Pacifio coast market. The passage of the interstate bill and the re-
siditiog ingrease of railroad rates
 pounds can be profitably refined
his year, as against $115,900,000$ pounds during the preeeding year nd either of the refineries could
farnish that supply. Both of the companies have a full orop coming
on in the Sandwich there is no prospect of a rise in
rices, as there is a surpou of prices, as there is a surplas of beet
sugar in France, Belgium and Rus sia. The frst cut was made by the Calforaia comp any about ten days
ago. They reduced their quotations abo The American refinery met the cat, and added anothet drop of
cent. The Californal refinery has made a corresponding reduction, and at present each company is wititing to see what the other will
do. The prospect is that dill go lower, although best gran-
dite will go lower, although best gran-
ulated sugar is quoted at 5 cents way, arket has been cut down ve must havc some prices to sell our sugar. We will meet any pany can make eren if we onl get enough to pay for the barrels,
ond have to give the sugar away,"
" Nothing like the present prices
has ever been heard of, before, in has ever been heard of, before, in
3an Francisco, or in any othe art of the United States, within the memory of the younger portion
of the trade. How refiners, who sed to ask 10 to 15 cents, and
ven more, for crushed sugar, can ow soll at 5 cents, is $\frac{1}{\text { mystery. }}$
"his is more than one cent chan the rate in Now York. Dry
granulated sugar is selling granulated sugar is selling at five $\xlongequal[\text { Doneresary yisery. }]{\text { conts in barrels against } 54}$
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