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Figurer, John P. Robertson, of Salem.

He Says John P. 1s the Most Consistently Inconsistent Calamity Howler on Earth-When John P. Goes to Heaven, What Will Happen ?

Oregon City, October 26, 1900. Editor Statesman;

One of the most interesting stulies ently inconsistent man that ever lived. South Dakota over 160 per cent. as busy as a bee in the search for some defect in a man, or an enterprise or a party, and as happy as a lark when he finds it, and brings his magnifying glass to hear upon it. He is always snapping and snarling at something or somebody, but he scenis always to be doing it from a mis-taken sense of duty. He is utterly oblivious of his own faults and inconsistencies and does not realize that he is simply a modern political Don Quixote whose attacks upon the exciting order of things are just as diverting and no more effective than the charges of his illustrious prototype upon the wind mill. After a varied career of over 20 years in Marion county as an office seeker and an office holder-in the latter capacity drawing his salary with the avidity and regularity that is characteristic of the class-he boils with indignation at the sight of an office holder at Binger Hermann's meeting. [The purchasing power of farm labor and lifts his voice in bitter lamontations. With him no man and no party is beiter than another. It is always worse. With him there is no excellence, but he can always see defects. With him there never will be any prosperity because his line is calamity. He is always forninst. Show him a handsome woman and he will per cent. In the ten leading articles find a mole as large as a pin head at of farm consumption not raised by the inner corner of her left ear. and the American farmer, rice, sisal (of shake his head, Show him a fine which binding twine is made) Besse-specimen of physical manhood and he mer pig fron; petroleum, tin plate, cofwill discover a wart on the back of fee, leather, sugar, tea and cotton his neck, or an ingrowing toe nall in cloth, there has been an average adhis neck, or an ingrowing in a vance of only 15 per cent. his boot. Tell him he is living in a line will start in the Willaurette valley this year healthy community and he will start hops are in demand at 15 cents, toua man in the last stages of consumption to prove that you are a liar. Tell him that we are having good seen the statement somewhere that on 4000 loans made from the state school funds there have been 300 forcelosures. Closing his eyes to the fact that this is a small proportion, and that even it is nothing but the aftermath of four years of Democratic prosperity. he winds up with the usual dissertation on the effect of trusts on sugar. coal oil and barbed wire. Sometime he will die and move on up to the pearly gates and block the procession that is moving in, explaining to Si Peter that the only reason Mr. Bush would not start a national bank was because he was too hopest. Then he will move his works on to the streets of the new Jerusalem and make the fives of the angels a burden, abusing the Republican party for refusing to pay the national debt in greenbacks. People who go to heaven with the hope of finding there endless bliss and universal harmony and perfection will discover their mistak + when Mr. Robertson gets there with his grip foll of statistics and campaign text law, and then adds up the column of the Wilson law, and strikes an aversworn to repeal the MoKinley law, and that for 22 months of its existence the natural working of the law was practically nullified by the ceron the election of McKinley in Novemnear to being dishonest. There are few intelligent men who deny that the people generally are now enjoying such an era of prosper-ity as was never before known, "or ity as was never before known. the extremely few who may have any doubts about it a few figures may be permitted. Mr. Bryan said, four years ago, that under the gold stand-In 1800 the savings banks deposits in the United States advanced to \$2,230,-316,054, being more than those of any

1.665.000. On January 1, 1900, the savings banks deposits in Bryan's state of Nebraska showed an increase

for the year of \$3,400,000. From 1804 in the whole domain of natural history to 1980 bank deposits increased in is John P. Robertson Thoroughly in- Nebraska over 50 per cent.; in Kausas consistent, he is yet the most consist | nearly 100 per cent., and in North and In October, 1896, in the Pacific coast He is a natural born paradox-a gen- states and territories the national isil and an affable pessimist. His mis-sion in life is to pick flaws and to June 29, 1900, they were \$75,878,718, exploit the weaknesses, the foibles and the sins of his fellows. He is not becember 17, 1896, there was deposa grafter. No-he is not a reformer ited in the national banks of Oregon, of the Capital Journal type. On the Washington and Idaho \$17,294,296, contrary he is honest. He is always while on December 2, 1800, there was twice as much.

Reports of the United States Bureau of Agriculture show an increase in the value of Oregon horses, mules, cows, cattle and sheep since 1896 cf \$7.599,000 and in the United States of \$600,000,000, From 1895 to 1899 there was an advance in the value of the live stock of the country of \$633,-000,000, and in corn, wheat, dats, rybarley, potatoes, cotton, hay, tobacco and flax of \$323,000,000. These, with the increase of other farm products, make a total increase of over one billion dollars, which is just about the net amount of our national debt. The exports of our agricultural products for the years 1897-98-99 exceeds those for 1894-95-96 by over \$500,000,000,

In spite of the blighting curse of the gold standard there is not a single product of the "mm that is not worth more today to at it was in 1896. s greater than ever before and given quantity of farm products will bring more than ever before.

For the ten leading products of the American farm, wheat, corn, oats, lard. mess pork, beef, cotton, wool, hay and butter there has been an average increase in value since 1896 of over 15

othy hay has been selling at \$11 pe: ton, sheep at \$3.50, sucking calves at \$10, yearlings at \$18, two year olds at times and he will recall that he has \$25, three year olds at \$32,50, and cows at from \$30 to \$50. Wheat selling at an advance of at least 30 per cent, more than it was on the day Bryan was nominated in 1896. Sugar sells at less than half what it did 30 years ago, when Mr. Robertson quit voting the Republican ticket. farm machinery at less than one half, sacks at less than half, sheet ings and drillings, at barely one-third, salt at less than one-third, cotton tleking at one-fourth, and coal oil at one-fifth. Truly the way of the kicker. like that of the transgressor, is hard In the decade from 1845 to 1857 wheat was often below 50 cents in Cldcago. In 1858 and 1859 it was less than 55 cents. Today in Chicago it ranges at from 75 to 80 cents, in spite of the tremendous increase that is flooding the markets of the world from Argentina, and India and Egypt found thousands of idl- men ready to and Russia, and the great states of the Middle West. Mr. Robertson complains that the trusts have advanced the price of nails howlers, is now busily engaged in at Kodiak. Indian trappers and hunt- of winning himself. This was the and barbed wire from \$3 to \$5.50 and building a \$250,000 steel casting plant ers who were in the vicinity of the last day in which nominations could books. His statistics are of the gutta percha and adjustable sort that under his manipulations always leave the Benublican working in Salem at \$4 per keg, and building a \$250,000 sterr casing plant at Mt. Vernon. Ohio, working with only half a force, because of the scarcity of labor. When asked recent-Republican party in a hole. To prove barbed wire can be bought for \$4.60. that the Wilson law stimulated ex |Sugar sells at \$6.50, and it never did of the common weal" to Washington lo ce near the top of the mountain British General Has Full Confidence ports more than the McKinley law, sell as low as \$5, except for a few he replied: "I have been so busily en- ar I came crashing down the sides, we adds up the column of exports weeks when the fight between Ar gaged in the construction of my steel co cying everything before it. from October 1, 1800, to August 31. buckle and Havemeyer was, at its easting plant during these prosperous 1894-47 months under the McKinley height, and sugar was at actual cost, times that I have given hardly a the avalanche started clear to the The same was the case a short time exports from September 1, 1804, to ago with wire and nails and other there was a Presidential campaign at out half a mile wide, where no ent of the Tribune, and War Office July 31, 1897, being 35 months under manufactured · products when times on.' were hard and the markets were age. He takes particular pains, how-glutted. The period of Democratic ever, not to refer to the fact that in prosperity we enjoyed a few years November, 1892, there was elected a ago is a good starting point for the Democratic President, backed by a pessimist to use in his comparisons. Yet taking that as a starting point and recent years, that our boasted pros-allowing for sugar selling only \$5, perity is only a myth; that the Readships, bay. Congress Democratic in both branches. Yet taking that as a starting point and which lasted only a few weeks, the advance in sugar has been only 11/2 are rapidly and certainly rushing into cents a pound. The yearly average the seething vortex of imperialism and tainty of its repeal. He also takes per capita consumption of sugar in national oblivion. particular pains not to refer to the the United States is 61 pounds. The fact that the business inferests of the advance means that each consumer country began to revive at once up now pays less than one dollar per year for the sugar he consumes more than ber, 1800, and that for 9 months he did when sugar was at the lowest before the Wilson law was repeated, figure ever+known. The advance in its ill effects were discounted by the the wages of the laboring man in a knowledge that it was certain to be single week over what he got four repealed. Mr. Robertson's treatment years ago will pay the advance on the of this question comes dangerously sugar for himself and family for a whole year. The advance in the price of a single sheep will more than pay the advance on the sugar a farmer and his wife will eat in a whole year. The advance in the price of a k-g of nails over the prevailing price in the days of hard times and a glutted market is \$1 per keg. Five kegs will hold an average cottage. That adds ard the savings deposits of the country \$5 to the cost of the cottage. Yet to would decrease. What are the facts? save the laboring man that five doi- depositor depositor lars Mr. Robertson would send him back to the times when nails were cheap and wages were low and no other two nations on the frice of the globe and equal to one-half of the combined deposits of Austria, Hunwork half the time. gary, Bavaria, Belgium, Denmark, At \$3 it would cost \$48 for wire for a France, Italy, the Notherlands, Nor- five wire fence around a 40 acre farm. way, Prussia, Switzerland, the United At \$4.60 it would cost \$73.60 f or wire dom, Australasia, Canada, Cape to fence it. The advance in the price Colony, India, Natal and the Crown of a 3-year-old steer would almost pay trade with the West Indies. Southern report emanated, Mr. Rockhill's ad-Colonies. The increase in the bank the increase in the cost of the wire, railroads are doing all they can to en- vice is regarded as strongly corrobordepositors of the country in 1899 over | and the poor victimized farmer might 1804 was 2,100,547. The increase in de raise steers inside that fence for 40 officer of these lines says: "There is osits in that time was \$1.733.506.509. years without having to go back to a greater amount of stuff being ship- Mr. Conger disproving the stories of The increase per capita was over \$80. The increase per capita was over \$80. The increased cost of the wire for idea of. Every vessel sailing from perial Government. The State De-5.545,867. In 1839 the number was The deposits in 1804 were the advance in the price of a half loz- vana is heavily laden with freight, various sources in China and notably 2.874,589,406. In 1899 they were en head of cattle. This would give The shipments consist principally of from Canton, through its agent there, \$1.608,006.005. In the ten years end- you a fence good for 40 years around provisions, cotton goods, clothing, to the effect that the Imperial Goving with 1899 there was ane increase in the number of the depositors in the cattle the year round and the liberal few farming implements are shipped from office of the Viceroys from the campaign against the so-called popusavings banks of the country of over allowance of wire for a five wire and practically no machinery."

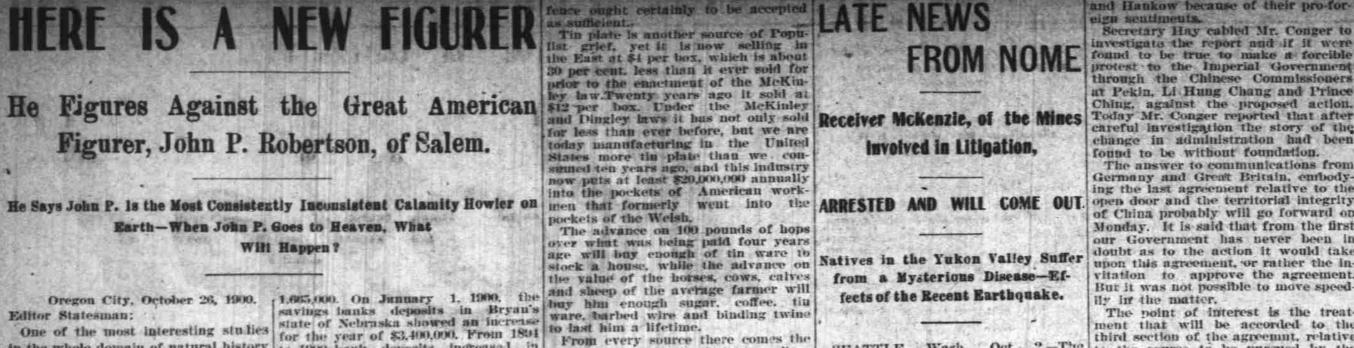
Tin plate is another source of Popu list grief, yet it is now selling in the East at \$4 per box, which is about 30 per cent, less than it ever sold for for less than ever before, but we are today manufacturing in the United States more tin plate than we conmmed ten years ago, and this industry now puts at least \$20,000,000 annually into the pockets of American workmen that formerly went into the pockets of the Weish.

fence ought certainly to be accepted

The advance on 100 pounds of hops over what was being paid four years age will buy enough of tin ware to stock a house, while the advance on the value of the horses, cows, calves and sheep of the average farmer will buy him enough sugar, coffee, tin ware, barbed wire and binding twine to last him a lifetime.

From every source there comes the same story. Our circulating medianu has this year reached \$2,000,000,000 steamship Valencia arrived in port tofor the first time. The increase since day, from Nome, with 160 passengers 1896 has been nearly \$600,000,000. In 1808 our exports for the first time existence the total balance of trade in from contested property. McKenzie our favor was only \$3\$3,000,000. Dur- will be brought out on the first steaming the first three years of McKinley's eff Administration the total balance of trade in our favor was \$1,483,000,000. Francisco came out on the Valencia. From 1897 to 1990 one billion of our He has little to say of Nome, but exforeign indebtedness was paid off, and presses himself as satisfied with his we are now a creditor nation loaning mining ventures. money to Great Britain, Germany Sweden and Russia, while our bonds dawing but 2 per cent. are selling at a premium in all the markets of the B. Rene, in charge of the Roman world. A popular subscription for Catholic missions on the Yukon, has \$200,000 brings bids for more than arrived at Dawson with a terrible \$1,400,000,000 and call money is cheap- story of the sufferings of the natives er in New York and Chicago than in in that valley, from an epidemic of a London, Paris or Berlin.

Gompers, President of the American Sca, and many natives have died. Federation of Labor, who reported 3,000,000 men idle in 1896, bears tes-



SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 2,-The and \$600,000 in treasure. The steam-

"Lucky" E. J. Baldwin, of San

TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

Seattle, Oct. 27 .- Rev. Father John

London, Paris or Berlin. mysterious disease, resembling a John Mitchell, President of the combination of pneumonia, measles Helena, Mont., Oct. 27.-At midnight

Port Townsend, Wash., Oct. 27 .- I cy. The Union Labor party now has "It is proper that the United States

and Hankow because of their pro-foreign sentiments. Secretary Hay cabled Mr. Conger to investigate the report and if if were found to be true to make a forcible protest to the Imperial Government through the Chinese Commissioners

at Pekin, Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, against the proposed action, Today Mr. Conger reported that after careful investigation the story of the change in administration had been found to be without foundation. The answer to communications from Germany and Great Britain, embodying the last agreement relative to the of China probably will go forward on Monday. It is said that from the first our Government has never been in doubt as to the action it would take upon this agreement, or rather the invitation to approve the agreement. But it was not possible to move speed-

lly in the matter. The point of interest is the treatment that will be accorded to the third section of the agreemnt, relative to the course to be pursued by the signatories, in the event that they find themselves obstructed in the execution of the two preceding paragraphs. It is believed that the State Departceeded those of Great Britain. In 1899 er left Nome October 15th, and brings ment will find it unnecessary to enter our total foreign business exceeded news of the arrest of Receiver Me- into any agreement on this point in s2,000,000, and our exports ex-ceeded our imports by \$476,000,000. In the first 107 years of our national ex-compelled to turn over the gold taken tion. There can be no doubt of its full acceptance of the first two articles in view of the fact that they are nothing more than reaffirmations of the department's own policies.

DEWEY'S BROTHER DEAD.

Montpeller, Vt., Oct. 27.-Edward Dewey, brother of Admiral Dewey, is dead, aged 71 years.

## MONTANA POLITICS,

Union Labor Party Endorses the Democratic-People's Ticket.

United Mine workers of America, is and typhoid fever. At the Holy Cross last night the Central Committee of of Germany and Great Britain on the authority for the statement that 120,- mission, sixty out of 150 Indians died the Union Labor party, which had Russian suggestion. No information 000 bituminous mine workers in West- in less than two mouths. Famine been in session here all day, filed with on this point has yet reached the ern Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and now threatens the natives as they the Secretary of State the resignation State Department. Should all the an-Illinois were in January last granted have not been able to lay up supplies of J. A. Ferguson, camdidate for Gov- tions-consent, the authorities say a an advance in their wages that will of fish and game for the winter. The ernor, and the resignations of the great obstacle in the way of a sailsmean for them in one year an increase plague has been general all along the other candidates on the state ticket, factory solution of the whole Chinese of not less than \$12,000,000. Samuel river, and along the coast of Bering together with the nominations of can- question will be removed. didates on the Fusion, Democratic and Populist tickets to till the vacan- said in this city last night:

that these reduced tariffs have been granted to the public the railroad of-tickla declare that they have not shown a profit sufficient to warrant their being kept in effect. Moreover, the passenger men say, the abolish-ment of thes rates would result in the stimulation of regular passenger traffic.



STEP IN THIS DIRECTION A TAKEN BY MR. HAY.

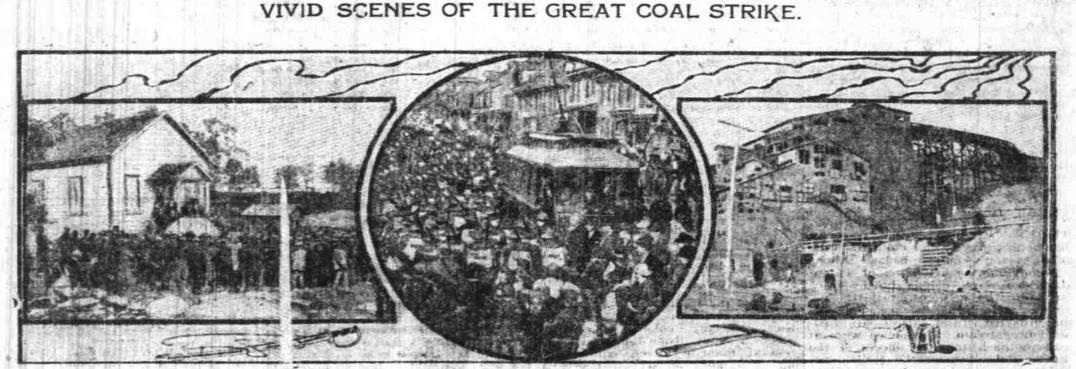
## If No Agreement Is Reached in Pekin Matters Will Be Submitted to Hague Conference.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 .- A step in the direction of the arbitration of the Chinese difficulties, a Washington disbatch to the Herald says, has been taken by Secretary Hay. He has abled to Minister Conget the suggestion made by Russia that in case of a protracted divergence, of views the question of indemnity be referred to The Hague Court for decision, and instructed him to consult with his colleagues as to the demands their governments will make upon China in this respect. Should be report that it is not possible to reach an agreement, then Secretary Hay intends to advoeate vigorously the adoption of the Russian suggestion as the easiest method of obtaining a satisfactory solution.

Secretary Hay and other officials of the Administration believe in general arbitration, but they think it is in the interest of all the powers and China that direct negotiations should be first tried. Those who advocate arbitration, however, argue that switter action could be secured by the reference of the entire dispute to arbitration at this time than by beginning negotiations in Pekin which may be indefinitely prolonged and finally produce no result.

The authorities are auxious to obtain information relative to the replies

Oscar S. Strans, Minister to Turkey,



## Schoolhouse at Lannigan's Patch, East Mahoney township, near Shenandoah, used, by strikers as a meeting-place,

timony that the year 1897 brought a radical change for the better and that the condition of labor today is such as to give the greatest satisfaction. Even General Coxy, who in 1894 Crobber 14th. march with him on to Washington, ut at, to the effect that Mount St. Elias Democrats and Republicans. Ferguand who, in 1896, was cinvos ing Ore- was badly shaken up by the recent gon in the interests of the culamity catthquake that did so much damage election of Toole, as he had no chance ly why he was not leading the "army wore so severe that acres of ice broke thought to politics and hardly knew b: e of the mountain it made a track

Mitchell and Gompers and Coxey lie is rocking on its base, and that we

JUNIUS.

A PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

Savings Banks Statistics Showing Increased Prosperity Since 1896.

Washington, Oct. 27 .- The following statement issued by the Comptroller of Currency, shows the amount of deposits and the number of depositors in the savings banks in the United States, in 1896 and 1900;

1896-Number of banks, 988; aggregate deposits, \$1.926,466,468; number of Shan Shi, whose punishment was generally condemned in South Africa, of depositors, 5,065,494; average deposits, \$376.50.

1900-Number of banks, 1002; aggregate deposits, \$2,389,719,954; number of depositors; 5,838,091; average lows:

Increase since 1896-Number of banks, 14; aggregate deposits, \$454,-253.486; numebr of d positors, 832,-597; average deposit, \$27.83.

## WEST INDIA TRADE.

Chicago, Oct. 27 .- Railroad officials effect, so that coming from another say there is a marked increase in the point than Pekin, whence the Chinese courage the growth of the trade. An ative,

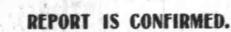
Fifth Pennsylvania passing corner of Main and Centre streets, Shenandoah, on their way to the mines.

the General Seglin and the South candidate for Governor, at the head of its ticket. stnigers. Both salled from Nome on The Fusion ticket is the William A.

A report has reached here from Yakson says he withdrew to secure the be made.

The Indians state that from where si ow or ice remains.

All the Indian trappers have not re-



COMMISSIONER ROCKHILL HAS WIRED FROM PEKIN

Confirming the Suicide of One Chinese Official-Conger Reports Regarding Reactionary Measures.

independent source Secretary Hay and the next minute had lighted has received confirmatory evidence of the reported suicide of Yu Siang, the fanatical Governor of the province of demanded by the powers for the mas- where there is a deep conviction that sacre of a large number of missionaries. This message came from Special Commissioner Rockhill, as fol-

(Signed) It is regarded as probable by the State Department officials that Mr. Rockhill was anacquainted with the fact that the Chinese Government had communicated information to this

has been much controversy.

THEY TRUST BULLER.

of His Troops.

phenomenal.

orous severity.

New York, Oct. 27 .- The military

His only rival possessing the qual-ities was Colonel Thorneycroft, a

giant in stature, who was one of the

heroic figures of the campaign, not-

withstanding Lord Roberts' censure

in the Spionkop fair, Thorneycroft

on one occasion had a cigar shot out

This officer, just from Natal, also

states the General Roberts' leniency i

there will be continued trouble until

the lawlessness is punished with rig-

WORK NEARLY ENDED.

Washington, Oct. 27 .- The work of

OPPOSED TO EXCURSIONS.

another without changing color.

T to steamers arrived from Nome to- ex-Governor James K. Toole, Fusion should lead in the matter of arbitration. We have never recased to urge the course upon the Powers, and it

Ellen Gowan Colliery, East Mahoney town-

ship, near Shenandoah, about which there

appears to me that now is the proper time for us to put our words into Clark ticket, against which are now opposed the independent or Daly deeds. The compact between Germany and Great Britain, which undoubtedly has the approval of our Government, leaves nothing to be setfled, except the amount of indemnity which China must pay to the several governments. In case a serious diapute should arise regarding indemnity. the matter would have to be referred to arbitration, and if it is to be arbitrated. The Hague Commission is the, proper body for it to come before."

HAS A SPOTTED RECORD.

succession in South Africa is still un-Albany, Oct. 27.-G. W. Vaughan, a certain, says the London correspondformer resident oif this city, has been arrested at Huntington, Or., for sendauthorities are noncommittal respecting the relations of Lord Roberts and ing obscene literature, through the and the farmers and laboring men of traned, and some fears are entertain-the country should be at once advised of that they may have been caught ularity among the soldiers who fought record while he lived here, and it is that the State School Board of Ore- by the avalanche. The Indians were under him cannot be questioned. An not surprising that he has been run gon has foreclosed 300 mortgages in so frightened that they lost no time in officer who has barely arrived in Lor in for something. He was evidently faith in him as a General, and would Clemens, of the Postal Department, go anywhere with him. Not one word and demanded an investigation, sayof criticism was ever heard from the ing that he had received obscene let-Natal field forces against General ters through the mail. It is thought Buller, whose coolness was considered that he sent the letters to himself, as experts say the writing is his.





Daninge Done by an Insect Will Aggregate Millions.

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 27.-W. S. Robson, one of the most prominent cot-ton planters of Texas, has gathered statistics from the Brazos and Colorado valleys, and declares that the boll weavil has destroyed \$6,000,600 worth of this year's crop.



great Yangtse provinces of Nanking lar excursion rates. In all the years' New York.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 .- From an of his mouth while he was smoking.

"Shanghai, Oct. 22.-Have reliable information to the effect that Yu Siang committed suicide on the 22d.

"ROCKHILL." counting the inhabitants of the finited States was practically completed by the Census Bureau today, and next week Director Merriam will announce the population of the country. His

statement, however, will be subject to some slight revision. All the re turus from Alaska are not yet ia, and the returns from the American soldiers and sailors serving in the Philippines and elsewhere abroad are not A dispatch has been received from complete. These figures will be esti-

mated. Chicago, Oct. 27.-The Record says: General passenger agents of several

