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CHANGES IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

The numerous changes inaugurated with the opening of the new year in the various county offices, suggest some thoughts in regard to the system under which they have been effected. It is to be expected and it is probably right, that men elected to public office should have as their chief assistants, persons who are in harmony with them in politics as well as in policies to be carried out. Thus when new officers are chosen by the people from a different party ing to make enormous profits. These than that of their predecessors, deputies and aids who will have to assist in work that requires harmony of sentiment as well as unity of action with the chief, will be selected, and thus many of the former subordinates will

have to step down and out. But is this necessary in mere clerical positions, and in the case of individals whose work has been in every way satisfactory, and in which they have gained experience that renders them of more than common value to the officers who are responsible and also to the public? Why should they be turned out to make way for new hands, raw to the business and often inferior to the incumbents? The reply will be: "Oh! we have to pay some political debts and reward active party workers." In that we think there shows a flaw in

the system. We believe it is incorrect in principle and upprofitable in practice. The theory that public service, involving expenditures from the public treasury, is to be offered as pay for help given in the election of party candidates, is in our opinion faulty and vicious. Men ought to be chosen to serve the people because of their special

willing to retire. He did not covet the place. He knew its cares and responsibilities and extra labors. His famillarity with all that pertains to it make him especially fitted for the task, and the new commissioners were both wise and courteous in sustaining him in the place.

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English soil.

with his one arm.'

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vice and evil.

"An eye-witness, perhaps the only

forty years it has been dragging its

probably there is not a state or terri

tory in the Whole Union that has not felt its withering touch."

Concerning the results the writer

"What are the results? Wasted lives

own through history names tarnished

olution till on with the new.

Summed up, President Smith's advice

is to go slow. And mighty good advice

The kiss becomes harmless when the

ips are first moistened with lemon

Evidently President Castro neglected

to put R. S. V. P. on his proposal to

If enough waves of reform pass over

the town they are sure to drown out

The Crown Prince of Saxony als

seems to be interested in the question:

Mrs. Roosevelt is said to be full of

act while recent events have shown

Senator Hoar calls trusts snowballs

Probably because they crush every-

the President to be full of suggestions.

'Who's Baby Are You?"

scattered over the whole length and

We hope that all the new county officials and their subordinates will fill their respective positions with credit to

themselves, honor to their party and benefit to the public, and that their administration of affairs will shed lustre upon the state; the most important county in which they, have been chosen

to serve. We have the same desire toward the other officials who enter upon their duties with the beginning of the year, and extend to them our congratulations and wishes for their suc-

SLOW TO ARBITRATE.

The preliminary work, necessary before the Venezuela trouble can be submitted to The Hague tribunal, is

rather slow, but in all probability the outcome will be satisfactory. The question whether Venezuela must pay her honest debts, cannot be arbitrated. That is not a subject in dispute. But the question whether the claims that are made, are just is a proper subject

for inquiry by disinterested partles. There may be reasonable doubts on that point.

breadth of the land! It is the product of a Heenan and a Sayres sending A corespondent of the London Times doubts very much whether all the with infamy and shame. It is a John British claims are good. He believes L. Sullivan borne in the arms of a that the vessels seized were really engaged in smuggling. And the bondholders, he says, loaned their money to Venezuela with the full knowledge of the local conditions. In all probability they did so on speculation, expectmilts. are properly matters for investigation. There should be no more delay in arcearing the championship of riving at an understanding as to how world. to proceed amicably. The blockade should be raised. The foreign squadwould be a January thaw. rons should be withdrawn from Amer-Never break with the old year's res-

ican waters. Their presence is a menace to peace. It is perfectly clear that if Germany should undertake to land troops, for some reason or other that may yet come up, the United States would be under the necessity of declaring itself forcibly, and neither Germany nor the United States can contemplate such a contingency with pleasure.

Germany has stated that she has no other designs than the collection of the debt. That is satisfactory, but it is no reflection on German diplomacy to say that if the Venezuelan game is played much longer, complications may arise which even the German government did not anticipate

from the beginning. The temptation to selze territory and to hold it might become too strong for a country that needs colonies for its ever growing population, and that is looking for opportunities all over the world. Venezuela has much land suitable for European qualifications for the post to be filled, settlement, and there are rich mining and not simply as a reward for partisan districts calling for expert exploitation. Given a suitable opportunity, Germany activity. This applies to elective offialong.

have been greatly disturbed by the in-\$112,040,200, and Germany has an lence which was first awakened on hglish soli. When John C. Heenan army of nearly half a million. The United States has an army of about and Tom Sayres fought that brutal prize fight in London, in 1860, they sen' 60,000, while the army estimates for a thrill of astonishment throughout the whole civilized world. To the refined 1903 are \$77,986,515.29. They make soldiers much cheaper in Germany than and cultured there came a feeling of abhorrence and indignation; to the low in America, and probably as good. The United States is very much better and sensual it brought an impulse for a fame which is bought with blood, and adapted to the raising and manufacture which has woven its darkness and ruin ground chousands of lives for nearly two generations. * * of other things than militarism.

MES, FREMONT AND MES. GRANT

man now in America who saw that fight, has recently given a description of what he saw. Says he: 'I was only a little shaver but I remember it well. New York World. The death of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fre mont, coming so soon after that of Mrs a little shaver but I remember it well. My father kept a tavern then and old Jam Mace used to frequent it. On the day of the fight my father was right up in the front row, and I was compelled to see it from a tree, but I was near enough to see plainly, and I shall never forget it. Heenan broke his arm in the riddle of the fight and would not even then either up. His felends urged him to Grant, completes a series of curious coincidences in the life stories of two famous women. In age but two years separated them. Both were Missourians. though Mrs. Fremont was born in Vir-ginia. Both married army lieutenants who became "military heroes" and Re-publican presidential nominees. Both spent their declining years mainly in California, with whose history both had then give up. His friends urged him to quit, but he refused, insisting that he been identified. could win with one arm. He fought for fourteen rounds with his broken arm

New York Mail and Express. behing him, and finally did win. It yas a bare knuckle fight and one of the bloodiest on record. Heenan battered Sayres' face until he blinded him, so No human life that has tately ended on this continent has spanned, or at least helped in its connections and the suggestions of a name to span, the space of more and greater events than that it was possible for him to win that of Jessie Benton Fremont, who died at Los Angeles, at the age of "The influence of that beastly contest has come down to us and for more than us trail over the whole land and

died at Los Angeles, at the age of seventy-seven. This gifted and remarkable woman was, in her own blood, the epitome of a great deal of American history. On her mother's side descended from the McDowells of Virginia-fighters scarcely less re-nowned than the members of another and younger branch of the same famand younger branch of the same famlly-she was the daughter of Senator Thomas H. Benton, an active and forceful statesman during more than thirty years of the formative period of American history.

Kansas City World.

trong policeman from a vile saloon n a state of deadly intoxication and Missouri mourns the passing away of S. Grant, widow of the warriorocked up behind prison bars. It is for Corbett and Terry McGovers president, more keenly perhaps than any other state in the Union, for Mis-souri remembers her as Julia Dent, iven from state to state because an aroused public sentiment will not tol Missouri girl. It matters not that them in their degrading pur Results? See the boys on the Missouri was to all intents and purposes a session state back in the sixtles streets, in the home, or in the school room fondly dreaming of some da when Ulysseg S. Grant made his repu-tation as a fighter for the Union cause. th Time has healed those sectional wounds until Missouri looks reverently and sadly upon the bier of Mrs. Grant. The war and strife has been wiped out and If there were anything to thaw

Mrs. Grant had for many years been admired not only because of her individual qualities of womanly worth, but also because she was the wife of one of the greatest heroes the world has eve produced.

DR. TEMPLE,

New York Evening Post.

The death of the Archbishop of Can. erbury not only removes a venerable and right English figure, but recalls the extraordinary way in which the ecclesinstical wheel has come full circle during his life time. Forty-two years ago any man would have been thought in-sane who should have predicted that Frederick Temple, Headmaster of Rug-by, would die a bishop, much less pri-mate of the English church. It would have seemed as impossible for him as for his famous predecessor, equally suspect on theological grounds, Dr. Arnold. Mr. G. W. E. Russell had this old incredulity in mind when he wrote, at the time of Dr. Temple's enthronement at Canterbury, that the event "made clear to the most casual eye the enormous transformation which sixty years have wrought alike in the inner temper and the outward aspect of the Church of England."

Springfield Republican. Dr. Temple was a broad churchman.

thing that is in their way as they roll and in his younger days a good deal of a radical. As the head of Rugby he dared to lay the cornerstone of a Wes-leyan chapel. His share in a volume called "Essays and Reviews." publish-ed in 1860, raised a storm of criticism, and he was even charged with the ter-The law of compensation requires that when the price of beef is reduced rible sin-in those days of Huxlev's famous warfare on the bishops-of being an evolutionist. The charge must have raised a laugh in the real circle of the followers of Darwin and Spencer, for Dr. Temple's "infidelity" was of a very mild sort. He was also at that time an assailant of the religious character of the educational system of



is, and certainly to the offices that are appointive and which are not dependent upon party votes.

If the practice that has become com mon in the public service were to prevall in commercial, banking and busines life generally, what ruptures and inconveniences and losses would ensuel It has long been settled that in and France. such affairs, a man's religion, philoso-

phy, social status or political views, should not figure as to his continued employment when he is thoroughly competent to perform the work assigned to him. Indeed his experience fidelity and long acquaintance with his duties render him more valuable, and until age or other infirmity disqualifies him, efforts are made to retain instead of shelve him, no matter what changes may take place in the conduct of the company or firm that employs him.

The public treasury in city, county or state should not be required to supply funds by way of pay party workers for services, to sometimes of a questionable character, in securing the election of a personal friend or party candidate. Public money ought to be expended for public purposes only, and the best talent that can be obtained should be secured, with a view to real economy and efficient service, which can be bet. ter secured by the work of faithful, experlenced and diligent hands, than by new and untried laborers the chief recommendation for whom is ante-election activity in favor of the successful nominees.

There is too much personal and party feeling indulged in for the general good. The public welfare is often made subordinate when it ought to be the paramount object. The wholesale discharge of employes in city and county offices on a change of party, or personal success, shows often that the public interest counts for little, when private purposes can be served at its expense. If that is true as to the installation of new officers and their appointees, how much more significant it appears when it is exhibited in arbitrary actions on the part of retiring officials.

The course of two of the county commissioners, in taking advantage of last moments of their official life, to act in spite and personal antipathy. for the removal of appointive officers arbitrarily and without Investigation, appears highly reprehensible and paltry It was simply amazing in its audacity and open defiance of propriety and fair ness. The action of the new board in repairing the wrong as soon as possi ble was commendable and is endorsed by public approbation.

It is eminently proper, however, that if there has been any failure during the past two years to correctly report all items of expenditure in detail, the wrong should be remedied. If any such dereliction existed, it ought to have been objected to before. To leave it to the last minutes of the official term and to spring it for personal purposes, and refuse to permit an investigation before action was taken, seems to be without reason and without excuse.

We congratulate the new board of county commissioners in its continu

would have every motive to convert a temporary into a permanent occupation of such territory, and it would the weight of the nound also he rereasonably rely on the reluctance of duced this country to declare war for the

Monroe doctrine, against a European Because charity often covers a multipower backed practically by the rest tude of sins is no reason for not being of continental Europe, except Russia charitable.

The Venezuelan situation does not It is rumored now that the allies are clear quite so fast as could be wished. backing the rebellion against Castro. All is calm now, but often a calm pre with the object in view of putting in his cedes a storm. place a man with European sym-

The panie at Caracas has been ar pathies. If that is true, the Monroe doctrine is violated as much as if terrested. Now if Castro could only arritory had been seized. That doctrine, rest the revolutionists all would be as enunciated by American statesmen, well with him

means that there must be no interfer Doubtless the reason that the re ence whatever in the affairs of Spanish. sponse of Great Britain and Germany American republics, by European powto the Castro note does not come swifters. If they were permitted to unseat ly is that large bodies move slowly. and seat presidents at will, the Monroe

doctrine would be of no force. It could Mr. Roosevelt hangs to his Cuban reciprocity treaty with a tenacity that cannot fail to insure success. And it is a worthy cause, deserving success.

It appears that a notorious embez-Press reports are to the effect that zler now serving a term in state prison Finland is suffering from famine, it has suddenly become very religious. It addition to the sufferings incident to is a little late; still it is better late he deprivation of the country of every than never

vestige of political liberty. It is said that so complete has the crop failure Chief Justice Baskin! That sounds seen in more than one-third of the all right, and we salute the Supreme northern country districts that not long court of the State with congratulations ago half a million people were estimaton the accession of the able lawyer and ed to be at the point of starvation.Large just judge who succeeds to the "wool sums have been expended for public sack."

"funny things" for which the senator

The Descret News cordially greets

Justice Wm. McCarty on his occupancy

of the Supreme bench. His career as

District Judge has been honorable and

brilliant, and we believe he will add

new laurels to his judicial brow in the

exaited position which he has reached.

If there could be genuine publicity for

trusts it would be a good thing for the

people. They would learn just how

and how much they are used for the

purpose of filling the maws of the

great monopolles. They would event-

ually understand that in the eyes of the

concerns they are looked upon as

The Governor made an excellent

choice in the selection of Attorney

John F. Chidester to fill the judicial of-

fice made vacant in the Sixth district

by the election of Judge McCarty, Mr.

Chidester has gained much experience

as District Attorney, which will prove

of value to him and the people as a

District Judge. We wish him continued

Northwestern university, of Evans-

ton, Illinois, it is said, is first to employ

a "university drummer." President

James founded the office and appointed

a "drummer," who will go among pre-

paratory schools to present the advan-

tages of the institution he represents.

Such an officer would more properly be-

long to a commercial or business col-

German army estimates for 1903 are

lege than to a university.

"dumb, driven cattle,"

success.

is so famous.

relief, and it is maintained as signifi-Senator Mason's bill to have the cant that Bobrikoff, the despotic gov-United States attorney-general apply ernor general of Finland, has "reluctfor a receiver for coal mines, when not antly been forced" to appeal to St. worked, and have them worked by the Petersburg for aid. government, is in reality one of those

Finland often suffers from a scarcity of crops, but under a wise government, means are always provided with which to meet emergencies. At present the situation there is different. Owing to the Russian oppression, business has for a long time been unsettled A large number of young men have left the country, to escape Russian conscription, and thus many of the fields have been untilled, and many factories have been compelled to close. More than 20,000 Finns, during the last year,

be maintained no longer.

FAMINE IN FINLAND.

found their way to this country, and others have settled in other countries power remaining in their hands at the | To these conditions, no doubt, much of the present suffering is due. Sad and evil days have come upon an intelligent, moral, and enlightened people, but perhaps is their distribution among other nations necessary for the fulfilnent of the designs and plans of Provience, with regard to that race. Perhaps they need the education thus obtained, and perhaps some day they will be called upon to take a prominent part in the affairs of Russia, when the great awakening occurs, that must

> come sooner or later to the millions that are now ruled by the Czar. PUGILISM.

In the current number of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, a contribufor from Grand Ralpds, Mich., writes a thoughtful article on "pugilism." Con ceraing the origin of that brutal pastime in this country he says in part:

"Pugilistic contests have had a most county commissioners in its continu-terrible and revolting history in this acce of the present occupant as chair-country from the beginning, and we RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The January number of the Improve-ment Era opens with another install-ment of Elder B. H. Roberts' reply to Rev. Van der Donckt's article on the doctrine of the delty. It is a very in-teresting discussion. It will be con-cluded in the February number. Dr. George H. Brimhall contributes a piece of poetry: "Hail to the Prince and Princess!" "Plet: A Christmas Tale of the Wasatch," is contributed by Alfred Lambourne. Then there is an article, "Talks to Young Men," on books, their choice and value. There books, their choice and value. There is also an appendix to the history of the Prophet Joseph, consisting of let-ters of Don C. Smith to his wife Agnes.

This is followed by an Elegy on the death of Joseph Smith, senior, by Eliza R. Snow, also "Lines Written On the Death of Gen. Don Carlos Smith," and "The Assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith"-all verses by the same author. There is, further, an article entitled "Two Governing Porces," by George A. Langston; also a paper on "Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Chocolate," by Dr. U. L. Gardner, Under "Some Leading Events in the Cur-rent Story of the World," Dr. J. M. World, brid the "Progress of the anner discusses Mormon' Colonies in Canada; World's New Girdle;" "Cuban Pros-perity," and "The Daukhobors." The "Editor's Table" is, as usually, full of good, instructive matter. President Joseph F. Smith has two signed artigood, cles, one "Looking for Easy Work," and another. "A New Year's Warning."

Both are timely. Then there are "Qestions and Answers," notes on "Our Work," and "Events of the Month commences the new year, fulfilling all



So you're more likely to find the one you want. There's the chamols with fianlining. There's the Flannel with cham-There's the natural wool fleece There's the kid with flannel lining. There's the Frost Queen for Ladies. There's the Frost King for There are the shield kinds,

2 F. C. SCHRAMM.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST. Where the cars stop, McCornick building.