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Scranton's indebtedness to Edward L Fuller is increased by the part he has rad in securing the removal to this city of the headquarters of the National 3alt company. Scranton is now the center of the salt industry of America and its prestige will be correspondingly enhanced-a fact due very largely to the enterprise and foresight of Mr. Fuller. Of a truth we are privileged to live in no mean city.

#### Five Years of Prosperity.

N INTERESTING comparison of conditions in 1901 with conditions in 1896, when Republican prosperity began, is made by the New York Journal of Commerce. In all its details the comparison is too long for reproduction, but some of its salient features should be mentioned. Beginning with population, an increase of ten per cent, is found in the five years, showing that when times are prosperous infant as well as fullgrown industries flourish. Coming to pig iron, the staple barometer of trade,

we find an increase of nearly one hundred per cent, in its production. In the same period there was an increase in coal production of 56 per cent.; in gold production of 51 per cent.; in copper production of 31 per cent.; in the growth of wheat, 50 per cent.; of corn. though a 40 per cent, decrease in quantity yet an increase in the selling price; and the same with oats. In 1896 2,283,875,000 bushels of corn sold for \$491,000,000; and 707,000,000 bushels of oats for \$132,000. 000; while in 1901 1,843,000,000 bushels of corn sold for \$698,000,000 and 660,000,000 bushels of oats for \$290,000,000. The total increase in the value of the three crops, comparing 1896 with 1901, was \$505,000,000. The cotton crop of 1895-6 was 7,162,473 bules; while that of 1900-1

was 10,425,141 bales. The wonderful growth in our foreign trade has been so frequently commented upon that it seems hardly necessary to mention it here. It is enoug to say that in the five years our imports increased 28 per cent, and our exports 44 per cent. Our exports of manufactures increased even more rapidly than our other exports, the percentage being 58. Bank clearings in New York city increased 175 per cent., while in the country at large the percentage of Total encature, degrees. increase was 132. Taking the last ten! weeks of each year as a basis of comparison, the loans and discounts of banks in the New York Clearing house increased 87 per cent., while the net deposits increased 90 per cent. An increase of 56 per cent, in the gross earnings of railroads is indicated, while a reduction of one-fourth in the number and one-half in the liabilities of business failures is to the credit of Repub- Railroad to be built, lican times. In the five years there has been an average increase in the price Could canal be made so of commodities of 30 per cent., but the increase in wages, as well as in the number of working men employed, has Ships go through in oaymore than kept pace. In 1896 it mattered little to many hundred thousand workingmen whether the price of com- Healthfulness of climate modities was high or low; they had no Bainfall wages with which to buy them. Today Hazard of storms in lake there is not a man of good habits and Hazard of carthquake inaverage ability in the United States who is compelled to be idle through lack of work.

The New York paper from which these figures are taken wisely admonishes its renders to be prudent and careful in the face of such marvelous prosperity, so that it may not be prematurely sacrificed. In the nature of things we cannot expect to progress continuously at such a pace; otherwise the world would one day become too small for us. Frugality, thrift and caution will become the American people in the year of grace 1902, and, indeed, in all other years.

A vigorous protest from a lot of Manifa merchants again reminds the administration of the difficulty in preparing a trade policy that will suit everybody.

## Russia's Motive.

Light on the subject is shed by in 1878, served as the Russian financial Nicaragna route will have hardly any agent in America, and in the summer supporters either in or out of congress. of 1879 had an informal personal intorview with the exar in the palace able to the Nicaraguan route apparof the Grand Dake Constantine at ently does not dovetail with this the-Payolvsk, about 18 miles from St. ory; but the senate is where the fine Petersburg. In the course of this in- work may be performed.

terview the czar's motive for his attitude during our Civil war was explained by no less a person than the czar himself. Mr. Barker writes:

With great earnestness and some

sadness the ezar said that in the autumn of 1862 France and Great Britain proposed to Russia in formal, but not in official, way the joint recognition by European nations of the independence of the Confederate States of America. He said his immediate answer was: I will not co-operate in such action and I will not acquiesce, but on the contrary I shall accept recognition of the independence of the Confederate States by France and Great Britain as a casus belli for Russia, and that the governments of France and Great Britain may understand that this is no idle threat I will send a Pacific fleet to San Francisco, and an Atlantic fleet to New York, Scaled orders to both admirals were given. After a pause he proceeded, saving: 'My fleets arrived at the American ports; there was no recognition of independence of the Confederate States by Great Britain and France, the American rebelllon was put down and the great American republic continues. All this I did because of love for my own dear Russia rather than for love of the American republic. I noted thus because I understood that Russia would have a more serious task to perform if the American republic, with advanced industrial development, was broken up and Great Britain left in control of most branches of modern

industrial development," This disposes of all points in controversy and leaves the American nation indebted to Russia for aid at a critical time, though not for the motive prompting that aid,

Wednesday's frightful tunnel accident, in some respects the worst in the history of railroading, since it occurred in the heart of a great city, where travel ought to be the safest, will undoubtedly hasten the use of electric motive power for tunnel travel. Under the most carefully managed enterprise accidents will happen, because humanity, though improving, is yet imperfect. But it should be possible to do away with smoke, steam and dust in a tunnel and thus reduce the chance of signals being obscured.

#### The Canal Question in Brief.

OW THAT public interest centers almost wholly in the choice of routes for the proposed and expected but long delayed isthmian canal, a comparison of the two routes in tabular form will possess educational interest. One was ecently prepared by Walter Wellman from official sources for the Chicago Record-Herald, from which paper we

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Orleans to San Francisco, miles, via Quicker passage to ten knot ship, New York to San Francisco, hours York to San Francisco, hours, via Quicker passage of twenty-knot ship, New York to San Francisco, lours,

coast of South America, American posts to Asia. Philippines, etc. Suropean ports to west coust of South America. aropean ports to North enropean parts to Asia.

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It is evident that as the facts set EFERRING the other day to forth in the last canal commission's rethe evidence recently intro- port are gaining currency among the duced that it was the ezar people, a change is taking place in their Alexander II of Russia who, preference. For years they have been in the early days of our Civil war taught to look upon the Panama canal prevented France and Great Britain as a dead scheme and upon the Nicarfrom recognizing the independence of agua route as the only one really availthe Southern Confederacy and carry- able. But it is now explained, with ing out their intention to break the much plausibility, that the emphasis North's blockade of Southern ports, heretofore placed at Washington upon we indicated curiosity as to Russia's the Nicaragua route was chiefly for the motive. Some writers have held that purpose of forcing the Panama people it was pure friendship for the United to reasonable terms. That purpose States; but considering how little having been accomplished, the leaders Rhssla absolutism and American dem- in congress, it is said, are quietly preouracy have in common, this has never paring public opinion for a long-conrecommended itself to us as a tenable templated accentance of the Panama route and it is predicted on seemingly good authority that before congress Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, who, gets through with this subject, the

Yesterday's vote in the house favor-

# THE NEW YEAR OPENS VERY AUSPICIOUSLY

Walter J. Ballard, in the Troy Times.

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THE YEAR 1901 was one of great achievements by the United States along industrial, commercial, financial, political and educational lines, and 1902 opens up to still greater and better things:
The New York city postoffice took in \$11,020, 861 last year, an increase of \$1,151,175 over 1900. Treasury receipts for the calendar year show a surplus over expenditures of \$109,000,000. For the first half of this fixed year, the surplus 48.

e first half of this fescal year the surplus is \$42,617,000, Dividends payable this January amount to \$48,\*

675.611, an increase of 87.484.152 over Jamuary, 1901. Interest on bonds, also payable this January, figures up \$69,522,480, an increase of \$1.11.207. A comparison of these increases shows that we are using far more of our own money and less horrowed capital in our business entermises. Trenton, N. J., pottery owners are happy over to increase of nearly \$1,000,000 in their business

the increase of nearly \$1,090,000 in their business last year, the greatest yet known.

Railroad building in the United States fell from 4,102 miles in 1802 to 2,605 miles in 1802, the first year of Mr. Cleveland's second term. Then it went steadily down each of the three following years, the figures being 1,949, 1,803, 1,848. The next Republican year was 1807, when 1,880 miles were built, followed by 3,082, 4,588, 4,437 and 5,057 in the years succeding. It will be heaven will in 1902. the Canadian canal, and nearly nine times a large tonnage. Every principal commodity car will exceed 1,000,000,000 pounds, of which we get ried shows an increase except grain. (Corn crophree-fourths from Brazil, 1t is costing us 7.25 failure.

cents per pound, against 14 to 16.4 cents in the secondary Gage, of our well filled treasury, sac contains the secondary of the secondar

Out of the axfat poverty of the Civil War, the couthern states have contributed \$150,000,000 to help educate the children of their former shaves. Since emancipation, the negroes have accumulated \$00,000,000 worth of property.

Twenty-one hundred freight cars is the addi-

tional order just placed by the Lackaw Railroad company. One thousand of them have 80,000 pounds capacity each. The o 1,100 will be of 00,000 pounds capacity each. The net earning of our railroads for 1001. isteen per cent, greater than for any p

and is still doing all he can to endanger properity of our country, it is by reason success of the policies he opposed that he is able to be building himself a \$20,000 house. Steel corporation net earning for November were approximately \$14,000,000. The December earnings will be fully as large. One hundred and forty million dollars for the full year is a conservative estimate, and \$40,000,000 more than was figured at the start.

Traffic on the great lakes was very heavy in the scason just closed, as shown by the figure ast published by the treasury bureau of statis

hrough the American St. Mary's canal, an (79),829 tons through the Canadian St. Mary's anal, a total of 27,855,351 tons, against the trior season's 25,270,848 tons, an increase of 2. 584,215 tons. Four times as many vessels pas-

ceded in effecting a reduction in our into eating public debt of \$5.783,120 in Dece-Democratic years 1892-1896. We are by lar the argest coffee consuming country in the world, Still we closed the month with an available five German empire comes next, with 343,000,000 self-balance of \$17,000,000 pounds, and the Civil War, the 352,013. Those two results make an improve the constant of the Civil War, the 352,013. ment in our financial condition in the or month of \$10,375,733.

It seems queer to think of General Daniel E Sickles setting type, but that is the way he be can his cateer, relates the Saturday Evening Post, But he always had a taste for adventure, and when a lad was thrilled by the stories of heroism which floated up from Texas and formed part of the history of the struggle of that state or freedom from the Mexican rule. Sam Houon became the boy's ideal hero. "I wanted to in away and take part in the business myoff, said he, while chatting one day with one Texaus in the clock room of the house of is nowadays.

as it is nowadays.

"A man named Hitcheock was raising a company to go down and help the Texans in their way. About that time my kind-hearted old grandmother gave me \$500 to bay a horse and buggy. A horse was the one thing I had always promised myself as soon as I should be tich enough, so I was deligited with the gift; have when I have I little get talk as element? ew my grandmother's morey into his lap

he was more angry or annused over it.

"But the funny part of it came later. Another man arrived in town; one Colonel Hunt, who was raising money to furnish supplies to the fighters in Texas. He came after my father the old gentleman so interested that he handed out another \$500 from his own pocket."

Easier to Expel Her Than Explain. an of pronounced versatility. Although but ing man be has been successful in business, o he stage, in journalism and in politics. He good story-teller. "The progress of the west is not fully under-tood by all sections of this ountry," said he recently to a group of states men, "Of course, when a man like the poet Markham comes out of the west there is recogmition of Pacific const culture, but on the who our people are not tally appreciated. Every advanced institution in the east is duplicated in the west. When the study of Browning, for example, was the literary rage, every hamiet in

cerning a certain passage in Browning, and as i was easier to expet her than to explain the assage, the former action was taken."

They live pretty well out south in a handsor

When the the department did arrive the men Price ..... found her standing over the sideboard runninging through the drawers. Copinis streams of water seen drawned the blaze and runed the lower flots, and the department left. Still she run-ningest. Her husband came, called by the 'phone girl. He saw here there,

"Why, thy dear girl," he said, "why didn't you use the hand granades and stop the fire as soon as it started? Then the whole lower part

## One Passenger Too Many.

"Regerra, an' you're relight, sir," he said of promptly storged the car. "Say," he demanded, militaring the passen gers is an authoritative trainer. "wan o' yours fellows'll has to git of the carr." Now York

## Lawson Answered Her.

More is the latest story about Thomas W. Law

Cripple Creek cutput of gold for 1901 was \$25.

## Outline Studies of Human Nature

Gave Money to the Texans.

one when I heard Hitchcock talk so eloquently about the wrongs of the Texans and their nobb-struggle for liberty I couldn't stand it; I simply "Naturally my grandmother began to wonde pretty soon where my horse was. I told her the pretty soon where my horse was. I told her that I was writing to get one that would trot in 2.40, which was great speed for those days. Her unsuspecting soul was satisfied with the explanation. Next my father became inquisitive, and after I had made two or three stammering attempts to put him off I had to come out with the whole story. I am hot sure now whether

10 California boasted its Browning club. "And this reminds me that we have able satirists, too, in our state. A Browning club in one of our cities dismissed a prominent mem-ber. It was an exclusive society and the expulsion created much talk. A literary critic sough sion created much talk. A literary critic sought the reasons from the president. She received him coldly, raying that inasmuch as the pres-had invented facts to explain the dismissal, he had better follow the example of the profession. He went away and wrote a paragraph which the He went away and wrote a paragraph which the members of the club were never able to live down. This is what he wrote:

"Mrs. X. host caste with the Browning chib because of her thirst for knowledge. She submitted a question asking for illumination con-

## All John's Fault.

home, but not near enough to a fire station to be "handy in case of accident," As the house is their own and their all, the busband had been omewhat in terror of a blaze for some time, so he laid in a stock of band grenades, those little glass bottles which are supposed to put out any fire that may start.

One day the blaze came. The cook started it

on the hirchen; then she fled, howling, to her room and began to pack her trunk. The wife prides herself on her ability to keep her head, so first she stepped to the telephone and turned in the alarm, and then she went for the hand

"John," she responded helly, "If you would just keep the coekserew where it belongs I could use the hearth old grenades. But it is gone, and how was I to open them?" Krasas Ciry Journal.

A good story is going the rounds of the o on aftest concerning the wonderful preof mind displayed recently by a new con-tor on one of the company's trolley car-The particular car was bowling along up Broad way recently when it was halled and boarded by

Fine efficial institutely economic the passengers of the cut and found that there were nine. Then a cut the year of the found that here had been only eight fares rung up. He distorted his identity to the residence and the distorted his identity to the way conductor and the distorted his identity to the way conductor and the distorted his identity to the disconnections. wiled attention to the discrepancy, slowly and painfully the new hand counted over his passengers and then ocumed his regis-

described a fresh was sitting on the desk of yacht in Marisbeheard butter when Mr. Lawson me Boating in on the Breamer. The young coman knew the copper man slightly, and she nok advantage of the acquaintance to pick up

megaphone which was beside her, train ne Dreamer and shout:
"Hello, Mr. Lawson, how's copper?" It is related that without an instant's be ation Mr. Lawson picked up a megaphone i urn and thumlered back: "Hello, Miss Blank, how's brass."

Faced the Enemy. Among the many southern visitors in Ne York this autumn were Mr. and Mrs. Delgado of New Orleans. Mrs. Delgado is one of the presentatives, "but my father exercised the to power, and traveling was not as easy then it is nowadays. outherner and is never at a loss for some years ago, at the unveiling of the monument in New Orleans, a rather practical b Why, Mrs. Delgado, according to Lee's co

### "He always fixed the enemy," was the qui-eply, New York Times Magazine Supplement, A PROGRESSIVE AGE.

rom the American Boy. Next year we may expect to read son ike the following in the daily paper: 10 o'clock this morning a horseless milk wagor oaded with cowless milk, collided with a brain ess rider on a chainless wheel. The luckles beelman was bidly injured, and, being homess, was taken in a horseless cab to the Home

#### he Friendless." THE HISTORICAL NOVELIST.

Under the history chestnut tree The novel maker stands: But strong and able hands,

And calculating frown, And like a shower of hall or rain, Those chestnuts tumble down.

And then, the' men may weep, he notes No human vietnu's ery No human victim's cry,

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Of every passer-by,

—Lafe,

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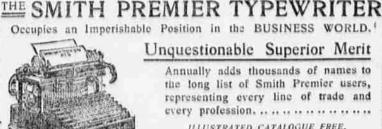
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