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Effection day, Nov. 4.

It is not the business of the state to take sides in the strike; but it is Its business to see that no man wish- by the railroads, who will have steady, ing to go to work shall be interfered with or his family abused or his home destroyed. And the state should do that business thoroughly, if it takes ceive all kinds of farm products and every soldier in the country.

Elihu Root.

of grain and provisions for present or **HE REPORT** that Secretary ~ future delivery, and when delivered to Root will shortly retire from us we shall pay for them, unless otherthe cabinet will, if conwise instructed by our clients." firmed, be received with

regret by the thinking public, though it is natural that, having achieved the main purposes that called him into the administration, he should feel disinclined to continue further the personal sacrifices that his public service involves.

When, the history of the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations shall capitalization in 5,000,000 shares at \$10 have been written some years hence it will, without doubt, accord to Elihu Root credit for the greatest achieve-ing into office from private life without experience in the affairs of state, he displayed at once the genius for administration which soon brought order Bishop Fallows. Ard he has this adout of chaos in the war department, vantage: He knows what he is talk-

evolved a definite policy with regard to ing about. our insular possessions, the unfolding

also lose proportionately by the forcing inspiration in some of his purer but of this wheat into the visible supply. unfortunately duller novels.

Between the farmers and the conand domestic fidelity. He earned an umer there is a long chain of middle men, all combined and experts in their enormous income which he spent, unlike Dumas, without prodigal ostenialine, who exact big profits in bringing the grain from the farm to the contion, but with sybaritic purpose of taking out of life what there was in it sumer; and it is evident that a movein lawful measure. His great weakment having for its aim the eliminaness was his vanity. He knew his tion of useless expenses must be conducted by men conversant with the genius from the start, but seemed to be unconscious of its limitations. He various agencies represented on comwas a man of large sympathies. The mercial exchanges and elsewhere, and poor had in him a champion and the not by persons who have no experience oppressed an advocate. He threw along these lines. We are not attempting to suddenly revolutionize imself into the Dreyfus affair with present methods, but to gradually ardent enthusiasm, but fell short of the exaltation which would have made evolve a system of distribution of farm products which will prevent 'corners' him a martyr to eighteen months imprisonment. Zola is known as an before harvest, when the farmers have nothing to sell, and panies after har-

fact in his line he was more of a rovest, when farmers sell too freely. The mancist than Jules Verne. consumers of farm products buy so much every month and the produced should sell so much every month. By They are shining up the old horse

doing this the actual supply and de cars and currying up the old horses in mand will regulate prices and at the New Brunswick, N. J., as they have end of the year the farmers will have no coal to provide electric power and marketed their products, less a proper propose to go back to first principles reserve, at values represented by the in the street car business. In another real demand. locality the enterprising citizens are

"At present, and for some time to chopping down the trolley poles and come, the machinery of commercial telegraph poles for firewood, all of exchanges must be utilized. It is not which is adding to the popularity of the supplies in farmers' hands, but the the strike, large accumulations in public ware-

houses which depress values, and it The report that the present Colomwill be our mission to assist the bian government will not grant any farmers in holding their grain until it canal concession to the United States an be gradually distributed. Iron will not cause a convulsion. The tanks, fireproof, and costing no more chances are that by the time the Unitthan the storage now charged for one ed States is ready to talk final busiyear, is the latest thing in this line. ness on the canal question the present At very much reduced storage rates government of Colombia will be non we expect a large revenue from this est Inventus,

source. To store grain with the country buyers does the farmer no good, It ought to be possible to provide t for in many cases they ship and sell it, system of currency in this country that and charge the farmer storage and inwould not call for the locking up in surance on the grain, which the counthe national treasury of great reserves try buyers have already sold and reof money when the needs of business ceived the money for, and the grain call for an increased circulation. It which the farmer imagines he owns is possible and one of these days it goes to swell the 'visible supply' and will be done.

depress prices. Our system of gradual Hall Caine is coming to this county distribution will be greatly appreciated in a fortnight to see "The Eternal City," presented by Viola Allen, /It is regular business, instead of alternate car and freight famines. They will be now in order for Marie Correlli to take a sea voyage United States ward, as our friends. We are prepared to reshe has for some time tried to go one better as far as Hal. Caine is concernto sell them on commission to the very best advantage. We are also solicited. ing orders for the purchase and sale

Th charge that Pennypacker would be a Quay Jovernor is probably correct. He would be an ingrate otherwise. B.t Pennsylvania has fared well under Quay governors and has no hankering for the Guffey kind.

John Dalzell is correct in caving that Jennsylvania ought to try to get the next speakership if possible. It will dealers, promoters and lawyers, A not come without trying.

South Dakota charter for a \$50,000,0f0 Orphans' Court Judge Vosburg ha done so well that there is really no each, every share carrying a vote has reason why the voters should make a been secured and the farmers of the change country will, it is said, soon be asked to subscribe. It will be interesting to

There is nothing more realistically tragic and sordid in any of Emile Zola's morbid novels than his own end

can receivership and a change of inhabitants.

of which has been a revelation of broad statesmanship pursued undeviatingly to the goal of triumph: and made him from the moment of his entrance the strong man of the government. Mr. Root has done his work with such sorid beginnings to its tragic close, personal modesty that the public at Zra's career has been a strange round large has yet scant conception of its & force and weakness, of genuis trunmagnitude and varied merit; but at cated by mediocrity. He was a great Washington his worth is appreciate, writer who desecrated the highest and his retirement, should it 1. Ke gifts of intellectual illumination to the place, will be felt.

When he entered the cabin t Mr. Root was the foremost executiv lawyer in the United States, with a professional income double the stary of the president whom he conse ted to serve. In order to accept the all of William of his superficial investigations naked McKinley he had to krop all personal and unabashed in a series of volumes business, suffer a 9- per cent, cut in which curded out of countenance the income, and take dances with regard refinements, culture and reservation to his future. The ambition which im- of modern civilization. This was an pelled him to d all this was not sel- effort which demanded less of genius fish. Nobody new better than he the than audacity for a triumph. Zola thanklessness of public service. It was was gifted with the one and endowed a high typ of patriotism, a wish to with the other. There are in Paris as better the country's interest coupled elsewhere such men and women as he with the pride which strong men feel created; such psychological monstrosiin tasks hat test their strength. We ties as he imagined; such moral dedoubt that there has ever been a man generates as he dragged from the in the var department who was Elihn murky depths of their hideous associa-Root' equal. Indeed, it might with tions into the light of day. His sotrui, be said that it is doubtful if called realism was of the gutter, the ar president has surpassed him in brothel and the more decorous prethe talent of administration. His work serves of vice. But that is far from and the consciousness of its vital and all that may be held to his credit or permanent importance must largely be Mr. Root's reward, together with the appreciation of posterity after he is dead.

The Methodist ministers of New Yak should explain to the president more fully how a commission of mediation could do anything toward setfiling the strike.

Datas To Prevent Grain Corners.

S IT POSSIBLE to do away with horrors. riviolent and arbitrary fluctua-Zola was no literary charlatan. He tions in the prices of farm prowas a master of fiction. Being a ducts, especially grain, and so Frenchman, he could not, perhaps, be arrange things that the farmer can be other than he was. The novelist assured of a steady demand at com- draws his inspiration from his sur-"paratively a uniform price practically roundings, from his age, from the genthe year around? Many minds have eralities and superficialities of life as pondered over this question and evolved he sees it or conceives it. It would be cexpedients for an affirmative answer, as preposterous to imagine a Frenchwithout practical success, and now a man writing like a Thackeray or a new project has appeared, known as Hawthorne, as it would be fatuous to the Farmers' National Co-operative think of an Englishman or American "Exchange company, from whose prosmanifesting the peculiar gifts of a Sue pectus the following extracts show or a Zola. Paris on the whole is perthe purpose and give some hint of the haps no more wicked than New York method in view:

"Just before last harvest wheat in St. tistical in its vice. Zola's novels in-Louis ruled above 80 cents, but after variably appeared serially in one or harvest the Missouri farmers rushed another of the Parisian newspapers their wheat to market faster than it with the largest circulation, but in was wanted and the price declined to these matters the French are infinitely 62 cents. The only ones who profited less susceptible of self-consciousness by this decline were the speculators, of moral contamination from reading who anticipated this foolish distribu- such books as those produced by Zola tion. Bread in St. Louis was at the than people of a more phiegmatic temsame price when wheat was at 62 perament. Zola's analyses of human cents as when it was 80 cents, but the nature were shocking, even barbarous, farmers of Missouri will lose five mil- but they were fundamentally exact. lion dollars this year because they sold If he was a brutal artist, he was no in thirty days what should have been casuist. If he converted his pen into distributed throughout four months, a mud rake and his mind into a cess-The farmers in the United States will pool there are not wanting a loftier

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Zola. MILE ZOLA'S life was more dramatic in its vicissitudes and successes than any hero of his creation. From its portrayal of the most despicable and

The men who have this enterprise in

tow have had considerable experience.

commission merchant of Chicago, and

in association with him are a number

of other commission merchants, grain

Bishop Talbot is < fair offset to

await developments,

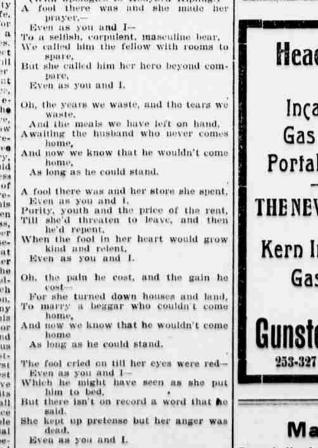
The president, Robert Lindblom, is a

sensual traits which human nature is capable of attaining or the mind of conceiving, A literary savage, he delineated the repellant perturbations of his own mind and the squalid results laid to his discredit. There are not truer or more delicate creations in the whole range of fiction than some of Zola's conceptions. None of his novels

is destitute of one or more of them; but as in real life the wickedness of the wicked is proclaimed of all men, hese. so these virtuous silhouettes that almost imperceptibly eclipse the lubricity of his pages are not easily recognized for what they are when one comes across them in his museum of

puires a vigorous prosecution of our free chool system throughout the country for which purpose our government should make an annual appropriation of not less than \$100,000,000. To correct the second of these evils, all special taxes must be re-moved from the liquor traffic. This would strike a death blow to its ill-gotten gains by rendering it almost profitless, and thus make the way easy for proper legislation, which seems impossible to secure now. To counteract the third great evil, an equitable tax, in lieu of other taxes, must be collected according to the amount of wealth owned by an individ-ual, consistent with the ability of such persons to pay. No intelligent person who is consistent in judgment, can deny the justness and great need of this graded tax. The fourth evil, usury or high interest, encourages the bond and mortgage feature of finance, and thus or London, but it is complacently egoprevents capital from seeking invest-ments in active industries from first hands. A general reduction of interest to three per cent, per annum would drive the "money sharks" into honest pursuits the "money sharks" into honest pursuits and stimulate general industry in all equitable vocations. Under the influence of these four changes, the disagreeable of these four changes, the disagreeable

> their logical solutions. Besides this, our country would then naturally unfold its greatness into a condition of perpetual peace, prosperity and general content-ment. Other papers please copy in full. N. E. Badgley, M. D. 316 W. 15th St., New York, Sept. 29.



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