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AND the funny part of it is, they are calling the meeting now on at Springfield a "love feast."

THE Boer successes indicate that men who fight for love of independence and liberty are better soldiers than those who fight for military glory and pay.—Dubuque Telegraph.

DORSEY W. SHACKLEFORD, who has taken Bland's seat in congress, is a rich man. He made his money in the large zinc and lead mines of Camden county, Mo., of the best of which he is practically the owner.

THE new McHanna declaration of independence reads: "We propose to prevent the establishment of more republics, and to sympathize with any monarch aiming to annihilate a republic."—Springfield Register.

THE gold standard bill establishes a gigantic national bank trust with power of absolute control over the currency of the country. Under the provisions of this bill the national banks can contract or expand the currency at pleasure.

RT. REV. LOUIS DE GOESBRIAND, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Vermont, who died recently, left an estate amounting to exactly \$2 12. The bishop was once a rich man, but it was his avowed wish to die a poor one. It is supposed that his money has been put in many of the fine buildings of the diocese.

FOR 30 years William Johnson, of Kokomo, Ind., has run a farm of six acres without having a horse on the place. He is known throughout the section as "the horseless farmer." He raises corn, potatoes, celery, melons and all kinds of vegetables, and does all the work by hand. Even the marketing is done without the aid of a horse, as he trundles his crops to town in a wheelbarrow, making an average of three trips a day all the year round. Johnson says he has an aversion to horses, owing to the fact that he was kicked by one when a boy.

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch takes a sly at the situation, saying that the resolves of the recent conference are food for jest. England goes to war, the United States plunges into militarism and the German emperor announces the entry of his empire into "world politics" with an enlarged navy and a bigger army. Wars and rumors of war disturb the sleep of prince and peasant. What makes the spectacle grotesque is that all this bluster is in the name of trade. Commerce, we are told, is war. If you want commerce, you must go out and kill somebody. Military conquest is the condition precedent, without which trade is not possible. And the funniest part of the joke is, that many sane persons actually believe it.

THOSE narrow-headed partisans, imperialists because devotion to politics is more to them than devotion to principle, who because the late Gen. Lawton, in a letter some time ago, deplored the attitude of the anti-imperialists, and said if he were to be shot by a Filipino bullet it might as well come from one of his own men, as the war was being prolonged as the result of the anti-imperialist agitation in America, now seek to attribute the loss of the anti-imperialist movement. But they do not seem to realize that if it had not been for the non-American attitude that has been so righteously opposed Gen. Lawton's and other precious lives would not have been lost.

Tanner Put to the Test.

This day may make or break John Riley Tanner, quite. With the assembling of party lights and the gathering of party shadows at Springfield,

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John is either going to see his finish or show the other fellows a thing or two. But after all it may be but the jumping from the frying pan into the fire. The Chicago Record quotes "one of Gov. Tanner's nearest friends in Chicago," as saying that with Tanner in the field Cook county will be divided; for Boss Lorimer will stick to Tanner, while Bosses Hertz and Pease will be against him. This "one of Gov. Tanner's nearest friends" thinks with this division, Reeves, Hertz and Pease "would have enough of delegates to make a winning combination," that is they would round Tanner. This unknown "nearest friend" says: "You will find, however, that Tanner, when he has rounded up the situation Thursday evening, will say: 'I have had honors enough from the republican party, and while I believe I can be re-nominated and reelected, I will not sacrifice my friends in close legislative districts and close counties.' That will throw the thing into the crowd. There will be no unseemly scramble between Judge Haney and Judge Carter for the Cook county delegation. Although Carter might be able to show a stronger following in the country than Haney has, Haney will be able to show a stronger Cook county following, and Judge Carter is too good a party man to do other than yield gracefully. I think when the showdown comes that Hertz and Pease will be with the man who can show the most strength in this county, and that will be Haney. John M. Smyth will take this position: He will say to Lorimer, Pease and Hertz, 'You go into a room by yourselves and agree upon a Cook county man for governor, and I will be for him, no matter who he is.' If Lorimer will not take Carter, and if Pease and Hertz will not take Haney, then they will do what they always have done—pick out some one they can agree upon.

According to the predictions made last night in Springfield, Gov. Tanner will tell his friends congregated, responsive to his invitation, in the senate chamber this afternoon, that it has been the custom of the republican party to renominate state officers who have made creditable administrations. He will claim that his administration has been such as to redound to the credit of the party. He then will tell them that he is for the republican party first, and if he is any embodiment of the party, he is ready and willing to step down and out. The Record has a dispatch to this effect:

"It is expected by some that before the conference adjourns the governor will give his decision. Many others, however, are of the opinion that later in the evening Gov. Tanner, William Lorimer, Dr. Jamieson, I. N. Phillips, Charles S. Hamer, J. R. B. Vance, Cleaves and half a dozen friends will gather in a room of the executive mansion, and there the governor will make up his mind whether to come out as a candidate for renomination or throw his strength to some man to be picked out. There was much gossip today to the effect that Gov. Tanner will come out as a candidate for renomination, with Speaker L. Y. Sherman as the Tanner candidate for lieutenant governor, with an understanding between the two that Tanner will succeed William E. Mason in the United States senate, Sherman then to become governor. Attached to this was another story that Gov. Tanner, through the board of directors of the Modern Woodmen society, would induce Lieut. Gov. Northcott to withdraw as a candidate for renomination, leaving the way open for Sherman.

The thought that John Riley, whose tendency and training are such that he looks upon all institutions as subjects to political barter and sale where involving politicians should assume the official board of the Modern Woodmen of America, simply because the head of the order is a politician, will not occasion the deepest sense of gratification in the minds of the rank and file of the great order, and they will be slow to believe its accomplishment possible until they see some substantial evidence of such manipulation.

Among those assigned to the duty of "exchange of confidences" from the various congressional districts, preceding the hearing of the great guns, including Senator Cullom, Gov. Tanner, and others are: Congressman George W. Prince and Frank G. Allen from Tenth district.

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