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It now transpires that over 100,000 Puerto Ricans expect the United States government to feed them. So did Coxey's army.

The speculators are having considerable difficulty in fixing the purchase in the trust stock tie, with chances that it will never be able to hold as much wind again as before.

Readers of The Bee who admire the special Christmas number can secure extra copies to send to friends by applying at The Bee's business office before the few remaining are disposed of.

Latest reports from the Philippines are to the effect that the express companies have been unable to deliver Aguinaldo's Christmas presents, because he failed to leave his address when he moved the last time.

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Reports from the scene of war in South Africa say the British naval guns command the bridge over the Tugela river and prevent the Boers from crossing. Unless previous reports are much in error there are other guns which also command the bridge and other points at which the river can be crossed.

As will be seen by The Bee's interviews with mayors of thriving Nebraska cities there is hardly a community in Nebraska which does not offer inviting openings for business investment.

The soul of General John O'Neill seems to be hovering over the Irish-American citizens of Nebraska, inspiring them with a desire to put obstacles in the way of Great Britain in its cruel war upon the Boers.

English goods has increased about 50 per cent in the time.

The New Year's gift Omaha would appreciate most would be an assurance of a good, solid tannery in operation by spring at South Omaha with capital large enough to use the hides from the animals slaughtered there.

From reading the English press one would gather the impression that our great military experts who know just how the war with Spain and the one in the Philippines should be fought have all moved over to England.

As we understand the matter, all that company desires is such an arrangement with the United States as will insure its protection, this country of course to have equal rights and privileges with every other country in the canal.

There is a pretty strong impression in the public mind that the Panama route may be found to be quite as available as the Nicaragua route for all the interests, public and private, which will be affected by an isthman canal, while making no demands upon the national treasury.

The Panama company claims to have abundant capital to complete the project and does not propose to ask any financial assistance from this government.

DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS.

Senator Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee, is nothing if not optimistic. When he returned from Europe after a protracted absence, during which time he could have learned little regarding political affairs in this country, he declared on landing that democratic prospects were good.

Where does this optimistic leader look for the success of his party? It is a foregone conclusion that it will reaffirm the Chicago platform and renominate its presidential candidate of 1896. Is there any northern state more likely to be carried for that platform and candidate next year than in 1896?

As to the bluff tract. With the demolition of the exposition buildings now in progress comes the question whether the bluff tract shall be retained by the city as a park or permitted to lapse again into vacant real property. During the exposition seasons of 1898 and 1899 the consensus of public opinion was strongly in favor of the incorporation of this tract into the park system.

Decisive action, however, cannot be long delayed if the city is to have the benefit of improvements which otherwise will be destroyed. A full discussion of the proposition should be had by the park board and city council at an early day, in order that a conclusion may be arrived at before it is too late.

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CHRONICLES OF OUR WAR.

Prominent Americans diligently engaged in assimilating the aims of Luzon and the Manila proposition that the natives are wholly unable to take care of themselves and need the care and protection of an unselfish guardian.

It may be well to remind druggists that the law requires a druggist's permit to be taken out each year by every person selling malt, spirituous or vinous liquors for medicinal purposes.

The local Jacksonian contingent having moved into more spacious quarters, may be expected to make more noise than ever, not only in the impending municipal campaign, but in the following campaign for a legislative delegation from Douglas county which shall carry the chrysanthemum banner.

All the new war ships recommended by the secretary of the navy are authorized there will be a lot of fine opportunities for christening parades.

A Military Trumper. Cleveland Plain Dealer. That convulsion of nature which flung the great rock of Analt into the sea will take its place on the records with the destruction of Pompeii, the earthquake at Lisbon and all those other mysterious and dreadfully fatal disasters that have visited the earth.

The Galapagos islands are the latest bone of international contention. The United States feared that control of them may be used to dominate the Pacific entrance to the isthman canal that is to be. Seeing that they are about as far from that entrance as the Bermudas are from New York the peril cannot be deemed particularly imminent.

The chase of Aguinaldo and the insurgent column in charge of the American prisoners in the military expedition against the twenty-four hours in the lead. Several of the Americans and nearly all of the Spanish captives of the Filipinos have been released, but Lieutenant Gillmore and his fellow prisoners from the gunboat Bennington are yet in the hands of the enemy.

It is said on what should be excellent authority that fully two-thirds of the world's supply of sugar now comes from the beet. Certain it is that the production of this necessity is no longer confined to tropic regions, but is found profitable by dwellers in temperate zones, notably those of our own continent.

The people of Puerto Rico are daily receiving an object lesson of the good fortune which placed them under the American flag. These left destitute and starving by the great storm which swept over the island are still receiving aid from the government.

It is cruel for the popocratic organ to assert now that the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation are not overworked and to remind them that they have the softest snap in the public service.

THE INDIANAPOLIS WAR.

While many students of municipal problems throughout the country are studying more or less hopefully various schemes for the municipal ownership of the street railway, water, telephone and light systems, it may be timely to present something of the plan and history of the Consumers' Gas Trust company of Indianapolis, an institution which stands as a successful precedent for municipal ownership.

1. The creation of a self-perpetuating board of five trustees who held no stock in any competing company. In case of a vacancy by death or resignation the vacancy to be filled by the survivors.

2. In making subscription for the stock the subscriber enters into a special contract by which the stock subscribed for by him is expressly transferred to these trustees, naming them, with an irrevocable power to vote the same for directors.

3. The subscription contract as well as the articles of incorporation further provide that as soon as the holders of stock or their assignees have received the face value thereof, with 8 per cent interest, fuel gas must be reduced to cost.

4. The investment is still the nominal holders of the stock, but are entitled to no dividends.

5. Having formulated this plan of organization, the trustees were selected, and prominent citizens were elected to serve as directors for the first year.

6. In most cases municipal ownership is impossible because of the limit upon the indebtedness and the inability of the city to raise the necessary funds for the purchase. A slight modification only is needed to secure such an organization as the Consumers' Gas Trust company the instrument by which to acquire the property described.

7. For heaven's sake send me a new pair of khaki trousers. Some soldier said mine yesterday and I take them to the store.

8. There were sixty-three words in the postscript at \$2.50 a word, amounting in all to \$157.50.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A New York man has made \$68,000 by the favorite of a messenger boy to deliver a telegram in time. And he didn't give the boy a cent.

Two words which the people of Indianapolis had made for presentation to General Lawton will now be presented to his widow and family.

John L. Sullivan's account of how he "took it" at Alvin Karpis is the oldest anecdote about the parting of certain classes of people and their wealth.

Since his inauguration President McKinley has never been to the theater and the evenings he spends in a social way are only such as his official position makes necessary.

A movement has been started in Buffalo to pay some special tribute to President Daniel Coit Gilman of Johns Hopkins university on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the university, which will occur on December 31.

A cousin of ex-President Cleveland, who is a wine manufacturer in Buncombe county, North Carolina, had never heard of the war until the other day, but if he had heard of it he would hardly have supposed that it was intended for Buncombe.

Governor Roosevelt of New York is anxious to have Seth Low, now the president of Columbia university, accept the position of chancellor of the state education board. Seth Low declines the place will be offered to Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia.

S. Senator Deboe of Kentucky has shaved off his luxuriant mustache and the change wrought in his appearance is so marked that he found it necessary to introduce himself to old friends.

One of the handsomest calendars that has appeared for the new year represents children playing on the broad beach of one of our Atlantic coast resorts.

A Mr. Hunt, a Pretoria barber now in London, looks upon the Transvaal trouble from the viewpoint of his trade.

CHERRY CHAFF.

Indians of the "What is the difference between a sharp man and a smooth rascal?"

Washington Star: "She means well," remarked the sentimentalistic star, as she looked at the representative will be approved with respect abroad as long as the United States are able to command courtesy and consideration—and no longer.

Chicago Post: "Whenever I hear of a suicide can only think of one thing."

Chicago Tribune: Customer—How long will it take to put a small patch on this shoe?

Chicago News: Mrs. Neighbors—Mrs. Meecker certainly has wonderful tact.

Detroit Journal: Athens, the goddess of wisdom was even more haughty than usual today.

Chicago Times-Herald: "Do Mr. and Mrs. Wickelson, the people who live across the hall from me, ever disturb you at night by their quarreling?"

They do, but we are not disturbed in the least. My husband always permits me to let the transom down and listen without a rod.

THE MAN BEHIND THE BAR. Behind the bar, behind the bar, behind the bar, behind the bar, behind the bar, behind the bar, behind the bar, behind the bar.

Star Shirt Sale. Our entire lines of \$1.50 colored Star Shirts are on sale NOW for 1.15 each all sizes—See windows.