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Little Japan is increasing her navy at a very rapid rate and bids fair to out-strip Uncle Sam in a few years unless the fool killer can be induced to saunter toward Washington and gather in some of our obstructionists.

State Treasurer Meserve, stated before the Governors investigating committee that he did not consider a pass a bribe, and that a man who could be bought for one did not have brains enough to make it worth the time spent to buy him. That is good logic but don't compare very favorable with populist doctrine.

The Philippine Insurgents, last Friday made another attack upon the Nebraska regiment and killed one man and wounded six. They came out of the Jungle just in front of the First Nebraska, under a white flag, and when near enough to suit them opened fire with the above result. Our boys maintained their former record, drove them back killing five and taking one prisoner.

This abuse of the administration about fighting the Filipinos, is all foolish twaddle, and should be beneath the dignity of a patriotic American. The peculiar fortunes of war threw those Islands on our hands and it was out of the question for us to maintain our position of, "A war for humanity" and at the first opportunity abandon them to their fate. The administration is doing just what circumstances call for, and should be upheld by every American citizen. This is no more the time to withdraw our troops from the Philippines, than it is from Cuba. But when the time does come the American people will see that justice is done.

The Nicaraguan canal bill seems to be as far from passing at present as it did five years ago. Although both branches of congress are well aware that the people demand that this water way be constructed at once yet there seems to be sufficient number who are afraid that the other party will receive some credit for the building of it to defeat any bill that is brought up. The President seems to have taken a very determined stand upon this and the army reorganization bill, and has said that if congress does not take some action before it adjourns, which will be in about a week, an extra session will surely be called. The President has the great majority of the people with him in both these matters and the obstructionists may find it unpleasant to again go before their constituents if their wishes are left unheeded.

It seems strange that all of a sudden every hold-over pop state official should discover that it is all right for a man to ride on passes, when their whole cry during the past years was that a "pass was a bribe," and should be beneath the dignity of an honest man to accept. But like the old adage "when rogues fall out honest men get their dues" this change of heart comes like the jugglers presto change, they ride on passes and kept the fact concealed for political reasons until they quarreled among themselves and the man that got the worst of their disgraceful row, let the cat out of the sack. Then they acknowledged that they had followed in the footsteps of their predecessors, whom they had called thieves, and accepted the overtures of the marble hearted corporations and they don't believe it is a bribe either! Now what is their "reform" constituency going to do about it? They claimed the story was a "lie" before this, but now the acknowledgment comes right from headquarters. Will the crime be as heinous as it used to be, or will they condone it because these "reformers" say "it's all right" since they were caught in the act.

HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT.
J. F. CHURCH, EDITOR.

SPONGE GINGERBREAD—3 Eggs beaten light, 1 cup molasses, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1 cup milk, 1 pound flour (or four cups), 2 teaspoonsful baking powder, warm milk and butter together, beat sugar and molasses together, add milk and butter flour and powder, and last 1 tablespoonful of ginger, 1 teaspoonful cinnamon. Beat all together well bake in shallow pans, cut in squares, serve warm for supper. The same mixture with fruit added it makes a good steamed spice pudding.

RIBBON SANDWICHES—Take a loaf of warm bread cut off all crust, cut with a sharp hot knife, the slices being thin not more than 1-8 inch thick, spread with minced chicken seasoned high or with minced ham, roll up, tie with a narrow ribbon pile on plate and serve nice for lunch or set table.

COCOANUT PIE—1 pint of milk, 4 table-spoonful of sugar, 1 table-spoonful of butter, 1 heaping tea spoonful corn starch, 3 eggs beaten well. Boil milk, butter and sugar together, dissolve corn starch in either milk or water, add to the boiling milk, remove from stove, when slightly cool add the eggs beat well. Add flavoring either lemon or nutmeg. Bake in one crust the thicker the pie the better, these little thin custards or coconut pies are poor things.

MUFFINS—1 pt. of milk, 1 pt. water, or 1 qt. of milk is better, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1/2 tea-spoonful salt, 2 eggs beaten separately, flour to make stiff batter. If baking powder is used, 1 table-spoonful, if yeast is used 1/2 cup and set every night for breakfast, good either way, can bake in gem pans.

PUFFET—2 eggs, butter the size of an egg, 1 qt. of flour, 2 table-spoons of sugar, 5 tea-spoons of baking powder, 1 pt. sweet milk. This bread must be made quickly and baked in a quick oven, good for breakfast or tea. Bake in long pans, cut in squares.

SALAD CREAM WITHOUT OIL—1 cupful of best butter, 1/2 cupful of vinegar, large, 6 raw yolks, 1 cupful of thin cream, 1/2 tea-spoonful of salt, 1/2 tea-spoonful of cayenne and white pepper. Boil the vinegar with the butter in it, beat the yolks light, pour the boiling vinegar to them gradually while still beating then place the mixture on the fire again. It is liable to burn at the bottom and must be beaten rapidly till it begins to thicken, then commence and slowly pour in the cream and continue beating till the dressing looks like cream or boiled custard. It must not quite boil or else it will curdle, add the

salt and pepper and beat well till the heat is reduced. If cream is scarce a cup of milk will do.

LIMA BEAN SALAD—1 qt. of cooked lima beans, 1 small onion chopped fine, a little chopped parsley if you have it. Mix all together, dress with the salad cream and serve.

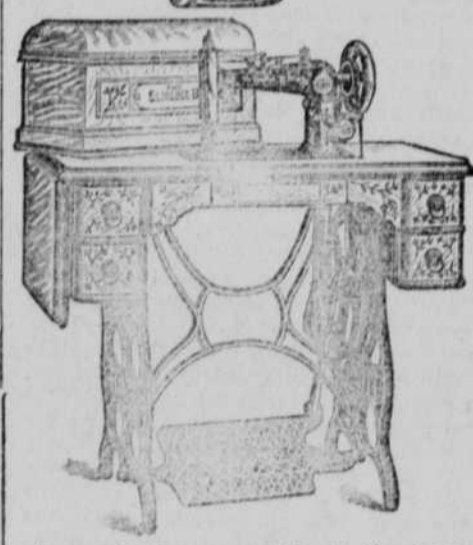
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