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GEORGE E. TSCHUCK, Notary Public. It is apparent that the ice man has settled his differences with the weather man.

Two old women still rule the world—the empress of China and Queen Victoria.

The Boers are pressing their suit for Ladysmith and Buller still twenty miles away.

When Grek meets Grek then comes the tug of war. When Boer meets British then comes the laager and the bier.

Emperor William has celebrated his own birthday and gone into mourning over the death of his mother-in-law all on the same day.

The invasion of little Delaware by Colonel Bryan is heralded as one of the great events in the preliminary campaign of 1900.

From Colenso to Ladysmith is not a great distance as the fog flies, but by the wagon road it is several days journey in the present condition of the public highway.

A few men are anxious to become mayor of Omaha, but several hundred of the best business men of Omaha would not accept the office if tendered to them on a golden platter.

The Paris exposition has another strike on its hands. An exposition without a strike would be as great a curiosity as a South American country without a revolution.

Now we are to have a religious trust. On the first and second days of February a conference will be held in New York with a view to taking steps for the establishment of a federation of all the Protestant churches.

Unless the keeper returns soon to the animals in the popocateca cage there is danger of a serious fight, although liberal doses of chloroform might quiet them until the antagonistic members of the family can be separated.

The officials of St. Louis have accepted an invitation to look over the water in the Chicago drainage canal. But they are not expected to drink enough water during the trip to enable them to pass on its quality.

It must be consoling to hear that the recent advance of 5 per cent in the price of cheap editions of the bible has not affected their sale. If this is so a bible trust may commence operations without fear of any contraction in the demand.

The heavy Boer batsmen are giving the English outfielders plenty of work during the first inning. It has been raining base hits ever since Umpire Kruger called "play ball," and the score is already in the doubles, with bases full and no one out.

News comes by cable all the way from Egypt of a strike there among the cigarette makers, but this will not interfere with the Egyptian cigarette industry in New York, which will keep on turning out the genuine imported product without interruption.

Advices from Rome are to the effect that the pope has had a design prepared for a jubilee medal. They do not state, however, whether he expects to have the medal struck in commemoration of the nineteenth or twentieth century. This all-important question should be settled first.

It is stated that all three of the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation have actually been present in the board rooms at the same time during the past week. Such a sacrifice of private business for the benefit of the public was hardly to have been expected at any other time than pay day.

REINFORCE THE SUPREME COURT.

During the first years of statehood Nebraska was divided into three judicial districts and the three district judges together constituted the supreme court. The framers of the present constitution separated the district courts from the supreme court by creating a supreme bench of three justices. This body served the purpose until the state had trebled its population and the business of the court had grown to formidable proportions. To relieve this pressure a supreme court commission was created by the legislature in 1891 as an adjunct to the judges.

This provisional arrangement proved fairly satisfactory. The overcrowded dockets of the court were gradually reduced from year to year and would have been entirely cleared but for the veto of Governor Foynter of the bill extending the commission's life. Whether the governor did right or wrong, a condition confronts the people that calls for a speedy and effective remedy, if justice is to be administered with reasonable promptness in this state. While the final and correct remedy must be by a constitutional amendment increasing the number of supreme judges, temporary relief can be had by a reversion to the idea embodied in the first constitution of Nebraska.

There is nothing in the constitution or the law to prevent the supreme court from calling in from time to time three judges of the district court to perform the work formerly entrusted to the supreme court commissioners. It is a well known fact that we have at this time more district judges than litigation to keep them busy. It seems to us that it could be readily arranged to have some of these judges, when not actively engaged in their district, summoned to the capital to assist the supreme bench.

Such a plan would involve no additional salaries and but trifling additional expense and would be no hardship on the district judges, who are now drawing pay for full time. On the contrary, most of the district judges would, we believe, feel honored to be called to share the responsibility of the highest court of appeal. If upon trial the plan should prove unsatisfactory it can be abolished and a new commission provided for by the coming legislature, to serve until a constitutional amendment enlarging the supreme bench shall have been submitted and adopted.

CONSULAR SERVICE REFORM.

There appears to be favorable promise of legislation at the present session of congress for reform in the consular service. A bill for this purpose has been introduced, its object being to divorce the service from politics and apply civil service methods in appointing men to represent the United States as consular officials in other parts of the world. The bill provides for a commission, composed of members of both houses and three other citizens experienced in commercial matters, to formulate and put into operation the reorganization plan. Representatives of commercial interests, particularly those engaged in the foreign trade, have been in Washington to urge the adoption of the proposed legislation and it is not expected to encounter any serious opposition, except, perhaps, from those who are hostile to the civil service reform principle generally and believe that the consular service should be left open for the exploitation of the politicians.

This question of consular reform has been discussed for years and the discussion has done good. It has served to bring about a very great improvement in that service. Twenty-five years ago the United States had the poorest and least efficient consular service of any of the leading nations. That cannot truthfully be said of it now. Indeed it has so much improved that it now compares favorably in usefulness with that of any other country. We have a large number of trained and experienced men in the service, who have been retained without regard to their politics, and the consular reports show that these men are performing their duties faithfully and zealously.

No better proof could be desired as to the expediency of divorcing the consular service from politics and applying to it civil service methods. That would insure the appointment of competent men and their retention in the service. The proposed legislation having this in view is judicious and there should be no doubt as to its adoption.

FAVOR A MERCHANT MARINE.

The National Board of Trade, in session at Washington the past week, adopted a memorial to congress urging legislation for creating a merchant marine for our foreign commerce. The board represents some forty chambers of commerce and business and trade organizations and therefore speaks for a considerable proportion of the business interests of the country. The memorial was adopted with practical unanimity, there being very little opposition to it.

It sets forth the facts showing the decline of the merchant marine in the foreign trade and states that the United States—that is, American manufacturers and producers—are now paying to foreign ship owners near to \$200,000,000 annually to do our ocean-carrying trade, which sum increases yearly. It declares that the protective principle should be extended to our shipping in the foreign trade and that the profitable employment of the surplus productive power of the farms, factories, mines, forests and fisheries of the United States imperatively demands the increase of its foreign commerce. The building up of a merchant marine is declared to be of supreme importance for the extension of our foreign trade and the opinion is expressed that either the senate or the house bill will be effective to this end.

This from a body representing extensively commercial interests and especially concerned in promoting our foreign trade will certainly carry

weight. This class, however, are not alone in desiring legislation favorable to a merchant marine. The agricultural interest is not indifferent to the matter, as shown by resolutions adopted by several agricultural societies of Pennsylvania, all declaring in favor of an American merchant marine which will give employment to American capital and American labor and free the producers from dependence upon foreign ships to carry to market their surplus products.

There has been a notable awakening of interest in this question within the last year or two and the sentiment in favor of merchant marine legislation is much stronger than ever before.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

The property owners of Omaha pay in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 in direct taxes every year for the support of county, city and school government. In addition to this direct tax some \$500,000 is contributed in the shape of license fees, fines and special assessments. In other words, the three branches of local government, namely, the county board, the school board and city council, collect and disburse more than \$2,000,000 every year exclusive of large sums for school buildings, pavements, sewers and so on, derived from bond issues.

Men clothed with such vast powers and responsibilities might be expected to possess the essential qualification of business ability and integrity, but in Omaha, as in other large cities, the taxpaying citizens leave the management of public affairs to a class of men who for the most part do not come up to the standard that would insure efficient and economic government. It is a matter of notoriety that thousands of dollars are annually squandered or recklessly dissipated through incompetent, negligent or dishonest officials and the interests of the public sacrificed for the benefit of officeholders, contractors and franchised corporations.

The blame for this state of affairs is entirely with the taxpayers who could if they would, dictate the choice of elective public officers by taking active part in primary elections of their respective political parties. The general aversion on the part of the most intelligent and orderly class of citizens to mix in "practical politics" springs from the wrong idea that politics contaminate people and tend to corrupt their morals, when, as a matter of fact, general participation by the best class of voters would tend to purge politics of its worst features, and by elevating the standard of candidates insure better government. It is to be hoped that in the impending municipal campaign the most representative voters of all parties will assert themselves and insist upon the selection of candidates who enjoy popular confidence, and will, if elected, protect the interest of the taxpayers instead of the politicians.

TIME FOR CONCILIATION.

The press dispatch from Manila, stating that the war in the Philippines is over, meaning, it is presumed, that organized resistance is at an end, and urging that the time is ripe for a conciliatory policy, seems to merit the consideration of those in authority. The correspondent points out that the danger in the present situation is that a bloody feud may arise between the American army and the Filipinos and this we believe is the first intimation of such a danger. There is nothing incredible, however, in the statement. The Filipinos generally have unquestionably a bitter hatred of our soldiers and it is to be expected that they will take every opportunity to manifest this until complete pacification is brought about. It is not to be doubted that there are thousands of natives within our lines who would not hesitate to assassinate American soldiers and these people are likely to be troublesome for a long time, whatever policy congress may decide upon for the government of the Philippines. The strong sentiment of hatred toward Americans that has been created cannot be overcome at once and there are men among the Filipinos who will spare no effort to keep it alive.

To what extent the danger pointed out might be lessened by congressional action outlining the policy of the government in the Philippines it is impossible to say, but it is unquestionably important that congress should determine the question of government for the islands without unnecessary delay. Mabini, the most influential of the insurgents, who is a prisoner at Manila, has suggested that the United States appoint another commission to ascertain the wishes of the Tagals and confer with them respecting the question of government. He professed to believe that if this were done it would have a salutary effect. But if a commission were sent it should be clothed with full authority to say what the policy of the United States is and this can come only from congress. Until, therefore, congress shall have decided upon a policy it would be useless to send a commission to the Philippines. It could do no more than the commission sent last year, which accomplished practically nothing. Moreover, who is there for a commission to confer with having the authority to speak for them and to bind them to anything? Aguilardo is somewhere in hiding and the last report regarding him said that he had with him only a small bodyguard. The so-called Filipino government was dispersed long ago and the ablest of the insurgent leaders have been killed or captured. A guerrilla warfare is being carried on and it is to be presumed that no one would have our government confer with the chiefs of these guerrilla bands as to what kind of government they desire.

A declaration by congress of the policy of the United States in the Philippines is what the situation calls for and when this is had no commission will be necessary. It will be understood by the Filipinos as expressing the will of the American people—the irrevocable decision of this nation in respect to its future dealing with

them. The policy outlined and the assurances, given by the military authority the Filipinos have not regarded as expressing the national will. They will know that action by congress does this and will perhaps realize the futility of further resistance to it.

OUR COMMERCIAL PROGRESS.

The rapid progress of the foreign trade of the United States is not generally appreciated and even among those who may be assumed to be interested in such matters are many who are not aware of the fact that this country has nearly reached first place as an exporting nation, with a good prospect of attaining supremacy within the next year or two.

The statistics of the foreign commerce of the United States and Great Britain for last year show that this country was only \$34,000,000 behind its greatest commercial rival, upon which we have been rapidly gaining for some years. We noted some time ago the statement of a leading British statistician that if the progress which the United States had made in its foreign trade should continue we would overtake and pass Great Britain early in the coming century. It is not improbable that we shall do so by the beginning of the century. An American writer says that we have increased so rapidly and since 1896 by a ratio that seems easily calculated, that it is fair to apply this ratio to the year 1900, and if so applied it will be discovered that we shall probably this year export some \$90,000,000 more than Great Britain. This would be likely if Great Britain were at peace and with that nation at war, which cuts off or materially reduces a large trade with South Africa, it is an entirely reasonable expectation that by the end of the current year the United States will have taken first place among the exporting nations. We also lose commercially by the South African war, but nothing like the extent to which Great Britain will, while there is every reason to believe that we shall gain largely in China and other portions of the far east.

American commercial supremacy would thus seem to be at hand and when attained it will be held so long as the conditions which make for it continue. At all events it may confidently be predicted that it could not be wrested from us by Great Britain, for there is every reason to believe that that nation has reached the limit of commercial development and is much more likely to decline than to advance as a commercial power. With our growing commerce will necessarily come an increase in our financial power, to which our gold production last year contributed \$90,000,000 and it is believed will add at least \$100,000,000 this year.

In view of this, why may it not reasonably be assumed, if we remain at peace with the world and there are no violent changes in our financial and economic policies, that within a few years the United States will be at the head of the nations in the world's commerce and in a position financially not only of complete independence, but which will enable us to exert a dominating influence upon the monetary affairs of the world? There certainly seems to be opportunity for attaining this and the prospect of its achievement appears clear.

The Philadelphia Sabbath School association proposes to take a complete census of the city of Philadelphia in a single day. It is proposed to take the census on the 22nd day of February. This is not the first time that the population of an American city has been registered in one day. A census of the city of Pittsburgh was taken recently on the Sabbath school plan and only 600 persons refused to give the information asked. In Great Britain the census is always taken in twenty-four hours and the returns have been found to be more accurate than they could possibly have been had the enumeration covered a more extended period. The Philadelphia experiment will be watched with more than passing interest and its accuracy will be tested by the national census takers in June.

London newspapers are again taking up the attack on American canned meat by printing anonymous letters pretending to give away inside secrets of American packing establishments. It is safe to put down these letters as either fakes, pure and simple, or the vindictive fabrications of discharged employees. The American meat packing plants will court official investigation at any time any foreign government wants to send responsible experts over to ascertain the facts.

It is announced that England is willing the United States should build and operate the Nicaraguan canal. England has plenty of trouble at present and in prospect, and so long as its ships are free to use the canal it matters little who owns it. If England expects the United States to build the canal and then turn it over to England as France did the Suez, it is doomed to disappointment. The generosity of the United States hardly reaches that point.

The increased imports coming to the United States for the last year are classed almost entirely under the head of materials for further manufacture. While the wheels of industry have been going around faster the demand for American-made goods seems to have increased sufficiently to take up the entire surplus. If this means a continued demand for American labor no one will have any cause to find fault with this feature of our prosperity.

There is altogether too much haste exhibited by the supporters of the Nicaragua canal bill in the lower house of congress to divert it of the suspicion that there was a big job concealed in it under the plea of urgency. A project that contemplates the expenditure of \$140,000,000 and a possible deficit of \$90,000,000 more should not be rail-

roned through like a private pension bill that involves an outlay of not more than \$8 per month.

It has been discovered that Spanish coins, like the Spanish navy, are lightweight. This is one of the means by which the people of the former Spanish colonies have been misled for the benefit of the old country. The people should soon begin to show some appreciation of honest dealing and good government brought them by American intervention.

The president of one of the eastern trunk lines takes decided exception to the project for the improvement of the Erie canal. This is quite natural, as anything that might divert traffic from the railroads or act as a safety valve on the eyes of every railroad president.

Secretary of State Porter proposes to move for the dissolution of the office-holding firm of Allen & Robinson. He advances two reasons. One is that it is in opposition to public policy and the other that he wants the office of congressman himself. Watch the congressman from the Third file a demurrer.

A Chicago woman injured in an automobile collision is suing for \$20,000 damages. If she had been struck by a bicycle or a motor car or a runaway horse the figure would probably not be so high. It ought to be worth more to be hurt by an automobile, at least so long as they are still in the introductory stage.

Send in His Photograph. Somerville Journal. The man who can fall down on a slippery sidewalk and get up without looking around to see whether anybody has seen him can hardly pride himself on his savoir faire and self-control.

Pride Goes Before a Fall. Globe-Democrat. One of the loftiest critics of the military management of the American civil war was Lord Wolsey. The condition of the British army for its present work is a sufficient commentary on his judgment.

Supremacy in Sight. Buffalo Express. Exports from the United Kingdom for 1899 amounted to \$1,287,971,000 and from the United States to \$1,255,488,000. This is the nearest the United States has ever come to equalling Great Britain's export trade. Another year should bring the precedence to this side of the Atlantic.

First of Naval Heroes. Baltimore American. The bones of John Paul Jones will be brought to rest in American soil if they can be identified. Cynics may sneer at the belated gratification of republics, but, at least, these times are trying to atone for the neglect of past ones. At no time has the spirit of appreciation for national services, past and present, been so marked.

Chicago Sees the Light. Chicago News. Studying all sides of the question with impartial eyes it really seems as if the wealthy American father would fare better by presenting his daughter with an Angora kitten than by buying her a titled husband. The kitten and the count both come high and cost some little money to keep, but the kitten has a chance to take prizes at the annual cat show, while the nobleman cannot even win out in a speculation.

Perquisites of Senators. Cincinnati Commercial. The salary of a senator may not be overwhelmingly large, but the perquisites make up a handsome income. Drugs and toilet articles are bought in bills that run into the hundreds, and even thousands, and it is stated that most of these luxuries find their way out of the senate into the homes of the people. It is a petty abuse that should be stopped, not so much on the ground of economy as on the grounds of pride and principle.

Forging to the Front. Philadelphia Record. The exports from the United States for 1899 only fell \$34,000,000 short of the aggregate of the exports from Great Britain. This showing indicates what a wonderful stride forward this country has made, particularly in the sale of our manufactured goods. Sixty per cent of our exports were sent to the United Kingdom and its colonies. The imports of Great Britain for 1899 reached the enormous aggregate of \$2,360,620,000, or about three times the total imports of the United States.

Dental Corps in the Army. Philadelphia Times. The Philippine war has shown the necessity of having a dental corps attached to the medical staff of an army in the tropics. When the old muzzle-loading muskets were used and the cartridges had to be bitten, the condition of the soldiers' teeth was of the highest importance; but with the introduction of fixed ammunition, preservation of the teeth became of secondary importance. Hence the aches that have followed. After they have bitten their teeth on the dentures they will feel more like showing them to the enemy.

Must Fight or Fall Together. Philadelphia Press. The persistent declarations, always from an English source, that the Orange Free Staters contemplated abandoning the Transvaal cause in the present war, are, as every sensible person understands, unfounded rumors designed to strengthen Britain's cause. The fact is that the Orange Free State having cast its fate in the balance with Kruger's government must stand or fall with it. The time for deserting the common cause is past. And it does not help Great Britain to persist in spreading such statements.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

The census of Puerto Rico, just completed, shows a population of 857,000. General Buller's men marched up the kop and then marched down again.

It was lucky that old Jay Gould passed to his reward before the family added a count to its encumbrances. Notwithstanding the absence of General Wheeler the governor general of the Philippines announces the suppression of the rebellion.

In recounting the reasons why he should be re-elected a Chicago alderman "points with pride" to his capture of two thieves in twenty minutes—but not in the city hall. Senator Dewey is a director in eighty-two corporations and an active member of twenty-five clubs. The senator evidently believes in the gospel of "strenuous endeavor."

Flanking the Boers is not the sole problem that perplexes the British army in South Africa. The safety of the bath tub brigade is what taxes the mental faculties of the tacticians and begets the transportation department. The tubs must be protected at any cost.

Indiana is not disposed to rest with the laurels achieved by its junior senator. The home guard is striving to stir the country with stories of peach crop failures. It won't work. Peach crop tales of woe are not reliable unless "Delaware" is blown in the bottle.

If the eloquent and voluminous Web Davis of Missouri tries the spiritbinding act on Oom Paul at Pretoria he will be rewarded with a sample of Boer manhood. When old Kruger is listening or thinking he chews tobacco vigorously and can hit a cucumber at ten paces without sprinkling his gaiters. Cruel and unusual modes of shuffling off are often chosen by persons on suicide bent, but that of a St. Louis woman beats the record of this young year. She attempted to jump off the Eads bridge into the Chicago river. Luckily her dress caught on the railing and she was spared a horrible death.

HERE AND THERE.

Governor General Wood is astonishing the natives of Cuba in various ways. The facility and energy shown in bouncing crooked officials shocked the victims and records of the past. The natives of Cuba frowned upon the habit of officeholders who thought they rendered an equivalent by drawing their pay and jarred their sensibilities by requiring them to work seven hours a day. In former times less causes started revolutions. The late governor general was the Havana editor. General Wood startled the fraternity by abolishing the deadhead list and actually insists on paying for his papers. "It is the first time in the history of 'Cuba'," says one happy editor, "when a governor general has either paid or offered to pay a newspaper subscription." It is to be hoped that future events will not mar the pleasure of the surprise. Still the situation is ticklish. As things are in a transition stage, veritable chaos, a governor may be obliged to write the fated edict, "Stop my paper." A sudden change from uplifting joy to the hardpan of depression might prove too great a strain on the editorial faculties of Havana.

Aspirants for municipal offices should lose no time in expressing their displeasure at the innovations of an official in Jersey. He holds down the job of city sealer at Newark. Complaints having reached him that coal dealers were a trifle shy in the weight of the goods delivered. He had no city fund available to investigate the complaint, nor did he give the coal dealers a hint of the suspicions abroad. Instead he wrote to the coal dealers to receive the attention of the coal dealers were a trifle shy in the weight of the goods delivered. He had no city fund available to investigate the complaint, nor did he give the coal dealers a hint of the suspicions abroad. Instead he wrote to the coal dealers to receive the attention of the coal dealers were a trifle shy in the weight of the goods delivered. He had no city fund available to investigate the complaint, nor did he give the coal dealers a hint of the suspicions abroad. 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