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Several large commission forms seling with prominent Twin City millers have secured a cuciter on wheat surrentrage and control all this product in the

Mrs. McKinton, who has been wintang to New York, arrived in Washingyou last night. 10he was necesspanied by several freezis, and was met at the station by the president.

discretary liny announced at the excelled from Judge Day senterony indiested that the treaty of rouse will be signed either flaturday or Monday.

Arrangements, sure been made for the transfer of the remains of General John A. Rawitas, Caural Grant's chief of staff, from the congressional cometery to the national consumpy at Ar-

Excitement was cannol in railroad etretes at Chicago by the announcement that the Canadian Pacific's Soo line had made a great stash in the passenger rates from St. Paut and Mineapolis to mints in the east.

The Spanish steamer Buenos Ayres, Capiain Grace, from Manila on November 7, arrived at Barcelona with rep-atriated Spanish troops on board, There were sixty deaths on the steamer while on the voyage from the Philippines to Spain.

General Henry, commanding at San guan ue ruro raco, has notified the ser described of the following desires from pernic ous ma'aria: Private Patrick McDonald, company K, Forty-eighth New York, and Private William E. Conners, Eleventh infancry. -

General Joseph Wheeler was at the White House, and the president informed him that he would make a brief visit to Montgomery, the capital of Alabama, during his southern trip next week, and would stop at Montgomery from 3 until 5 o'clock Friday.

A decided change was made today in the Wyoming senatorial contest by declaration made by ex-Senator Carey to his supporters that he will not be a candidate. Ex-Senator Carey has been considered one of the leading possibilities for election by the state legislature which meets in January.

Monday, December 14. The death is anounced of William

Black, the novelist. John L. Gardner, husband of the well known society leader of Boston, died suddenly of apoplexy, aged 62.

The course of proceedings in the sepate this week will depend upon the disposition that is made of the Nicaragua canal bill.

Canadian Pacific earnings for the 000; same period last year, \$534,000; increase, \$58,000.

Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available each balance, \$292,022,744; gold reserve, \$244,297,611.

The treaty of peace has been signed. The American and Spanish commissioners place their signatures to document containing terms.

James Shaw, the only surviving the statue of Columbus, member of the Michigan legislature of The total amount carri Michigan, died last night, aged 86.

Owen Zeigler and Mattle Matthews of New York sparred a tame twenty-round draw before the Queen City athletic club at Toronto last night.

John D. Rockfeller claims tham there is an overvaluation of his property to the amount of \$410,000. He brings suit in New Jersey to have it lowered.

H. C. Rathbone of Ohio, ex-assistant estmaster general, has been appointed to take charge of the postal service In Cuba. He will leave for Havana in a few days.

Major General Merritt, Mrs. Merritt and the general's aide-de-camp, Lieu-tenant Strother, sailed from Liverpool for New York yesterday on board the steamer Lucania

Rica salled yesterday for France on the steamer La Gascogne. He said he was very much pleased with his cor-dial reception in this country.

By a flerce fire, which occurred in a flat house at 134 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, four persons met death, and the fireman are still searching the ruins in fear of finding more bodies.

General Calixto Garcia, the Cuban general, who came to Washington at the head of the Cuban delegation from the Santa del Sur convention to confer with the American authorities, died at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

The sum of \$500,000 was drawn from the sub-treasury for shipment to Cuba on the steamer P. Coucho, which sails today. Major G. R. Smith, paymaster, U. S. V., and a detachment from the Thirteenth United States infantry from Govenor's island, accompan-led the treasure to Cuba.

Tuesday, December 13. Four thousand of Uncle Sam's own are to make the trip from the east to Manila through the Sues canal.

The war department has begun in earnest the relief of the volunteer troops now stationed at Manila by reg-

A concession for an important railway in the state of Vera Cruz, to be called "Ferrocarril Vera Cruzano," has passed into the hands of heavy Philadelphia capitalists.

The house yesterday spent the larger part of the day on District of Columbia affairs. The bill to relieve the condition of the American seamen was tak-en up, but nothing was accomplished.

The written resignation of Colonel Bryan as commander of the Third Nebrasks volunteer infantry came to the war department by mail, and was im-mediately accepted, notice to that fact being telegraphed Colonel Bryan.

Colonel J. Suiz Rivers, the Cubar course expends manging by the fipan ich gererwische from Church, was a panoger on the evapore La Champages from Havor, which approved youtsoday.

Secretary Algor has doubpasted thenwent knotice to not as first estimate anternor of Havana cur, with full powers to deal with all formi questions He will leave for his post shortly thenthere ugtit retered by theseral Lonhow, and then come home to be petired

Westmoday December 12. Johnson Chair company's werehouse at Chicago was damaged \$100,000 by

Colonel Muslim of the Second III) ois regiment will command the Ha-

wana police. The Mexican government offers inducement in columbs Egyptands from Curbs In Morrison.

Palited. States commissioners will make their formal Inpowells to Presofour Paure cours.

The Joint high commission of United Stales and Canada will adjourn before the holidays. Concussions cannot be across upon Recretary Bliss dealed the multon

for a periow in the case of Zonas Stotts. tuvolving lands in the O'Neill (Neb.) land district. The American university trustees have a plan to raise \$2,000,000 endow-

ment through an alliance of pastors' and the woman's guild. General Ludlow, the newly appointed governor of Kavana, is busily look-ing up plans for the heavy task set for

him, so that he may start for his post In the course of a few days. The senate passed a bill sucreasing the pension of Eleasir Smith of New Hampshire, who is over 100 years of age, and one of the three survivors of

the war of 1812, to \$30 a month. Senator Eerry has given notice of an amendment he will offer to the Nicar aguan canal bill providing for the direct appropriation of money for the construction of the canal and limiting the case to \$115,000,000.

A Paris dispatch says: Extraordiprecautions are maintained by both the peace commissioners to pre serve secrecy as to the contents of the treaty. Each commission has two copies, but even the commission employes are not permitted to peruse the documents.

The president will, after his return from the south, sign and transmit to General Otis a proclamation to be ismed to the Filipinos. The document has been prepared, and it can be stated on the authority of a cabinet officer, contains no hint of an independent government for the Filipinos.

Thursday, December 15. General Wood has appointed General Sanchez commissioner of agriculture at Havana.

Mrs. Sampson, wife of the admiral, has started an endless chaln system for helping the Cubans.

The statement of the condition of the treasury department shows: Available cash balance, \$290,735,446; gold reserve,

Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Washington from Savannah, Ga. will remain there for several days be fore proceeding to Nebraska.

President J. W. Thomas of the Nash ville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad has resigned as general manager, and W. Thomas, jr., was elected.

A mob of women at Grenada, considering that the discovery of America was in their opinion the principal cause of Spain's misfortunes, stoned

The total amount carried by the In 1847, when Detroit was the capital of dian appropriation bill is \$7,347,264. This is about \$278,000 more than original estimates submitted by the treasury department.

It is reported from Havana that Gen eral Greene was offered by the president the position of governor of Havans, but declined and offered his resignation from the army.

It is asserted in Vienna that Russia and Great Britain are seriously at-tempting a solution of the Chinese problem, owing to Russia's lack of de aire to be opposed to England, Ger-many and the United States.

The pension appropriation bill reported to the house carries \$145,233. 830, being \$4,000,000 more than carried by the current act due to the increase In pension disbursements, which rose from \$139,040,717 in 1897 to \$144,651,-President Rarael Iglestar of Costa 879 in 1898. The total number of pen-

stoners on the rolls is 993,714. A special from Washington says: Paul Neumann of Honolulu was ad-mitted to practice in the supreme court today on motion of John Sydney Webb, an attorney of Washington. Mr. Neu-mann is the first of our annexed citi-zens to be admitted to practice before the highest tribinal of the land.

Senator Proctor introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five senators to visit the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico for the purpose of "inquiring into the military requirements necessary to establish and maintain order in these salands until civil government is in-augurated."

Senator Hale has reported the army deficiency bill. The most important amendments are: The \$3,000,000 contingency appropriation for the war and the same amount for the navy, to be expended under the direction of the president; for the signal corps, \$35,000 increase; pontoon trains, engineer department, \$50,000; assistants in engineer. neer department, \$30,000.

Friday, December 16. The flour trust scheme is dead so far as the Minnespolis mills are concern-

The Spanish government has agreed to pay the January coupon on the Cu-ban debt. Former United States Senator Cal-

dence in New York of pneumonia. Captain Sigsbee of the Texas has been ordered to Havana by rail and steamer, to take command of his ship

The house today surpassed all prewhich it passed the pension appropria-

being telegraphed Colonel Bryan.

The senst committee on juliciary discussed at considerable langth the question of the configuration of the configuration of the monitation of Senators Cullom, Morgan and Representative Hitt to be members of the Hawaiian commission, but reached no conclusion.

The state reports read to the George Washington Memorial association in Washington showed a renewed interest in the association's work and predicted great premise for the future. The committee on sites for the university reported no decision reached, but much data compiled.

CHINESE BLACKMAILING.

Braux Exections on a Rational Collects at Taking

A partonic Stockanow, and by his mount a Statustus one, of Chinese meabods of gov through has just been suggested by the certical of fibring Tuesta From Shanghat, only a Pekin dispatch to the M. James Charleto. This gentleman hable several important posts, und be troutlatoppe out earl evolts prome director of railways. He is also the admittator of the Chipse telegraphs and has an excellent reportstion among furvigates for his takerance and open-mindedness. Recently he was called here by command of the emperor to confer about the sereral reforms which his majorly was so enger to adopt. The objet officials Pokin halled his advent with delight, as it at last gave them the ofportunity of a "squeeze," which had been quite impossible white Shong was we far distant from Shaughai. 73% modes operand is guite a suppl and an every-day one and deserves untice The gates of Pekin are farmed out to high officials, chiefly princes of royal blood. All merchandise is examined and is passed on payment of a small tax. Hat when an official like Sheng comes in, from whom they are desirous of exacting a good round sum, the procedure is altered. In this particular case Sheng was given to understand that contraband articles would be found in his luggage unless he satisfied the farmers of the gate, I believe I am correct in saying that Sheng did not even attempt to dispute or haggle, but resignedly asked what amount was required. The answer was 30,000 tacts. This was paid or promised, and Sheng proceeded on his journey, probably glad at having got off so cheaply. But against all precedent and custom, he was stopped at the inner gate, and did not get off under 20,000 tacls. So altogether this unfortunate official, called to the capiover \$6,350 before he was allowed to go to his duties.

WHEN BURIED ALIVE.

A Machine to Signal That Fact and Give You Air.

Count Michael von Karnice Karnicki, the czar's chamberlain, has invented and perfected an exceedingly clever apparatus for the prevention of that bugbear of the nervous-a living burial. The apparatus was offered as a gift to the French government, which still has its acceptance under consideration. A tube protrudes four feet to four and a half feet above the surface of the grave, and upon the top of it is fixed a small metal box with a spring lid. says the London Mail. To the lower end of the tube, which just enters the upper lid of the coffin is fixed an India rubber ball, charged pretty full with air, so that the slightest pressure upof air upward through the tube and thereby release the lid of the box, which springs open upon the slightest pressure. The opening of the lid autoseen, the slightest sign of breathing on the part of the buried person, or the slightest motion of the heart will suffice to open the box and sound the alarm, and the open box, by a clever and intricate little mechanism, pumps a sufficient quantity of air down into the coffin to preserve the buried person from suffocation while assistance is arriving. Count Karnichi, it may be added, is firmly convinced that thousands of persons are buried alive every year in a state of lethargy.

The Invention of the Telescope.

One day, nearly 300 years ago, a poor optician was working in his shop in the town of Middleburgh, in the Netherlands, his children helping him or amusing themselves with the tools and objects lying about, when suddenly his little girl exclaimed—"Oh, papa, see how near the steeple comes!" Anxious to learn the cause of the child's amazement he turned towards her, and saw that she was looking through two lenses-one held close to her eye, the other at arm's length-and, calling her to his side, he noticed that the eye-lens was plano-concave, while the other was plano-convex. Taking the two glasses he repeated his daughter's experiment, and soon discovered that she had chanced to hold the lenses at the proper focus, thus producing the wonderful effect that he had observed. His quick and he at once set about making use of his new knowledge of lenses. Ere long he had fashioned a tube of pasteboard. in which he set the glasses at their proper focus-and so the telescope was ROMAN

Growth of the Human Hair.

Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is year \$1. Address "Roman Candles," said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculation gives six and onehalf inches per annum. A man's hair, RELIGION IN THE SMERICAN COLONIES. allowed to grow to its extreme length, rarely exceeds twelve or fourteen inches, while that of a woman will grow, in rare instances, to seventy inches or seventy-five inches, though the average does not exceed twentyfive to thirty inches.

Keep the Bollers Filled. The boilers of fire engines are automatically filled in a firehouse by a tending up from the floor, which has price. a self-coupler at the upper end to connect with the engine and open the

steam valve to draw the water Into

OUR PRIENTS ARE ANSWERING. (C ploned in Page 1)

has a chance to read it. The last use, Devember 2, received today, in a good cen. How good it is that there are some popular in the land that are not afraid to silich less our friends, the "encony." Should sugar very worth the apportunity to hear that Mrs. Shopherd becture. If she heads not this way and over comes to Los Angeles I curtainly shall go up to hose ber.

I feel just an abe does in regard to John Ireland's being one of the most dangerous trafture to American liberty of the whole crew.

We have another one of them cell here in Los Augeler-Bishop Montgomery-smooth, nily-tongued. Well fed old hyporrits, so anxious to be on a ministers, and lecturing before this, that and the other society or association to the case may be, to keep prom-

long as life lasts or there is a breath left for a last kick at them. I see The American and the Cut Price Book Store both advertise the same street and number so I take the liberty to send to them through you for some books you advertise. 'The Standard Cyclopaedie of Useful Knowledge," in five volumes, and enclose their price in postage stamps, 35 cents. Respectfully yours in the cause of liberty,

WANTS IT ANOTHER YEAR. Dundee, Ill., Dec. 5, 1898.—The American: Enclosed find P. O. order for two dollars. Send The American antal by the emperor's order, had to pay other year to my address. D. W. L.

FIRM FAITH.

Southbridge, Mass., Dec. 7, 1898. Editor American: I see you draw a very dark picture in your issue of December 2 of our country, on account of admitting those Spanish islands, in the article, "The Duty of the Hour." Now, I believe you are creating needless alarm. Those natives are not good Roman Catholics, if we may trust, for once, to what John Ireland says. Of the inhabitants of Porto Rico he says: "They are all Catholic, but with no religion," which means-I think you know what.

In your previous articles on the great contest which is coming I could agree with you heartily, but this article seems to be in a different strain.

I agree with you that if the Jesuita are permitted to retain all their stolen ward on it would cause a discharge property in those islands there will be a great deal of trouble, but I have no fear about the result. I look at the future with a different kind of eye than you seem to. I believe that before 1950 matically raises a small flag and sets you seem to. I believe that before 1950 an electric bell in motion, which rings this country will be ruled by Ameriimmediately over the grave and in the cans once more, but it will be the hardsexton's house, where it also releases est struggle this country ever had. I a flap which indicates the grave over have firm faith in George Washingwhich the box has opened. As will ton's vision at Valley Forge, and that before many years the Americans will be united and defy the world.

> You need have no fear about the natives of the Spanish islands voting. for they will not be able to vote for many years yet, especially in the Philippine islands. Very truly yours, C. L. NEWHALL.

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