

### PORTO RICO SCHOOLS.

Victor S. Clark, Sub-Director of Education, Reports That They Are in a Very Crude Condition.

Washington, April 22.—In a report to the secretary of war, Dr. Victor S. Clark, sub-director of public instruction in Porto Rico, says that only \$50 a month can be offered to American teachers, with transportation to the island from New York. The English-speaking supervisors are men, and through them it is hoped to weed out abuses and develop some system of control. As understood in this country there is no system of higher education in Porto Rico. No school on the island affords adequate preparation for American college work. There is no co-education of the sexes. No school-houses exist on the island, the schools usually being held at the residences of the teachers. Only a part of the pupils have text-books. About 525 schools are reported in the island and a little over \$300,000 is annually paid for their support. A great desire is manifested to learn English. New text-books are being published in this country to replace the Spanish books now in use. A pedagogical museum and American library have been established in San Juan.

### DIVIDED UP WITH CROKER.

Tammany Chieftain's Friend, Mr. Freedman, Gives the Mazet Investigating Committee a Bit of Evidence.

New York, April 22.—Andrew Freedman, a close associate of Richard Croker, testified before the Mazet investigating commission that he was in the habit of giving to Croker a part of his salary as an officer of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, which does an immense business in making bonds for municipal employes. When Mr. Croker was on the stand he testified that he had received dividends from the surety company, while to-day it developed that the company had not paid dividends. Mr. Freedman explained on the stand, in reply to a series of questions, that Mr. Croker is a stockholder in the company, and is interested in the business success of the metropolitan district; that he, the witness, received a salary of \$15,000 a year as manager for this territory and commissions, and that he divided money with Mr. Croker. Mr. Freedman, however, refused to name the sum that he paid to Croker and said further that he thought Mr. Croker might be under the impression that the money paid him was in the way of a dividend.

### Will Stop Anywhere for Passengers.

Atchison, Kan., April 22.—There is a movement on foot to secure for Atchison the Winner electric line which is now being built from Leavenworth to Kansas City. Mr. Winner's idea is to cross the river at Atchison and build on to St. Joseph. It is argued that the electric line will not compete with the railroads for Kansas City passenger business, but will reduce the price of hauling coal one-half. The proposed electric line will also be an advantage in bringing farmers to town, as stops will be made anywhere for passengers.

### Terrible Crime Unearthed at Pana.

Pana, Ill., April 22.—The mutilated body of Miss Jane Brunot, a wealthy woman of Danna, Ind., was found buried in an abandoned well of her sister-in-law near here. Mrs. Anna Brunot, her son, Henry Brunot, and Frederick Sibley are under arrest charged with murder. The chief of police says the three persons under arrest decoyed Miss Brunot to the garret of the farm house, shot her through the head and buried the body in an abandoned well.

### Big Loss to Chicago Florists.

Chicago, April 22.—Florists and gardeners in the vicinity of Chicago who have been waiting for weeks for some sign of growth from the bulbs from which they expected to supply early blossoms have awakened to a realization of the fact that the severe cold weather of last winter destroyed a large share of the bulbs. It is estimated the loss from the freezing of the bulbs will be over \$1,000,000 within a radius of 40 miles of Chicago.

### How the Senate Will Stand.

Washington, April 22.—As the result of Pennsylvania's failure to elect a senator, the republican strength of the senate when congress meets will be 51. The Florida election has given 26 to the democrats. Nine will act independently of the main organizations, giving the republicans a clear majority of 16 votes on strict party issues, but leaving them seven votes short of two-thirds.

### To Fight the Tobacco Trust.

St. Louis, April 22.—A large anti-trust tobacco factory is to be started in St. Louis as soon as arrangements can be made. The proposed factory promises to be one of the largest in the country. According to the reports which are circulated in financial circles, M. C. Wetmore will be president and general manager of the new company.

### The Detroit to Support Our Requests.

Washington, April 22.—The cruiser Detroit arrived at Greytown, Nicaragua, yesterday, and will proceed up the coast to Bluefields where it will support Minister Merry in adjusting the issue between the authorities under Gen. Torres and the American merchants, growing out of the collection of double taxation.

### SPEAKER REED TO RETIRE.

Announcement That He Will Resign His Seat in Congress and Enter a New York Law Firm.

New York, April 20.—It is announced here that Speaker Thomas B. Reed has accepted the offer to become a member of the law firm of Simpson, Thatcher & Barnum, in this city. It is understood that Mr. Reed will re-



THOMAS B. REED.

sign his seat in congress and remove to New York. The statement has been made that Mr. Reed is guaranteed a yearly income of \$50,000. Before settling down here Mr. Reed will make a protracted visit to Europe. Mr. Barnum, of the firm, said Mr. Reed had virtually entered the firm, but would not enter into active practice until his return from Europe.

### NO SUCCESSOR TO QUAY.

Pennsylvania Legislature Adjourns Without Electing a Senator—Riot in the Senate During the Closing Hours.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 20.—The legislature adjourned sine die without having chosen a successor to Senator Quay. The closing ballot of the senatorial deadlock resulted as follows:



EX-SENATOR M. S. QUAY.

Quay, 93; Jenks, 85; Jones, 69. Total, 247; necessary to choice, 124.

The Nyce resolution calling upon the attorney general to prosecute all those, including ex-Senator Quay, who had been charged with receiving interest on state money, almost precipitated a riot in the senate. It was a bitter fight between two factions and finally the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 33 to 6.

### Novel Insurance Scheme.

San Francisco, April 20.—A novel idea in insurance, conceived by George C. Platt, of this city, is about to be put to a practical test. The proposed insurance is against unavoidable loss of employment, the policy holder being paid three-quarters of the amount of his salary for six months, should that time be required in which to find a new position. In case the premium holder, having lost his place, should be offered one on trial at a less amount than his former salary, the difference will be made up by the company.

### Ex-Confederates Were There.

Nashville, Tenn., April 20.—The remains of Col. W. G. Smith, who died of apoplexy at the head of his regiment, the First Tennessee, in the first battle with the Filipinos before Manila, were laid to rest here yesterday. A vast concourse of people packed the tabernacle where the funeral services were held and attended the burial, which was conducted with military honors. Two companies of ex-confederates in uniform and bearing arms took part in the ceremonies.

### Invited to the Peace Jubilee.

Topeka, Kan., April 20.—Gov. Stanley and his military staff received an invitation to attend the peace jubilee at Washington on May 23-25. Besides celebrating the victories of the recent war, the promoters of the jubilee want to get the governors of all the states there for the purpose of trying to convince them of the necessity of having each state erect a state building at the national capital.

### Choctaws Bar All Cattle.

South McAlester, I. T., April 20.—The Choctaw council has just passed an act prohibiting the introduction into the Choctaw nation of any cattle from any state or surrounding nation at any time excepting during the months of November and December, and then only to be left in pens and not turned loose on the public range. The fine imposed for violation is \$5 per head.

### OTIS WILL HAVE THE MEN.

Fourteen Thousand Regular Army Troops Will Be Dispatched at Once to Manila to Take the Place of Volunteers.

Washington, April 21.—Fourteen thousand regulars are to be sent to reinforce Gen. Otis at Manila as soon as the necessary marine transportation can be provided. It is not expected that the bulk of the large body of reinforcements can reach Manila until the end of the rainy season which has just begun, but they will closely follow the departure from the Philippines of the volunteers. With the regular troops already ordered and on their way to Manila, Gen. Otis will have an effective force of 21,728 men in addition to the recruits being sent every few days for the regiments already in the Philippines. This force is to be raised to 35,000 men by the time the aggressive operations can be pressed in the early autumn. The volunteers to be returned to this country from Manila number barely 12,000, many of whom are greatly debilitated, so the determination to send 14,000 able-bodied regulars to take their places is calculated to show the rebel leaders that the United States is terribly in earnest about meeting its responsibilities for preserving order and commanding respect throughout the archipelago. It is announced that the army in the Philippines will be increased to 35,000 men, whether the rebels abandon the field or not.

### BIG DAMAGE SUITS.

Attorney General of Arkansas Seeks to Recover from One Insurance Company \$180,000.

Little Rock, Ark., April 21.—Attorney General Davis yesterday instituted in the Pulaski circuit court 36 suits for \$5,000 each against the Connecticut Fire Insurance company, charging it with being a member of the pool, trust, agreement, combination or understanding with other corporations engaged in similar business to regulate or fix the price or premium to be paid for insuring property. The suits cover each day since March 6, when the new anti-trust law became effective. The aggregate against the company is \$180,000.

A fire occurred in this city in which the Little Rock Oil and Delinting company and the Aurora Manufacturing company suffered losses to the extent of \$100,000, of which \$60,000 was covered with insurance. Adjusters for foreign insurance companies are now holding up payment on the policies on the ground that under the anti-trust law they are liable to criminal prosecution if they settle the losses.

### Pay Rolls Were Padded.

Kansas City, Kan., April 21.—The discharge of a number of machinists and other workmen from the Missouri Pacific shops here was not caused by a necessary reduction in the force as has been stated. It was the result of an investigation made by detectives under the direction of the company's officials at St. Louis. It is alleged that men discharged were paying a portion of their wages to certain individuals for the privilege of working. A number of foremen are implicated.

### The Government for Porto Rico.

Washington, April 21.—Porto Rico is to have a government modeled after that of the District of Columbia. That was the answer given the Porto Rican commissioners who presented their demands to the president yesterday. President McKinley informed the commissioners that while congress had final jurisdiction over the form of government that should be established in Porto Rico, he, personally, was willing to give the residents of the islands all the liberty that was possible.

### Baptist Women Mission Workers.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 21.—After a three-days' session the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society of the west adjourned after electing the following officers: President, Mrs. J. E. Scott, Chicago; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Randall, St. Paul; secretary, Mrs. A. M. Bacon, Chicago; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Kline, Chicago; Mrs. C. T. Trueblood, St. Louis, was chosen state vice president for Missouri.

### They Are Well-Known "Sooners."

Wichita, Kan., April 21.—S. Webster, of Yukon, Ok., with 14 comrades passed through Wichita en route to the Ute reservation in Colorado, which will open for settlement in a few days. The band is made up of well-known "sooners" who invaded Oklahoma and the Cherokee strip before their opening and who for 15 years have got in their work at every opening of public land.

### A Hundred Million to Charity.

Vienna, April 21.—The estate left by the late Baroness Maurice de Hirsch de Geruth, who died April 1, has been valued at \$125,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 will be expended in carrying on the various charities founded or fostered by the baroness and her husband. The Hirsch foundation in New York received \$1,200,000, and the institution at Montreal one-tenth of that amount.

### Filipino Junta Members Disagree.

London, April 21.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated press that a serious split has occurred among the members of the Filipino junta, a majority of whom are in favor of direct conferences with the secretary of state at Washington. Col. John Hay, with the view of bringing about a peaceful solution of the Philippine question.

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### Inconsistent with Arithmetic.

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### Advantages of Direct Buying.

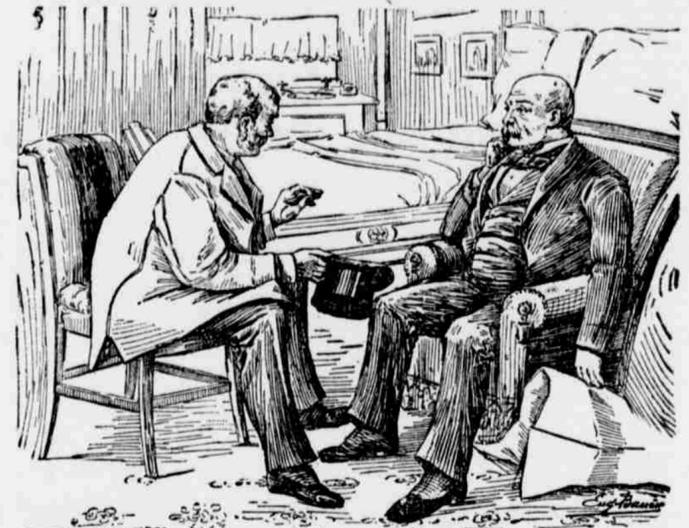
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### A Protest.

"I move," said the legislator, "that we now take up the—"  
"Mr. Chairman," interrupted a senator, "hasn't that white man's burden poetry been worked about enough?"—Philadelphia North American.

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