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The government appears to be in earnest in getting at the facts concerning the charges of cruelty to the Filipinos by certain American soldiers. If the charges be true, the guilty ones have brought unretrievable shame upon American arms, disgrace to the uniforms they wear and the everlasting contumely of the American people upon their dishonored heads. A swift and memorable example should be made of every officer who had part or parcel in the disgraceful and brutal work.

The Independent of April 25 said that "the county is legally entitled to \$290.38 from Mr. Stewart, and the county is morally entitled to recover \$188.65 from the republican county board, who, by their ignorance and gross incompetency, have allowed claims that were not legal charges against the county through their bullheaded stubbornness in not asking the advise of the county attorney." In its rantings about "republican incompetency," the Independent overlooks the important and very material fact that this \$188.65 dates back into the years of popism on the county board—1900-1901. Is the moral sense of former populist supervisors so acute that they will now step up and pay the county 188.65?

M. F. Harrington has addressed a communication to the state equalization board, asking them in the name of fair play to shove up railroad assessments to somewhere near their valuation. Editor Rosewater of the Bee is also working to the same end and has gone before the board in person to make an appeal for higher railroad assessments. As a matter of fact the state has long suffered a gross injustice in the matter of railroad assessments. While the value of railroad property has been continually on the increase their taxes have been steadily lowered. There is no earthly nor heavenly reason why railroads should be given about two-thirds the best of the private citizen in taxation.

Sidney Republican: Judge M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill is making a determined canvass of the big Sixth for congressional honors. The judge has friends in every corner of the district who will be much in evidence at the proper time. He made the race twice under adverse circumstances and now that the republican nomination being equal to an election it seems to the Republican that the district is yet under obligations to Judge Kinkaid. He is an earnest and energetic campaigner and makes votes wherever he goes, and to know him, and to know him well, is only to admire him still the more. He always has that hearty handshake whether he is on the bench or in private life. He will be found a strong man in the republican convention at Crawford.

A special from Thomaston, Me., announces that the Jackson club, the first Bryan club organized in the country, has repudiated the Nebraskan and gilded its silvery banner. When Bryan received the nomination in 1896 the democrats of Congressman Littlefield's district, organized the Jackson club. During the six years that Bryan has been a national figure the club stuck to him and free silver. It was the last political organization in New England to forsake 16 to 1. Dr. G. L. Crockett, the club's president, says: "Science has solved the monetary problem and Bryan, like Clay, Calhoun and Blaine, must die with an unsatisfied ambition." The leading democrats of the country are frankly admitting the error of 16 to 1 and there is no show of the Chicago platform ever being reared beneath the democratic party again.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the members of the republican county central committee are called to meet at the office of R. R. Dickson in O'Neill on Saturday, May 17, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of fixing a time for the republican county convention to select delegates to the state and congressional conventions, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said committee.

Dated at O'Neill, May 6, 1902.

C. L. Bright, R. R. Dickson,
Secretary. Chairman.

THE FLAG WILL STAY THERE.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: "The republic has put its flag in those islands, and the flag will stay there. The flag will stay put!"

Such is Theodore Roosevelt's answer to the successors and imitators of Clement L. Vallandigham in the United States Senate and out, and it is a true American answer.

If any of our soldiers, in dealing with barbarous Malays, has exceeded the legitimate usages of warfare with savages, he will be punished. The republic's justice and the government's power will take care of him. But the flag will stay there.

The Pattersons, the Rawlinses, the Carmacks, the Dudoises, and their like assume that the American people care more for low-browed Malay savages than for their own kinsmen. The assumption is false. Argument with those who made that assumption is vain. But the flag will stay there.

The President did well to voice the feeling of the nation before a gathering of men who take pride in their descent from those who fought to make this republic. His words are filled with the spirit of '76 and of '61.

In every national crisis in the past there have been men who counseled cowardice in the name of humanity and submission in the name of peace. But in every case the American people rose and said: "But the flag will stay there."

And the flag did stay there, victorious at Yorktown, triumphant at Appomattox. The flag is in the Philippines. The American people sent it there, and they will keep it there.

The insane extravagance and wild luxury of the Russian aristocracy is primarily the cause of that country's present troubles with her peasant subjects. Even a brute will rebel against a cruel and oppressive master.

ITEMS OF NEBRASKA LIFE

Socialists at Minden, Kearney county, have secured a building in which to hold regular meetings once in two weeks.

The West Point Republican tell of two young men of its town who have started on a trip around the world a-foot with a mule for packing the luggage.

A hypnotist, in endeavoring to entertain an audience at Long Pine, was hooted off the stage and chased about town, all the while dodging bad eggs threw good.

Robert Maxwell, a 13-year-old Omaha boy, who was hit by a flying sidewalk in the storm of April 25, died Sunday night. His skull was badly fractured and several teeth were knocked out by the blow which he received.

Eldon Peter, the 11-year-old son of Frank Salts, residing one mile northwest of Beatrice, was shot through the heart and instantly killed at his home by the accidental discharge of a thirty-eight-caliber revolver in the hands of Clifford Shellberg, 10 years old.

William B. Price of Lincoln, lawyer prominent fusion worker, part owner of an oil claim in Texas and formerly a clerk in the auditor's office under John F. Cornell, has been appointed by Governor Savage to succeed J. Sterling Morton as member of the Nebraska commission for the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

The Munson line steamer Olinda has arrived from Cuban ports, bringing as passengers 199 enlisted men of the Tenth cavalry U. S. A., who have been stationed at Holguin, Cuba, for nearly three years. The men belong to troops B, D, I and K, and are in command of Captain R. J. Fleming. They are enroute to Fort Robinson, Neb.

The case wherein the state sought to recover from former Secretary of State Porter the money he appropriated to his own use as fees, received by virtue of his membership in the Brand and Marks commission, will be appealed to the supreme court. The fees taken by Mr Porter amount-

ed to about \$1,000. He didn't deny having accepted the money, but declared that he had a right to it, and meant to keep it.

C. K. Murphy, an aeronaut, believed to be insane, leaped in front of a rapidly moving trolley car in Omaha Sunday evening. He was knocked down by the fender and sustained several severe bruises. He was taken to the police station and locked up, charged with being insane. When asked why he leaped in front of the car Murphy answered that he was trying an experiment which he would explain later.

The state board of compromise has accepted \$8,000 as full payment of the shortage of \$13,278.45 of ex-Treasurer Lynch of Platte county. The board adopted a resolution, stating that J. W. Lynch, as treasurer of Platte county, had collected for the state \$13,278.45, which amount he refused to pay over when his term expired, and that his bondsmen had offered \$8,000 as a full settlement of the shortage, which sum was accepted.

George Beck of Nebraska City went to Omaha and fell among thieves. Sunday night in the red light district he found a genial stranger who gave his name as Ed and his address as Fremont Neb. George and Ed became very friendly during the course of the evening and they finally retired at the Richlieu hotel, occupying the same room. This morning Beck awoke to find his bedfellow missing. An inspection of his personal effects disclosed the awful fact that they were missing. Not only his gold watch and \$30 in money, but his new suit of clothes, his hat, shoes, socks and underwear were gone. Only George and the bed covers were left. Peeking over the transom as far as was consistent with the rules of the house, Beck called to a bellboy and related the facts surrounding the depleted condition of his wardrobe. The boy promised to do his best to assist him. Half an hour later Beck, clad in a pair of overalls and a frown, appeared at the police station, where he told his troubles to the sympathetic desk sergeant. The police gathered together a few garments to make George presentable. He left on the first train for Fremont to look for Ed.

MATTERS OF NEWS.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, whose life had been hanging in the balance for many days, is better.

A raft containing 11,000,000 of lumber, the largest ever floated, was recently taken down the Mississippi river.

The bill to admit Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma to statehood was passed in the house Friday on a voice vote without division.

Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, retired, whose fleet sunk the Spanish squadron at Santiago in the Cuban war, died at his home in Washington on May 6.

Paul L. Ford, novelist, was fatally shot at his home in New York on Friday last by his brother Malcomb, who then sent a bullet through his own heart. It was the outgrowth of long standing family differences.

The weather in London is bitterly cold and snow has fallen in various parts of England. There have been snowstorms in Cheshire and Lancashire, in Dover and other parts of Kent and in Leicestershire and Norfolk.

An anti-beef-eating league is being organized among the 5,000 employees of the General Electric company of Lynn, Mass. Between 1,500 and 1,700 names have been secured, representing 3,500 consumers. Dealers complain that the consumption of meats is falling off rapidly.

The Sheridan yards at Pittsburg of the Panhandle railroad was the scene Monday evening of the most disastrous explosion and fire known for many years. A score of lives were lost and about 200 persons were so badly burned that, according to the judgment of physicians in attendance, 75 per cent of them will die from the effects of their injuries.

A Chicago special of Friday says: Proxies for the Chicago & Northwestern annual meeting, to be held here June 5, are at a big premium today. A battle royal is being waged for their possession, the contesting parties being those now in control of the property on the one side and the Moores-Leeds-Gates interests on the other. Books for the transfer of stock for the annual meeting closed last week, so that purchase of stock in the open market cannot be made available unless they carry proxies with them, and efforts are being made to secure the proxies without reference to purchases. Those now in control of the property have awakened to the fact that a big coup has been planned to be accomplished at the annual meeting, and they are now putting forth their strenuous efforts to prevent it. When the books closed last week they thought they were safe, but they have since been convinced by indisputable evidence that they are by no means out of the woods. Large holders of share are being impounded by both sides to the contest for their

proxies, and valuable considerations are being offered for them, with a large number of stockholders refusing to surrender their rights to either sides at this stage of the proceedings.

Norway newspapers are printing alarmist articles on account of the recent increase in emigration from Norway to the United States. It is estimated that 30,000 Norwegians have sailed to America this year, double the number for the same period last year. Emigration has not assumed such proportions since the time of the famine, forty years ago. Extremely slack trade, heavy taxation and a poor fishing season are given as the causes of the exodus.

Fruit growers in northern Missouri are much alarmed over the ravages of the canker worm. Apple, peach and cherry trees in many counties have been entirely denuded of foliage by the worms and in consequence the fruit crop is destroyed. The ordinary solutions of paris green and water and of copper sulphate do not, in every instance, destroy the pest. One orchard near Armour, where the crop of apples for many years has sold for \$10,000, will yield nothing this year.

Mine workers throughout the entire anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, to the number of 145,000, formally begun their struggle Monday for increased wages and shorter hours. Never in the history of hard coal mining has a tieup been so complete, not one of the 357 collieries in the territory being in operation. There is every indication for the belief that the suspension, which was to cover only the first three days of this week, will be made permanent by the miners' general convention which met at Hazleton Wednesday.

The worst catastrophe that history has been called upon to record since the fall of ancient Pompeii befell St. Pierre, the commercial capital of Martinique, one of the largest islands among the Lesser Antilles group in the Caribbean sea, southwest of Porto Rico. Mont Pelee, a volcano ten miles from St. Pierre, belched forth clouds of fire and molten lava, completely inundating the city and the country for miles around. The estimated loss of life is 40,000 with not a single survivor to tell the tale of the doomed city.

A baseball umpire out in Lincoln, Neb., hit a player so hard that he went home and died. The rules are to be strictly enforced this year.

Many housewives are discovering that their sons who can win prize cups in golfing contests have not enough strength to beat a 2x4 Smyrna rug.

Luckily for the good health of the rest of the community, the story over which a New York doctor laughed himself to death is not being repeated.

There is a man in New Hampshire who boasts that he lives on sixty-nine cents a week. There's a fellow who can snap his fingers at the beef trust.

A jealous lover wrecked a house with dynamite in Ohio the other day. Strange to say, even that heroic measure did not cause the lady to love him.

An Ohio man has run away from home to escape from people who want to thrust a public office on him. Major Pond'll get him if he doesn't watch out.

In Germany they are now making sugar from beets and gasoline from potatoes. They have not as yet been able, however, to get blood out of a turnip.

Since ping-pong was invented 8,000,000 of the featherweight zylonite balls have been turned out in London. And their life since then has not been an idle one.

Yale's new launch, the Elihu Yale, has been tried and found to be all right. Perhaps a launch race between the Elihu Yale and the John Harvard would be interesting.

In Kansas they are killing prairie dogs by turning jets of steam into their holes. In these days of electricity this method seems extremely cumbersome and old fashioned.

F. Marion Crawford has just finished a play called "Francesca da Rimini." Clyde Fitch is about the only playwright we know of who has not as yet written a "Francesca da Rimini."

The esteemed Philadelphia Inquirer may not have portraits of all the notables in stock, but this hardly justifies that paper in printing a cut of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court and labeling it "Rear Admiral Coghlan."

There is a great rush for membership in the new millionaires' club which is being started in London. This is one instance in which even the modest man would like to be in the crowd.—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

The Boston literary critic who has compiled a list of what he calls the fifty "best" American poems gives thirty places to the authors of his own city and one place to a Chicago writer. The average will be even when Chicago enumerates the fifty "best" American sayings.

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