

NOT A SEMBLANCE OF TRUTH

The State Journal this morning contained a dispatch from W. E. Annin, at Washington, in which it was charged that Governor Holcomb and Adjutant General Barry had, during their visit to the Third Regiment at Jacksonville, been passing petitions around among the men asking that they might be mustered out of the service.

The Balance of Power.

We hear a great deal about the "balance of Power," as though that is one of those foreign combinations for evil which must be avoided under all circumstances.

For three-quarters of a century the balance of power in the United States was committed to the interest of human slavery. Every extension made to our territory had in view a new slave state or a new free state, each party struggling for the balance of power.

When the great Powers of Europe stood by in holy horror and witnessed the Armenian massacres by bloodthirsty and fanatical Turks; when Crete and Thessaly were invaded by the Sultan for the despotism of Greece; still the Powers looked on, because any proper punishment administered to Turkey might disturb the balance of power and provoke a general war for the control of Constantinople and the entrance of the Black Sea.

The natural alliance between Great Britain and the United States cannot much longer be disregarded in the readjustment of the balance which control the world's prosperity and the peace of mankind.

Until the educational and civilizing processes have reached a much higher level, we cannot dispense with the means of self-defense and protection. The rights of the United States upon the great waterways of the earth are infinitely more important now than they were fifty years ago.

The report from the Laird Nebraska at Panama Park for the last three days, as sent by Colonel Bryan, is as follows: August 22—In hospital, 21; in quarters, 26. August 21—Sick in quarters, 30; in hospital, 17. August 22—Sick in hospital, 36; in hospital, 17.

with an increase of 60,000,000 souls to the population and improved methods of production, all of the old conditions have changed. The surplus products are now so immense that the markets of all nations are needed for their distribution.

The grand march of events during the century drawing to its close has made its impression on the intelligence of mankind by the power of the printing press, the steam-engine, electricity, and mechanical inventions of every kind. Before these civilizing forces nothing can stand as an obstruction.

The suggested "alliance" between Great Britain and the United States does not necessarily mean an alliance of battleships and armies for conquest, but a recognition of the truth that henceforth the voice of the United States will be a factor in the councils of nations and that the English speaking people will determine the balance of power by an open door for right and justice.

In its beginning the fate and future of the Philippines was not considered as being in the question, but this question is upon us now and we cannot honorably or decently shirk the duties which present conditions impose. We have made the people of those islands our allies in the war against Spain.

Go to, now, ye Jingsos who talk much and do little. Go to, now, ye Imperialists who seek territory by conquest rather than the performance of honest duty to God and man.

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Many of us can remember when the entire energies and capital of this country were all well employed in developing its vast resources, and the products of all our industries had a ready market at home.

Discourtesy Punished.

Southern blood was at the boiling point the other day when several soldiers belonging to a Tennessee regiment now at Camp Alger, near Washington, boarded a street car and found two "negro swells" occupying seats while several women were compelled to stand.

Saving One's Steps.

A very little story, with a very big moral, has just come to my notice, says a friend. It was told at a gathering of housekeepers who were considering the "saving of steps," and I hasten to pass it on while there is still time for it to bring comfort for warm weather housekeeping.

A Defective "Bottle."

A curious incident occurred during the Crimean war, the result of geographical ignorance. A British fleet was blockading a Russian squadron in the gulf of Saghalin, on the east coast of Siberia.

Used to Do It.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the seedy-looking individual, when he had been prevailed upon to come to the platform, "I will confess that I was once addicted to strong drink, but now—"

Pigs Invulnerable to Snakebites.

Belle Isle, the pride of the City of the Straits, was once weighted with the unpicturesque name of Hog Island. The island at that time was infested with rattlesnakes and cartloads of hogs were dumped there to annihilate them.

Drowning a Spider.

A Chicago gentleman made an interesting discovery in natural history the other day. His yard is infested with spiders that have holes in the ground in which they live.

Big Things.

Aunt Harriet—For mercy's sake, where have you and Mr. Sweetser been all the afternoon? Miss Knice—Oh, we have only been hunting for a four-leaved clover.

Embraced the World.

Clara—Most wonderful feat George can do. Cora—What do you mean? Why, he said I was all the world to him, and he often puts his arm about her earth.

A Cuckoo.

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