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It means an increase of 12,000 men for service in the Philippines, and instead of having an army of 109,000, we shall have one of 121,000. The Independent said in the beginning that this demand for an increase of the army to 109,000 men would not end there, but it did not think that the plutocrats would undertake to make the increase beyond that point at this session of congress. If the supreme court sustains the idea of conquest, with this increase in the army and navy, we may all say good-by to the American republic. The departures from the lines laid down by Washington and Jefferson will follow fast and furious after that.

That section is drawn for the purpose of deception. It will be construed to mean that we shall have not to exceed 109,000 men in the Philippines. The administration knows that there is no hope of conquering the islands with less than 109,000 men in actual service there besides the regiments that must remain in the United States, and it has taken this method of getting them. The remarks made in the Associated press report drawing particular attention to the clause restricting the number to 109,000 are of the same character and sent for the same purpose as the dispatches sent out about what the senators were going to do to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Plutocracy is in the saddle. It will not be long before the man on horseback will come riding down Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Chicago Chronicle says: "American sovereignty is in the Philip-pines not as a theory, not as a dream of empire and not as an experiment, but as an accomplished fact. Mr. McKinley and congress have no power to abrogate it." And further along it says: "No president can alienate, no congress can give away or surrender American territory."

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Waiting rooms in town for country people would be a great improvement in Lincoln. Then sheds for teams and carriages to stand under during the time country people are shopping in town. Why cannot these conveniences be started in Lincoln? There are plenty of vacant lots near enough to the business center.

We noticed the other day a short history of the smallest republic in the world. It was the republic of Pyrenees and Spain. The territory consists of one square mile and has one hundred and thirty inhabitants. A president and twelve councilmen are elected and serve without pay. It was established in 1648.

The Yankees will not let the Chinamen come to their country neither as missionaries or laborers. Now why not let the Chinamen go one step further and drive the Yankees, missionaries and all out of their country. This is a progressive age and if the heathen gets a step ahead of us who is to blame.

Our mayor handed out boxes of cigars to the employees of the city on Christmas. Why not hand out boxes of rotten eggs and skunk tails to such.

How is it that Pound Sterling Morton can oppose the ship subsidy bill framed in the interest of the millionaire ship owners and at the same time support the gold standard law, passed in the interest of the millionaire money lenders? If Bryan should oppose the subsidy bill in his first paper Morton would flop over for it.

One week more, if then Governor Poynter was not pardoned Joe Bartley, he, with the twenty-five thousand, will be left to the tender mercies of the new governor. If Joe would tell where the money went to he would have more sympathizers. The condition the treasury is now in, nearly all the funds invested according to law, it will be a long time before the treasurer will be able to steal a half million. City, county and state treasurers should be subjected to the following questions: How much money have you received, how much have you paid out and where is the balance.

It appears that our county officers are not going to be satisfied with their reduction of salaries, deputies and clerks to correspond with the legal limit in counties numbering less than seventy thousand population. For ten years they have been running on a stuffed census. The papers state that our new county attorney has a bill prepared giving himself the same help his predecessor had. That is the way, an officer wants help enough to do all the work, leaving himself to only draw his salary and spend it.

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Election is passed and no candidates up. It seems a good time to sow truth and pull up error. We believe it would add interest and influence to any newspapers to present both sides of current questions. The Atlanta Constitution never flourishes better than when the two brother editors took opposite sides on the prohibitory amendment question. There are great wrongs attached to one system of government. Our motto should be, stand up for justice and condemn wrong even in Nebraska and in our own party. The tendency is to cover up the wrong our own party commits or else to sanction and justify them even to the stultification of our own judgment. We nowhere invite any gold standard republican to write eight or ten hundred words in defence of the present administration on the money question. We will be glad to publish it in this column. Or if any republican paper will publish that much against the way the money question has been handled by the republican party we will write it, without money and without price.

We spent an hour at the state farm last week. We saw many things to approve and many to improve. The object of a farm experiment station is to better the methods of farming through the state. Common farmers cannot adopt the hot-bed or band-box system and make it pay. A profit and not style is what farmers desire most. It pays to change climate and soil with grains, seeds and grasses. To start with a single handful of grain from a distant country would not pay. The change should be from a more northern or a more elevated section. Seeds are so small of weight that distance costs little. The old grasses seem to hold the prestige yet. Alfalfa may climb to the top but not yet. Every grain, seed or grass that does crop out should be handed over to farmers at cost price. Timothy, blue-joint and the clovers are still on top. Buffalo grass and civilization do not seem to agree. Just turning over its old home brings in new grasses much more profitable for either pasture or feed. Mutton sheep are the most profitable in Nebraska, but the hand-box method of fattening will not pan out in profit as well as field feeding from the hill. They are the best grinding and digesting animal in use. The sheep business on the state farm should be confined to breeding and handing out to farmers at cost the best breeds. The same may be said of feeding too much dry corn it would of course do no good. In cattle we believe the state farm should breed for milk. We have seen large dairies in the east, all the descendants of a single cow. Horses should be bred for work and not fast driving. Steam does our fast work. There is one thing the state farm is entirely short of, and that is good feed. The best farm money made more easily than poultry money. The state should bring to the front the best breeds of hens and hand out the eggs and chickens to the farmers at a price but a little above their eating value. Here again the crossing of breeds seems an improvement. Hand out the pure bloods and let the farmers do the crossing.

There are reports of fighting at various points, but since Lord Kitchener's dispatch fully confirming the invasion of Cape Colony and expressing the hope of capture, but only to "drive them north again," not a word has been issued officially as to the situation in South Africa. The military authorities in England are straining every nerve to forward more troops and supplies, and the colonies have been asked again to send more troops. The more supplies that are sent the better. Dewet's troops that captured enough supply train to feed an army for months in the last few days and enough Lee-Medford rifles and ammunition to arm them.

This being the state of affairs in South Africa, the sapient State Journal felt called upon to enlighten the masses here and it is with all its might, that the Boers still in the field are precisely on the same plane as belligerents, that the wandering guerrilla bands in Texas and other southwestern states were operating after the collapse of the confederate government.

### News of the Week

The Independent remarked last week that the news from South Africa was puzzling. The British general seemed to have been worse puzzled over Dewet's maneuvering than the writer of these columns. Dewet's strategy has been magnificent. There does not seem to have been an equal to him since Napoleon. He wrings unstinted plaudits from the English themselves. A fight near Pretoria and an invasion of Cape Colony both at the same time, what astonished the world. But it seems that Dewet fooled the English generals. He led them away in a hot chase after himself while his main force was hundreds of miles away making a dash across the Orange river. It was a daring piece of business and made possible his own capture. He saved himself and his men from the most gallant cavalry charge in all history. Even the English newspapers compare it to the most celebrated cavalry charge in their own history—that of Balaklava.

Mr. Stead says: "The man on horseback at this moment is not Mr. Kruger, but is President Steyn. He, Dewey and Dewet are masters of the situation, having a better disciplined and more effective force than that which followed the flag at the outbreak of the war. They have plenty of ammunition and replenish their stores continually from the British convoys. They have taken enough Lee-Medford rifles to arm all the burghers now in the field."

It is declared that Mr. Kruger's appeal to the civilized world would be received everywhere with unanimous enthusiasm were it not for the deep-rooted distrust and jealousy of the dynasties of Hapsburg and Hohenzollern against the president of a republic. If he were a king the courts would be kept open everywhere. But the central European monarchs dread the popular enthusiasm excited by the heroic figure of the republican president pleading for justice. Perhaps that is the reason that the Boer envoys got the cold shoulder at Washington. If the envoys had been the embassadors of a king, instead of a farmer president, our snobbish secretary of state would not have piloted them out on the back porch and told them to view the beautiful scenery.

The powers have got far enough along in China to sign a joint note, DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is not cured by a nasal condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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who stopped The Independent because they did not like its position on the Boer war, but Lord Salisbury himself now wishes that he had taken The Independent's advice and submitted the matter to arbitration. There has a great change come over the British public. Last Christmas the Queen was sending chocolate to every private in South Africa, and London "society" was loading down shops with Christmas presents for the British soldiers who were fighting for the "honor and glory of the English flag." Now these soldiers, battered by the hardships of war, thousands of them in hospitals and the rest worn to skeletons by long and continuous service, are left without a thought, while "society" goes to the country to spend Christmas and London is deserted. Suffering from fevers, dying of wounds, or maimed for life, Tommy is left to his fate without a thought by the class that brought on the war, while they give themselves up to holiday revels of beer, beef, wine and fair women.

which is published in another column. That they are any nearer a settlement with China than when they first began does not seem probable. The demands in that note aside from the foolish rot about building monuments to dead men are simply that China shall abrogate its sovereignty as a nation and turn it over to the powers. If Li Hung Chang signs it, it will mean nothing. The demand is "irrevocable." China will not surrender its sovereignty. Mark that. It may pretend to, but that is all. When a nation gives up its right to arm and defend itself it is no longer a nation. The powers intend to divide China among themselves and that is all there is in the mind of these diplomats.

After wading through fifteen or twenty columns of the evidence given in the West Point hearing investigation, The Independent is satisfied that there is a sort of brutality allowed there that has a tendency to make brutes out of the cadets instead of gentlemen. Nearly all the cadets acknowledge that they have been in the habit of forcing lower class men to drink pepper sauce. Such conduct is instigated by the lowest sort of a desire to inflict torture, just because they had the power to do it. Prize-fighting is one of the regular order of things there. Out of such training as that, men fit to command the armies of a republic can never come. They will be the right sort of chaps to take commissions in the army of plutocracy which McKinley is determined to establish. The private soldier who serves under such brutes will not have an easy time.

The kidnaping of the son of Mr. Cudahy at Omaha and the payment of \$25,000 as a ransom has excited much comment all over the United States. There are many mysterious things connected with it. The brother of Charley Ross, who was kidnaped some years ago and never returned, in speaking upon the subject said: "Little Charlie's abduction is a sorrow which can never be effaced from my mind, and one to which I am not inclined to refer. My father was vigorously opposed to payment of ransom for Charlie's return, as he regarded it as a premium on the life of the child. Later he agreed to the payment of a ransom after all other efforts had failed, but the forced negotiations ended in naught. I am heartily in accord with my deceased father's views on the subject. A ransom is a premium on life, and likely to establish an iniquitous precedent which might result in sorrow to many families."

There seems to be an epidemic of bank burglaries all over the country. They average from one to five a day. There is also an epidemic of vice of the foulest sort. Nearly every large city in the United States and in Europe as well is rotten to the very core. The people are bewailing the condition of morals. When libertines have the best seats in the churches and the rich endow the pulpits, when gamblers on the boards of trade are accepted as members in full standing by the most exclusive ecclesiastical organizations, nothing less than a general demoralization could be expected. It will not be remedied by police methods.

The very latest specials from London say that something very serious is happening to the British in South Africa. Lord Kitchener has completely shut off the news, serious cabinet meetings and numerous portentous conferences are taking place at the war office, while reinforcements of cavalry and irregular troops are being hurried out with all possible speed. There is growing discontent among the volunteer troops now in South Africa, and asop has been offered to them in the form of increased pay and multiplying the time credited to them. The imperial yeomanry are clamoring to come home. They went out for a year, and saw the pampered favorites of the household cavalry and the city imperial volunteers relieved, while they have been given the nastiest work of the whole campaign. The government now offers to pay them \$1.25 a day if they stay. This is an increase on their present pay of 23 cents.

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The practice of "shooting at the clouds" with cannon or other specially constructed contrivances for the purpose of dispelling threatened hail storms is rapidly changing from the odd to the commonplace throughout Europe. In continental newspapers one reads at present of the systematic use of artificial storm destroyers in almost every country where agriculture forms the chief mainstay of prosperity. In many parts of France, Italy, Germany and Austria, the custom has grown so extensively that it often forms an official department of the municipality. In such cases, with the assistance of the neighboring landowners and farmers, thorough systems have been devised, until the elements have become so firmly harnessed that it is almost impossible for them to inflict injury or destruction to crops.

Indeed, so widespread is the public interest in this valuable aid to agriculture at present that the leading agricultural societies have taken up the project, with a view to contributing to the means already employed the results of their minute investigations. In Vienna, recently a congress of the members of the Meteorological Institute was called, at which the various methods of cloud shooting were exhaustively discussed and many new experiments were inspired, which cannot fail to be of great benefit to the farmers in the districts peculiarly susceptible to the ravages of hail storms.

From the report of the proceedings of this congress, it seems that the idea of averting storms by means of cannon shots is not a new one in Austria. It was first introduced during the reign of Empress Maria Theresa, who issued a decree prohibiting the use of cannon by the peasantry shortly after the adoption of the practice. In time, however, this decree was overruled, and in the year 1836, the burgo-master of Windisch-Feistritz, in Styria, again introduced the method in Austria, substituting in place of the ordinary cannon a new weapon. This consisted of a funnel shaped barrel of sheet iron 6 1/2 feet long and 79 centimeters (29.5 inches) in diameter at the muzzle and 20 centimeters (7.8 inches) at the base. The idea of the broad muzzle was to distribute the discharge over greater space and thus to increase the effect. So successful were the results attained by the burgo-master's experiments that in 1837 the municipality of Windisch-Feistritz counted no less than thirty shooting stations; since when

there have been no hail storms whatever in that locality.

Nowhere, however, has cloud shooting found such general usage as in the vicinity of Venice, Lombardy and Piedmont, districts that formerly suffered fearfully from the destructiveness of hail storms. During the summer of last year there were at least 2,000 stations, built on the plan of those constructed in Styria. At a congress held a short time ago in Casale Mufferrato it was found that in numerous localities where shooting stations had not been introduced, hail storms were still of frequent occurrence, causing immense damage to crops and property, whereas the districts protected by artificial means were entirely free from loss from such causes.—Scientific American.

### Kruger Not a Fugitive

When Mr. Kruger arrived in Amsterdam he was met at the railroad station by the municipal and communal authorities. Speeches were exchanged in the royal waiting room. A bouquet was presented to Mr. Kruger, whose every appearance was a signal for rounds of applause. Very large crowds of people lined the route to the town hall, where the burgo-master made a speech in which he said he hoped Mr. Kruger would succeed in his efforts to secure honorable peace. Mr. Kruger, in the course of his reply, said: "In 1884 we obtained our independence, but that honorable action has been obliterated. The invaders are ten against one, but we await the day when God will make known his will. I have not come as a fugitive, but by the order of my government, with the object of terminating a war in which the British employ soldiers against us who outrage and murder women and children."

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