

Current Comment

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McKinley's disgraceful act in appointing two sons of members of the supreme court to legislative positions that would be abolished if that court should decide against his policy of imperialism...

The investigation by the congressional committee into the hating at West Point is resulting somewhat different from the inquiry made by the military authorities...

Under our infamous and unmanly code of fighting it is not understood that an upper class man is selected especially for the purpose of administering a sound drubbing to the fourth class man who is called out?

"Yes, sir; it is understood when a fourth class man is called out he is to be whipped."

"Oh, so that's the code?" said Mr. Briggs as he shook his finger at the witness, while he arose from his seat behind the chairman, then leaning toward the witness, he shouted:

"Young man, this dishonorable practice you have described would not be tolerated in any athletic club in the world. The upper class man, who is a party to the calling out of a fourth class man for the purpose of having him thrashed is a coward, and the fourth class man who is beaten is nothing else but a hero."

The latest news is to the effect that the president is hereafter to have the power to double the standing army whenever he sees fit. Mr. Barvo's amendment striking out of the bill the discretionary authority conferred upon the president to increase the size of the army was laid on the table by a vote of 33 to 23.

Congressman Neville has had a relapse. The latest news is to the effect that the hemorrhages have returned and the physician, while he does not give up all hope, expressed a doubt of his recovery. This will be sad news for the thousands of Mr. Neville's friends in this state.

The peculiar senatorial situation saved several seats to the fusionists in the legislature. Whenever it came to throwing a fusionist over the transom, another fusionist presented himself.

FREE SPEECH

Shall it be suppressed in Our Universities - Fate of the Stanford University Professors.

The following dispatch dated last Monday was sent from San Francisco. It gives the history of the case up to the present time: "Dr. George E. Howard, head of the department of history at Stanford university and recognized as the ablest and most popular member of the faculty, was today requested to resign his office as head of the department..."

The Court Settles It

The text of the supreme court decision in regard to our relations with Cuba are very clear and explicit. The following is one paragraph and it settles for all time the claims that the imperialists have been setting up in regard to that island. The decision was given by Justice Harlan:

"The legislative and executive branches of the government by the joint resolution of April 20, 1898, expressly disclaimed any purpose to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over Cuba 'except for the pacification thereof,' and asserted the determination of the United States that the rights being accomplished, leave the government and control of Cuba to its own people. All that has been done in relation to Cuba has had that end in view and so far as the court is informed by the public history of the relations of this country with that island nothing has been done inconsistent with the declared object of the war with Spain."

"Cuba is none the less foreign territory within the meaning of the act of congress because it is under a military government appointed by and representing the president in the work of assisting the inhabitants of that island to establish a government of their own. But, as between the United States and Cuba, that island is territory held in trust for the inhabitants of Cuba, to whom it rightfully belongs and of whose exclusive control it will be surrendered when a stable government shall have been established by the 'voluntary action.'"

FINAL RECEIPT GIVEN

The Republican State Treasurer Says That Messerve Has Turned Over to Him Every Cent of Public Money.

The final accounting has been made at the state house and Messerve has the treasurer's receipt for nearly five million of dollars in money and securities turned over. The statement showed the following funds and securities in the possession of the retiring treasurer:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total: \$4,774,743.99

CAPTOWNSHIP IN DANGER

Latest News From South Africa is of the Most Startling Character-The Boers Still Advancing.

The news from South Africa continues to be of the most startling character. That that was received up to the hour of going to press confirms all the worst fears of the English government.

From 1 o'clock until evening every day there is a cock crowing contest. Eight fellows are placed in coops, side by side, and given five minutes to write and express themselves. The vim and energy with which they enter into the competition is surprising and side-splitting.

State Agriculturists

The state board of agriculture held its annual meeting in Lincoln during the first of the week. The following officers were elected: President, E. L. Vance, Pawnee City; first vice president, J. R. Cantlin, Webster, Dodge county; second vice president, W. E. Ewing, Franklin, Franklin county; treasurer, E. McIntyre, Seward; secretary, Robert W. Furnas, Brownville. The latter two gentlemen were re-elected.

POPULISTS IN COUNCIL

The populist state committee and workers from the various counties met in Lincoln. The populist state committee together with a large number of earnest reformers from various parts of the state held a conference at the Grand hotel yesterday and last night. It has not yet adjourned. The afternoon was spent in a general review of the last campaign. From every part of the state came the same story of the importation from other states of voters and the very large amount of money used by the republican party for corrupt purposes in carrying the election. There can be no reasonable doubt that from 15,000 to 20,000 voters were brought into this state and their votes cast for McKinley.

Martial Law

The heavy hand of the military still lies upon the state of Idaho and martial law is still in force there. However, as soon as the new governor took his seat he washed his hands of the whole matter, countermanding all the orders that Governor Stuenkel had issued, having a tendency to establish imperialism in the state. Among the most important orders issued by Governor Hunt as soon as he was inaugurated was the following:

Chinese Orator

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, is becoming the most popular orator in the country, and receives quite as many invitations to deliver public addresses and after-dinner speeches as Mr. Depew. His diplomatic duties permit him to accept but few of them. He is going to St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis during the next month, and has been compelled to decline all other engagements. If he accepted every invitation he receives he would be on the lecture platform or at some public banquet every night. Mr. Wu is a very pleasing speaker. He has a droll way of telling truths that takes with an audience. His speeches have done much to change the opinion prevailing among the American public about his own people. There is no man in the diplomatic corps who is more highly respected or who enjoys a greater degree of confidence from the government, his colleagues and the public generally than the Chinese minister.

RACE OF A PARIS GENDARME.

Pierre Deloire Learns an Odd Custom of American Horsemen.

The growing custom among American horsemen of riding bareheaded is not generally known among Europeans and in some cases has caused rather amusing misunderstandings. A recent arrival from Paris relates the following experience of a French mounted policeman: One evening Pierre Deloire, mounted gendarme, was riding slowly in the Bois de Boulogne, becoming the unkind fate which gave him no opportunity for showing his skill and bravery. "Why couldn't I have been among those sent to disperse the rioters in the Rue Cabrol?" he thought. "And the week before, why couldn't that horse have waited until I was on duty before running away with the rich American lady? Why—" But here his thoughts were suddenly interrupted by a quick clattering of hoofs behind him. He drew rein, and as he turned his head a horse with a hatless rider dashed by him like a flash. "A chance at last!" thought Pierre as he drove his spurs savagely into the little mare's sides and started in mad pursuit up the Bois. "Runaway! runaway! runaway!" sounded the fugitive's hoofs upon the road. "After you! after you! after you!" pattered the little French mare as she gradually lessened the distance between them. On they tore. Once, under an arc light, the man ahead turned halfway in his saddle and looked back over his shoulder for an instant. The vision of that set face made Pierre renew his efforts, and the little French mare responded nobly. "After you, after you, after you!" she pattered, and soon only a length separated the two. These hundred yards more and they would be on even terms. Now on the right, some two hundred paces up the road, the lights of the Cafe Madrid came into view. "Sapristi, the cafe!" shouted Pierre, hoping that the hatless rider might still have enough control to guide his horse from the tables and windows that meant his certain destruction. "Yes, the cafe!" answered back the other in a voice that evidently showed he realized his danger. But the mad horse seemed attracted by the lights and did not change his course. Pierre was desperate. Now the little mare was even with the other's saddle girths, but there were those tables only fifty yards away. Now they were neck and neck. Both horses, with nostrils dilated and blood-shot eyes, were straining every muscle. As they went tearing through the gateway the little mare forged her nose slightly to the fore, and Pierre was just reaching over to grasp the rein, when, as if by magic, the runaway stopped. "You have won, monsieur," drawled its rider with a slight American accent. "What will you have to drink?" But Pierre Deloire had already turned his horse toward the Bois, and was once more cursing at the unkind fate in general with a special clause added pertaining to Americans.

The Poultry Show

The most successful meeting in the history of the state poultry association is being held this week in Lincoln. The auditorium, the scene of political meetings, and balls of state, has been transformed into a gigantic chicken house, where 1,500 birds and forty Belgian hares are on exhibition. From 1 o'clock until evening every day there is a cock crowing contest. Eight fellows are placed in coops, side by side, and given five minutes to write and express themselves. The vim and energy with which they enter into the competition is surprising and side-splitting.

The Streets of Washington.

R. A. Danvers, who is engaged in the real estate business in Washington, D. C., when seen at the Fifth Avenue hotel said: "It doesn't seem to be generally known, but like Paris, Washington is laid out on military lines, and cannon planted at certain points would command a number of approaches. Take, for instance, the White House. Through its center the following thoroughfares pass: Vermont, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania avenues, and Sixteenth and G streets. The center of the capitol is the same, as is also the center of almost every square or circle in the city. While the naming of the streets is simple and easy to follow to residents, to the stranger it is most confusing, owing to the way in which the avenues cut diagonally across the numbered and lettered streets, and these streets calmly move a half block away before again taking up their line of march. If a stranger, say, was going up Fifteenth street, when he got to K, although the street swings there slightly to the right and proceeds on a different angle, he would undoubtedly continue along it with serene confidence that he was still in Fifteenth street, whereas he is really would be in Vermont avenue, while the real Fifteenth street is half a block northward. That's as plain as I can make it and about the only thing it really seems to explain is how very confusing our streets really are."

Bicycles in War.

The present campaign in South Africa is practically the first opportunity the military authorities have had of putting the cycle corps to a real test. As scouts and skirmishers they have proved most useful. The cyclist corps attached to the Durban Light infantry recently covered a route of ninety miles in one day for the purpose of obtaining information of the Boer forces, doing so small amount of fighting on the way. The rapidity of their movement startles the enemy, who ought to be unable to cope with the tactics a cycle corps adopts. They seem able to get away with most anything, however.

The Boston Way.

He looked into her beautiful orbs (lovely girls never have eyes) and said: "Darling, I love you better than life; there is nothing in this world I would not do for you; nothing I would not refrain from doing for your sake." Then he reached over and grabbed the big corner biscuit, leaving the little crustless one for the idol of his heart. —Boston Transcript.

Meant Business.

Chicago News: Maude—"Did Jack kiss you when you accepted him?" Clara—"Certainly. I wouldn't consider any but sealed proposals."

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The Pope's Poem

The Pope greeted the new century with a poem. It was written in Latin and was called in that language to New York where it was turned into English prose. The following is an extract from it. Woe to the laws which have nothing divine! What's the awe of honesty now? Only divorced from religion the rights of man crumble and fall in ruin. Do you hear the horde of mad philosphers, conscious of what they are doing, Extol what is impious and strive to proclaim brute nature as the supreme divinity? And false to the promptings of nature loathe the divine origin of the race as a thing inconceivable, and, Catching at empty shadows instead, lowers the human race to the level of the brute. Alas! Into what an abyss of honor has their blind and helpless pride been plunged! Keep, oh mortals, for all time the dread commands of God. He alone is life and He the unwailing truth: He alone the way that leads to heaven. He alone avails to turn the fleeting years for mortal good. Lately He Himself led to the sacred tomb of Peter the throngs of the faithful—who sought the holy places not in vain. Piety thus showing itself anew and with hopeful augury of the future. Oh, Jesus, arbiter of the coming age, now arising in its course, Look down, and by Thy divine power foretell the rebellions nations to follow better things. Scatter the seeds of benignest peace and let the wrath of tumult and horrid war now cease. And drive to realms of darkness what deceives the minds of men. Let Thy spirit alone direct; let Thy rule alone control. That the nations may hasten to obey Thy laws. May there be one shepherd and one sheepfold and one faith in ever-mind! I have finished my course; Twice nine lustre have I lived, My life Thy gift, O Thou now add the crown. Grant, I beseech Thee, that the prayer of Thy Leo be not in vain.

Protected Distress

"Protection" is working very great hardships upon the German working people. A cablegram from Bremen says: "Great bitterness has been caused in certain circles by the fact that the recent advance in the price of American bacon and large feasts importation no longer profitable. Thus the poor are deprived of the opportunity to buy the necessities of life. The Weser Zeitung points out this as an illustration of how a protective tariff may work great harm and suggests that the prospective grain duties may operate in a similar manner."

Know His Man.

Old Closest (in restaurant)—"If I were to give you a silver dollar what would you do?" Waiter—"Pinch myself to see if I was awake, sir."

Natural Question.

In Kentucky: Mamma—Did you know, dear, your little cousin Isabella in Frankfort is dead? Isabella—Who shot her?—Life.

Slandersons.

A woman doesn't talk through her hat unless it happens to be a new one.—Philadelphia Record.

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