

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 has been fiercely attacked in many quarters. Senator Pettigrew, in speaking of the matter on the floor of the senate, remarked: "I can make no charge against the supreme court, but I do say that the appointment was made by some of the members of that court to important positions under the administration at this juncture of affairs in the supreme court is indecent, to say the least."

The investigation by the congressional committee into the hating at West Point is resulting somewhat different from the inquiry made by the military authorities. The following from the questions and answers made show that it is quite a different thing. Congressman Driggs asked a fourth class cadet:

"Under your infamous and unmanly code of fighting is it 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. Driggs as he shook his finger at the witness, while he arose from his seat beside 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. This morning I received four letters from Kansas, Massachusetts, New York and Brooklyn, in all of which the mode of fighting and having here is called brutal bullying. That is to me a description. I call it brutal cowardice."

The latest news in to the effect that the president is hereafter to have the power to double the standing army whenever he sees fit. Mr. Barlow'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 29.

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 stepped in to rescue. For whose candidate would the republican contestant vote for United States senator if he were seated? That resulted in all the republicans except the friends of the candidate for whom the contestant would vote lining up with the fusionists to prevent the election. At last the republicans agreed on one case and Senator Hodges of Phelps county was unseated and John M. Johnson was put in his place.

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 notified to resign his office as head of the department of history at Stanford university and to resign his position as a public address. Ross was compelled to resign by President Jordan, under orders from Mrs. Stanford, because in a public address he had attacked the management of the Market Street railroad and other large corporations in which she was interested. Ross' forced resignation from the chair of economic sciences created a great sensation at Stanford, and the day following the announcement Prof. Howard, before his class, delivered an address in which he severely denounced this attempt to muzzle free speech in the university. In the course of his address he said: 'I do not worship Saint Market Street; I do not reverence Holy Standard Oil, nor do I doff my hat to celestial big companies.' 'His address was warmly applauded, but his friends feared that when a report of it reached Mrs. Stanford, who is now in Switzerland, she would insist upon his resignation as she insisted upon Dr. Ross' resignation. 'That result has now come to pass. Saturday Dr. Howard received a letter from President Jordan asking for a public apology for his address at the time of Ross' resignation or his resignation. Howard replied that he saw no ground for apology, and he also called Jordan's attention to his own assurance given him last November that his resignation would not be demanded. Jordan replied, asking what date Howard would fix for his resignation and expressing the hope that he could continue in harmonious relations through the present term. 'Howard answered that he regretted to be obliged to leave his classes at the opening of semester, but under the circumstances he couldn't remain without freedom of speech, so he made his resignation take effect at once. 'The forcing out of Prof. Howard has aroused even more feeling among the students than the loss of Dr. Ross, because Howard is personally more popular. He came here from the uni-

FINAL RECEIPT GIVEN

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

The final accounting has been made at the state house and Messer's 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:

Money in state treasury, \$ 300,242 55
Securities belonging to the permanent school fund, 4,266,203 94
Permanent university fund investments, 73,490 76
Permanent agricultural college endowment investments, 119,806 74
Normal endowment investment, 15,000 00
Total, \$4,774,743 99
Treasurer Steuffer's receipt reads as follows:

"I hereby certify that I have received in cash the amount specified in the within statement belonging to the four permanent educational funds of the state amounting to \$91,639.48. That I have verified the balances in deposits books covering the current funds of the state as specified in the within statement amounting to \$208,603.07 and find them correct. That I have counted and checked the United States, county and school district bonds, general fund and university fund warrants held as investments of the educational funds of the state as specified in the within statement amounting to \$4,474,501.44 and find the same correct, making a grand total of moneys and securities as per statement \$4,474,743.99, which has been turned over to me according to law."

CAPTOWN 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. A cablegram from a London date of the 16th says:

The casualty list which has been published shows that there has been seven engagements, with a loss of six killed, seventeen wounded and five missing, at Murraysburg, where the Dutch are said to have been joining the invaders. Murraysburg is sixteen miles west of Graaf Reinet. Indications are not wanting that the decision of the government to send reinforcements has not been taken a moment too soon. Colonel Colville's mobile column, which has been pursuing the Boers, has been obliged to rest at Greylingstad to erect a blockhouse and to cease operations until reinforcements arrive.

General Buller has taken his force to Pretoria to rest. Many of the men are suffering from enteric fever. Three hundred Boers captured a small convoy at Bronkhorst spruit near Pretoria, but made off after liberating the prisoners.

POPULISTS IN COUNCIL

The Populist State Committee and Many Workers From the Various Counties 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.

The following resolutions were passed: "The state committee of the people's independent party of the state of Nebraska does hereby congratulate the reformers of the state on the magnificent fight made by them during the last campaign. And we do hereby reaffirm our allegiance and express future adherence to the principles promulgated by the people's party at Sioux Falls, May 9, 1900, but our committee look with suspicion on the large increased vote polled by the republican ticket at the recent election, and we deplore the reprehensible methods proved by indisputable evidence employed in colonizing and corrupting voters by purchase and by furnishing transportation to persons who were not citizens nor legal voters, bringing them into the state and transporting legal voters from the state. "And we further deplore the fact that the fair name of the state of Nebraska should be stained and disgraced by the use of the large sums of money, as was reported by D. Richardson, treasurer of the state committee of the republican party, amounting to nearly \$60,000 in this election. And it is altogether probable that this amount only represents a small portion of the funds spent by that party. "Our committee point with pride to the splendid record made by the several state officers elected by the fusion forces, and we especially call attention to the large amount of money turned into the school fund of our state and disbursed to its many school districts. And that the same committee in the hands of the state treasurer and other officers has been promptly and properly accounted for, thereby raising the price of state warrants from 6 per cent discount to 1 per cent premium, notwithstanding the fact that the interest on them has been reduced from 7 per cent to 5 per cent. "We congratulate the people of Ne-

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 Chabrol?" 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. "Run away! run away! run away!" 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. Three 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 his 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 fowls are placed in coops, side by side, on the stage, and given five minutes in which to 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. A considerable discussion of the bill now before the legislature which provides for an appropriation for the state fair. All other matters relating to legislation affecting the interests of the board was referred to the board of managers.

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 lard makes importation no longer profitable. Thus the poor are deprived of the opportunity to buy the

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.

Marital Law

The heavy hand of the military still lies upon the state of Idaho and marital 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 Stuenberg 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: "It is hereby ordered that the order of the governor of the state of Idaho, dated May 8, 1899, and by which persons desiring to secure employment in any of the mines of Shoshone county, Idaho, were required to secure a permit from the representative of the state, is hereby revoked. "You will not issue any more of said permits or require persons seeking employment in said Shoshone county to secure the same. "The services of George T. Edmiston as state deputy will be dispensed with, and you are hereby directed to notify him of the same. No deputies in the future will be employed at the expense of the state until you report the necessity of the employment. This order takes immediate effect."

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 object of the government was to 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 governor 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 to whom exclusive control it will be surrendered when a stable government shall have been established by the 'voluntary action.'"

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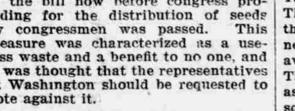
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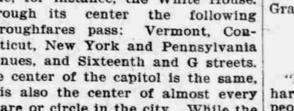
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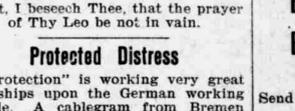
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