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blue pencil, but which got out by accident in its original ferocity and thus brought in the war. President Roosevelt might now proclaim ultimate independence and thus end the war that his predecessor began...

Night End the War The last word the Filipinos have heard direct from a president of the United States was that which McKinley sent them three years and a half ago, giving them the choice between "benevolent assimilation" and extermination...

The democratic party is making great advances. The time was when what the democratic newspapers said, the rank and file indorsed, but it is no longer. The rank and file, like the populists, begin to have opinions of their own and they take measures to make them count in party politics.

TO RESEED THE RANGES

Move of Railroads For the Good of Western Plains.

MATTER OF VAST IMPORTANCE.

Plan to Be Tried Is to Sow Three Thousand Acres to Different Grasses to See Which Is the Most Suitable. Proposed to Begin the Work Early Next Spring.

It has just been given out by railroads with headquarters in Omaha, Neb., that a plan is now on foot which contemplates the ultimate reseeding of all the western ranges, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The preliminary portion of the scheme, itself a work of great magnitude, involves extensive experimenting with the cultivation of different range grass seeds with a view to determining those best suited to the purpose.

This proposition is one of great significance and many ramifications. Should it be carried to a successful issue the ranges of Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada and Idaho will be vastly affected. If the proper grass plant can be found, the different railroads interested in these states will go to great expense to further the plan.

The railroads expect the government to help promote the scheme as soon as they show the matter to be practical. The different states to be benefited will also be asked to contribute a share of the general expense incurred in carrying the plans to maturity.

As a result of the deterioration of the range in many places it now requires two and three times as many acres to provide for a given number of cattle as formerly. The railroads expect by reseeding to so improve these ranges that they will provide for a larger number than originally.

For the conduct of the experimental part of the work the following plan has been determined upon. A spot containing some 3,000 acres will be fenced off in some centrally located range. This will be divided into thirty plots for the trying out of as many different grasses. The central idea will be to find some grass which will be permanent, luxuriant and hardy. Seeds from all over the world will be used, and many from Africa and South America have already been received.

When the correct grass is found, the government and states will be called upon to actively co-operate with the railroads to reseed the plains. The government will be asked to make a large appropriation for the purchase and sowing of the seed throughout the range country and the state will be asked to provide for state lands everywhere.

All of this will mean an enormous work, but each passing year renders it more imperative. The greatest part of the work will be the protection of that part of the country reseeded until the new grass has sufficient start to maintain itself. This is a vast problem, and the government will be called upon to bring its authority to bear in the matter.

Mrs. Margaret Tolle of Litchfield, Ill., was the guest of Miss Birdie Kilpatrick of St. Louis on Christmas day. She took a walk with her poodle dog and fell into an eighteen foot well. She was bruised and too weak to even call for help. Her faithful little dog ran back to the Kilpatrick house and began whining and grabbing with his teeth at the clothing of Miss Kilpatrick and her brothers and sisters, says the New York World. They finally understood that the dog wished them to follow him. They found Miss Tolle unconscious in the well. Her injuries are serious, and she certainly would have perished but for her dog's sagacity.

AMERICANIZING ENGLAND.

Influence of American Women on British Social Customs.

But it is not only in the realm of the shopkeeper that Americans have become popular, says Earl Mayo in the January Forum. They have been taken up with equal or even greater enthusiasm by the highest ranks of society. There is no doubt that their popularity has been due in great measure to the influence of those American women who have married into the ranks of the clever, titled or wealthy, who form the most important elements of British high society.

There have been many signs also to show American influence on English social customs. For one thing it may be seen in the decay or one may say more properly perhaps the relaxation of the stiff necked chaperon system. Until quite recently it was unusual to find in England a formal gathering at which fashionable young women were allowed to attend unaccompanied by chaperons. During the last season, however, there were many such affairs organized by fashionable young people and under the direction of a single young matron, as is very generally the custom in this country.

Another effect of American example is to be found in the growing popularity of hotel and restaurant life abroad. Until the American "invasion" it was almost unheard of thing for a family to take dinner in a public restaurant when their own house was available for the purpose. And as for entertaining friends in such a place, that was looked upon as altogether too oute to be attempted. Now, however, all this is changed, and it is not unusual for a London host and hostess to call upon the resources of a fashionable hotel or restaurant in giving entertainments beyond the limits of ordinary house accommodation. A significant sign of the trend in this direction is to be found in the rapid multiplication of fine hotels that is going on in London at the present time.

A USE FOR COAL ASHES.

Discovery That Fireproof Mortar Can Be Made Therefrom.

George F. Averill, living at Arverne, N. Y., says that he has discovered a means of using the waste coal ash cinders that will make the hitherto useless material of great commercial value. The use which Mr. Averill has found for these coal ashes is in a new kind of fireproof mortar, 90 per cent of which is made up of coal ashes and the rest double hydraulic cement. Mr. Averill has had tests made under the supervision of the department of buildings in Manhattan which show that the insulating properties of a block constructed according to Mr. Averill's specifications are very great.

Mr. Averill also proposes to make a fireproof concrete from the waste ashes which can be used in ceilings and can be made into blocks for partitions. It has been estimated that the amount of waste of coal ashes in Manhattan and Brooklyn aggregates 6,000,000 cubic yards yearly, the greater portion of which is now dumped into the ocean.

Telephones on Dining Tables.

There is a new quick lunch telephone in Chicago, and the city has the honor through the Chicago Telephone company of being the first in the world to provide diners with telephones while they eat, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The broker, financier or merchant now eats his lunch placidly certain that his place of business can call him up and he talk back to it without leaving his table.

Latest Souvenir Cups.

Quite new, not more than a month old, are the aluminum cups, souvenirs of the Spanish-American war. They have on the outside a large portrait of President McKinley, a smaller single portrait of Captain Hobson and groups of officers, Lee, Shafter, Miles, Sampson, Schley and Dewey.

The Lodge Bill

There is a difference in the provisions of the Philippine bill that has been prepared in the house and the Philippine bill that has just passed the senate. The Chicago Record-Herald describes the difference as follows: "The house bill, which is much more liberal of the two, would set up a partially representative and popular form of government. It provides for a legislature of two branches, of which the Philippines commission would constitute one and an elective assembly the other, the suffrage to be restricted by certain education and property qualifications. The senate bill would leave the commission unhampered as it is now. The house bill provides that the legislature shall send two delegates to Washington. The senate bill contains no such provision. The house bill practically incorporates our own bill of rights with the exception of the right of trial by jury and the right to bear arms. It also adds the declaration that residents of the Philippines shall enjoy the same protection as citizens of the United States from injury by foreign governments and from injury in foreign countries. These provisions are omitted from the senate bill. Furthermore, aside from these differences as regards personal rights and privileges there is a very decided difference on the question of money and the currency. The house bill provides for a gold standard like our own, for the coinage of a Filipino peso which shall contain silver to the value of about 40 cents in gold and for a subsidiary coinage. The silver coins would be issued by the government and the seigniorage would be used to maintain parity of the peso with fifty cents gold. The senate bill provides on the contrary for the free coinage of a Filipino dollar, and has no provision for the establishment of the gold standard."

It is announced that the Hon. Michael Herbert will succeed the late Lord Pauncefote as British ambassador, and Senor de Ojeda will succeed the Duke de Arcos as Spanish minister.

On June 4 the anti-anarchy bill was debated in the house. The discussion was confined almost entirely to the legal and constitutional phases of the question. Mr. Jenkins of Wisconsin expressing the opinion that congress should make it a crime to kill, or attempt to kill the president, without limitation of qualification.

On June 3 the senate passed the Lodge Philippine government bill by a vote of 48 to 30. Three republicans, Hoar of Massachusetts, Mason of Illinois and Wallington of Maryland, voted against the measure, and one democrat, Mr. McClaurin of South Carolina, voted for it. The debate on the measure has been in progress seven weeks and two days.

This bill approves the action of the president in creating the Philippine commission and the offices of the civil governor and vice governor of the islands, and authorizes the governor and vice governor to exercise the powers of government as directed by executive orders. Future appointments of the governor or vice governor shall be made by the president with the advice and consent of the senate.

The bill of rights of the United States constitution are applied to the Philippine islands with the exception of the right to bear arms and the right to a trial by jury. The supreme court and other courts of the islands shall exercise jurisdiction as heretofore applied by the Philippine commission and justices of the supreme court shall be applied by the president and the senate, the others by the civil governor and the commission.

All land in the Philippines is placed under the control of the Philippine commission for the benefit of the inhabitants of the islands, except such as may be needed for the United States. The government of the Philippines is authorized to provide for the needs of commerce by improving harbors and navigable waters, providing warehouses, lighthouses, signal stations, etc.

No corporation shall be authorized to engage in agriculture unless provision shall have been made therefor. The bill provides at length how claims, both agricultural and mineral shall be located and the Philippine commission is authorized to establish a mining bureau. The government of the Philippines is authorized to acquire and convey title to real and personal property and to acquire real estate for public uses by the right of eminent domain.

The Philippines commission is authorized to acquire the friar lands and is empowered to issue bonds to pay for them. These lands, once acquired, shall be a part of the domain of the United States and may be disposed of as such.

Municipalities are authorized to issue bonds for municipal improvements with the consent of the president and congress, the entire indebtedness of any municipality not to exceed 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property. It is provided that the bonds shall be gold bonds and shall be free from any taxation. A sinking fund for the payment of the bonds and interest thereon must be provided by the municipality issuing them. The city of Manila is authorized to incur indebtedness in gold bonds to an amount not exceeding \$4,000,000 to pay for a sewer system and water supply.

No corporation shall be authorized to conduct the business of buying and selling real estate and the amount of real estate which shall be held by any corporation shall be determined by congress. A mint is to be established in Manila and coins authorized to be coined at the mint, the coinage laws of the United States being extended to the islands. The Philippine government is authorized to coin a silver dollar containing 416 grains of standard silver to be a coin of the Philippine islands, the denomination of the coin to be expressed in English, Filipino and Chinese characters.

The dollar shall be legal tender in the Philippines for public and private debts, except where otherwise stipulated. Silver certificates may be issued for deposits of Filipino dollars in sums of \$20 or more. Other minor subsidiary coins are provided for.

The bill also contains the division of insular affairs of the war department, the chief of which shall be the rank of a colonel of the United States army.

SOME EXCHANGE INTERVIEWS. After a while, perhaps, the people of this country will begin to ask, is the whole archipelago worth the powder that is required to conquer and assimilate it? Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald. The esteemed Age-Herald is mistaken. The people already know that the archipelago is not worth the price they are paying, but a lot of smooth

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