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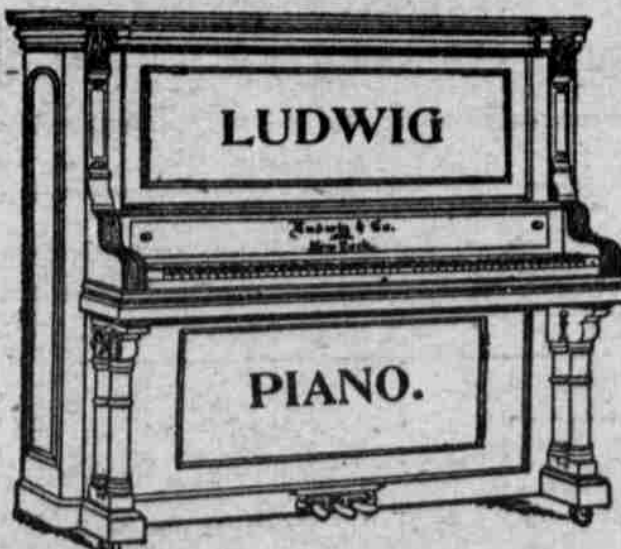
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Senator Teller offered an amendment to the civil government bill providing for the creation of a commission to visit the Philippines and arrange a permanent and lasting peace between the United States and the people of those islands.

The committee on military affairs of the house today ordered a favorable report made on the resolution of Representative Burleson calling upon the secretary of war for copies of all orders sent to the commanding generals in the Philippines and particularly as to what orders were issued to General Jacob H. Smith, who instructed Waller to "kill and burn."

Cummins on Trusts.

A Minneapolis dispatch to the Chicago Journal, under date of May 1, said:

At the banquet of republican clubs here last night, Governor A. B. Cummins of Iowa was the chief speaker.

He paid particular attention to trusts and consolidations, and his treatment of the latter overshadowed in interest his analysis of the government of a republic and his descriptions of the achievements of the republican party, owing to the attitude of Governor Van Sant toward the merger.

Governor Cummins declared that there are but two forces which can safely be trusted to regulate industry and commerce—competition and law—and that when bold and enterprising men overcome one force they must be met with the other.

In other words, the governor proposes as a remedy, first, that no corporation, whether industrial or otherwise, shall be permitted to issue stock unless paid for in money at its par value; and, second, that some branch of the government must be vested with power to fix the price of products or service upon which a monopoly or substantial monopoly has been established.

The speaker also submitted that some branch of the government must be empowered to remove the duties upon imports on those commodities respecting which competition no longer exists in our own country.

On the treatment of trusts and consolidations Governor Cummins said: "In the full light of this hour, taught by a prolific experience, I would not if I could subdue the spirit which has made the republic prominent throughout the world and conferred untold blessings upon its citizens. But within the last three or four years human agents, fired by unwonted prosperity and led by the kings of commerce, have proposed and have been endeavoring to accomplish objects which are intolerable in a free country; which do not tend to development, but to tyranny. The fundamental law of a healthy, vigorous, enduring industrial life is competition. There are but two forces which can safely be trusted to regulate industry and commerce. The first is competition; the second, law.

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"I may put another instance. The

extension of the railway systems of the United States has done more to improve and beautify our fertile empire than any other one element in the problem of progress.

"The American people, however, will no more submit to commercial despotism than they would to governmental despotism, and the tendency in the one case can be, and will be, as easily thwarted as the tendency in the other. All this can be done and will be done, without harm to the sound, healthy body of American industry, and it will not halt for a single moment in its swift march toward victories more splendid than have hitherto crowned its efforts."

Sol Smith Russell.

Washington, April 29.—Sol Smith Russell, the actor, died here at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of Mr. Berger, a brother-in-law of Mr. Russell, to whose home the remains will be removed from the hotel today.

Mr. Russell leaves a widow and two children, Miss Alice Russell and a son, Robert E. Russell, of Minneapolis.

Mr. Russell's death followed an illness of more than two years. While his condition was so serious as to prevent the continuance of his work on the stage, it was not until last Thursday that the end was seen to be near, and his friends and relatives gave up hope. On Thursday morning he was able to go out for a short time, and as usual in good weather, he was wheeled about the parks in his chair. He was considered one of the wealthiest actors on the American stage.

Mr. Russell was born at Brunswick, Me., June 15, 1848, and was educated at St. Louis, Mo., and Jacksonville, Ill. He began his theatrical career by organizing minstrel companies among his school fellows. For a brief period he was a drummer in the federal army, but left the ranks in 1862 at Cairo, Ill., to go on the stage, making his first public appearance at the De-fiance theatre there. His first part was that of Pit-a-Pat, a negro girl, in the "Hidden Hand," and between acts he rendered songs of a patriotic character. After a more or less successful career in stock companies in 1880 he joined a company, of which Frederick C. Berger was manager, appearing in "Edgewood Folks." The piece, which ran for five successive years, was performed 1,500 times, and on each occasion he sang seven songs and made ten changes. Meanwhile he became Mr. Berger's full partner. In 1887 Wm. Warren of the Boston museum retired from the stage and Russell filled his part for several months. In 1886 he starred again in the "Country Editor" and "Felix McKusick," by Edward Kidder, and "The Tale of a Coat," by Dion Bouceicault, remodeled by Clyde Fitch into "April Weather." Later plays were "Peaceful Valley," "Uncle Dick," "A Bachelor's Romance," "Hon. John Grigsby," "The Heir at Law" and "The Rivals," in which he took the part of Bob Acres. He was married at Dorchester, Mass., September 13, 1876, to Alice M., daughter of Wm. T. Adams (Oli-ver Optic) and Sarah (Jenkins) Adams.

Snap Shots.

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