

vation of the public health by distributing gratuitously vaccine points under congressional franks and by government money all over the United States? Are plain carrots, beets, turnips and beans a greater boon than exemption from smallpox? Why not have a cow-pox culture section in the bureau of animal industry and thence distribute vaccine points all over the United States as a reminder of statesmen and the paternal character of this government?

CONGRESS IS SENSITIVE.

The delicately sensitive morality of the average American congressman is already hysterically shrinking from the possibility of fraternal association with the Hon. Brigham Young Roberts, who has been elected from Utah to the Fifty-sixth Congress. But long ago there were delegates in congress, from Utah, under the system of protection for "the infant industry" of matrimony, established by the Mormon religion, who had been multi-married.

Particularly prominent among polygamous delegates was the Hon. George Q. Cannon, father of the present U. S. Senator Cannon of Utah; and it is only fair to say that a more exemplary, dignified, temperate and conscientious member of congress at that time, or since, would be hard to find.

It is difficult to determine why there should be such intense nervousness at this late day about polygamous congressmen.

Mr. Roberts has not as many wives as had some of his predecessors from Utah and aside from his marital relations there is nothing in his personal character or reputation to criticise. His fidelity to four wives has never been questioned. And possibly if all those m. c.'s who each have only one wife make as good a record and reputation for fidelity to marriage vows, the next congress will be no worse than some of its predecessors.

UNCLE TILMAN.

Uncle Tilman is a colored statesman. Seeing a small dog with a bone, pounced upon by a bigger dog which whipped the diminutive cur and took the bone in less than sixty seconds, this ebony philosopher remarked:

"These yar dawgs is playin' filantropy jis' like white folks. That yar small dawg is Spain, and de big one am der United States an' de bone what de big one annexed t' hissself am Cuba. De big dawg was moved by sympathy to help de bone.

"An' its jis' that er way in taking them yer islan' scraps an' bones over in yer Percifik. De big dawg don't want 'em, but he feers dat de small dawg mout hurt 'em scraps an' bones. Dat 'cites his humanity and 'rouses his piousness to prey.

BIBLE ENGLISH.

It has never been a rare thing for somebody to imagine that he could put the Bible into language that would be more popularly read and understood. A London publisher has just brought out a new translation of the Greek scriptures, which he calls "The Twentieth Century New Testament." We have not seen the work, but from some quoted selections we judge that the translator has met with difficulties in avoiding the vocabulary of the standard version. Expressions occur which sound awkward, and it strikes one that another word would have been better in that place; and then it turns out that the form you prefer is also the one that King James' translators chose. The fact is that the old English Bible contains the best possible English; like Shakespeare and Bunyan, it is quite out of the reach of imitators. Whether the language made the Bible, or the Bible made the language, no man's knowledge of either is very complete without a good acquaintance with the other.

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society for 1899 will be held at the chapel of the State University on the evenings of January 10 and 11, at 7:45 o'clock with the following program:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10.

President's Annual Address, "My Last Buffalo Hunt."
J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City.

"A Nebraska Episode of the Wyoming Cattle War."
A. E. Sheldon, Lincoln.

"Some Peculiar Features of the Nebraska Constitution."
C. S. Lobingier, Omaha.

Readings from the Biography of Judge Elmer S. Dundy.
Written by Edwin S. Towle, Falls City.

Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11.

"Ex-Senator Thomas W. Tipton and the Tipton Manuscripts."
J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City.

"The Mormon Settlements in the Missouri Valley."
Clyde B. Aitchison, Council Bluffs.

"My First Trip from Salt Basin to Omaha."
W. W. Cox, Seward.

"Early Nebraska Reminiscences."
Written by Mr. and Mrs. C. Irvine, Oregon, Mo.

"The Gilmore Reminiscences, Chilcott Diary, and Other New Material."
Jay Amos Barrett.

FARM SCHOOLS FOR FILIPINOS.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department is planning the establishment of agricultural schools in the Philippines. This is for the purpose of making them more efficient competitors of an over-prosperous agriculture in the United States.—Springfield Republican.

The Springfield Republican forgets, while the resources of the United States are unlimited, and the skill of its artisans unsurpassed, that protectionists have always insisted that "the pauper-

ism and ignorance" of foreign laborers were too much for American competition.

The great strength of foreign competition, according to McKinley, Dingley, and other trade observers and forecasters, rested in its poverty and ignorance. Holding that orthodox view Secretary Wilson proposes by education to bring down the Filipinos to the level of the intelligent agriculturists of the United States.

THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU.

The Reporter, published at Whitney's Point, New York, in its issue of December 22, 1898, compliments Professor Moore and the work of the United States weather bureau as follows:

"The efficiency of the weather bureau is largely due to the energy and executive ability of its present chief, Prof. Willis L. Moore, who has been connected with the service about twenty years, and has risen through successive grades until he has reached through merit and ability the highest place in the service. Professor Moore administers the affairs of the bureau at Washington, gives the service his whole time, and the results show that J. Sterling Morton made no mistake when he selected Mr. Moore for the head of the national weather bureau, which has surpassed that of any other country, and is now the wonder of the meteorologists of the Old World."

The reason which caused the selection of Professor Moore was that, then, places were given and promotions made in the department of agriculture upon the merit basis and not to please politicians. The civil service law was then in full vigor and efficiency, and therefore Professor Moore, though a republican of the most fervid type, received his promotion.

MODEST MENDICANT.

Coin Harvey solicits contributions to the cause of the free coinage of silver with legal tender endowment in unlimited quantities at the ratio of sixteen to one. But he desires the disciples to drop in only one dollar a month, each, for twenty-four months, which will bring us to the campaign of 1900.

This money is to be used to make the majority of the American people believe that the photograph of a fat turkey on Thanksgiving day, will be just as satisfying and nourishing as the real roasted bird itself.

In other words this money is to be used for fooling the voters of the United States into that financial faith which declares that forty cents worth of silver is equal to a hundred cents worth of gold.

This contributed cash is for the specific purpose of propagating an economic heresy and for paying the prophets of a