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The list of popular heroes is becoming larger, but there is always room for

South Dakota's soldiers saw it first and named their camp after the hero of the battle of Manila.

Pollar and a half wheat and silver still at fifty-six. What about that indissoluble union of wheat and silver?

Six years ago it rained in Omi'ia every day during the month of May. But then the Methodist conference is not being held here this spring.

What a great thing wireless telegraphy would be for the yellow fakirs. They could then invent news from the moon and stars and defy the public to disprove Its truth.

The Monroe doctrine has been stretched all out of shape in recent years, but nobody has yet suggested that it covers the occupation of the Philippines.

Possibly this season of continuous rain has been sent just to acclimate the young soldiers in camp awaiting the order to go to Cuba and fight the Spanlard and the Cuban rainy season.

There are six daily papers in Manila, or were when that town was last heard from, which argues an intelligence among the people that ought to assure Commodore Dewey a hearty welcome.

The accusation that Commodore Dewey threw petroleum shells into Manila is probably notbing more than an attempt to bring discredit apon bina by connecting him with the odious oil monopoly.

For the most complete and teliable was news, as for the most complete and reliable news on all subjects of general interest, the public must read The Bee. Comparison with other papers published in this vicinity is invited.

The thieves and burglars are still getting in their customary work notwithstanding the keep-!t-dark policy of the police. Another enlargement of the force and the payroll at the urgent request of the chief may be expected almost any moment.

How hard it must have been for the topocratic members of the Nebraska State Board of Equalization to recognize officially the return of prosperity by raising the valuation of Nebraska railroads a half million dollars for taxation

The appearance of Martin White in maha always sends a cold shiver country press against the exposition by through the marrow bones of the gang malicious misrepresentation designed to as well as those of all the professional create the impression that the exposipickpockets, burglars, footpads and skin tion was buying advertising space in game workers. No wonder their organ The Bee while asking them to conis distressed.

Time was when Kansas, like Nebut the shipment of two carloads of last week is proof that tree planting is working a great change in the prairies of the west.

The card of the man who last year sawed off the limb of the political tree on which he was sitting is again paral d in the local popocratic organ as a reminder of A. B. C. reform. Whether this is done with or without the aid or consent of Mel Redfield is not pertinent. It is safe to predict, however, that the popular verdict of 1897 is not likely to be reversed in the high court of public opinion.

sion movement in opposition to the re- state press would be a unit in expresspublican party and the national admin- ing complete satisfaction with the aristration are dropping their three-headed rangements made for their free admisorganization. In many places the campaign is placed in the hands of one com- sition. mittee and the ticket will appear not

CO-OPERATION AND RECOGNIZION. understanding has been reached for the co-operation of the insurgent forces in volve the recognition of the insurgent body knows, that for the protection of government is uncertain. It appears that Senor Quesada, who represents that government in Washington, has been these cut-rate tickets would practically is said that a quasi promise has been given by the State department that this government will not recognize Mr. Palma as minister because he is a citizen of the United States. If co-operation of the insurgent forces

can be secured without formal recog nition of the insurgent government it will be well, since that would leave our government free, after the surrender of should be found necessary to enable the Cuban people to establish a government, Recognition of the insurgent government would not only subject to the con that the actual number of full and complete trol of that government the forces sent to Cuba from the United States, but it would also force the Cuban people to accept the form of government created by the insurgents, whether it suited them or not. Thus a majority of the people would be compelled to take a tary training. He has been overwhelmed political system in the creation of which they had no voice. It is claimed for this system that it is distinctly republican in character, and that may be so, but all of the Cuban people should be given opportunity to say whether it is acceptable to them and this they would

ognized the insurgent government. The probability is that President Mc Kinley will adhere to the position be has taken in regard to recognition and it is doubtless safe to say that the insurgents will not on this account withhold their co-operation, since they have no reason to expect from this government anything but fair and just treatment.

MUZZLE THOSE FOOL FRIENDS.

It was an audacious piece of political piracy for William J. Broatch to attempt to hold on to the office of mayor. After a fair fight at the primaries, in which he had all the advantage and mustered an army of political street sweepers paid out of the city treasury, he had been beaten in his own ward and in the whole city. Having been repudiated in convention by his own party, he enlisted with the political bushwhackers recruited as an auxiliary to the popocratic machine in support of the gamblers'

The overthrow of this combine by decisive popular vote after free and rial extension are already urging that full discussion of the issues and vindictive warfare upon the republican candidate would have been accepted by any man with a grain of self-respect as Philippines," declares that uncompronotice that he was no longer wanted in mising champion of territorial acquisipublic life. But Broatch and his fool tion, the New York Sun. Another sugfriends seemed determined to defy and reverse the people's verdict. Bolstered up by the conscienceless scoundrels at the helm of the popocratic organ, he filed a claim to an office for which he had not received a single vote at the ballot box. All this in the name of honesty, reform and good government.

By the aid of a referee hypnotized by the Ransom-Herdman gang Broatch now believes himself already reinducted into the office of mayor position to resume his and in career of duplicity and polit ical dishonesty. But Mr. Broatch should have seen to it that his fool friends were muzzled.

The ink on the referee's report was scarcely dry when it was blazoned forth in full in the popocratic organ as a and an arraignment of republican judges. Not content with using the report to assail republicans in general, men who enjoy the confidence and respect of the entire community and state regardless of party are singled out for insulting abuse because they did not emulate the shameless perfldy of Broath, All the renegades who have jumped the republican party for popocratic fodder are held up as paragons of virtue and they in turn are jubilating at the prespect that Broatch will restore them to the public crib in the city hall

To a man up a tree whose limbs are not yet sawed off, it looks as if the fool friends of Mr. Broatch are altogether too previous.

SANDBAGGING THE EXPOSITION. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain the heathen Chines who runs the Omaha Fakery is peculiar. While professing to be friendly to the exposition, he never loses an oppor tunity to sandbag the enterprise.

For weeks he has sought to array the tribute free space without even a pros pect of recognition of the service. When these falsehoods had been exbraska, was known as a treeless state, ploded he took a new tack. Having arranged a free excursion and banquet walnut logs from Kansas to Scotland for the state press association at the expense of the railroads and a hotel proprietor without a penny's cost to himself, he is trying to pose as the special champion of the country press and seeking to make them believe that the manager of the Department of Publicity is a sworn enemy bent upon humil ating them, when in fact he has fought their battle in the executive committee and sought in every way to secure for the press the most liberal privileges and generous treatment. Having secured concessions never yet accorded the press in any other exposition, the representative of the press in the exposition management had a right to expect In Oregon and Washington the poli- appreciation of his efforts. But for the ticians banded together in the old fu- dog-in-the-manger of the Fakery, the

The same sneaking, stealthy, sandas a democratic, populist or silver re- bagging is being kept up not only in of the work of the exposition. The expublican ticket, but as a "union" ticket. stimulating discontent among the state position has already suffered a loss of But whatever same be used to mislead press, but in every other direction ex- thousands of dollars by the lack of an the voters, it is the same old spoils cepting that of the man through whom executive head on the grounds clothed scheme and its purposes are well known. the heathen borrowed \$3,000 of Bart- with full authority. Further delay means them.

sion and accommodations at the expo

ley's surplus on a third mortgage. The There seems to be no doubt that an attempt to obstruct the plan of the management to raise money by the sale of commutation tickets is of a piece with tinue to have its hands full even with a Manila furnishes justification for the ex-Cuba with the American troops that will the other uncalled-for exhibitions of be sent there, but whether this will in- malice. The Fakery knows what every- shoulders of a director general. the exposition commutation tickets cannot be made transferable, otherwise urging its recognition in return for the supersede all the regular full-price adco-operation of the Cuban army and it mission tickets and instead of helping the exposition would ruln it financially. As well might a railroad sell transferawill be done to the extent of recognizing ble and unlimited commutation tickets Quesada as charge d'affaires, but this at half rates, or a theater advertise to sell 100 tickets to anybody, good at any performance, at half price. The manifest object of the sandbagger is to prevent the sale of commutation tickets altogether by making people believe that refusing to buy under the condi tions established will force the management to let down all the bars and let the Spanish forces, to take such action as anybody and everybody willing to pool with one another come into the show at half price. That this would be suicidal to the exposition needs no explanation.

NO POLITICAL BRIGADIERS.

Everybody except the disappointed applicants for brigadier generalships will unqualifiedly approve the decision of President McKinley to appoint to responsible commands only men of miliwith applications, supported by senators and congressmen, from men many of whom are entirely destitute of military knowledge, but who are anxious to show their patriotism at a liberal salary and with a view to political chances after the war. There were a great many of be deprived of if the United States rec- this class of soldiers in the early part of the civil war, but there was necessity for their appointment then, because an army had to be organized in a hurry and there were not enough trained officers available to command the troops Besides, the influence of the politicians who sought command was useful in securing culistments. Now it is different. For the more responsible commands in the forces which it will be necessary to organize in the present war there are enough men of military training and to spare and until this supply shall have been exhausted, which it is not likely to be, no person without military knowledge should be given a responsible command. We want no political brigadiers month would not be without compensating in this war and President McKinley is features. to be heartly commended for having so informed such aspirants for service in

> DISPOSING OF THE PHILIPPINES. The question as to the final dispos!tion of the Philippines by the United States may be found perplexing and troublesome. The advocates of territothis country should hold the islands permanently. "The stars and stripes should henceforth float forever from the gestion is that the United States might trade the Islands for the British West Indies and still another is that our government might sell them to the highest bidder, leaving Spain, however, out of consideration, the general idea being that under no circumstances must that nation be allowed to resume sovereignty in the Philippines.

the army.

It is probable that Great Britain would like to obtain possession of the islands and it is well understood that they are coveted by Germany, Russia and Japan. Hence there appears to be no reason to doubt that if the United States should decide to dispose of them for a money consideration liberal terms could be made with any of those countries. The islands are valuable and in the hands of a government that would scathing rebuke to the republican party develop their resources they would be a very profitable possession. Their strategic importance is also great, this being the chief reason why they are desired by the countries having large and growing interests in the far east. Only Germany, thus far, has manifested serious concern as to what disposition the United States may make of the Philippines, but undoubtedly the Russian and Japanese governments are taking a

very deep interest in the matter. It is presumed that the right of the United States to dispose of conquered territory as it shall deem best, with reference to its own interests and with a proper regard for the welfare of the people of such territory, will not be diswe adhere to the assurance given to the world when war was entered upon that this country is not seeking and not desire territorial grandizement. We shall occupy the Philippines as a prize of war, to be re-

tained as such only so long as may be necessary to safeguard our interests. The permanent possession of those remote islands, with their heterogeneous population, is not to be ser'ously thought of. Every argument against Hawaiian annexation applies to the question of our permanent possession of the Philippines. It is questionable whether we should even retain enough of that ter-

ritory for a coaling station. The proper course for the United States is to give the people of the Phillopines an opportunity to form an independent government. A portion of them have been struggling almost as long as the Cubans to free themselves from Spanish rule, which has been no less oppressive there than in Cuba. Perhaps they are not generally fit for selfgovernment, but that is a matter which can only be determined by trial and this republic cannot with consistency arbitrarily decide that the people of the Philippines are incapable of governing themselves.

The United States is avowedly fighting in the cause of liberty and humanity. It must not have one policy for the people seeking freedom in Cuba and auother for those in the Philippines who desire independence. But at all events it must be understood that we want no

territory. Every day that passes demonstrate the imperative necessity for concentrated responsibility in the practical supervision

simply additional loss and confusion inded. The executive committee has its hands full and will congreat part of the load shifted to the

Immigration to the United States is again on the liferease. The figures for March show a gain of 6,000 for the mouth over the corresponding month of last year. A great many of the laborers coming from Europe doubtless anticipate that it will be easy to get work after the army has been sent to the front, but in fact the army of volunteers will hardly be missed from the ranks of laborers in this country, so great is the population and vast the resources of the United States.

Minn., the other day, and the candidate to the renown of the American navy. for mayor who made the most noise and was most profuse in promises and predictions ran on a platform which declared that "we hall William Jennings struggle for a surer and broader libcrats of that city will have to continue hailing him in the same far off way.

Now that President McKinley has received the indorsement of the fusionists can have safety only in peace. of Iowa for his course in relation to Cuba and Spain, the only party in the Friday a London dispatch which said that line with indorsements.

Indianapolis Journal. Thank God! in all reverence; this is a

Soldiers' Pay in War Time.

Globe-Democrat.
Under the new army bill the pay of a private soldier will be \$13 a month in time of peace and \$15.60 a month during war. The boys will have no objection to 200-cent dollars.

Sizing Up the Situation.

Detroit Free Press. The managers of the Omaha exposition figure that a threatening naval demonstration by the Spanish off the Atlantic seaboard about the time of their opening next

High Joints Come Down. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Western Passenger association has decided to back down from its earlier determination to charge the government 2 cents a mile for the transportation of troops. This means that a 1-cent rate will prevail on the roads which comprise the association. Some little future legislation of the granger variety will thereby be avoided probably-which the railroads appear to realize.

> The Onlety of War. Indianapolis Journal.

The Spaniards are a comic opera peo ple, sure enough, The ridiculous proclamation of the governor of the Philippines to the Spanish residents of Manila might have been written by Gilbert. Blanco makes nearly as absurd boasts, and Admiral Bermejo. Spain's minister of marine, asserted on Sunday that he found difficulty in restraining his joyful emotions over the Spansh victory at the Philippines. Last night official announcement was made at Madrid that "after the bull fight" sensational war news would be given out. Americans might feel sympathy for a defeated foe under some circumstances, but as it is they can only look at them and grin.

Chicago Tribune.

Whatever else may be said as to the Spanish officers and sailors it must be put down to their credit that they acquitted themselves bravely in the recent battle in Manila bay. They had more guns than our fleet and more vessels, but their vessels were not as staunch, their guns were not as powerful, their gunners were not as quick and skillful in serving them. When the battle turned against them and they found hemselves at the mercy of an enemy whom they had so underrated they did not show the white feather, but, if all reports are true, went down with their vessels. There s so little that is commendable in the personal character of the Spaniards it is at least agreeable to know that they don't add cowardice to malignity and treachery.

RUMBLES OF THE GUNS.

The reconcentrados about the castle in Madrid are carefully guarded by a military

Spain need not go to the bother of an investigation to determine the origin of the explosion in Manila bay. It was external. Spain has quit buying Missouri mules. Well-grounded fears are entertained that puted. But it is most important that the mules might kick holes in the navy and thus tarnish Spanish honor.

A week of camp life reduced the rank of Indiana's volunteers 25 per cent. One regiment lost 221 men and another 116. The so-called "deserters" were hooted out of camp.

Senor Polo was moved to tears when he beard about Dewey's Sunday performance As the affair has only begun the senor's weeps are likely to become a continuous performance.

An Alabama patriot insists that the state can furnish all the volunteers needed for the war. He declares there are 150,000 ablebodied Alabamans ready to break into the pension at any cost. George Imes, a resident of Bedford county

Pennsylvania, fought for the union in the rebell'on. He is now 70 years old, has went; living children and fifteen of his boys have signified their intention to en-Immediately after the announcement was

made that Spain would concentrate a mighty fleet and strike the United States "a crushing blow." General Weyler unlimbered his mouth in the cortes and fired away. The eminent "butcher" has caught his second Josephine Shaw Lowell asks the New York Times to discourage married men from

volunteering, as they are not yet needed When they are, she says, it will be time enough for them "" to sacrifice their wives and children, and it will then be their duty A Massachusetts preacher comes to the

front with a timely correction of history After painstaking investigation and exhaust ing perspiration, he announces that the explosion of the Maine was the result of Captain Sigbee's presence at a Sunday bullfigh

The gaiety of the fracas is considerably heightened by the fears expressed in dispatches as to the fate of the battleship Oregon if attacked by the Spanish gunboat Temarario. Such a contest would be as brief and uninteresting as a scrimmage between a diminutive poodle and a bulldog If the Spanish crew insist on taking an involuntary bath in the briny, Commander Clarke is just the gentleman to accommodate

CHBERS FOR THE VICTORS.

Atlanta Constitution: The great victory f American seamanship in the harbor of clamation of "Glory to God!" Louisville Courier-Journal:

Dewey was a brave man to sail through the mines of Manila bay right up to the muzzles of the shore guns and the governor-general's manifestoes and sink the Spanish squadron. ploded at the breach and set Montejo's ships

Chicago News: The Spaniards fought bravely at Cavite. That much is readily conceded by friend and foe. But the daring of Commodore Dewey in steaming by frowning forts, over a network of mines, into the heart of a hostile harbor, and confronting the Spanish fleet, with no friendly port within 1,000 miles to put into in case of defeat, has never been surpassed in the annals of naval warfare. Commodore Dewey There was a city election in St. Paul, and his gallant men have added new luster Philadelphia Times: The skill and

prowess of the American navy have been asserted by Commodore Dewey and his gallant tars, with an emphasis that must command the respect of our foe and the ad-Bryan as the leader of freemen in their miration of the civilized world, and if other naval battles must be fought it should not erty." He got a total of 3,294 votes out be doubted that the final issue must be a of the 20,482 votes cast. The demo- crowning victory for our naval commanders and their flag. We can gain even greater triumps if fate decrees that the crimson record must be written, but let us sincerely hope that the lesson of the crushing victory at the Philippines will teach Spain that it

New York Sun: We remember reading on the Spanish fleet had put into Subig bay to tion" is the prohibition party, and the await Commodore Dewey. "Subig bay," chances are it too is ready to fad in vantages for the concealment of a hostile fleet, and unless Dewey receives some information of Montejo's movements the Americans are threatened with a sudden attack." On Sunday the Spanish fleet found a still better place of concealment under people whose rejoicing over a victory no the waters of Manila bay. The Spaniards longer halts at Mason and Dixon's line and must feel that Commodore Dewey acted in a the Ohio river. The American people are a highly uncivilized manner in becoming the surpriser and not the surprised. But he has oncealed that hostile fleet effectually.

New York Tribune: The commander officers and men of the Asiatic squadron have done their work brilliantly, but they honor and gratitude. The president and his task upon them, forseeing the possibility and delivered at that point, will receive the unstinted praise of those who delivered it and of the whole American people. Promotion, except to a higher place in public confidence and admiration, will be impossible in some cases, but it is not difficult to imagine that references to Commodore Dewey's great achievement may soon require a new title to designate its hero.

Brooklyn Eagle: The nation rejoices in a great victory. It congratulates the administration on the tribute which the victory brings to its well considered policy Spaniards. of patience in peace and of prudence with party lines must be drawn. We are all democrats and we are all republicans until equality and of liberty for nations and for state and the further northwest. men, and until that enemy be beaten to the ground there is no other duty and there is no other mission or meaning for the United States on the earth.

Springfield Republican: If the Spanish leet was distinctly inferior in quality of vessels and armament to that of the United States, the weakness of the enemy was reinforced by the support their fleet received from the fortifications. These, however, were supplied with few modern guns. It was Dewey, who served with Farragut at Mobile and like Farragut was able to silence and pass the fortifications to get at the enemy's fleet. It is the personal factor that tells in officers and men in such a crisis, and our navy has met the test, as every citizen would have it met. It is still the man be hind the gun in the modern, complex fighting engines, as it was in the times of wooden frigates and hand-to-hand encounters. The valor and bravery of the Spaniards is not to be denied, but in intelligence, training and strategy the superiority of the American naval officers is demonstrated.

MEN OF THE HOUR.

Leaves from the Records of Warriors on Land and Sen. The departure of Rear Admiral Sampson and the armor-clad division of the squadron inal exposition plans will be carried out in from the blockade of Havana leaves a detail and that no idea of abandoning or pretty extensive fleet of small cruisers, gunboats and minor armed craft to prolong the of the blockading fleet is said to be Commodore John Crittenden Watson, a dashing Kentuckian, and grandson of ex-Senator is little excitement apparent except at mil-John J. Crittenden. He graduated from itary headquarters. The country in general Annapolis in 1861, at the age of 17, and is going about its business as usual. Unless served throughout the civil war. As a all present indications are misleading the nidshipman on the Hartford he attracted war with Spain will be a thing of history the attention of Farragut during the pas- long before the Omaha exposition opens its sage of the forts below New Orleans, in gates. And even if hostilities should unex-April, 1862. The ropes controlling the main pectedly be prolonged this country can sheet on the Hartford were cut by the hall of grape from the nine-inch guns of Fort ning war at the same time. If the seaside St. Philip just as the flagship was directly abeam or right opposite the battery. The order was given to go aloft and clear them but with the iron hail rattling through the Exposition will be well worth seeing; there Hartford's rigging it seemed certain death. The old jackies paused, as well they might, sceing the yards cut into splinters at every round. Meantime, the Hartford was swinging round, bow toward the fort, lacking the brace of her main sheet.

'Come on men," said a young middy, throwing off his cap, and going up the ratlines like a cat. Men followed, but the boy ran out to the end of a yardarm sixty feet from the water, and steadying himself by a rope coolly stood erect till the mischief was repaired. One-third of the men were killed or wounded in the work. Then the lad went below and, touching his cap, said to the admiral, "All cheer, sir." that hour John Crittenden Watson has been the favorite of fortune. Within the month he was ensign and advanced thirty numbers for "distinguished gallantry in action."

"Mark my words," said Farragut, speak ing of the incident, "if we have another was this boy Watson will distinguish himself." Watson's opportunity is at hand. The country will welcome the fulfillment of the gree dmiral's phophecy.

Captain William Quinton of the Seventh Inited States infantry is reported by the limes-Herald to have been detached from his command and ordered to take charge of a regiment of Irish-Americans now being organized in Chicago. The captain was requested to lead the regiment by ex-Congressman John F. Finerty and the permis sion was granted by the War department. Captain Quinton is a veteran of the volunteer army of Illinois, rising from the ranks to his present grade. He fought in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Misionary Ridge, Chickamauga and other actions of the civil war, finishing his experience in several campaigns against the Indians. Mr. Finerty will be one of the officers of the regiment.' Lieutenant Colonel Pinerty will do to start with. If the regiment has a chance to show its metal the

and his aide may be depended on to end where any dare to follow. Mr. Finerty has seen active service on the plains and with the redskins. As correspondent of the Chicago Times he followed the fortunes of General Crook in 1876 and took a hand in the battles of the Rosebud, Slim Buttes and the Sibley scouts in the Big Horn mountains -the most daring, thrilling episode in western campaigning. He was with Miles and Sitting Bull and with Merritt in the Ute campaign. Experience on these occasions convinced Mr. Finerty that the pen but in battling with Indians a good American rifle is the thing. He is a soldier in spirit, an admirer and champion of soldiers, and those who know him are confident that if opportunity offers, he will prove himself a courageous and discreet officer.

Admiral (with emphasis) Dewey was governor of the Metropolitan club of Washington two years ago. Previous to his departure for his present command he was given a farewell dinner by club members. At this dinner Colonel Archibald Hopkins proposed a poetle toast to him, which, in view of his triumph at Manila, seems prophecy fulfilled. It was as follows;

Fill all your glasses full tonight, The wind is off the shore, And be it feast or be it fight, We pledge the commodore.

Through days of storm, through days of calm,
On broad Pacific seas;
At anchor off the Isles of Palm,
Or with the Japanese.

Ashore, afloat, on deck, below, Or where our bulldogs roar; To back a friend or breast a foe, We pledge the Commodore. We know our honor'll be unstained, Where'er his pennant files; Our rights respected and maintained, Whatever power defies.

Beneath an Admiral's flag, We'll hail the day that brings him back, And have another jag.

A weather-beaten and travel-stained pilgrim floated into the armory of the Sixty ninth New York volunteers just before the regiment started for the state encampment preparatory to mustering into the United States service. He wore a ranchman's costume, with sombrero and buckskin leggings would be the last to claim a monopoly of A sawed-off gun peeped out of his belt. "My name is Oscar Burchard," he explained advisers who laid the necessary and glorious to a policeman who was about to arrest him for carrying concealed weapons. "I came all the consequences of a tremendous blow the way from Kansas to join the fighting Sixty-ninth-show me the shack." The copper cheerfully acted as guide and Oscar was promptly enrolled in Company M. That is a brand of patriotism to tie to in an emergency.

BOOMING THE EXPOSITION.

Denver Republican: The war with Spain will not affect the Transmississippi Exposition appreciably. There are millions of people who will not go to war and there is no danger of Omaha being captured by the

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: The suggestion power in war. And the nation will insist of a mining exhibit of Washington and that in its congress all partisan politics Alaska products at the Omaha exposition is shall be put on the shelf until this war worthy the attention of the Chamber of Comshall have accomplished its purpose of merce. Last year this did not seem to be victory for humanity and for freedom. No a matter of so much importance, but now it would be of great service. There will be a large gathering at Omaha of men interested the war is over. We are Americans all, and in mining and no better opportunity will be Americans only, for events have faced us afforded for a year or two to present to toward the world's enemy of progress, of them the promising field offered by this Portland Oregonian: It is gratifying to

note that, amid the political turmoil at home and the interest in the war abroad, the people of Oregon are giving such attention to the state exhibit at the transmississippi fair as promises to provide for a display that will be of practical value. A carefully selected, systematically arranged and judiciously placed exhibit of the varied natural and productive resources of Oregon will bear substantial tribute to the prosperity of the state in long years to come. likely that the exciting times will help it,

Red Oak Express: Some speculation xists as to how the war will affect the Transmississippi Exposition. While it is not we do not see why the war should seriously affect the big show. The people of the great middle west from whom the exposition will receive 90 per cent of its patronage will not be seriously affected by the conflict with Spain. They will find the exposition a convenient diversion to relieve them from the strain of war rumors. Besides, the general abandonment of state and local fairs will have a tendency to greatly swell the attendance at Omaha. Chicago Times-Herald: The report which

in some inexplicable way gained currency a few days ago that the Omaha exposition had been postponed on account of the war with Spain was promptly denied. It is announced with unmistakable emphasis that the original postponing the enterprise has been entertained for a moment. Of course not. This The ranking officer is too big a country to be upset by a three weeks' war with a seventh rate power. War preparations are going on rapidly, but there carry on a successful exposition and a winresorts suffer as the result of the war scare why should not an inland enterprise profit by the same token? The Transmississippi can be no doubt on that score, and no effort should be spared to contribute to its success.

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH TREET Detroit Journal: It doesn't seem likely that we will want to exercise jurisdiction over the Philippine Islands permanently. Such an exercise would cost a great deal of money. But after we have inquired into the natural wealth of the islands it may occur to us that permanent possession would be desirable even though the expense be forbiddingly large. We might decide to keep the islands in the name of humanity to give the natives a humane government. Chicago Inter Ocean: For the first time since the Mexican war the United States is compelled to occupy foreign territory, but she is not called upon to offer any explanations. The rules of war, observed by all civilized nations, cover the case. Commodore Dewey will maintain order in the

> other nations and protect the lives and property of the people. Chicago Chronicle: It is difficult to see how we are to avoid undertaking the occupation of a part, at least, of the islands, Dewey's victory will be of little value unless it is followed up. We must have a military and naval depot in Asia or withdraw our fleet from those waters altogether, leaving Spain in possession of the Philippines. We shall lose what we have gained unless we push the campaign to its legitimate conclusion and retain possession of the islands

captured territory, and will use it in the

interest of his own country, making such

regulations as will guard the interests of

until peace is concluded. St. Louis Republic: It seems to be a foolish waste of nervous energy to worry and fret over the final disposition the government at Washington will make of the Philippines. It may be that our seizure of them is already being hailed with delight by Europe. It is probable that on the other side of the Atlantic the Machiavellian chamberlains of the monarchs are gleefully chuckling that at last the traditional policy of this free people has been overleaped and that we are now on the periphery of the whirling eddy of world politics, soon to be plunged into its vortex and become a disputant in the dangerous eastern question.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Somerville Journal: A young man never ikes to see a pretty girl mrting-with any-ody else.

Indianapolis Journal: "Jehiel, I am plumb with the creacher."
"Did you hear what he said? He said he wasn't of this world and I don't like foreigners in no shape ner form!"

Detroit Free Prens: "My wife spent 10 rents on the cars going down town to pay the gas bill and save 8 cents discount." "H m; 2 cents out." "Worse than that; she lost a \$10 um-

Judge: "Your reflections do you great credit, Mr. Brainby."
"Thank heaven!" sighed Brainby, "I can get credit for something. Ah, may dear friend, I would you were a greeer!" Chicago Record: "So poor Cottenham is

"Yes; the doctors said only a Spanish blister could save him, but he wouldn't New York Journal: The Boozed-A good laugh's the healthiest thing imaginable. The Bruised-Not when it's on a bigger

Philadelphia North American: "You have learned a lot during your stay in Cuba?" "Oh, I did. I never knew the possibilities of profamity until I learned to speak Span-ish."

Chicago Tribune: "Madam," said the officer, "I have a warrant for searching these premises for a valuable article of lowelry believed to have been stolen by "You have, have you?" she answered, deflantly. "Well, you may begin by searching me!"

The bluff was a costly one. The officer was a woman in disguise and found the pocket at the first dive.

WHEN BETTIE WENT TO MEETING.

Clarence Ousley in Kansas City Star. When Bettle went to meeting on a Sunday in the spring. The fields were all a-blossom and the butterflies a-wing; The violets were hiding in the corners of the fence, And ninety flavors mingled with the fra-grant innocence; The cotton-tails were nibbling at the tender underbrush, e gentle winds were whispering the blessed Sabbath hush, And blushes of the morning were reflected in her face Embowered in a bonnet of the most amaz-

A simple white sunbonnet Her own hands made, I think; With dainty broidry on it— A bonnet lined with pink.

And just beyond the turning of the Running Roses lane lonely pine was singing in a sweetly strain Above a brook that rippled with a laugh across the road. Where, blinking in the sunshine, sat a fat and lazy toad. And there I loitered, worshiping the beauty of the day And waiting for the welcome of a modest maiden's way me that was given in the sparkle of her eye, en hidden in her bonnet with a scarcely

A simple white sunbonnet

Her own hands made, I think;

With dainty broid'ry on it—

A bonnet lined with pink.

Entrancing and bewitching as an artist's summer dream, She halted at the crossing of the laughing Enraptured and bewildered by the beauty and tender green, Till Bettle, with a gesture of impatience and surprise, looked full upon me, saying in a form uncountry-wise.
"Why. Uncle John, you heathen, aren't you going to church today?"
And pouted in her bonnet as I firmly told

her nay—
A simple white sunbonnet
Her own hands made, I think;
With dainty broid'ry on it—
A bonnet lined with pink.

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