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ing on the Nebraska branch of the tree are dropping.

One by one the federal plums remain

All the guessers seem to have taken the wrong tack on the new secretary of the interior.

Now for the patriots who are willing ambassador to the court of the czar of all the Russias.

As a Christmas present the United States district attorneyship for Nebraska is likely to hold a place near the top of the list.

Having captured the internal revenue collectorship and the United States atterneyship, Lincoln also wants the United States senatorship. The taste of what it has only whets the appetite of the capital city for what it has not,

We take it that the superintendent of the Industrial School for Boys evidently penned the portion of his report emphasizing the harmonious adminis-

of addition. The lessons on subtracdemonstration.

admits the invaluable benefits which would accrue from consolidation of the two cities before the census of 1900. There is no good reason why a feasible

The attempt of a number of former police officers to force themselves back on the city payroll through the courts brings up the question whether the city is to be subjected to periodic holdups for the benefit of unscrupulous lawyers always ready to take dubious cases on a 40 per cent contingent fee.

Reducing interest on warrants drawn against the city treasury is one thing and reducing the volume of the warrants another. So far as the taxpayer is concerned the ideal government for him is the one that does not contract any obligation until it has the money to pay for it when due.

It is greatly to be feared the acquittal of the American who called Emperor William a muttonhead on the ground that he was drunk at the time is likely to have a pronounced tendency to increase the consumption of strong drink in Germany, particularly among people who feel an attack of imperial disgust overcoming them.

The people of Jamaica have very wisely concluded they can themselves do something to remedy the conditions which have brought ruin upon that once prosperous land, and have banded together to revive the trade of the island. With communities and nations, as with individuals, those who forever wait to have others help them out of their difficulties seldom enjoy permanent prosperity.

Cape Haytien who during the late war confidence will be restored and opdaily reported heavy canconading in portunity afforded for the resumption of the Windward passage seems to have agriculture. There seems to be no emerged from retirement long enough, doubt that the Spanish customs ofto assassinate President Heureaux of ficials in Cuba have been uniformly the Dominican republic. If he is as in- dishonest and that their dishonesty has dustrious in his latest line of work as he been at the expense of the Spanish was in sinking war ships the whole pop- treasury. The people of Cuba are soon ulation of the republic will soon be ex- to be given an example of integrity in terminated in his imagination.

The projectors of the Norfolk-Yankton railroad are again reviving the project. So far as Omaha is concerned it would

MARKETS WE SHOULD CULTIVATE. trade of the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South America. The foreign commerce of the republic of Argentine is \$350,000,000 a year. Our

sioner sent to South America by the Cotton States and International exposicountries being only a little over onefifth of the total.

States is the largest purchaser. This board, it is impossible to maintain facts. We have no banks in South the practice is to be continued of re-America, while European steamers go to every port; we have no United States stores in South America, while there are duty. European stores in all parts of that continent; we sell for cash, Europe gives credit; Europe makes goods and packs them to suit the South American trade and we do not. In all these respects we have permitted England, Germany and France to obtain a very decided adthey will spare no effort to hold.

In the opinion of those who have intelligently and thoroughly studied the matter, nothing is more essential to the increase of our trade with South to serve the country in the capacity of international bank to facilitate exchanges, but the house of representatives has just rejected a bill providing a charter for such an institution, so that the financial part of our business with South America will continue to be transacted through London. It is no less important, but perhaps even more essential to an increase of trade, that there should be American steamship lines to the ports of South America. These, however, are not likely to be established unless encouraged by the government and there does not appear to be any probability that the required encouragement will be given. There is the merchant marine, but so strong and general is the opposition to anything in itary officials. As to economic and san- ing when trying to say something. tration of the institution previous to the little misunderstanding with his liberal encouragement is likely to be sent to the islands for this purpose. The given. The outlook for the establish-The men who compiled the table of ment of American steamship lines to probable expenses for the various state southern ports is therefore not prominstitutions appear to have devoted all ising. As to the other conditions that their mathematic genius to problems interfere with trade, our manufacturers can easily remedy them. They are now tion are doubtless waiting for legislative giving closer attention to the requirements of the southern markets and there is no reason why they cannot sell Every one in Omaha and South Omaha goods on as favorable terms as European manufacturers.

The markets of the countries south of us offer a field for American commercial enterprise no less inviting, if in annexation plan should not be devised deed not more so, than the Asiatic marthat would encounter practically no op- kets, as to the future value of which we believe the prevailing idea will be found extravagant.

> MILITARY CUSTOMS COLLECTORS. On January 1 the custom houses in Cuba will be placed in charge of officers of the regular army, the men who will perform this duty having been chosen with the greatest care on account of their executive ability, their knowledge of the Spanish language and their records. Of Colonel Bliss, who will have general supervision over the collection of customs in the entire island and to whom other collectors will report, is said to be one of the most accomplished and brilliant officers in the service. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says of him that he is a linguist of uncommon ability, a student of the problems of military administration and is recognized as resourceful, self-reliant and ener-

With such a man to supervise the collection of customs in Cuba and having under him men fully qualified for the duties, the administration is warranted in feeling confident that the object lesson of honest management in the fiscal department, where honesty has been unknown in Spanish-ruled countries, will be the first step toward a stable government which the United States has pledged itself to give to Cuba. It is also believed that under such an adthe revenues available for maintaining a stable government in Cuba will be so materially increased that plans for public improvements and sanitation long The imaginative correspondent at needed can be put into operation, while the public service which cannot fail to

A POLICE BOARD PROBLEM.

exert a good influence upon them.

The powers of the police commission open up some new territory, but only to manage the police department with touches upon the borderland of a section a view to its greatest efficiency are to which would endanger the immense touches upon the borderland of a section a view to its greatest efficiency are to which should have direct rail combe again tested by the courts. This trade now interchanged between the garding the Jones anti-screen mine law: "At munication with this city through a road time the courts are invoked to order two countries. At the demand of the

Europe today has the major part of the officers from finding pretexts for back gratifying to this section. pay grabs in which lawyers get the bigger end of the spoils.

Under the decision of the supreme have proved themselves incompetent tion, to investigate trade conditions, re- to perform the duties devolving upon latter sum our country sells South require a hearing before dismissal pointments is done away with. America but \$32,000,000, or one-fourth, where the reputation of the officer is and buys \$91,000,000, leaving a balance not attacked. In other words there is of \$59,000,000 against us. The trade of nothing prohibiting the board from all the republics south of us shows still getting rid of officers whose retention more significant figures, the share of the exerts a demoralizing influence upon United States in the exports to those the force and diminishes its efficiency.

If the court should hold that charges must be preferred in every instance sells most of the goods consumed in should be safeguarded as far as poscondition he found to be due to five discipline and efficiency in the force if America, while Europe has them every- instating dismissed men by court order

NO SENATORIAL JUNKET. The United States senate adjourned for the holiday recess of two weeks tion providing for the appointment of a select committee of five senators to vantage over us and it is an advantage visit Cuba and Porto Rico and report as to conditions in those islands. A motion to consider this proposal for a senatorial junket was defeated and there is reason to think that the resolution will not again be heard of. At any America than the establishment of an rate, this should be its fate, for there is absolutely no necessity for sending a committee of senators or anybody else to Cuba or Porto Rico for the purpose of investigating and reporting on the conditions there. The American military officers in those islands are quite as competent as senators to supply whatever information may be desired or required in regard to the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico and it would be in the nature of a reflection upon these officers to send a committee of senators to the islands for the purpose recited in the resolution.

President McKinley has done or is doing the work suggested in the senate reason to expect legislation by the next resolution and by the most intelligent sent to the islands for this purpose. The information the president has thus obtained, probably as complete and trustof congress whenever that body may call for it and if there is any other information desired by congress it has simply to make a request of the president in order to secure it.

There is a justifiable popular prejudice against members of congress pro viding junketing trips for themselves. The very general feeling is that they should attend strictly to the business of legislation. Of course there are circumstances under which it is expedient to have a select committee of congress institute an inquiry and when this is clearly necessary the people do not object to a congressional committee going them. But there is no good reason or valid excuse for the proposal to send a committee of senators to Cuba and Porto Rico.

While Iowa democratic leaders are making new efforts to restore the broken phalanxes, the recent conference at Des Moines appears to have accomplished little in that direction. The older leaders of the party, with few exceptions, are as firm as ever in their determination to remain outside the fold as long as free coinage is a test of party in the matter of dictating national policies popular idea of Santa Claus, Senator Wilfurther and make it plain that so long of dog and horse flesh even to accommodate addressed by his familiars as "Papa Christas financial fallacies invade the party the German farmers. platform they will not support the party ticket. As the free silver contingent is largely composed of the bread and butter brigade, which would sible the sound money democrats may ultimately carry their point. The date for consummating the nuptials of the divorced couple, however, has not yet

Complaints are made by Iowa papers concerning the awards of premiums and distribution of medals of the ministration of the customs of the island Transmississippi Exposition. While some of the complaints are made under misapprehension of the conditions of the competition, there is apparent ground for fault-finding with the delay in announcing the awards and the methods pursued in the distribution of premiums. It is charged, for example, that the live stock awards, which were made October 21, have not been made public because the superintendent of that department claims to have had no time for compiling them and has taken the records to his home in central Ne- is growing rapidly. braska. To the public and especially those directly interested such delay ap-

> German statesmen evidently realize the danger of needlessly provoking an the danger of needlessly provoking an COLUMBUS, Dec. 21.—A special to the economic conflict with the United States Dispatch from Massilion, O., says: M. D.

is to be hoped the procedure will once ward retaliation has promptly brought While seeking to obtain a larger share and for all time put an end to the from the German ministry a statement of the commerce of the far east Ameri- periodic raids to which the city treas- that the new bill was intended to be can manufacturers and merchants ury has been subjected by claimants framed in such a manner as to give no should abate no effort to cultivate the for pay for services never rendered. Just cause for complaint. As the Germarkets south of us, in the trade of It is to be regretted the police man restrictions have been principally which the share of the United States is board has not seen fit to establish rules upon agricultural products of the west, very much less than we should have. that would effectually bar discharged this announcement is particularly

The Board of Education seems disposed to quibble over the proposed establishcourt there can be no question of the ment of permanent tenure for public total trade with that country in 1897 right of the police board to dispense school teachers. While each member of was \$16,000,000. Our exports to Brazil with the services of men whenever the the board constantly complains of the for the same year amounted to only a police fund is insufficient. There can intolerable nuisance of the system of little over \$12,000,000. The commis- be no question as to the right of the annual election of teachers, when it the institution; a condition which seldom Neal, who was on the Brooklyn during the police board to dispense with men who comes to abolishing the political wire- prevails where partisan politics control, as pulling he fears he may be giving up some privilege of value. The board ported that of the \$911,000,000 foreign them. The ordinance provides that no will have plenty of work in connection statement is verified by the recent action trade that South America does each police officer can be dismissed on with the economical administration of of this board in selecting a democrat for one blade, which is of the finest steel, all the year only \$130,000,000, or one-seventh, charges affecting his reputation with- the schools to engross its attention, even of the most important asylum superintend- metal work on the sword is 18-carat gold. is done with the United States. Of the out a trial, but the ordinance does not after electioneering for teachers' ap-

The colonial expansionists in the north who denounce so vigorously the laws in some southern states which render it practically impossible for a large portion of the colored population to vote carried on through Europe. European is settled the better. While the right of pansionist scheme which does not devessels carry the goods, Europe re- faithful and efficient officers to retain velop contradictions or innovations upon ceives the commissions and freights and their positions in the police service time-honored and tested practices under which this government has enjoyed South America, while the United sible against arbitrary action by the a growth and prosperity beyond parallel in the world's history.

While public cleanliness should always be the rule, an extra effort should where; we run few steamships to South and depleting the police fund, which is be made to enforce observance of the barely sufficient to meet the salaries of sanitary regulations and abate nuithe men actually performing police sances so long as smallpox or similar contagious disease is prevalent in any form in the community. Disease feeds on dirt and filth, but can never become epidemic where good sanitation is maintained. The exercise of special vigiwithout having considered the resolu- lance at this particular time will there- a bill before the Iowa legislature. The net fore be effort well expended.

The Chicago & Alton railroad is still the foot ball of stock speculators. Two weeks ago it was absolutely certain to be swallowed by Stillwell's Port Arthur line. A week ago it was to be absorbed into the Gould system as an appendage to the Missouri Pacific. Now it is to be hitched on to the Union Pacific as a missing link between the Missouri and the Great Lakes.

Hall and Farewell.

No year in the history of the country ever closed so full of realization and promise as 1898.

> A Fruitless Quest. Globe-Democrat.

Within a year President McKinley has been east, west, north and south without finding the enemy's country.

Silence in Golden.

Dewey's ability to say nothing when there is nothing to say is one of the things congress looking to the building up of methods. For information in regard to that adds to his popularity. In altogether military requirements he looks to mil- too many instances heroes have said noth-

Imperialism and Progress. Springfield Republican.

assumption of imperialism that it represents progress, or radicalism. It is hard to see the progress or the radicalism in a policy worthy as a committee of senators that involves large armies, navies and war could secure, is of course at the service taxes, and which knocks certain ideals of government into a cocked hat. The truth is that imperialists are reactionaries.

The South's Welcome. Atlanta Journal.

We are glad that the president and some of the most conspicuous heroes of the war and some of the nation's high and trusted statesmen are within our gates. Atlanta welcomes them all. From this jubilee influences of good will go forth and extend far beyond the limits of Atlanta, beyond the boundaries of Georgia and to the uttermost limits of our reunited republic.

Price of Imperialism.

Whew! Army appropriations for 1900 appropriations, which are always covered wherever the investigation may take by the military budget abroad, and we have the cost of our military arm reaching \$238,000,000 a year! This is more than \$100,000,000 above the cost of militarism in so I was able to tell at once the cost of the Russia! Let's save something by cutting transportation of troops, etc., but now I've off our sympathy for the oppressed Rus-

Beauties of the Agrarian Policy.

Germany is beginning to appreciate the beauties of the agrarian policy of excluding American meats. In the Chemnitz Aueste Nachrichten "fat young dogs" is the heading of a standing advertisement and the prices of horses have also risen. Some of these

Monopolies Following the Flag.

Philadelphia Ledger. The trusts are ready to step in and exploit our new possessions. The North American sacrifice anything for success, it is pos- Commercial company, with a capital of \$14,-000,000, has been incorporated "to purchase, acquire and manufacture raw agricultural products of the United States and the West Indies, and to sell the same, and to purchase and operate factories and agencies." Its prospectus sounds a good deal like the Honorable East India company, which undertook to exercise much the same kind of civilizing influence in that part of the world, and monopolized the whole of the East India not encourage the United States to build up away." its counterpart at this day and in this hemi-

New Dawson City Appears. DENVER, Dec. 21.-Latest reports from Dawson City, the new mining camp in the Green Horn mountains, near Canon City, indicate that the rich gold ore found in the came from a small pocket. Experts are of the opinion that a copper mine may be opened on the claim, but do not expect that a gold bonanza will be found there. However, other discoveries of free gold in the neighborhood are reported and the town

The report that sylvanite ore rich in gold has been found in the Colorado Springs those directly interested such delay ap-pears inexplicable, if not inexcusable. Pike's Peak is denied by Delos Durfee, the city engineer on the ground.

Miners Stand for Mine-Run Scale. munication with this city through a road controlled by Omaha capital, which could be depended on to be a check on roads which persist in forcing traffic to other terminal points of their lines.

In the interest of good government it time the courts are invoked to order two countries. At the demand of the agrarians discriminations against American products have been made and still greater restrictive legislation urged. The resolution in congress looking toBOARD OF CONTROL. Pennsylvania's tribute to the splendid

The Example of lows Commended to Western Medical Review.

At the last session of the Iowa legislature a law was passed, is now in effect and giv- and belt, said to be the finest ever manufac charitable, correctional, and penal institutions of that state under one board, consisting of three members, and called "The Board of Control." This board has full charge of all the institutions. They appoint a superemployes and they hold only at his pleasure.

is the case in Nebraska. encies in Iowa, though a majority of the board are republicans. But this man was the most competent applicant for the place, and at the time of his appointment resided in

A provision of this law leaves the superintendent untrammeled, since it is an offense for any member of the board to even recommend to the superintendent any one for ap pointment to place under him, and he is proshould turn their eyes to Hawaii, where hibited from giving employment to any it has been deemed necessary to put relative or keeping in or about the institu-The commissioner reported that the before a man can be dropped from the limitations both upon officeholding and tion, at state expense, any person except his financial part of all this business is police payroll, the sooner this question suffrage. There is not a phase of the ex- own family, and only minor members of that.

> from either officers or employes is an offense punishable by fine and imprisonment. This bill, when introduced, was met and vigorously opposed by those who were then,

or who hoped to be in the future, benefited by the then existing spoils system, but the governor of Iowa is a business man who regards a public office as a public trust, and not a private snap, and the bill became

ernor Larrabee, ex-Chief Justice Kinne and Mr. John Cowny, all of whom are representatives of the best elements in the state.

have already corrected abuses and abolished every private sunn connected with Iowa institutions, and have won to the support of savings for the first six months of its operation were \$125,000, and the board hopes to increase this in the future, without curtailing the usefulness of the institutions The spoils system of management of these institutions in Nebraska has not only been a disadvantage to the unfortunate and helpless inmates, but places an annually increasing burden upon the taxpayers of the state. The appointment, by the governor, of politically selected officers for these institutions, and in turn the selection of employes by the political superintendents, is not for the best interests of either the tax payers or the inmates. The study of insanity, its causes and treatment, is too important and too deep for the ordinary physician to master it, and as a result there are specialists in that line as in others. Should not men who are specialists be given charge of the insane of the state? Should a man

be turned out who has made himself familiar with the management of these cases every time there is a change in governor? Is not this year, when the governor and legislature are of different political parties. an opportune time to change the system? Could not a law be passed by the coming legislature which would be so fair in all its provisions that the incoming governor, who has been elected upon a platform oledged to reform existing abuses in state overnment, would be constrained to sign

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

and put it ipto effect?

Richard Croker, it seems, has decided that New York may have rapid transit. Senor Montero Rios is right at last. He tells M. de Blowitz "the Americans do not yet know the misfortune of defeat." Admiral Dewey is not a candidate for any position, but the people are gradually

learning that he is fitted to fill almost any Vice President Hobart declares himself a direct gainer by the Spanish war, because, whereas 100 bables a month were named for him previous to the outbreak of hostilities, Dewey, Schley, Roosevelt and Hobson now get their share of godfather-

An admirer of Senator Cullom had placed on that gentleman's desk the other day a four-feet high floral decoration, a scroll of white immortelles and pink roses, with the word "Welcome" done in red roses to the extent of \$144,000,000! Add pension on an American flag. Senator Mason received a similar gift.

Congressman Cannon of the appropriations ommittee says: "I was once able to keep in my head a complete map of this country, ordered a big globe to take in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico."

J. H. McCarthy, the son of Justin Mc-Carthy, who is lecturing in this country on Omar Khayyam, says that after a lecture in Brooklyn one of the hearers thanked him for his exposition of the Persian poet's work and added: "I never before knew the difference between Omar Khayyam and Hunyadi wet ground Mahogany came along with a

standing. Some of them even go in Germany. The people won't stand a diet liam Morris Stewart of Nevada is sometimes mas. Mr. Stewart was born in New York more than seventy-one years ago. He is now nearing the close of his fourth term in the senate.

Somebody suggested to Senator Perkins o California the other day that \$20,000,000 for the Philippines would be almost \$2 a head for an inhabitant. "Well," said the senator, recalling the days when he was a sailor, "I can remember the time when I would have paid \$1,000 a head for those people-if some body had killed them. We were lying becalmed," he continued, "off one of the islands of the group when three junks, manned by Malay pirates, pulled off from the shore five or six miles away. While we waited the expected attack the wind came trade. The history of that company does and filled out tops'ls and we managed to get

> Military Occupation of Cuba. Philadelphia Record.

In the entire United States there are but eight military departments, whereas Cuba, with a total area and population not greater than Alabama, is to be divided into seven Copper King claim by the Dawson brothers departments. There is no occasion for this came from a small pocket. Experts are undue multiplication of places held by an undue multiplication of places held by appointment in the military service, unless, indeed, the leeches, ignoramuses and sons of fathers who came to the surface by war office favor in the recent war are to keep their positions of advantage at the public

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

the destruction of the Spanish fleet at San-

tiago, is in the form of a sword, scabbard ing entire satisfaction, which placed all the tured in this country. The presentation takes place in Philadelphia this evening, and the function promises to be a brilliant, patriotic outburst. As the sword was procured by popular subscriptions, amounting to \$3,600, most of which was contributed by intendent for a term of four years, and he school children, a representative of the latcannot be removed, except for cause and ter will hand the jewel-studded trophy to after a judicial hearing, by the board. The the admiral. The girl chosen for that honor superintendent selects all of his officers and is Rena MacNeal, who represents the "men behind the guns" as well as the Philadelphia This provision insures absolute harmony in schools. She is a sister of Private Mac. battle and who was recommended for promotion for bravery in climbing out to the muz-Politics is not considered in the selection | zle of the starboard six-pounder and forcing of superintendents. The truthfulness of this out a jammed cartridge, which had put the gun out of action. With the exception of the The grip is covered with fine sharkskin bound with gold wire and inlaid with gold stars. The pommel, the head of the hilt, is set with a large fire opal, the luck stone for October, the month in which Admiral Schley was born. The opal is encircled by a wreath of closely bound laurel leaves with the eagle enameled in colors, its presence on the sword securing a perpetual reminder of the patriotic appreciation of the people of the Keystone state of the victory achieved by Admiral Schley. The guard, the part of the hilt which protects the hand, is enriched with a decorative pattern of oak leaves and acorns. The oak is the standard decoration for rank. An oak wreath appears upon the buckle attached to the belt worn by a naval officer. The termination of the guard supports a mermaid, the personified spirit of the sea, offering up the tribute of victory to the hero. The scabbard of the sword is entirely of gold. It bears at the top, on the front, in diamonds of exquisite brilliancy, a raised monogram of the admiral's initials. W. S. S. Immediately below the monogram is the seal of Admiral Schley's native state. Maryland, with the motto, "Crescite et Multiplicamini." The upper ring for the supporting strap, delicately enriched with laurel and stars, is placed between the monogram and the seal. The lower ring, similiarly decorated, is attached to a mount. ing upon which is inscribed "Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898." The main portion of the scabbard is decorated with a continuous, encircling wreath of oak leaves, set with stars in high relief. The ferrule or lower part of the scabbard is plain, affording an effective contrast to the enrichment above, and terminates in two gold dolphins entwined about a trident, Neptune's scepter of the sea.

"Oh, what a head the next morning!" fitly expressed the condition of Chicago when it awoke and soberly weighed the effect of the Hobson slobbering match of the evening before. Modest Chicago was pained and scandalized and disgusted, and the "battleaxes" added their voices to the roar of indignation. The Record dubs the exhibition a shameful, hysterical demonstration, and sends its compliments to the Kentucky women who refused to kiss the Merrimac busser. The Times-Herald is highly indignant. It closes a roast of the disgusting show with this shot at the hysterical females: "Girls whom it is worth a king's ransom to kiss do not purse their lips in public for jackdaws to peck at." A poultice of crushed ice and a mild tonic will afford temporary relief, but it Chicago-that is, masculine Chicago-desires to give force and effect to its indignation and visit righteous punishment on the right persons, it should emulate Kansas City. The kissable men by the Kaw have organized a boycott league, in which thousands are already enrolled. The purpose of the league, blasoned on the badge every "The lips that touched Hobson's shall never touch mine." That solemn pledge is more effective than sonorous agitation of lake

"One of the most peculiar things in time of battle and on the road to the front," says a writer in Leslie's Weekly, "is the silence of the men. Hardly a word is spoken, and every one seems to be thinking very hard; you can almost hear men think, it is so apparent. These blood-stained, dirty, ragged and half-naked soldiers drag themselves along as silently as specters, with never word even to their companions. All with but one intent, to get to the hospital, so that their wounds may receive proper attention. All suffering silently and heroically bearing the terrible pain. Here and there they stop to rest, or to readjust a bandage, or to wait while a pack train passes, and hen slowly start on for the hospital, where they must wait their turn; and in many cases their turn did not come for hours after their arrival, and they lay there on the ground with no covering and accepted their ate. These men stood all this and lived."

By the surgeon's orders I remained at the field hospital over night, relates a member of the Seventy-first New York. It was just clearing in the thicket. There were no tents, no blankets, and fires were not permitted. I had left my own blanket further on toward the front that morning. In Florida our regiment had picked up a stray colored boy, about 10 years of age. He had attached himself to the hospital corps. We called him Mahogany. As I stood in a quandary over how to get a night's rest on the blanket trailing over his shoulder. 'Hello, boss!" he said, peering up at me in

the darkness. "Is yo' hit? So! Well, you' come with me. I'se got some cold coffee an' bacon an' yo' can take my blanket."

BAD START IN CUBA. Policy of Revolutionizing the Habits

It seems to us that, in the establishment

of a free and enlightened government in Cuba, we are taking things at the wrong end. We are talking too much about the morals of the Cuban people, about the prohibition of gambling and the dissemingtion of theology, and the curtailment of their favorite sports, and contemplating too little their material welfare, their political emancipation and their substantial prosperity. We have nothing to do with the religion. the social customs, the ideas and practices of the residents of Cuba, beyond seeing that law and order are enforced, property and life protected, and organized society set upon a lasting basis. It is well enough to police the cities and the agricultural districts of Cuba, to repress violence and to establish the processes of modern civilization. But until we have done these things what right have we to inquire into or meddle with the individual conduct of the people? Gambling for instance! Is there a city in the United States where men do not play cards, or where the authorities demand or secure any thing more than the cloak of decency and order? Upon what grounds are we considering an assault upon these people's personal liberties, while as yet we have done nothing

for their substantial rescue and rehabilita-

We say, let them and their social and regenius of Rear Admiral Schley displayed in ligious customs alone, at least until we have introduced the machinery of law and the institutions of political freedom into the island. Let us establish peace; teach them the principles of enlightened government; put them in the way of industrial prosperity; show them or make them observe the rules of health; secure them in the employment of personal happiness and the pursuit of wealth; then it will be time for doctrinaires and missionaries to meddle with their behavlor and torment them with propagandas. These people have customs and convictions as old as ours. Their religion was founded in the cradle of Christianity. Their ways are not our ways. Their ideas are the product of centuries of development. We should confine ourselves to impressing upon them the institutions of social order, of political liberty and material progress. To begin by antagonizing all their prejudices, by attacking their individual freedom and by constraining their private modes of life-this is to begin with blunder and futility.

FLASHES OF MIRTH.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Are you super-stitious?"
"Well, yes, a little. What about it?"
"I only wanted to ask you what kind of luck it is for a left-handed man to see the moon over his right shoulder?"

Washington Star: "Poor Mrs. Mother-dere!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton's wife.
"What has happened to her?"
"She had to decline our invitation to read a paper on the proper management of children because she was too busy looking after her family!"

Harper's Bazar; "What answer did the quartermaster make to the charge that he had fed the regiment for an entire week on rothing but sawdust?" "Why, he said that he had always understood that sawdust was fine board.

Detroit Free Press: "Papa, it speaks here of a burst of confidence. What does it nean?"
"Failure of a trusted bank," growled the old gentleman, who had just been hit by that sort of a calamity.

Indianapolis Journal: "I think that the prospect for peace is very good," remarked one European.
"Yes," answered the other, "unless the czar and the kalser get to quarreling over who deserves credit for bringing it about."

Chicago Record: "My daughter's employer drove the poor girl to matrimony."
"In what way?"
"He worked her so hard that she married the first man who asked her."
"Who was the man?"
"Her employer."

Chicago Tribune: The police justice who had the reputation of being a strictly upright and honest officer of the law, and had little business in consequence, looked lugubriously at the frayed edges of the judicial overcoat.

"I am sorry," he said, "but I shall have to bind you over."

Indianapolis Journal: "The senator said he would not talk for publication," said the reporter, as he hung up his hat. "Do you think he meant it?" asked the city editor.
"I am sure he did. The language he used was utterly unfit for publication." YE POETTE'S CHRISTMAS FEEDE.

Denver Post.

Ye poette satte and tore hys hair and pawed yo naked floore,
And chewed hys pencil till hys jawes exhausted were, and sore,
And rolled hys eyes in frenzye fynne, and racked hys surging brain

For dnspirative fyre to frame ye Christmas daye refrain.

Ye muse was in a sulking moode, refused to heede hys call,
And Pegassus in stubborn balk declined to leave hys stall,
Until at last a gleam of joye lit up ye poette fayce
And burning lynes upon ye sheete hys hand began to trace. Denver Post.

He rhymed of mansions, standing in ye shayde of mansions standing in ye shayde of stately trees,
Of laughter borne from happy lips upon ye passing breeze,
Of Christmes table studded o'er with thyngs a god would crave.
And ruddy, sparkling wines o'er which ye epicure would rave.
He hastened to ye prynter man, who read with caze intense,
Then gayve him all ye stuffe he had, a doller fyfteen cents;
Ye poette clutched with eager hand ye pyle of needed cashe
And revelled in a Christmas feaste of And revelled in a Christmas feaste of symple corne beefe hashe.



Christmas Hints

Shop-worn women, bewildered with the confusion of the big department stores can find rest here. More than that, they can

find just what the men want, at they cannot do in the general shops. Here are a few hints, a

condensed catalogue of some of the items in the handsome glass show cases of our furnishing department. They are worth looking over and at.

First of all, clothing, of course, for men and boys.

Then smoking jackets. mackintoshes, neckwear, shirts, umbrellas, fancy suspenders, scarf pins and links, handkerchiefs of a dozen kinds, mufflers, pajamas, sweaters, bath robes, gloves and canes.

These are some of the things. Come in and see how much else you can find that is suggestive of holiday gifts for the men and boys of the house.

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