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OUTLOOK FOR RATIFICATION.

The prevailing opinion at Washington appears to be that the treaty of peace, which it is expected will be sent to the senate within a few days after the re-assembling of congress next week, will be ratified without much delay and without amendment.

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA.

A prominent citizen of Stella, Neb., is quoted by a Kansas City paper as urging merchants of that town to take advantage of the ill-feeling created by the Transmississippi Exposition among Nebraska country merchants.

THE HAVANA DISTURBANCES.

The disturbances that are taking place at Havana must convince everybody that our government would have made the gravest possible mistake had it followed the counsel of those who opposed our military occupation of Cuba.

SPANISH AND AMERICAN RILE.

General Herry, military governor of Porto Rico, estimates the expenses of the government of the island for next year at 1,700,000 pesos.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

The Panama canal people profess confidence that they have the most practical route for the United States to dig a ditch connecting the two oceans and are perfectly willing to allow this country to complete the work in which millions upon millions of French capital have been sunk.

THE RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE.

The Russian grand duke who is coming across the American continent should carefully observe the Nebraska prairies and when he arrives home hunt up Grand Duke Alexis and compare notes.

THE CREATION OF A STATE BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS.

The creation of a state board of tax commissioners, composed of the governor and various state officers, would simply mean the creation of another salaried board of secretaries on the State Board of Transportation plan.

SEVERAL CAMPS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Several camps of confederate veterans have sensibly declared their opposition to Senator Butler's proposition to place the ex-confederates on the pension roll.

SENT A LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE.

The difference between Spanish and American rule. The cost of government in these islands cannot now be estimated with any approach to accuracy.

THE WRONG COLOR.

It is certainly carrying financial prejudice too far if Bryan were annoyed at that Japanese visitor simply because he happened to be yellow.

HOW WE GROW.

Locomotives for England and steel rails for its colonies. Think of it, and then remember that a few years ago, when our Southern railroad was built, we bought lots of British rails, because they could be had cheaper, in spite of a big duty.

GENERAL CONDEMNATION IN THE SADDLE.

Eighty per cent of the customs duties collected at New York so far this month has been in gold coin. Two years ago not a dollar of this revenue was paid in gold.

MILITARY DOCTORS DISAGREE.

General Merritt agrees with General Miles that 25,000 men are sufficient for service in Cuba. Considering that all told less than 25,000 men took the island for Uncle Sam it certainly seems that General Corbin's estimate that the army of occupation should consist of 50,000 men is vastly too great.

HISTORY UNCHANGEABLE.

A southern paper suggests that the president follow his expressions of friendship during his southern tour by an order striking out the word "rebellion" from the printed records of the civil war.

THE MAIL TRAINS HISS.

A United States mail contract is a great stimulus to expedition in railway movements, as is seen in the rivalry of two Chicago roads to secure a big contract for carrying western mails out of that city.

CONQUERING THE WORLD'S MARKETS.

Two million dollars' worth of water pipes for Australia and 1,000,000 worth of machinery for a steel factory in Russia are the latest and the most important orders placed with American manufacturers.

THE CAMEL'S NOSE.

Thrust under the national tent by a precedent in annexation. The amendments of the senate foreign relations committee to the bill providing a national tent for the government to hit the camel's nose that is thrust under the national tent by this precedent in annexation.

BATTLE OF THE GIANTS.

Contest of Steam and Steel for a Government Prize. Our acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines and the great trade possibilities opened up in the Pacific naturally attract the attention of the Postoffice department to the importance of making the transcontinental mail service the fastest and best that modern railway equipment can furnish.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

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A WONDERFUL YEAR.

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American Meddling in Its Affairs Un- called For. Baltimore American (rep.) Word comes from Pekin that the United States minister there has entered a protest against the proposed extension of French jurisdiction at Shanghai.

COMPANY AT HOME.

Farm and Fireside. The letter reads: "My dearest Sue, on Thursday I will be spending with you. I won't enjoy my visit, though, if my trouble I bestow."

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

A round dozen of former Spanish war vessels are now flying the stars and stripes and are being put in proper form for naval operations. Two of the twelve, the Alvarado and the Sandoval, have arrived at the Norfolk navy yard for fumigation and repair.

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