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1	17	be effected. In the second place we do
		not believe it possible to educate the
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3	19	masses of these people to a much
4	20	higher standard of living than they
5	21	now have. But admit that commerce
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7	23	with the Philippines would be largely
8	21	increased under American government
9	25	of the islands, how much of the increase
10	26	would this country get? We offer to all
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12	28	the world equal privileges with our-
13	29	selves in the Philippine markets. We
14	39	make no discrimination there in favor
15	31	of American goods. This policy we
1623,851 Total	746.000	should have to adhere to. We ask the
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Less unsold and returned copies 15,307 open door in China and therefore must 730,693 Net total sales Net daily average 23.571 GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Swora to before me and subscribed in my prescence this 31st day of December, 1898. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

The lumbermen's black cat is howling in St. Louis' back yard and it can howl in more different languages than needless to say that her manufacturers St. Louis ever heard before.

to maintain this position. Germany is pushing for commerce in the Orient and The question of sinking funds naturally demands public attention when it is safe to say will get her share. the figures representing overdrafts and Other countries that know quite as well deficiencies take the form of rising as we do the value of the trade of that quarter of the world will strive to get funds.

a part of it. We shall obtain such It is asserted 20,000 Omaha people share of the trade of the Philippines are carrying vaccine virus around with and of the far east generally as we are cut down the balances in the different them in various parts of their anato- able to win through superior enterprise mies. No wonder the physicians are and our ability to compete with other registering no complaints. commercial nations. In order to secure

this it is not necessary that we hold To use his own language, Judge Skip- the Philippines. A naval station in ton seems determined to make the Skip- the islands would be as effective for ton habcas carcass case go down into the extension of our commerce as poshistory along with the other celebrated session of the entire archipelago. trials for legislative contempt. In regard to increasing our trade

with Cuba, there is sound reason for There is a mine of rich material in expecting that it will grow to larger the batch of bills introduced into the proportions than in the past. Under a changes and amendments are to be exlegislature, but it cannot well be pros- good government that will insure per- pected, but these will probably be of pected until the senatorial situation has manent security for industries and ina minor character. gone through the refining process. The necessity for such legislation is estments Cuba will realize rapid de velopment. The island is capable of not questioned and the measure pend-The vote in the senate on the supporting three or four times the presing in the senate is the outcome of mameasure to amend the ballot law inditure deliberation on the part of repreent population and its productiveness cates that some fusionists are unwillsentatives of both the line and staff ofcan be greatly increased. As the proding to adopt any reform ballot measure ucts of Cuba are chiefly marketed in which does not give them the advanthis country, from here most of the retage. quirements of the Cuban market will

THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT. which he speaks with a moderation provision regarding the redemption when the government is turned over to which indicates that he is not among and reissue of the legal tender notes is them.

those who believe that our commerce in line with the recommendation of would be amazingly increased by pos- President McKinley in his last annual sessing territory in the fat sast. He message, which has been very generthinks there is in the Philippines op- ally approved. The weak feature of portunity for a very large increase of the measure is that providing for the our present commerce, our exports to retirement of the legal tender notes. the islands in 1896, the latest year for As to the banks, we have never been which statistics are given, amounting able to find any good reason why they to less than \$200,000. Surely there should not be allowed to issue circulawould need to be a very large increase tion to the par value of the bonds deto justify us in assuming the responsi- posited as security. John Sherman bility and danger of governing that and other eminent financial authorities have advocated this, which would be But what good reason is there for alike fair to the banks and beneficial this idea that we can develop a great to the public. The wisdom of allowing

trade with the Philippines? The ex- national banks to establish branches the clerk to enroll the person presentpansionists urge that when we shall and permitting the organization of ing them and he then becomes a memhave civilized the natives they will banks with less capital than is now ber of the congress to which he is wear more and better clothing, eat required is unquestionable. Of course elected. Mr. Roberts has been elected more and live better generally. Their there is no expectation that this measure will pass the present congress, but they grow in civilization, that is, ac- it is ready for the next congress and quire knowledge of American and in the meantime can receive public discussion.

> CONSIDER THE TAXPAYERS. The first duty of the council in figur-

ing on the new tax levy is to consider These are questions that only congress the interests of the taxpayers. The taxpayers are concerned in two vital the effect of the resolution, should it points, first to secure the lowest possi- be adopted, it is certain that it cannot ble levy and second to secure the most efficient service from the expenditure ing his seat as a duly elected member the increase of the proceeds.

In framing the annual levy ordinance the council is always confronted with conditions rather than theories. Certain items of municipal expenditure are in the nature of fixed charges, some are for current expenses, some for better-We ask the ments and improvements while still maintain it in the Phillippines. Thus others contemplate outlays which

we have no advantage there over comthough desirable might possibly be demercial rivals and since these in the ferred without great loss. The items which offer scope for expansion or conpast have done nearly all the trading with the islands they will probably traction are therefore comparatively continue to have by far the larger part few in number and to these the attenof it. Great Britain has about three- tion of the levy makers must be chiefly fourths of this commerce and it is directed.

What the taxpayers will insist on in and merchants will make every effort a tax rate only large enough to produce the revenue actually needed for an economical administration of the city government. In submitting to the increased valuation of their property the understanding was that the levy would be correspondingly reduced. The extraordinary drafts upon the city during the exposition year have, to be sure,

> funds and the enlarged school board deficit is not conducive to a smaller tax rate, yet at the same time the taxpayers' protests against unreasonable burdens must not be ignored.

> THE NAVY PERSONNEL BILL. It appears probable that the navy personnel bill will pass the senate prac tically in the form in which it was sent to that body from the house. Some

> > against him the consul will agree to arbitrate the matter. **Big** Money in Sugar Beets.

It is certainly desirable that the stand- laws and never let up until they are The president of the National As- ard unit of value should be fixed by captured. Just treatment for law-How sociation of Manufacturers, in his an- law, as proposed in this measure and abiding people and prompt and sure nual report, considers the commercial all supporters of the gold standard will punishment of offenders will be a good aspect of territorial expansion, of cordially approve this feature. The example for the Cubans to follow

of congress and holding it as long as

he is not unseated by his associates.

that quarter of the globe.

case?

out a war investigation.

It required no table of statistics from the Treasury department to prove that the year 1898 was "the farmers' year."

Congressman Clark of Iowa has inbe adequately appreciated by reference to culation from Manila. troduced a resolution providing that the comprehensive tables compiled by the no one who practices polygamy shall statistical experts of the treasury. These line at 7:36 o'clock," says the correspondent, become a member of either house and tables disclose the fact that the farm prothat no person guilty of that offense shall be allowed to take his seat. Evi- \$\$50,000,000, which is a gain of \$120,000,000 for more than two hours without having dently this measure is aimed at Con- over the exports of 1897 and surpassing by gressman-elect Roberts of Utah, but it over \$100,000,000 that of the great export fire. It is true, at least three of his ships is difficult to see how it is going to years of 1891 and 1892. Of breadstuffs alone had broken into flames, but so had one of effect the intended purpose. The house greater than those of 1897, while the exports is the exclusive judge of the qualifica-tions of its members-not the clerk of those of 1897 and 1895. That the tance had occurred to show that we had the house-and when the proper cre- Europeans are beginning to appreciate the

> by the fact that for the first time in our | Sangley point, or in Bakor bay, as actively history the exports passed the 200,000,000 as when we first sighted them in the early bushel mark. Although we purchased nearly one-third less of Great Britain in 1898 than we did in to defend his position than he had been at

FEEDING THE WORLD.

Happiness of Mankind.

Chicago Times-Herald,

American Farms Promote the

1897, our sales of agricultural products to the beginning. to the Fifty-sixth congress, which yet the United Kingdom during the last year has no existence, and when he shall aggregated \$500,000,000, which was an inpresent his credentials no subordinate crease of more than \$50,000,000 over 1897. officer has any more right to inquire Fifty per cent of our total exports of wheat only eighty-five rounds of 5-inch ammuniinto the fact as to whether he is a and flour went to the United Kingdom.

Next in importance as a foreign customer polygamist than he has as to his age. is Germany, which, in spite of alleged disnationality, residence or any other question affecting his right to the seat its purchases of wheat and flour as comitself can settle and whatever might be increased its purchases of our hams 100 per cent and bought five times as much of our prevent Mr. Roberts from at least tak-

fresh pork as it did in 1897 or 1896. STOCK GAMBLING.

Some Pointed Remarks on the Pres

ent Speculative Craze. Chicago Record. If the treaty of Berlin is to be modihas been going on for weeks, with cumu- hunters, fied it will afford the United States an lative effect, in Wall street, has finally burst opportunity to wash its hands of the the ordinary bounds of speculation and overtripartite guardianship over the Saflowed a thousand virgin pastures. More moans, which ought not to be negpeople are gambling in stocks today than gloom on the bridge of the Olympia was lected. Our one-third interest in these ever before in the history of the country. orphans has been neither proditable, For two weeks transactions on the New York pleasurable, nor anything else but a Stock exchange have averaged about 1,000,000 staff believed that the Spanish ships had prolific source of annoyance and dan- shares a day and this at a fair estimate means that a daily stake of something like ger. The harbor of Pango Pango is \$10,000,000 is wagered there. already ours and affords us a coaling

Brokers' offices not only in New York bu station, which is all that we need in In Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and other money centers are thronged with men, among whom are many that were never seen there up to a short time ago. If a writ of mandamus has been It is an everyday occurrence now to over

issued by the courts ordering the counhear talk of stocks on the street cars and in cil to levy at once all the back taxes the theaters and other places of common redemanded by the school board for sevsort. Evidences of the overflow of the gambling mania are found also in newspapers. eral years past, how can the board suspend the court's order by asking this market are conspicuously printed in the colyear for only part of the deficiency? In umns devoted to the ordinary news happena word is there any way of staving off an almost ruinous tax levy for 1899 except by appealing from the decision and nearly everybody who has bought has into the open bay at the end of the fifth made a profit-on paper at least. Moreover, of the lower court in the school board

Every intelligent person knows the cor-

rupt effect of all this gambling. It weakens legitimate business seem slow and petty. It they had done well, and that the other is in no sense a creation of wealth, but a ships had done likewise. The Olympia position to realize the sinfulness of betting.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

Origin of the "Breakfast Halt" in the Battle of Manila Bay. Joseph L. Stickney, the correspondent,

who was on the Olympia and viewed the hattle of Manila Bay from the bridge of the flagship, explains in Harper's Magazine the But the extent to which American farms true meaning of the "halt for breakfast" and have furnished food for the world can only why that pleasant fiction was put in cir-

"When we hauled off from the fighting "the situation had become apparently seriducts exported from the United States last ous for Commodore Dewey. We had been year were valued at the enormous sum of fighting a determined and courageous enemy noticeably diminished the volume of his the exports of the year were \$65,000,000 ours-the Boston. These fires had all been put out without apparent injury to the shins seriously injured any Spanish vessel. They dentials are submitted it is the duty of nutritive value of our corn is also indicated were all steaming about in the bight back of dawn. So far, therefore, we could see noth

ing indicating that the enemy was less able "On the other hand, our condition was greatly altered for the worse. There remained in the magazines of the Olympia tion, and though the stock of 8-inch charges was not proportionately depleted, it was reduced enough to make the continuance of

criminations against our products, doubled the battle for another two hours impossible. When it is remembered that Commodore pared with 1897, and increased its purchases Dewey was more than 7,000 miles from a of corn 20 per cent. To show that it had no home port and that under the most favorprejudice against the American hog it also able conditions a supply of ammunition could not be obtained in less than a month, the outlook was far from being satisfactory.

The commodore knew that the Spanlards had just received an ample supply of ammunition in the transport Mindanao, so that there was no hope of exhausting their fighting power

by an action lasting twice as long. If we should run short of powder and shell, we The enormous speculative activity which might become the hunted, instead of the

> "I do not exaggerate in the least when I say that, as we hauled off into the bay, the thicker than a London fog in November.

Neither Commodore Dewey nor any of the been sufficiently injured by our fire to prevent them from renewing the battle quite as furiously as they had previously fought Indeed, we had all been distinctly disappointed in the results of our fire. Our pro

jectiles seemed to go too high or too lowjust as had been the case with those fired at us by the Spaniards. Several times the commodore expressed dissatisfaction with

the failure of our gunners to hit the enemy. We had begun the firing at too great a distance, but we had gradually worked in further on each of the turns, until we were within about 2,500 yards at the close of the where stories of great winnings in the stock fifth round. At that distance, in a smooth sea, we ought to have made a large percentage of hits; yet, so far as we could ings of the country. Very naturally, with judge, we had not sensibly crippled the foe. all this rushing to buy stocks are advancing Consequently, Commodore Dewey hauled out round to take stock of ammunition and de-

PERTINENT TRUTHS.

able Than in the Philippines.

Los Angeles Times

ocean to the distant Philippine islands, or

which they have centered their thoughts of

annexation so intently that they fail to see

Do the people of the east covet the Phil

of the valleys far below.

were hauling off for. They were in a distinctly different humor from that which prevailed on the bridge. They believed that cheered the Baltimore, and the Baltimore returned the cheers with interest. The gut captains were not at all dissatisfied with the results of their work. Whether they had a better knowledge of the accuracy of their aim than we had on the bridge, or whether

> they took it for granted that the enemy must have suffered severely after so muc

with water will be American citizens, men and women of our own race and blood. citizens of our own country, speaking our own language, living in our midst, sharing our national advantages and burdens, and aiding to maintain our institutions of civilization and freedom. In arid America the waste places in the land would, with irrigation, become its most beautiful garden spots and where now is nothing,

there would be close at hand a market for more of the wares of the eastern manufacturer than the Philippines will ever afford, a market that no foreign manufacturer could ever compete in-a near-by market where seller could reach buyer in a two-days' trip, and all the risks and cost of long ocean transportation be saved and in a land where the coming of a dense population would so stimulate the develop ment of latent mineral wealth that the riches from the mines to be uncovered year by year would rival the wealth of Ormus and of Ind.

SMILING LINES.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The days are setting longer." "Yes, there was a bill collector in my office as late as 5 o'clock."

Indianapolis Journal: Weary Watkinsh, that I had the wings of a bird. Hungry Higgins—They's less meat on the ings than they is on any other piece. vings

Washington Star. "What are the present prospects?" asked the close friend. "There don't seem to be any." answered Senator Sorghum, "I haven't had a present in six months."

Detroit Journal: Newspaper Correspond-The first step in your campaign is a

nistake Commanding General-Yes, my present plans provide for the first, tenth and seven-teenth steps being mistakes.

Boston Transcript: Cuba is a land of desolation, but there will be no lack of real Havana clgars so long as the label factories hold out.

Indianapolis Journal: First Statesman-Indianapolis Journal: First Statesman-What is your opinion of Aguinaldo? Do you think he is entitled to any respect? Second Statesman-Just between us, I am not prepared to say. I don't know the size of the syndicate that is backing him,

Puck: "Beauty," sighed the gazelle, "is, after all, only skin deep!" "Well, we pachyderms ain't kicking," re-plied the hippoptamus, being altogether deceived as to the motives of the people who stared at her.

Cleveland Leader: "Yes," said the young doctor to his wife, "I felt greatly worried until the climax was passed." "Will he be out soon?" "No," said the young doctor, "not until the day of the funeral."

Indianapolis Journal: Watts-Did you ever know a doctor who would take his

own medicine? Potts-1 think 1 did, once, an old back-woods fellow who prescribed whisky for nearly every possible complaint.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I thought the andlady charged extra for food taken from he table! "She does."

"Then how does it happen she permits the new boarder to carry away half his soup in his whiskers?"

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Chicago Journal: "Women love to get Chicago Journal: "Women love to get together and gossip quietly about one an-other," he remarked in an irritating way. "Yes, she answered; "It is very seldom that they take the trouble to call names in official documents and the newspapers."

KYRIELLE.

Chicago Record, Whom do I love? And must I tell. Sweetheart, the whole list through? I love-now let me think a spell-I love-well, I love you.

Nay, don't protest, and hide your face-Dear me! and blushes, too! And is it, then, a sad disgrace, My own, that I love you?

One day you came a visiting My heart, no doubt you knew You entered without knock or ring. And stayed; so I love you,

vise a new plan of attack. As I went aft the men asked me what we

his good fortune has induced others to buy

industry and blurs moral perceptions. To the man who has won \$1,000 in two or three days without turning his hand the gains of mere lifting of one's self by one's boo! straps. The reaction will come in due time and the army which happens to stand in the gap at that particular period will be in a

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

be supplied. Our imports from Cuba After a careful analysis, Hon. John have amounted to \$80,000,000 in a year, Wanamaker expresses himself dewhile the exports of merchandise from cidedly of the opinion that the Quay this country to Cuba have reached senatorial boom has been so success-\$20,000,000 in a single year. When norfully embalmed that there is green mal conditions are restored we shall mold on it. buy more of Cuba and sell more to the

We have yet passed no laws for the island than we have ever done. The commercial aspect of expansion passage. government of Hawali, which is sugdoes not warrant the United States in gestive that it might be a good thing holding permanent possession of the to pause long enough in our search Philippines. after islands to set up in business those already acquired.

ANOTHER CURRENCY BILL.

Another currency bill has been re-One of the speakers at the cattleported to the house of representatives. men's convention spoke of the uniting The distinguishing feature of this of the beef producers in a trust for measure is an emphatic declaration for mutual protection which would differ the gold standard. It provides that the from all other trusts in that there was standard unit of value shall, as now, to be no water in the stock. be the dollar and shall consist of 25.8

grains of gold, nine-tenths fine, or Visiting Nebraska editors are invited 23.22 grains of pure gold. It further to follow their usual custom of making provides that all obligations for the themselves thoroughly at home, even if payment of money shall be performed it is necessary to draw the entire rein conformity with this standard and maining supply of keys to the city that all obligations of the United stacked up in Mayor Moores' office. States for the payment of money now

existing, or hereafter to be entered While preparing to send delegates into, shall, unless hereafter otherwise to the czar's disarmament conference, expressly stipulated, be deemed and France has defeated a resolution to held to be payable in gold coin of the place its army on a defensive basis. United States. The comage of silver Perhaps this is the French etiquette dollars is forbidden, except from the for a polite vote of lack of confidence. silver bullion now in the treasury,

which may also be applied to the coinage of subsidiary silver.

Nenezuelan arbitration commissioners in its other features the bill emare being wined and dined it is evident braces nearly all the provisions for re- There appears to be no good reason the people over on the other side understand the fact that a man is in his most receptive mood when his di- the monetary commission. It provides sitate still further delay. There is cergestive apparatus is working steadily. for an issue and redemption division in tainly no excuse for the draftsmen not

From the manner in which the

Holdup measures are beginning to conduct the redemption and exchange of wanted and also that no makeshifts ward an honest vote. There is always great put in an appearance in the legislature. money independently of the fiscal opera- will be tolerated. The city wants a There is a determination on the part of tions of the treasury and requires a gold viaduct of ample capacity with endura majority to watch such measures reserve to be set aside equal to 25 per ing qualities and nothing else will be and squelch them in their incipiency cent of the legal tender notes and equal satisfactory. If this is provided it matand if this gang could be sent home to 5 per cent of the entire coinage of ters little who draws the plans. poorer than it came it would be not standard silver dollars. This reserve only a credit to the present legislature is to be kept unimpaired in amount and but a great help to future ones.

Councilman Stuht's resolution for a vided that United States notes or treas- lature providing that no officer of the complete list of the employes of all the ury notes once redeemed in gold shall state shall hereafter assume the duties city departments and the salaries paid not be paid out again except for gold of the office to which he has been them is in order. It would be equally coin. There is a provision for the elected without first taking an oath in order to have the list printed among gradual retirement of the legal tender that he has not engaged in a lynching the city's official advertising for the in- notes and any of these notes outstand- bee since the first of January, 1899. formation of the taxpaying public, ing at the end of ten years shall cease Evidently a crop of candidates is exwhich should be just as much inter- to be legal tender, except for dues to pected to break into the political field ested as the members of the council. the United States. It is provided that down there, which, numerically speak-

present year bids fair to go the par value of the bonds deposited Genseric and Attila. Bown in history as the banner ship as security, the organization of nabuilding era of this country. There are tional banks with a capital of \$25,000 now in course of construction at the va- is authorized and provision is made for bans take to the hills and adopt rious ship yards in the United States the establishment of branches of na- brigandage as a profession the United sixty-five war vessels and 204 mer- tional banks under rules and regula- States will be prepared to give the peochantmen, yachts and transports, while tions to be prescribed by the comp- ple of that island another illustration it is reasonably certain that work will troller of the currency, with the ap- of the difference between American England's strength is in the fact that she be begun on forty-six more before the proval of the secretary of the treasury. and Spanish methods. Instructions has pushed her own lines of cable com-This is in most respects a good bill. have been issued to start after the out- munication around the world. close of the twelve months.

ficers of the navy, aided by civilians who have taken an active interest in the subject. While neither the line nor the staff officers are as a whole entirely satisfied with the bill in all its details, both sides admit the general fairness of its provisions and it is con-

ceded that the measure is the best that can be devised under the existing circumstances. Indeed, naval officers of all grades have united in urging its The bill provides for a substantial in-

crease in the active list of the navy which will stimulate promotions and it contains certain regulations by which officers who after certain terms of years

of service shall demonstrate by reason of ill health or other incapacity their unfitness for promotion, may be placed on the retired list and room thus made sidered the proper average number of advancements. The provisions of the bill relating to retirements contemplate giving the younger officers the opportunities to rise in their profession which

have been denied them since the reorganization of the navy after the close of the civil war. The proposed legislation will bring about an adjustment of a long-standing controversy between the line and staff officers and settle questions that to Bulwer, who in "The Last of the Barons" have been a source of no little ill feeling between these branches of the serv-

ice. The railroads have intimated they will have new viaduct plans ready for submission by the end of the month.

vising the currency which have been why they cannot be drawn in such a made familiar to the country through way as to be acceptable and not neces-

South Carolina proposes to suppress used for the redemption and exchange lynching and as a means to that laudof different forms of money. It is pro- able end a bill is now before the legis-

national banks may issue circulation to ing, would put to shame the hordes of

In case some of the dissatisfied Cu-

Globe-Democrat.

Missing Much Excitement.

New York Press,

Spain seems content to worry along with-

An Easy Way Out.

Chicago News.

The German government does not approve

of the acts of her Samoan consul, and it is

now believed that with the three nations

Germany's beet sugar last year, of 1,844,-399 tons, was raised on 1.080,256 acres, an average of 3,733 pounds to the acre. The crop is evidently one of exceptional value after him. to the farmer.

> Croker's Futile Bluffs. Buffalo Express.

What Croker or any other democratic eader thinks now on any issue is unimportant. The question is: Would they bolt the party platform if it was wrong? And the answer, judging the future by the past, must be: No.

> Cubau Values Soaring. St. Louis Republi

Gomez is putting a high price on the services the insurgent soldiers rendered by burning a few sugar plantations, and endangering their health and trousers crawling through the underbrush, when he demands they shall be paid \$2,500 apiece.

> Morgan as a Pusher. Philadelphia Record.

Senator Morgan Las carried his Nicaragua bill triumphantly through the senate. It gives the Maritime company \$5,000,000 for its franchise and property and provides that in the higher grades for what is con- the United States shall expend a total of \$115,000,000 in building the canal. This re sult shows in a striking light the engineering capacity of the senator from Alabama and the amiable subserviency of the senate to speculative dictation. It is not probable that the canal bill can be forced through the house.

Definition of Destiny. Boston Transcript

We have heard a great deal about destiny with a big D of late, and yet there are many to whose minds the word does not convey a definite idea. All such should be grateful gave this clear analysis of it: "It is destiny -and who can resist his fate? It is destiny -phrase of the weak human heart!-dark

apology for every error. The strong and the virtuous admit no destiny. On earth guides conscience, in heaven, watches God. And silence the one, to dethrone the other."

Crimes Against the Ballot. Philadelphia Press.

Governor Roosevelt's decision not to do anything to ameliorate the punishment of men rightfully convicted of crimes against the Treasury department, which shall being fully advised as to what is the ballot box is an encouraging step todifficulty in convicting a man of crime against the election laws. And if a conviction is gained the criminal can almost always count upon the elemency of a governor of his own party for a pardon, or, at least, a shortening of the sentence. Even presidents of the United States have stepped

down from their high offices and thrown back the prison doors to let violators of election laws go free. For this reason Governor Roosevelt's decision will be paricularly reassuring.

Government Ownership of Cables. Chicago Times-Herald

No Pacific cable project should be considered that does not connect us with Manila as well as Honolulu and Japanese ports Whether we retain the Philippines or not. we are certain to hold the harbor and port at Manila. This cable should be owned and controlled solely by this government. Any company that lays the cable will have to get a large subsidy from the government to pay

hem for laying it. To expend money in subsidies that would pay for the entire construction of the cable by the government would be an egregious national blunder. Every military, commercial and national consideration demands the ownership and control of the Pacific cable by the United

fighting, I do not know; at any rate, they According to Major Daly there were no were eager to go on with the battle, and flies on that refrigerated beef.

were confident of victory. I told one of Russell Sage's pet charity is to give from them that we were merely hauling off for \$25 to \$100 to all babies that are named breakfast, which statement elicited the appeal to Captain Lamberton, as he came pas

Admiral Dewey has a number of autograph a moment later: letters from Aguinaldo, all worded in the "For God's sake, captain, don't let us stop most elaborate fashion and referring to now. To hell with breakfast!" the American as "my honorable and illus-When I told the commodore that I intrious friend. ended to attribute our withdrawal to the In Governor Roosevelt's study at Albany need for breakfast, he intimated that it

is the head of a large deer, the victim of was not a matter of so much importance the owner's rifle, and on the spreading antwhat reason I gave, so long as I did not lers hangs the campaign hat of the Rough give the true one. And so the breakfast Riders' lieutenant colonel. episode went to the world as a plausible ex

cuse for what seemed like an extraordinary Representative T. E. Burton of Ohio, new strategic maneuver-one which has been the chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors, is a capable French scholar, subject of more comment than almost any other event during the battle. Many peopl and two years ago translated a report of a similar committee in the French House of have said to me that it would be a pity to spoil so good a story by telling the truth Deputies.

but, as the commodore will be sure to le The Pennsylvania commandery of the Milthe cat out of the bag some day, I may as tary Order of Foreign Wars of the United well let her have her freedom now. States has voted to present to Rear Admiral Of course we learned the truth about the Dewey the gold insignia of the order, which effect of our fire when we saw, soon afterthe United States government permits offiward, the flames rising from the Rein cers of the army and navy to wear. Cristina and the Castilla, and heard the ex-

Mr. Choate tells this little one on himself. plosion of their ammunition and the former' t was when his name was sent to the senmagazine. ate as ambassador to the court of St. James His old friend, Russell Sage, who was lashed so unmercifully by Mr. Choate in the Laid law suit, heard the news and asked if it was really true. On being assured that it was correct, the old man looked heavenward and exclaimed: "Well, God save the queen."

The New York World almanac is the most welcome of the annual publications that come to a newspaper office. The issue for 1899 is an encyclopedia in itself. As a reference book it has no superior and few equals. Within its 500 crowded pages is an abundance of material for the historian, the statesman, the politician, the student and the business man. The war of 1898 properly forms the leading chapter, together with other momentous events of a stirring year Among other notable features are: National politics and election returns, a battle record of the republic, official data from the weather bureau, postal regulations, various destiny is but the phantom we invoke to national laws, the annexation of Hawaii, necrology of 1898, officers and history of the wealth that is in the waters that at secret societies, the armies and navies of

the world, statistics of population and finances, the Fifty-fifth congress, informa- i America is worse than wasted, year by year tion about state governments, and the year's as those same waters flow down in floods to record of sports.

Following up a custom of recent years the Portland Oregonian issued an annual number

on January 16 which surpasses anything of a market for the products of their factorie. the kind that has been attempted by any and mills? If so, have they ever calculated northwest Pacific coast paper. It consists of sixty-four pages. including an illustrated what a market for their wares would be created if the vast arable area of arid Amer supplement which is a work of art, being an ica were peopled with the dense population album of views of the picturesque city of Portland and the famous Willamette and which it would support if its lands were ir-Columbia river valleys. The half-tone views rigated with the waters which now go t waste? The people of the Philippines are an alien ace and must ever remain so. To gover them will always be a costly hurden. What-

ever other products they may yield, these islands will never produce sturdy men and women of the Anglo-Saxon race, such men and women as we must have to uphold b their intelligence our institutions of free dom. In arid America all this is reversed. The people who will dwell in the homes



You're not so very large, and still I fear me it is true That in my heart no other will Find place while I love you.

So here's a kiss—a new-signed lease; Thus love shall aye renew Your freehold in my heart, and peace Shall reign, for I love you!

A glance in the

mirror

Will show you a well Development at Home More Profitdressed man, if we May not the old fable of the dog that have had the pleasure overlooked the bone he had in his mouth for the shadow he saw in the water be well applied to the millions of the American people living east of the Mississippi river, who are of furnishing your atgazing for thousands of miles clear across arid America and across the broad Pacific

tire.

the grand possibilities of the empire that We keep everlastlies at their feet in the broad expanse of territory comprising arid America? This territory belongs to us now. It needs only ingly at it, trying alto be irrigated to be made vastly more productive than the far-away islands of the orient, for which we are to pay \$20,000,000 ways to improve upon in addition to what the war has cost; and sent by nature and needed to irrigate arid the products of our do damage and carry desolation to the lands factory which we offer ippines because they believe they will afford to you each season. No careless workmanship is permitted to pass our rigid inspection of every garment that goes out.

> If you find a flaw. we'll admit the faults, and make it satisfactorily right.



are printed on enameled book paper and as a souvenir of the west there has not been anything finer issued in years. The Oregonian devotes some forty pages to exhaustive write-ups of the industries and re sources of the state-a theme large enough to inspire the dullest writer. It must have been a very properous year in Oregon, for there are abundant evidences of it reflected in the Oregonian's broad pages. The annual number is a handsome advertisement for the Oregon country. into which the deserts may be transformed