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

To paraphrase the homely adage-the grip loves a shining mark.

A low tax rate and an efficient munici pal service always please the taxpayer.

Perhaps the legislators are holding sell Young, is the object of what the back the senatorial election in order to Washington correspondent of the Philpull it off finally as a valentine party. adelphia Ledger characterizes, doubt-

less justly, as a most unseemly scram-Is it not about time for those charter ble. He says this began within twentyamendments to be formulated into bills four hours after the announcement of the decease of the late librarian and and presented to the legislature for consideration? has been increasing in vigor ever since.

Senators, representatives, officeholders The people of Cuba evidently do not in the departments, newspaper correspondents and in fact nearly every profind United States army rations disfession except that of trained librartasteful. The first instance where they ians, are taking part in the struggle to have been rejected is yet to be reported. secure this position, the majority of

the applicants being absolutely without Cleanliness has been proved by exspecial qualifications for the place. perience to be the best preventive of Of course this is simply another ildisease. This is a good thing to rememlustration of American hunger for office. ber when contagions are supposed to be but it affords an excellent opportunity in the air.

for President McKinley to further at-With a building fund of \$200,000 at test his regard for the merit system. their disposal members of the school The late librarian had as first assistant

extra session.

OUTLOOK FOR THE TREATY. to vote on the peace treaty Monday, do so, as a matter of international February 6. There is much specula- amity. tion as to the result. The friends of the Regarding the suggestion of Senator

Davis that if we do not hold the treaty admit that at present it could not get the necessary number of votes Philippines as a permanent possession for ratification, but they hope to secure we need expect no favors from Europe some recruits before the time set for a in the far east, it is perhaps sufficient vote arrives. There does not seem to to say that we should undoubtedly be be very good ground for this confi- favored as much in the future as we dence. All the indications are that the have been hitherto and we have had no

anti-expansion sentiment is growing in cause for complaint. Our influence as the country and this will of course have a tendency to strengthen opposition to and our ability to protect our interests since he made himself unpleasantly conspicthe treaty in congress, or at all events will not be enhanced or strengthened to make senators who are against rati- by holding permanent possession of the

fication firmer in their position. It is Philippines, nor shall we be stronger in said that there are now not less than European friendship by carrying out thirty-five senators opposed to the the policy of expansion. On the contreaty, a sufficient number to defeat trary it is most probable that European

ratification, while there are several senjealousy of the United States, which ators who are not entirely decided upon Senator Davis declared is profound, their course of action. It is hoped by would be intensified, for if the policy of the toggery business. the friends of the treaty that some of expansion prevail European powers will feel that it may not halt at the the undecided senators can be won

over to unconditional ratification during Philippines. the progress of debate, but unless votes At all events we owe no obligation to Europe in this matter and European incan be drawn from those who have proterests or desires should receive no connounced against the treaty in its present form it cannot be ratified at this

the language of Mr. Johnson, "let us see that we do no wrong."

EXPOSITION HISTORY SCHEME KILLED. When the scheme was proposed to to the exposition stock subscribers to the production of an elaborate biographical history of the enterprise The Bee not only entered vigorous remonstrance, but called upon the directory to rescind its action as unwarranted and beyond the powers and purposes of the association. Refusal to heed the popular protests against such an uncalled-for proceeding was followed by an appeal to the courts for judicial intervention to protect the interests of the stockholders who, to the number of over 6,000, had re-

sponded patriotically to the support of reason for doubting whether they can the exposition at its inception. The debring about any change. In that case cision of Judge Fawcett granting a writ the treaty will go over to the senate of injunction against the proposed diof the Fifty-sixth congress convened in version of exposition funds will there. fore be hailed with satisfaction by every person who has a financial interest in LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.

the exposition with the possible excep-The position of librarian of congress, tion of the few who were on the inside made vacant by the death of John Rusof the \$10,000 history deal. As a matter of fact the Transmissis

sippi Exposition has passed into history as a great and glorious success. It has achieved its object and performed its mission. If it is to be chronicled in published volumes they will have to be pre-

it will doubtless be answered and the stockholders will be among the most liberal patrons, but all idea of levving forced contributions upon them by taking for this purpose the money they subscribed to the exposition fund must be abandoned.

found a leader in Sir H. Campbell-

States should recognize the independ- to end not a single graduate of West PRODUCTION OF PRECIOUS METAL. The United States senate has agreed ence of the Filipinos other nations would Point has been mixed up in the muss.

> Modernizing a Cuban Town Globe-Democrat

Customs receipts at Santiago reach \$75,000 month, and not a penny of it goes abroad for royal tribute. The money is spent at increased from 56,457,272 troy sunces to

modern town. "What a Change, My Countrymen!" Chicago Times-Herald,

The duke of Devonshire is another Engishman who has become an ardent admirer one of the great powers of the world of the United States. Times have changed uous in Washington as a partisan of the scuthern confederacy.

> Overdoing the Job. Boston Herald.

How English the bar of New York is get ing, you know. Not only are the judges going into gowns, but the lawyers are now proposing to don gowns and wigs when they appear in court. This looks like overdoing

Inconsistent Jingoes Buffalo Express.

If a year ago the Filipinos had gained possession of practically the whole of their group of islands, organized a tepublic and appealed to foreign powers for recognition, what enthusiastic sympathizers they would sideration in connection with it. In have found in our American jingoes!

Operations of the Book Trust. St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Omaha is having trouble with the book trust, which, as The Bee remarks, "makes fine art of manipulating school boards and planting school superintendents who divert \$10,000 of the money belonging are favorably predisposed to recommending its text-books." That same book trust has been diligently operating in and about St. Paul.

Killing the Golden Goose. New York Tribune

Canada set out to collect from the Klondike miners the biggest possible royalty fixing it at 10 per cent of all the gold mined, but its commissioner there, Mr. Ogilvy, has now formulated a recommendation to the government that it be reduced to 214 per cent. The higher rate seems to have tended to kill the goose that laid the golden egg and stood for rapacity from the beginning

The Imperialist Program Buffalo Express.

Senator Foraker took occasion last Thurs day to inform the senate that when he said the president was not in favor of retaining the Philippines permanently he was not denial that he voiced correctly the president's views and there are other and better authorities than Foraker for the statement

that the president is opposed to the imperialist program.

Carpet-Baggers Not Wanted. Kansas City Star.

General Guy V. Henry, in command in Porto Rico, says in writing and over his own signature, "I want it distinctly understood that Porto Ricans will be preferred for office. Those Porto Ricans who have gone to the United States and received an education and are capable of filling places in this island shall be selected first." The United States Postoffice department give notice that it is overwhelmed with appliwidespread and effective as represented cations for postal clerkships in Cuba and that no more appointments will be made It would seem that there are other industries to be developed in Porto Rico and Cuba beside that of office holding.

Stock Gambling Mania. Springfield Republican. The end of this inconsiderate movement is not in doubt. The underlying conditions

of strength to the scourities market are not a crude form that goes out being in Dead-The English liberal party has at last to be compared for a moment with what they were in 1879 and 1880, but after just such a wood and Delaware matte. In Montana the saturnalia of the speculative spirit, if any- production was obtained largely from the ceives more than \$1, and more often he re-

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

Interesting Review of the Output of the United States for 1898.

Engineering and Mining Journal. The production of gold in the United States increased from \$59,210,795 in 1897 to \$64,300,000 in 1898; the production of silver home, and Santiago begins to look like a live | 64,060,000 ounces. The increase in the production of gold was due especially to Colo

rado, South Dakota and Utah. A precise distribution of the production by states is never feasible, and at this early date is quite impossible. However, there is data for the belief that the production of Colorado in 1898 amounted to \$24,000,000, against \$19. 579.637 in 1897. The total for South Dakota promises to reach \$5,800,000, against \$5,300. 000 in the previous year. The production of

Utah rose from \$1,845,938 in 1897 to \$2,194,000 in 1898. Montana reports a gain from \$4,496,431 to \$5,208,000. California alone chows a decrease. This was attributable to the excessive drouth which prevailed during the year, rendering placer mining impossible in many districts and compelling many of the quartz mill men to hang up their stamps. Estimates of well informed mining men at mid-year indicated a falling off in the output of at least 20 per cent, but it is doubtful if the final figures will show so large a diminution. In December there

was an unusually heavy rainfall in the valleys and snowfall in the mountains, so it is thought that an abundant supply of water is assured for 1899.

In Colorado the greater part of the pro duction, as in the previous year, was obtained from Cripple Creek, as to which district reference should be made to the special report elsewhere in this issue. The Cripple Creek mines maintained their previous excellent record as dividend payers, and there is plenty of ground for 'he belief that this district will continue to be the most important single gold producing district of the United States, unless some great deposits not now known should be opened. Outside ading." of Cripple Creek there was greater activity at Black Hawk and vicinity, at Breckenridge

and near Telluride, where the Tomboy mine was again a large producer. At the end of the year it was reported to be turning out ner. \$125,000 per month. At Leadville the Little Jonny mine made a large output. Promising the commodore's mood than the unusually formal and gentle manner of his chief, gold districts have been opened in Conejos turned to go, making the usual official salute and Costilla counties and in the vicinity of and replying with the customary, "Aye, aye, Hahn's peak; also in the valley of the Taylor river, along the Sangre de Criste sir.

range, and in Montezuma county. In Utah the Camp Floyd or Mercur dis-

intensity of feeling that he felt he had trict continued to be the largest producer, and its output showed a fair increase, some repressed about long enough, "tell Admiral of the new cyanide works which were in course of construction in 1897 having been can have it right now!" Brumby went with his message and the put in operation in 1898. In Nevada the De commodore paced the quarter-deck in silence speaking for the president. Still, this is no La Mar mine was the largest producer, as in 1897; the April Fool and Magnolia mines. for a considerable time, evklently working in the same district, were also productive. off some of the high pressure that had Arrangements are now being made to rebrought forth his emphatic message to the German admiral. The latter sent back the work the accumulations of tailings on the Comstock lode by the cyanide process, and extraordinary reply that he had not known in 1899 an increase in the production may anything about these actions of his capbe expected from this source. In Oregon the tains and that they would not be repeated gold production was obtained chiefly from When one considers the rigidity of discipline the vicinity of Baker City, where the Union-Companion, Eureka, Excelsior and Columbia that is supposed to exist in the German navy the character of Admiral von Diederich's apology is all the more incompremines were the largest producers. A large hensible.

mill is being erected at the Golconda mine, in the Cracker Creek district. Oregon showed no increase in production for the same reasons that obtained in California. In South Dakota the Homestake mine was the largest producer, as usual, its output amounting to about \$2,500,000. The Deadwood and Delaware Smelting works were rebuilt and were again in operation, producing an iron matte. The Black Hills Gold and Silver Extraction company, Golden Reward and Kildonan chlorination mills turned out a large amount of gold by the cyanide and chlorination processes. With an insignificant exception, the entire gold output of the Black Hills is obtained by underground mining from lodes, and nearly all the ore is reduced in the district, the most value in

Members of the Astor battery, which

reached home from Manila last Sunday, are far from being enthusiasts on the subject of annexing the Philippines. Sixty-seven of the seventy-three members say the country

is no place for Americans. They declare they would not live there if they got all the islands as a free gift. The remaining six think there are opportunities for money making in the islands, and three of the six expect to go back to make a stake.

Mr. Joseph L. Stickney relates in Harper's Magazine the inside facts concerning the relations of Admiral Dewey and Admiral Von

Diederich, commander of the German fleet at Manila. Mr. Stickney says Admiral Dewey watched closely every aggressive move of the German fleet, but made no sign. He waited patiently until he could put an end to the whole annoyance with one crushing blow. At last the opportunity came He learned, on unquestionable authority that one of the German vessels had landed provisions in Manila, thereby violating neutrality. I was not present when he sent

his message to Admiral Von Diederich, and therefore I do not speak from personal knowledge concerning it, but I learned the facts from a perfectly authentic source, as follows "Orderly, tell Mr. Brumby I would like

to see him," said Admiral Dewey, one forenoon.

"In good, plain language, I presume?" "Well, yes. In fact, some of my expres-sions were positively military." "Oh, Brumby," he continued, when the flag lieutenant made his appearance on the quarter-deck, "I wish you to take the barge

Cleveland Record: "Are you much rushed and go over to the German flagship. Give W. Foozer?" "Rushed? If I were to die tonight my emnow, Admiral von Diederich my compliments and say that I wish to call his attention to the fact that the vessels of his squadron have shown an extraordinary disregard of the

Chicago Post: "I never in my life per-mitted a man to kiss me," said the blonde. "Of course not." returned the brunetle, "I don't think much of a man who waits to be permitted, either." usual courtesics of naval intercourse and that finally one of them has committed a gross breach of neutrality in landing provisions in Manila, a port which I am block-

American waters and seize upon the old world lands or peoples or isks of the sea

we are making a radical departure from the

old ways and treading dangerously near the

paths of conquest and mere vulgar military

force by which the conquerors of the eld

"Shall a nation by the people, and for

W. J. WILSON.

the people, be swept from the face of the

FLEETING FUN.

Chicago Tribune: "Anyhow, old Allscadds dresses that son of his well." "Yes, but you can't make a thoroughbred out of a scrub by putting a fine harness on him."

Harlem Life: Miss Ever Tardy-Really, Mrs. Sharp, I was almost ashamed to come, It is so shockingly late. Mrs. Sharp-Net at all, Miss Tardy; you could never come too late.

Boston Globe: Teacher (to new scholar)-Now, Mary, I'll give you a sum. Supposing that your father owed \$13,70 to the butcher, \$11,13 to the backer, \$7.08 to the coal mer-chant, \$15,19 to the handlord-

Chicago News: Mr. Sharpless-Women are queer creatures. A woman will spend her last cent for a pocketbook. Mrs. Cutting-1 know it. A man would never do that-especially if there happened to be a saloon or a cigar store handy.

Indianapolis Journal: "Then I told him what I thought of him."

Mary (confidently)-We should move.

world built up their empires.

earth?

Detroit Free Press: First Manager-Why did you advise that fellow to go into a stock company? He is no actor. Second Manager-Can't act a bit more than a cow. That's the reason I told him to go to a stock company. The commodore's voice had been as low and as sweetly modulated as if he had been sending Von Diederich an invitation to din-When he stopped speaking Brumby, who did not need any better indication of

Chicago Tribune: Educated Filipino-Yes, sir, it is said there are 7,000 different dialects in use on these islands. American Soldier (from Connecticut)-Wall, I swan'' Educated Filipino-That makes 7,001.

"And, Brumby," continued the commo-Chicago Tribune: "Where did you get hese antimacassars?" asked Gwilliams. "At Harris'," replied Mrs. Gwilliams. "They're Greek, I see," he said, examindore, his voice rising and ringing with the von Diederich that if he wants a fight he ng them. "What?"

"Yes. Arris tidles. Don't you se?" And the next day he was taken down with the grip.

THE CHRONIC KICKER.

F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution

The country's topsy-turvey-they ain't a bit o' doubt! We're goin' to starve, I reckon, when the

We'll freeze to death in winter, an' melt along in June!

The boys would all have schoolin' now, in-

stead o' fishin' hooks. Ef it wuzn't fer the buyin' of these pesky readin' books!

But edication comes so high it jest takes off the bark— The only writin' I kin do is, "William Jones, His Mark," non, chaplain of the First California volreports of excessive fees alleged to have been charged by the church authorities in

These times I has to walk to town on Saturdays. You see There's no room fer the mortgage on the ole mule's back, an' me!

I plants a leetle cotton, but when the fields air white The sheriff says, "Good mornin'!" an' then I says, "Good night!"

They ain't no fun in farmin', as shore as

them gratis, just as any other minister of you air born; The hot sun sets the fiel's on fire, the long the gospel would do in America. For rich or poor there is no fixed fee; that is left

rain drowns the corn; The stock faw kills the cattle, an' now sheep raisin' stops, Fer that's no dog law in Georgy, an' the dogs like mutton chops! entirely with the contracting parties. For baptisms and deaths the rule is the same. Indeed, for baptisms the priest rarely re-

on't see no hope in nuthin', from winter

pared and produced as have been the histories of other expositions by private enterprise at the expense of those who may subscribe for the work. If the demand for such a publication is as

board ought to be popular with all the a man who demonstrated his ability for contractors in this section for the next few months.

There is now no extradition treaty between this country and Mexico and until a new one is ratified winter travel to the southern republic will probably show decided gains. tisan prize.

The National Buttermakers' associa tion, now in session at Sloux Falls, is churning subjects that have as their object imparting a better flavor to the butter of the future.

The collapsed appearance of the coat sion of them, perhaps resulting in a pockets of legislative members is exsecond crop is about due, however,

The latest entry in the Pennsylvania senatorial race is Hon. Charles Tubb. It is not expected that Mr. Tubb will win out and the movement is rather in the nature of throwing a tub to the gaining a foothold in the eastern marwhale, as it were,

A German scientist has explained that other matter." He declared that the the north pole consists of a series of is- European powers are profoundly jealhands. This probably accounts for the ous of the United States. eleven hundred thousand marks that Prince Hohenlohe wants appropriated to help him discover it.

Translated into the language of the day the court holds that if the ornamental exposition officers want to have failure to take the Philippines would themselves embalmed in history it will have to be done not with exposition funds, but at private expense.

drew. If we set the example and with-The Nebraska editors who have been drew, recognizing the independence of visiting Omaha are profuse in their asthe Filipinos, others would do likewise. surances of friendliness to the projected But if other countries did pounce down Greater America Exposition for 1899. on the islands, let them do it. We The reports of hostility of the country were not expressly or impliedly responpress are undoubtedly of the made-tosible. If there was to be a European order kind. war let us in God's name keep out of

it." We believe this is the sentiment Now that the \$10,000 exposition his- of a majority of the American people.

tory scheme has been knocked in the The proposition that this country is head, why not reapportion the remain- under any obligation to protect the ing exposition money that belongs to the Philippines against European aggresshareholders? This money would do slon is preposterous.

just as much good in the pockets of the But is there any real danger that in stock subscribers as in the coffers of the event of the United States withthe banks. drawing from the Philippines any

European power or combination of While congress is wrestling with powers would, at the risk of a general banking and currency bills, a Kansas war, attempt to seize the islands? It is City bank has discovered the philosoprobably true that Germany would like pher's stone of how to bank on a naval station there, but it is not connothing. But as an offset to this in- ceivable that she would tight for it genious discovery it may be mentioned Great Britain does not want the Philipthat the bankers are now wrestling pines or any part of them and it is with the sheriff. most improbable that either France or

Russia would imperil the peace of The third wife of Angus Cannon of Europe by seeking to forcibly take Utah is suggested as a dark horse in combination of these powers for the the senatorial contest. She is a practicing physician, a member of the legisla- purpose of seizing and partitioning proofs of holy writ of the falsity of ture and seems to be well qualified for among themselves those islands being the position. It is not stated whether she enjoys a cigar and can tell a good that the idea of a scramble to get posses. story, but this important senatorial sion of them is not worthy of serious qualification would probably be acquired soon enough not to endanger the interests of the nation.

the position and who undoubtedly is entirely familiar with the plans and purposes of Mr. Young in regard to the library. He is the man who should be appointed to the position. It would be in the interest of civil service reform and it would be a rebuke to those who appear to regard this position as a par-

THE FEAR OF EUROPE.

The expansionists profess to fear that plished practical and lasting results. if the United States does not hold the Philippines there will be a scramble

among European nations to get possesof considerable importance. It is more general European war, and that Ameridisorganized now than ever and its polplained by the stacks of bills unloaded can interests in the far east will suffer key of playing at cross purposes with on the files of the two houses. The irreparable injury. Senator Davis, one itself, which forced Lord Rosebery to of the peace commissioners, said in the retire, seems likely to continue. Hav-

course of a statement of the history of ing subserved the interests that gave the Paris conference that "if we should it birth, it is but following the course fail to make good our own opportunity of all parties that are left without an thus providentially presented, we need objective policy and its complete deexpect no favors from Europe in re- cadence would seem to be a question of no distant time, notwithstanding the kets; we need count upon no display of revitalizing influences that its new friendship from Europe in this or any leader will try to inject into it.

The story sent out from Washington that Germany will probably recognize

In regard to this phase of the Philipthe independence of the Philippine repine question Representative Johnson public may be safely classed with that of Indiana said in his masterly speech brood of saffron sensations that have against expansion and the proposed been on the wing since troubles began policy of forcing our rule upon the in Cuba. The relations between this Filipinos: "It was declared that our country and Germany are cordial and satisfactory, and to suppose that that

precipitate a general European war; country would take a step, tantamount that all the nations of Europe would under the circumstances to a declaration scramble for what we left if we withof war, is to attribute to it a degree of bad faith and foolhardiness perfectly inconceivable. Germany would have nothing to gain and much to lose in a conflict with the United States, No one knows it better than Emperor William, and that, if nothing else, would

restrain that ambitious sovereign from hazarding the future in an unjustifiable attempt to gain a foothold just now in the Philippines.

So long as Havana is the pest hole it is now admitted to be, the dangers of yellow fever will hang, like the sword of Damocles, over certain secepidemic in the southern states would cost the business interests of this country many times the amount required to stamp out the disease in Havana,

which seems about the only way to secure immunity from its appearance in come on. John Sherman says that were he a

member of the senate he should vote possession of Philippine territory. A the Philippines as soon as possible, the assertions that age has impaired manifestly impracticable, it seems to us the mind of the great statesman.

Those who are trying to take advanconsideration. We have no doubt as to tage of the unpleasant controversy in the soundness of the opinion expressed the army to cry down the regulars be likely to want to draw out of the im- manac is a most valuable register of cur- Greece and Macedonia-by conquest. When by Mr. Johnson, that if the United should remember that from beginning perial game.

Morley's predictions that no suitable hibition, stocks broke sharply in November, person could be found to accept that 1879, and closed the year in dullness. There honorable but unpromising position. came a revival early in 1880, with a repetition of scenes of unrestrained gambling, but While the new leader is a man of unagain, in May, the market broke and was doubted administrative ability he comes succeeded, as one writer has described it. to the performance of a barren task. by "a depression of extraordinary severity, The liberal party has never been a There was "a gradual and irresistible shrink potent factor in English politics since age in prices, under heavy and continuous it secured the passage of the reform sales, which carried down the whole list 10, laws and Sir Robert Peele may be justly 20 and 30 per cent from the highest made in the early months of the year," and the de regarded as its last leader who accomthe liberal party has been unable to

pression continued to near the end of the year. The only question of doubt concern The reason of this lies in the fact that ing the present market is whether it will come down to terra firma gradually and with present a united front on any question a minimum of damage to legitimate business or violently and as disastrously as possible.

SLINGING THE MILLIONS.

Anxiety of Cuban Patriots for Uncle Sam's "Sugar." Chicago Chronicle.

How to manage our interesting wards down in Cuba is a problem the difficulty of which is more and more clearly record nized as the days roll by. It is admitted by correspondents of the imperialist press that there is great discontent on the par of Cuban "patriots," who see that they have been freed from the Spanish yok

only to be brought under another which they may have to wear indefinitely. They had hoped to be free not only to govern themselves according to their crude Spanish-American notion of a republic, but also to confiscate the property and otherwise wreak vengeance upon the hated Spanish inhabitants of the island.

How to protect the Spanish in their liver and property and give them that place in the administration of affairs to which their property interests and their intelligence enitle them and at the same time pacify the Cubans who are clamoring for official station and power is a problem of increasing difficulty. If the Cubans are half satisfied there is every reason to fear that they will perpetrate the most appalling atrocities and that our military government will lose the services of Spanlards who alone are fitted for the discharge of sime highly important public functions. On the other hand, if the 'patriots' are not given practical control there is much reason to apprehend that they will annoy and embarrass the mili tary administration intolerably.

Yet it is reported that the military authorities have pretty much concluded that he only thing to do is to reorganize the

Cuban army to the number of 20,000 or more as "a rural mounted police." This, it is estimated, would cost at the outset about \$40,000,000. The annual cost of maintenance would be likely to happen to Spanish resitions of this country. A yellow fever dents and their property if this number of is admitted, "have "patriots"-who, it neither money, land, profession nor business"-are turned loose as a mounted po lice.

If we must take care of this army of cost how much will we probably have to the south when hot weather shall pay out to pacify Aguinaldo's far greater

for their peculiar services as rural police. mounted or afoot? We are just beginning to get a glimpse of our "responsibilities." And when we observe the free and easy way for the United States to retire from in which the imperialists talk of spending sums ranging from \$7,000,000 to \$20,000,000 which is another evidence as strong as and so on up to \$150,000,000 for one incidental charge after another we may well the probable grand total. And what shall we say when to the total for such things we have to add untold sums for "licking"

Germany and any other country that may presume to cross our imperial path? When the people begin to realize the cost they will

Bouneman, which seems to upset Mr. thing more moderate than the present ex- same mines as in 1897, without noteworthy ceives nothing at all. For deaths they go even further than we do in America, as change in the industry, except perhaps an increase in the amount of gold won by river every parish church keeps a supply of coffins on hand to give gratis to those who dredging. In Arizona the Pearce mine was are too poor to employ an undertaker. For a large producer the grandest funeral here no more than \$25

The output of Alaska was probably someis paid, which would be equal to \$12 of our what more in 1898 than in 1897, but new money. Even the fee of \$2.50 charged for stamp mills on Douglass Island not having matriage license reverted, not to the church been completed, there was not so much of or government, but to the orphan asylums. an increase as was hoped for. It is expected Speaking of orphan asylums, the girls' asy that these mills will go into operation early lum here gives a dowry of \$500 to every in 1899. inmate upon her marriage. This is but

The increase in the production of silver i sample of what is done in the way of charattributable to the increase in the producity here. We hear great tales of the wealth tion of silver-copper and silver-lead ores, of the monks, and inquire about th especially at Butte, Mont., and in the Coeur property, and find it is a large estate, d'Alene, from which the silver is obtained the income of which is used to support some largely as a by-product. In Colorado there hospital or other charitable institution under was as usual a large output at Leadville, the care of said monks. Nowhere in the Aspen and Creede. In Utah the Ontario and world is charity in greater evidence than Daly mines at Park City were practically here. The magnificent hospitals and orphanidle throughout the year. In Montana of ages, schools of industry, etc., would be the important silver mines proper the Alice. Moulton, Bi-Metallic and Granite Mountain were in operation, but only on a small scale as compared with the time when silver church mouse." was at 80 cents per ounce.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

John D. Rockefeller's income is said to e \$25 a minute.

Secretary of the Navy Long dislikes society and is rarely seen at the social functions of the capital. Secretary of State Hay is the pedestrian

of the administration and walks several Louisiana purchase as we grew out to and miles daily.

John R. McLean has offered to defray the cost of collecting a complete history of Ohio for the Congressional library.

The reports of earthquakes in the Peloconnesus will remind college graduates that a great many years ago they used to read assimilated the territory as we annexed it. about such a place.

absorption of territory. From Maine to Mrs. William Astor of New York recently Washington, from Florida to California we paid \$30,000 for a set of Dresden china and took no territory as part of the union until so brittle are the plates that no one of them is ever allowed to touch another.

Gertner, the professional claqueur of Vinna, who accumulated \$50,000 in his unique calling, has just died of a broken heart beempire and its growth in territory hithert cause he lost his job, owing to his awaking has been in unison with that destiny. from a doze and applauding at the wrong time.

Governor J. C. Brady of Alaska as a child was a homeless waif in New York City. He was sent to a farmer in Iowa by the Children's Aid society and when he was grown his way to college was paid by the society. He went to Alaska as a missionary and now is governor of the territory.

When Mr. Edmunds retired from the sen ate and took up the practice of law he for a long time refused to accept cases which inis not estimated. Nor are we told what volved his appearance before congressional committees or which would place him in the position of lobbying among his former colleagues. Apparently he has found it impossible to live up to this rule, for he has of late made several such appearances. The twenty-first number of the New York

Tribune Almanac for 1899 maintains the ruffianly vagabonds in Cuba at such a high standard of thoroughness and accuracy for which this annual is justly noted. It is called an Almanac for the sake of custom, army by equipping them and paying them but the title does not convey an adequate idea of the contents. The Almanac is in fact an invaluable reference book, in which are treated in abridged form the events of 1898 throughout the world, a synopsis of the war for Cuban liberty, including the peace treaty: names of officers of state and national governments; the federal constitution, and various laws of national importance. stand aghast when we come to contemplate Party history, party platforms and political statistics are covered with great detail, as are also the world of finance, education, the rulers, armies, navies and debts of the world, sporting records and a vast amount of other information, to which is attached a copious index. All in all, the Tribune Al-

rent events.

time to spring; I've done unj'ined the Methodists fer wantin' me to sing My only occupation now by night, as well as day Is to hug the chimney corner an' growl the world away!

A glance in the

mirror credit to any nation. The amount expended thus every year is enormous. The monks individually are as poor as the proverbial

DANGERS OF IMPERIALISM.

Occupation of the Philippines.

000,000 to over 3,000,000 square miles we

that of annexing American territory. It is

whether or not we shall retain in some way

the Philippine islands, Asiatic territory oc-

rupied by some 9,000,000 of Malays, a people

entirely distinct from our people in lan-

guage, lineage, religion; in everything they

differ from us. The only similarity that can

be said to exist between our people and the

inhabitants of the Philippines is that they

To reach out and take these Asiatic islands

we go entirely beyond our environments.

The growth resulting from their addition to

our population and territory would not be a

mature growth. It would be simply a

belong to the human race.

A private letter from Rev. W. D. McKin-

unteers, stationed at Manila, contradicts the

the Philippines. It was said that the mar-

riage fee was \$30, baptism \$25, funerals \$10

for an infant and \$60 for an adult. Rev.

McKinnon says: "Marriage here (at Manila)

is like any place else. If the parties are able

to do so they are supposed to pay something.

If not able to pay the priests here marry

Strong Argument Against American Will show you a well To the Editor of The Bee: Expansion, I dressed man, if we be healthy and really add to the power of the nation, should be in sympathy with the national environments. Such has been the expansion of the past. We absorbed the have had the pleasure came in contact with that vast territory. In the same manner we gradually assimilated of furnishing your atcame in contact with that vast territory. In Florida and all of the territory that came to us as the result of the Mexican war. tire. During our expansion from less than 1,

There was no forced growth, no unnatural We keep everlastwe were ready for it. That the nation ingly at it, trying alshould control from ocean to ocean was its manifest destiny. The great republic ways to improve upon was the pre-destinated new world universal the products of our Its past absorption of territory is, however, no argument in favor of the retention or annexation of the Philippines. Louisfactory which we offer iana, Florida, California, even Alaska, are component parts of one great empire, whose to you each season. union under one government is of mutual benefit to the great nation and its constituent parts. We absorbed and assimilated No careless workmanthese countries; they are part and parcel of the nation; they make up one homogeneous whole. Here is the test, the politship is permitted to ical touchstone: Whatever territories we can annex with mutual benefit to ourselve sad such territory should be, or at least pass our rigid inspecconsistently can be annexed, if the people of such territory are now, or can reasonably be expected to in due time become fit for tion of every garment citizenship. Then annexation is an act of political wisdom if all circumstances favo that goes out. The question now before the people is not

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

