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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this lst day of April, A. D. 1901. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. Shakespeare wrote, "Oh, for a stone bow to hit him in the eye." Note-For "stonebow" read "auditorium brick.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

If Father-in-law Crounse had only landed the senatorship vacancy, what a different tune Son-in-law Hitchcock would be singing.

The Mahoning river in Ohio is higher than ever known before. It must be with some of the recently formed corporation combines.

Nebraska comes in for a fair share of the army appointments under the new army law. When it comes to furnishing fighters for the flag the variety developed by the First Nebraska is not to be outmatched.

Barry is not a shining success. It re-National Guard. And the taxpayers proposed by this government provide have to foot the bill.

Nebraska railroads are looking for heavy passenger traffic, especially of the homeseeker class, for which they are accustomed to running special excursions. The homeseeker who makes Nebraska his destination will not have made his journey in vain.

Nebraska is asked to send thirty delegates to an international mining congress to be held out in Idaho next July. Just to make ready for the event it will be in order for some one to discover once more a few yellow globules on the banks of the Blue.

President Stickney of the Great Western announces that he will certainly build his road into Omaha this year. If Stickney sticks to his promise Omaha will extend a cordial welcome to both Mr. Stickney and his railroad. It is a good thing and so is Omaha.

The French official who has just arrived in this country to investigate and report on the great industries and the progress they have made was in this country last in 1861. If he reports all the progress he can see by keeping his testimony, simply looting expeditions, eyes wide open the document will be a voluminous one.

Sad is the fate of Iowa democracy. The central committee is soon to meet for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding the state convention the democrats to make it the convention city. Has the remnant counter lost its attraction in Iowa?

Cousin Ben Folsom endorses what The hotel. If Cousin Ben wants to build a monument to himself and at the same time improve some of the property that formerly made up the Folsom estate, here is his opportunity.

How kind in the popocratic organ to the republican ticket, at the same time pledging to do all it can to beat If the republicans undertook to furnish candidates for the consolidated the coal tax, but it having been decided popocrats, how far does any one imegine their suggestions would reach?

king of Servia is living on a farm in the opposition by exempting existing Kansas and that his title to the throne contracts from the tax. Otherwise its cannot be disputed. He will probably find that it can and will be disputed when he attempts to set up his claim, protesting against the tax. The man now working at the royal job has given no sign that he intends to

The Russian financial agent denies that country is about to float a loan, but on the contrary insists the ordinary revenues are in excess of the actual requirements of the government. From a financial standpoint this statement is a good one if true. It would appear, however, that under such conditions the government might lighten the burdens of

heavy.

WANT REDUCED DUTIES.

established. We should require revenues age of gain for the past ten years we would find it necessary to raise them by duties on Cuban sugar and tobacco, much as the coal itself. which of course cannot be done by the administration and must await the de- tion of coal and the production could be termination of congress.

toward Cuba in the matter of com-Cuba which must be conserved. The loan, American people desire the development and prosperity of that island, which is capable of supporting several times its present population and should become a great market for many of our products. The question is how far it will be practicable to go in promoting Cuba's de-Cuba without imperilling those industries in the United States and also in Porto Rico? This is a question which is American sugar and tobacco interests sions as would be satisfactory to the

Cubans. What some of the Cuban leaders seem commercial relations between their country and this may depend very largely upon the character of the politiinto that close political alliance conand intended to secure for Cuba a stable government, they will doubtless find it extremely hard to obtain any commercial concessions. This is a view of the case which it is to be presumed will be impressed upon the minds of the members of the Cuban commission. They are likely to be told that if Cuba will have no special political relations with trying to keep pace in the water line the United States she cannot reasonably ask for special commercial favor, but must expect to be treated as are other

has no extraordinary political intimacy. The commercial feature of the situation is at least of as much importance to the Cuban people as to the people of the United States. Cuba cannot develop and prosper without access under the most favorable conditions to the Ameri-As a writer of short stories General can market. The way to secure such conditions is to establish between the quires 1,479 printed pages for him to island and the United States such intell what he knows about the Nebraska timate political relations as the terms

countries with which the United States

GERMAN EXCESSES IN CHINA.

there than anything else. Their conduct throughout the province against foreigners, largely because of the harsh from the Germans. It is also stated that the needless expeditions of the Germans against perfectly quiet communities have caused many Chinese, who have lost all, to join roving bands of robbers.

In common with the troops of other powers, the German soldiers were sent to China to restore peace and order, but the course that has been pursued has tended to keep alive the anti-foreign feeling and give the Chinese the most unfavorable impression of western civilization. The so-called punitive ex- its readers. peditions of the Germans have been for the most part, according to trustworthy which have been marked by the most conduct is not confined to the natives, but is shared by foreigners, some of

whom have suffered from it. Altogether the record made by the German soldiers in China is anything and not a place in the state has invited but creditable and their commander-inchief cannot escape a measure of the responsibility. It may also be remarked as strange that the German government has paid no attention to the conduct of its troops, for it must be Bee has been saying as to the need of presumed to be aware of it. If a new Omaha for a new, first-class fireproof outbreak should occur in China the Ger mans will be chiefly responsible for it

THE BRITISH COAL TAX.

The British government's propose export tax of 25 cents per ton on coal is the one feature of the budget that is encountering vigorous opposition, lit volunteer to select the candidates for the being said concerning the increase in the income tax or the duties on sugar. It appears that there was some dissension in the cabinet in regard to upon the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has announced that it will not be abandoned, though A New York lawyer says the rightful possibly a concession will be made to operation will be a quite serious matter to the coal exporters, who are united in

There is more or less speculation as to what the effect will be upon the exports of coal from the United States the general impression being that it will result in materially increasing our foreign coal trade. This has been steadily growing for some years. The statistics show that since 1890 exports from this country have increased more than three fold and indications point to a total exportation for the current fiscal year of about 8,000,000 tons, which will be an increase over last year of nearly 1,000,its people, which are exceptionally 000 tons. The United States now stands third among coal exporting countries

said in an interview: "We should not coal will enable us rapidly to gain upon power on the soil of America. desire free trade with the United States Great Britain and Germany in this if the independence of our country were trade. It is pointed out that in percent-

to support our government and we are far ahead of both those countries. According to eastern coal men, a lack customs duties. What we would wish, of vessels would be the only thing that taking warning? though, would be a specially devised would stand in the way of an immesystem of tariff duties between the two diate vast export to the West Indies, countries, making rates as low as practi- South America and Mexico. As it is, cable and to the mutual advantage of American coal has within the last few both countries." It is stated that the weeks been shipped to Japan, although commission will urge a reduction of the the freight cost nearly four times as that the necessity for earning interest and

The United States is first in produc easily increased if there should be a de-Undoubtedly the administration and mand for it. In the opinion of some the congress will be disposed to be liberal proposed export tax on English coal is of far more consequence to the United mercial relations. There are mutual States than would be an allotment to

OUR PUBLIC PARKS. Omaha's public park system represents an investment of no small proportions on which the people will get returns in the ratio that they make use How far can we go in allowing special greater number of our people and they tariff rates on the sugar and tobacco of ought not to have to be urged to make the most of them.

While grave mistakes were committed in the original plotting of our park sysyet to receive serious consideration and tem which have cost the taxpayers when the time shall come for its earnest thousands upon thousands of dollars, States. It is likely that Aguinaldo doesn't discussion it is safe to predict that the policy of the later park boards to know a good thing. At present he is a star confine their work to the development boarder with General MacArthur, but if he will vigorously oppose any such conces- of the inside and accessible park tracts a great way to counterbalance the distorted vision that a dozen years ago unable to comprehend is that future pictured parks out of flat farmlands far should be sorry to lose the idea that he beyond the city limits. By continuing is a hero. to pursue this policy, the funds available for park purposes can be made to cal relations. If they refuse to enter produce immediate results that will make Omaha compare favorably for fatuously along upon their brutal path withtemplated in the American conditions public parks with the other cities of its class in this section.

What gives the park question more mer resorts, cutting off the great mass of our people from recreation excursions vacation habit, it is true, is rapidly prisal. spreading, but at best the vacation can last but a few weeks and the parks depended on by city folks for outdoor recreation during all the rest of the warmer season. Especially for the women and children the park system offers a boon that should bring welcome government verifies the old adage of sendrelief even though in the west the detached dwelling and commodious yard more remarkable than some of the inpresent an effectual bar to overcrowding common to the eastern cities.

The best way for Omaha people to system which is a distinct credit to the country is not apparent. city is to utilize the parks and boulevards by frequenting them at every favorable opportunity.

The narration under oath on the witin China have done more to perpetuate rounding the Cudahy kidnaping, bearing ountry and there can be no doubt as to \$25,000 in gold as ransom for his return in nine people out of ten was to charge treatment the Chinese have received it up to the lurid imagination of yellow journal sensationalists. Nothing but the episode had it not been satisfied that is extremely significant: what it printed was substantially the exact truth. The verification of the

in the British cabinet. The startling revelations of the budget statement serious offenses. Indignation at their seem to have made such an impression upon the country that Joseph Chamberlain, the shifty colonial secretary, would like to get out from under. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach turns a deaf ear to the proposal of taxing the South African colonies for the cost of the war. As a temporary political makeshift to stay the storm raised by British taxpayers this would probably answer, but the financial secretary appreciates the fact that the war-devastated colonies could not raise the tax short of confiscation. As the real issue must be faced sooner or later, he prefers to face it now. In this perhaps he is showing himself more of a statesman and less of a politician.

The local medical schools are beginning to hold their annual commencements, launching out on the sea of practice their graduating classes of physiexemplified in the preparation of these young men for their professions, starting out as they do with an equipment formerly achieved only after years of practice. The ranks of the medical men are always crowded, but there is also always room at the top which is sure to be occupied sooner or later by the energetic, intelligent and persistent new-

comer in the field. Nebraska democracy thinks it wants no fusion in the coming campaign. The campaign is soveral months in the future and there is likely to be some evolution in the thinking before the time for selecting candidates arrives. The wise democrat who wants an office is not anxious to put the party in a position where it will disclose how little is left of democracy in Nebraska.

Historic Episode Reculled.

Boston Globe. The approaching resumption of diplomatic relations between Austria and Mexico. which have been suspended since Maximilian's "taking off" in 1867, will awaken many part.

and there seems very good reason to memories of the flasco of Napoleon III in A member of the Cuban commission believe that the export tax upon English his attempt to set up European monarchical

Sage Warning Unheeded.

Russell Sage utters a warning to the Wall ttreet men, who, he says, "are drunk with speculation and don't know what they are doing." Who ever heard of drunken men

Seven Kings in the Pack. New York World. The fact that seven men are in control of the 100,000 miles of the principal railway systems has as a corollary the fact

dividends makes those mighty railways the arbitrary masters of the seven men. Top-Notch Credit. New York World

British credit seems to be still good, not withstanding the huge war expenditures in Africa. The \$50,000,000 offered in this country is said to be already as good as overinterests between the United States and this country of one-half the new British are selling at a premium on the issue price subscribed and in London the new bonds Club Rates for Lawmakers.

The Arkansas senate has passed a bill re quiring that a person who drinks intoxi cating liquors shall take out a license, for which he must pay \$5 a year. Would i not be fair to amend the bill so as to proof their park facilities. The season is vide that an Arkansan who wishes both velopment and prosperity without doing at hand when the benefits of our parks to drink and legislate may club his licenses injury to some of our home interests, and parkways come within reach of the at a cost of, say, \$7.50 a year? It is understood that the drinker and the legislator is a popular combination in Arkansas.

Ambitions of a Star Boarder.

Aguinaldo has been interviewed by fully authorized American newspaper may and says he should like to visit the United comes to America he will find himself rather than the outlying areas has gone sharing public curiosity with Carrie Nation take a tip, he will stay at Manila. Distance lends enchantment to the view and we

Civilization and Barbariam.

What astounds us is that the allies i out once suspecting or seeming to suspect that the Chinese have sensibilities as keen as theirs and intellects perhaps more keen that they stolidly persist in acts which importance to Omaha than usual is the they under like circumstances would rather distance of the city from attractive sum- | die than yield to; that they scatter indignity and torture as they go and yet imagine themselves the pioneers of rightcousness and civilization; that they star to mountain, lake or wood, by reason of and growl at the faintest murmur of rethe time and money cost. The summer sentment, the smallest overture of re-

Seeking Jonns in America.

Indianapolis Journal. London's traditional prestige as the money center of the world receives quite a far by the placing of \$50,000,000 of the new British loan in New York. For Americans to be loaning money to the British ing coals to Newcastle, but it is scarcely roads we are making on British manufacturing and trade. No doubt the whole loan could easily have been placed in England two or three times over, and the show their appreciation of a public park motive for placing any part of it in this

Period of Emotional Insanity Through Which Business is Passing. New York Times.

eration the new steel merger is much more Transcript, says all the machine shops in and intensify the anti-foreign feeling out all the details of the story as given interesting than formidable. The more it the Philippines "have been enlarged, into the public at the time, should remove is studied the more evident it is that it is creased in numbers and much new and in looting and other more serious law- any lingering doubt as to the actual ab- by no means invulnerable; that in its cap- modern machinery introduced during the lessness has been a reproach to their duction of the boy and the payment of italization of \$1,154,000,000 we have an expast several months. In fact new metalthe credibility of the report from Pekin to his parents. It must be understood ble as it is massive, and that the problems ernment has also sent in some machinery clouds" rather than of something as tangi- these ports on every steamer. The govstating that there is intense feeling that so incredible did the story of the of its management are less those conhow to meet with profit the competition of iron works, these are thriving, so to speak. companies less burdened with fixed charges | Their line of work is limited and there are and having smaller demand in interest and not many in the country. Good fron workcharacter and reputation of the men who preference dividends to meet. In the pleas- men are scarce. However, on passing serious consideration of the remarka- see how the pigmies brought the giant to that they were fitted with crucibles for ble tale. It goes without saying that terms. It may be so with the steel com- melting the metals and that the molds were panies. To find in a journal so conserva- formed in sand in flasks and the metal The Bee would not from the first have tive and so representative as the Iron Age poured through gates to runners to the patopened its columns to the kidnaping the following expression of editorial opinion tern molds, nearly in the same order as since February 1, until it is now believed

> "The bigger the sum representing iron is whole affair on the witness stand is a vestors. There is substituted in this rolling over the tongue of thousands would pay well. direct testimonial to the discrimination of millions with the idea of impressing the with which The Bee presents news to crowds. The United States Steel corporation is an aggregate of large consolidations, each liberally dosed at the time it was Evidently all is not peace and harmony formed with aqua pura. Additional quantitles of water were sprinkled in to cement the amalgamation. If the new corporation the dilution of the capital upon which the management will strive to pay a dividend." In the economy of nature water has many as carrier, dilutant and solvent. Water in ing bearings of vehicles and machinery." corporate finance has these same functions Two of them are useful, the third is destructive of values to an extent not yet ap-

preciated by investors. It is probably no exaggeration to say that 50 per cent of the capital of the merger represents nothing which has the worth of a dollar as con tributing to earning power. Each of the consolidations now brought together was capitalized for all it would carry, and perhaps more, and further dilution for purposes of combination swells the aggregate the coming season, and also that it is imliabilities to the magnificent proportions of possible. what is miscalled the "capital" of the merger. Perhaps the public will be wiser than it is in such matters when a new word is added to our business vocabulary to designate issued obligations, and when it is better understood than it now appears to be that it is quite possible for an enterprise without a dollar of capital to be capitalized cians. The progress made in medical for a great sum. This is not the situation education in the last few years is richly of the steel merger, but if its capitalization was reduced to the standard of its capital, as represented in tangible assets, money for operating expenses, cash surplus, undivided earnings, etc., it would show such a shrinkage as to astonish the world more than it

was astonished by the announcement of its financial scheme. It may be true that without water in large quantities the great enterprises which now challenge attention and excite more or floated. It should not be forgotten by the investor, however, that water comes nearer than anything else to the standard of the universal solvent and that when more of it present than can be taken up in crystallization or held in chemical combination it

wearing away and pulling to pieces whatever it comes in contact with. water we fire in explanation of the alluvial strata of dead enterprises upon which industrial progress builds its more or less substantial foundations. Just now we are passing through a period of emotional insanity which renders us temporarily incapable of appreciating the basic truth in corporate finance that water not only does not represent actual or potential value, but that it is a solvent of values, and that the more we have of it the less permanent that into which it enters as a component

LIFE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

and Incidents Sketched by Artists on the Spot. The Manila Times of March 8 prints letter from a correspondent in the northern part of the province of Bataan, Luzon island, where Captain Culver of Milford, Neb., is stationed, containing the follow ing reference to the Nebraska officer:

"Captain Culver of the Thirty-second at this post, who is a veteran of the civil war, recently made a raid on the barrio Lovacan, Moncal, a trusty official of General Mustwo privates surrendered to the captain with two Remingtons. Many hikes into the varying results. Captain Culver was severely injured by being thrown from a pony while scouting in the vicinity Mexico, Pampanga province, a year ago last December. While still suffering some from his fractured hip, he finds time in addition to his company duties, command of midnight expeditions and provost marshal to superintend the Dinaluptian schools. During one of his expeditions in the

Philippines the late General Lawton came across the trail of a party of Filipinos. which he followed for several days with a small body of troops. One day he and his staff reached the top of a small them but a short distance ahead. "Licutenant, ride ahead and see if that river is fordable." The licutenant put spurs to his horse and soon entered the river. floundering in the deep water. The lieutenant disengaged himself and swam to the horse was recaptured, and, mounting him, the lieutenant rode back. His khaki uniform was soaked and bedraggled and the water spurted from the tops of his millitary boots at every jump of his horse. Riding up to the general, he gravely saluted and said: "I have the honor to report, sir, that the river is not fordable." Lawton looked at him a moment, trying to maintain the dignity of his position, but the situation was too much for him. burst into a hearty laugh, in which staff joined at the expense of the young licutenant, who, however, tells the story

The home-longing among the soldiers at Manila is not materially decreased by the many attractions which the Philippines are said to possess. Once the novelty of climate, people and surroundings wear off the desire to return dominates all else most general character, such as "courand makes soldiers impatient for the date of discharge. "There was almost a panic zeal," qualities which one would naturally among the soldiers at the water front yesterday," reports the Manila Times. "They had been furnished with transportation to and where there was military and naval the States on the transport A. Logan, but when they arrived on the beach to take passage they were informed that it would be necessary for a large number of them to wait over for the next transport, as there was no room for them on board, the vessel having more than it could accommo date. There were about seventy left behind, many of whom seemed to think that if they did not get away on the Logan it would be their last chance. There was 'hurrying to and fro,' some investigating the reasons why, some digging out their baggage from the mass piled on the beach, but the more sensible ones just stood still and swore and kept one eye on their baggage while doing so.

"The men did considerable grumbling, but all of no avail, as enough was enough and no more could be taken aboard. The men paltry and absurd. It is well to be fair will be obliged to wait until the next and impartial and generous, but it is distransport leaves before they can shake astrous to be lavish and indiscriminate. Manila dust off their feet."

for machine repair work. It is now pos-

"The success of the oil mill at Isadro has induced many of the capitalists of the probably be retained in the United States. country to invest money in other oil works. Fresh troops may thus be sent out as ocmachinery. In these oil works they handle artillery contingent of 19,000 men will rethe natural oils of the wells, for illuminatpossesses one element of weakness, it is in ing purposes, and also purchase copra from the field force in the Philippines would be the cocoanut people, and by pressing this copra, or cocoanut meat, secure the rich functions. Those of chief importance are sold for lighting purposes and for lubricat-

PERSONAL NOTES.

Henry James has become a great tea frinker and while writing drinks one cup

of tea after another. Attorney General Knox is a lover horses and an enthusiastic road driver. Last year he bought a Chicago horse for \$9,500. Fastion authorities declare that the masculine shirtwaist will be good form for

Mr. Sage's Wall street chicken trus turned out to be simply the purchase on his part of a coop containing twenty hens for his model poultry farm. It was a perfectly innocent shell game.

General Grenville M. Dodge has been chosen orator and Miss Leonora Peck of Burlington, N. J., poet for the annual reunion of the Society of the Army of Potomac, to be held May 23 and 24.

Bunker Hill Chapter of the Daughters o the American Revolution has decided to mark the spot from which Paul Revere started on his historic midnight ride to warn the inhabitants of the towns between Boston and Concord of the approach of the British.

Schlatter, the bogus Messiah and divine healer, now registers at a Sioux Falls hotel less nervous apprehension could not be as Dr. Charles McLean. He formerly professed to work miraculous cures without compensation; now he claims to have drawn a \$15,000 fee from Richard Croker, the Tammany leader.

The kalser's collection of boots and shoe of the famous, now includes the slippers is not inert, but displays ceaseless industry reputed to have been worn by Mahomet the boots of Wallenstein, Gustavus Adol phus. Peter the Great and Napoleon Bonaparte, as well as specimens of the footgear worn by Frederick the Great and others of his ancestors.

> A tablet has been placed upon the house in Richmond, Va., in which General Robert E. Lee's family lived during the war. The building is a plain three-story and basement red brick house on Franklin street. near Seventh, and has been occupied by the Virginia Historical society for some time past. The tablet reads: dence of General Robert E. Lee from 1861

TOO MUCH OFFICIAL PRAISE.

Common Episode in Army Life Glorifled in Official Reports. Army and Navy Register.

should be commended as a general impulse, but under some circumstances this glorification in unstinted judiscrimination is hazardous and apt to lead to results which are not the most beneficial. The reon the Colo river, and captured Ignacio | ports which are being received at the adjutant general's office from army officers in cardio; Lieutenant Abrecho Hueson and the field are laden with acknowledgments of individual merit and with recommendations of official reward of officers and men. foothills of the mountains during the wee It is well that every officer or seldler who small hours of night have been made with does his duty be given full credit for his worthy service and it is equally proper that officers and men who distinguish themselves by conspicuous acts of unusual gallantry receive the just reward tor their daring. It may be considered that there are many such in the army sent to the Philippine islands, and in the army which fought before Santlago, but there is a danger that this liberal praise will be without the distinction giving it a real value. If all those who do their duty are mentioned in reports and dispatches we may expect that documents and messages will be of great length and will contain lists of names practically without limit, for when it comes to a question of doing their duty, there will b eminence and saw a river stretching below | few exceptions among the officers and men of the army, navy and marine corps, commanding general who exercises a discrimination in naming those who have distinguished themselves will give greater few feet from the shore the bottom shelved value to his encomiums than the officer off suddenly and the horse was soon who mentions everybody with whom he comes in contact or who has had the chance of serving on his staff or in his command. shore, which the horse also reached in a The value of a brevet or a medal of hone short time. After a brief chase, to the or an honorary mention is in proportion amusement of the general and the staff, the to its rarity and if a large number receive the highest recognition there will be little in the way of reward to stand for extraordinary service. It will cheapen a brevet in the American army to the traditional level of the Legion of Honor, the decoration of which and death somebody has said were the two things in life no Frenchman could escape. The British army seems to be suffering

from this same generosity of praise. The London Gazette a few weeks ago contained copies of dispatches reporting the operations of the naval brigade in South Africa, and there has just appeared from the British War office a batch of military dispatches describing minor actions in the Boer campaign. In all these dispatches there are long lists of names of those who are regarded by their commanders as entitled to this special reference. The services recorded in most instances are of age," "coolness under fire," and "untiring expect from soldiers and sailors under any circumstances in the presence of an enemy campaigning. An amusing instance is that of the exceptional commendation of Commander Limpus, who is mentioned with much cordiality by Captain Jones, commanding the naval brigade, for his service in the operations leading up to the relief of Ladysmith. Commander Limpus' special achievement, which gained for him official advertisement, was that he "walked a long distance when greatly fatigued," and "he also kept his eye glued to a telescope as usual during the hottest fire when many shells passed within a few yards of him." If official commendation is to mean anything it must stand for something un usual, not for merely walking when tired or the protracted use of a telescope. The older officers who saw service through our civil war must regard such occasions as

ARMY AT PULL STRENGTH.

Improved Conditions Justify & Reduction from the Limit.

Kansas City Star. The decision not to recruit the regular army to its full strength shows that the ample of the "tumultuous bombast of 'he working machinery has been arriving at government is convinced that the fighting in the Philippines is practically at an end. The army reorganization bill provided minimum force of 58,000 men, which could kidnaping appear that the first impulse nected with the monopoly of the world's sible to get machine work done and it can be increased by 40,000, at the discretion of principal metallurgical industries than of be relied upon as being right. As to the the president, to a war footing of nearly The large power given the chief executive was one of the grounds on which the measure was criticised. This discretionary provision has now proved useful in vouched for the statements warranted ant table of Gulliver and the Lilliputians we through some of the iron works I observed preventing needless expenditure for the support of the army at its maximum.

When the bill was passed it was expected that the full force would be required. Conthat employed in the American iron that from 65,000 to 75,000 will be all the foundry. Iron has always been scarce in soldiers necessary for service at home and the worse for those connected with it as in- the Philippines and a really good iron abroad. It is thought best not to keep the vestors. There is something very childish foundry in such places as Manila and Iloilo men in the tropics more than two years at a time. For this reason about a third of the whole infantry and cavalry force will "Such oil works as I visited seemed to casion requires to replace those which it is be prosperous, but very short of modern desired to send home. Almost the entire main in this country. Under these plans reduced to 40,000 men within a year.

The army which it will be necessary to oils of the country which are keep in the islands will be chiefly used as a police force to protect life and property. Before the insurrection Spain maintained only 11,000 soldiers there. But the Spanish government did not undertake to keep order throughout so large a territory as the United States will police. Conditions which existed under the rule of Spain would not be tolerated by the American people. The army will be needed, too, as the instructor in the art of government for the outlying districts. The officers are now acting as justices of the peace, town treasurers and other civil functionaries.

After the islands have been put under civil rule the soldier will still need to look after things and give advice and instruction He will take the place, to a certain extent, which the friar used to hold as a The disposition to praise the work of representative of the Manila government, others and to give credit where it is deemed The force which will be kept in the Philippines from this time on will be a civilizing of merit are qualities which probably agent, rather than a fighting machine.

BETTER GO SLOW.

Japan's Anxiety for a Row Not Based on a Full Treasury.

The statement that Japan is on the verge of a panic, made in a recent report from Consul General Bellows, at Yokohama, comes as a startling surprise. We have become so accustomed to associating progress and prosperity with the Island Empire since it has adopted our ways of civilization that the thought of financial disaster overtaking t has never occurred to the observer not on he spot. Yet when one examines into the conditions which present themselves the wonder arises that a financial crash has not already occurred.

The fact seems to be that Japan, with the enthusiasm which usually attends a convert, has sought to provide herself with the accompaniments of western civilization more rapidly than her means have permitted, and the natural result of an extravagance not based upon sufficient resources has begun to show itself. With decreased experts, due to a variety of causes, the stringency is, of course, accentuated, This country alone bought from Japan last year \$8,000,000 worth less than it did during the year before, while the increase in the value of our exports to Japan amounted to about \$5,000,000.

It is likely, however, that Japan will be able to withstand the present depression without any material checking of her progress. The nature of her people and her limate is such that life is not so strenuous or exacting as it is in the Occident, while, on the other hand, the object lesson as to the advisability of making baste slowly will not be thrown away. It is not so very long since this country was taught the same lesson and the results have been distinctly beneficial. Japan will doubtless find it equally valuable.

POINTED REMARKS.

Somerville Journal: Mrs. Bjackson-She s foolishly in love with him. Miss Oldmayde-Isn't "foolishly in love" tautology?

Detroit Journal: "Scribberg American."
"Well, it ought to be. He has spent two
whole years in Europe studying dialects."

Catholic Standard: Willie-Pa, is there any difference between a violin Pa-Yes, indeed, my son. If you hear it at a concert or opera it's a violin, but when your next-door neighbor plays it it's a fiddle.

Somerville Journal: Ethel-I think that vase is awful homely, don't you? Maude-Yes. I have dropped it on the floor three times, but it won't break.

Philadelphia Press: "There's one characteristic in men I profoundly admire,"
"What is it, Becky?" "They can be so raging mad at each other and not show it."

Detroit Free Press: "Peckham's wife doesn't chatter as much as she used to." "No; Peckham cured her. He told her that when her lips were close together they formed a perfect Cupid's bow."

Detroit Journal: "The story is made up out of whole cloth!"
"Undoubtedly, but it's as fine as silk!" MEN WHO SHIFT THE SCENES.

Indianapolis News. Ye cruel men who shift the scenes, Does mercy play no part
In your hard lives, have ye no means
Of grace, no soul, no heart?
Ye wink at crime and mock at woe,
And laugh at shameful wrongs;
Kneedeep in blood your ways ye go,
And whistle ragtime songs!

Beneath the dread oppressor's feet
The leading man doth lie.
And vairly for his life entreat,
While you stand idly by.
Should you but rush upon the stage
And boldly intervene.
The knave would bellow forth his rage
And vanish from the scene.

hereine, most fair to see, in the villain's power, do you come to set her free In this most trying hour?

In this most trying hour?

Not you. Devoid of chivalry,

You see her bathed in tears.

For all your help, that girl would be

In that man's grip for years.

You see a man, on murder bent, Sneak up behind his friend. You're well aware of his intent; A word from you would send The smooth detective on his track, And land him safe in jail, You only smile and turn your back, Nor grow so much as pale,

When tyrants fight the brave and true, As you have seen them oft,
From your commanding point of view.
In yonder rigging loft,
You let the craven army go,
When you its tide might stem
By simply stoeping down to throw
A super down on them.

Stage villains of the deepest dye Are 'round you all about.

And you ne'er with a hand to try
To put the rascals out.

You look like honest farmers in
Your jumpers and blue jeans.

But ah! I know you're men of sin,
Ye rogues who shift the scenes.

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