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THE FUTURE OF CUBA.

Under ordinary circumstances the future of Cuba would depend absolutely upon the people of Cuba, but the conditions are such that the Cuban people have not the unconditional control of their own affairs.

For instance, she promises never to enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power or powers which will impair or tend to impair the independence of Cuba, nor in any manner authorize or permit a foreign power or powers to obtain by colonization or for military or other purposes lodgment in or control over any portion of the island.

When Judge Estelle declared that the only authority to appoint or remove officers and members of the fire and police departments rested in the mayor and council, Redell's commission as fire chief because of no more value than a piece of blank paper.

There is nothing hard or improper in these conditions. On the contrary they are absolutely necessary to a stable government. In requiring them the United States has simply had in view the welfare of the Cuban people and its own interests.

Whatever may be the opinion respecting the complaints made against John Redell, former chief of Omaha's fire department, the verdict of candid men must be that in his summary discharge Mr. Redell was not treated in a manner becoming the dignity of a town peopled by fair and honorable men and women.

THE CASE OF REDELL.

The case of John Redell, as presented by the World-Herald, is a malignant perversion of facts for partisan ends. The charge of foul play is groundless. The plain facts are simply these: Mr. Redell was appointed chief of the fire department by the mayor and police board under a law that empowered the commission to govern and control the management of the fire and police departments.

Democratic papers are busy trying to stir up a row in republican ranks in Iowa. A republican nomination in Iowa is worth fighting for, but the democrats mistake the quality of Iowa republicanism if they think the rivalry for the privilege of leading the party is going to offer the opposition an opportunity to smother in.

Senator Allison insists he is not a candidate for the next republican nomination for the presidency. The Iowa senator probably realizes that while no one questions his fitness for the place, political expediency in the future, as in the past, is likely to give preference to the aspirations of a man from some other state.

Germany did well when it erected a statue to the memory of Prince Bismarck. He was one of the world's great figures and the Germany of today owes more to him than to any other one man. It is undoubtedly true that in molding the state and working out his plans he ruthlessly trampled upon those who opposed him or stood in his way.

leged misconduct. This restraining order blocked the investigation and deprived Redell of his only opportunity for disproving the charges.

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while the powers would look into the proposition more carefully when backed by the United States. Every step it has so far proposed has proven practical and most of its recommendations have been adopted.

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Progress of the West

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. One of the Omaha papers, in speaking of a new line of railroad which is soon to be opened between Chicago and the north, says that the railway facilities thus established will probably be great enough to meet the needs of that locality for all coming time.

In Jefferson's first inaugural in 1801 he congratulated the American people on "possessing a chosen country, with room enough for our descendants to the thousandth and thousandth generation."

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eral would have surrendered rather than have exposed his men to such a butchery. But it was a soldiers' battle and the soldier never knows when he is whipped.

"In their first rush the Johnnies got into the sheds, almost within the range of the fort. We found them lying dead there when the battle was over. They were behind trees and back of mounds, and they were blazing away at us from the plain. There was not room for every man in the fort and my few men and myself had our

"It was deadly work and, as it seemed to us, hopeless work. The men dropped at the portals. In the trenches they were falling everywhere. All our flags went down. Over yonder on Kenesaw mountain, Sherman was signaling: 'Hold the fort; I am coming,' and we signaled back a cheery answer, but soon all our signal men were shot down and Sherman could only guess at the noise of our guns that we were still fighting. We could not keep the color up and our fire began to dwindle. I remember at last I picked up my army overcoat. I was sure it was all over and I thought I should need it in Andersonville.

"But there was a young lieutenant, sick with some wasting fever, who sat inside the fort, his lips moving and his eyes blazing. When the thought of surrender was uppermost with all of us, suddenly he sprang to his feet and, setting one of the shattered flags, leaped upon the parapet and stood waving it there in the midst of that storm of bullets.

"He dropped dead in a moment, but he did not die in vain. His heroism drove us back to his feet and nothing could drive us away. When the confederates had drawn off, convinced that the game was not worth the candle.

"Sherman came as he had promised, but it was not until the day after the battle. I was standing in front of the hospital as he came riding up on a black horse. Sherman had nerves of iron, but the sight of the wreck of that battle was more than he could endure. As he came abreast of me he suddenly hit me with a fist and the rider had drawn back with an involuntary shock and his steed, feeling the sudden pressure on the rein, had reared under him. 'This we held the fort.'

CHERRY CHAFF.

Harlem Life: "Can't you give me a nickel, sir? I am starving," said the beggar to his feet and a quarter for a drink of water," replied the kind-hearted pedagogue.

Detroit Free Press: "Papa, what does the phrase 'this is time' mean?" Benny Bloomer asked. "First of the month, I guess," replied Mr. Bloomer.

Judge: Crawford—How do you figure that the exhibition in Paris is better than the one they had in Paris? "Crawshaw—it doesn't cost so much to get there."

Washington Star: "I suppose you have said some things about the arrangements made for your meal and a quarter for a drink of water," replied the kind-hearted pedagogue.

Puck: "There's one good thing about an automobile. 'What's that?' 'It doesn't try to run up to every watering fountain it comes to.'

Philadelphia Press: "Too bad about young Dr. Bright having to move to some other place just as he's established a nice practice." "Why does he have to move, then?" "His wife's sister is going to marry the undertaker."

Baltimore American: "The difference between a restaurant and a cafe," said Mr. Alford, who had just returned from the city, "is that at a cafe the waiter charges you two-bits for bread and butter, and at a restaurant he charges you a dollar."

Chicago Tribune: "But, Corinne, darling, when we have the arrangements made for next week it will look strange to put it off another month." "I don't care. I won't be married this month. That's all there is about it."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "That eastern girl who is suffering from unstrung nerves made a mistake when she tried to doctor herself." "Diamond rings and anything else she could lay her hands on."

HARBORMASTER OF THE PLATTE.

Denver Times. With yellow kerchief 'bout his throat, He stood upon the lofty bank, And watched the water flow that sank In swirling foam, with frightened noise, Grim and ungodly, there the stout, Grim-guarding his eyes with broomrimmed hat.

For 'twas the Harbormaster of the Platte, The surging, roaring, rolling Platte, The wind rose high, yet naught could move The guardian of the mighty stream, And maddened when he saw the boat, Were made their prowess then to prove, And amid the screaming gulls the sound Of flying wreckage could be heard, And that which shook the shivering ground.

Rose to the skies with sudden roar, An angry green, and death stalked mad, Had set the wheel hard for the shore— But the skipper brave, ah, where was he? There! Look! He battles with the wave! The Harbormaster of the Platte Shouts loudly: "Courage! I will save!"

Ah, Fearless Master of the Port! The skipper moaned the other bank With feeble strokes—he rose—he sank! His strength was gone! His breath grew thin! Then off the Harbormaster threw His uniform of navy blue, And stepped across the shivering boat, And gently pulled the skipper out.

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