On the afternoon of September 6th, 1897, Amos Ritter, aged seventy years a well-to-do farmer of Delaware township, visited Watsontown and exhibited a large sum of money. At nightfall he started home afoot, early the next morning he was found murdered money gone. The prepetrator of the crime is still at large and the mystery remains unsolved to this day. Since the arrest and conviction of William Hummel for the murder of his wife and children, it has been charged that he was the murderer of old man Ritter. It will also be tecollected a field, some distance away from the house, and this is rather a singular It is known that Hummel was in the the rag peddlar left the house at which he was staying early in the evening and did not return until midnight. Hummel is alleged to have replied, "Oh I was just out calling."

Hummel on his part denies strenuously that he killed Ritter. He has been questioned about it several times and invariably says he knows nothing party in two. McKinley himself does whatever about it. He declares he was not near the scene of the murder at the time it was committed and asserts that he would own up like a man if he did it, because he don't want to leave this world with a lie on his lips.

"I can only die once," he says, "so what need I be afraid of? If I did it I would say so, but I didn't.

### Timely Suggestion,

It is timely, in view of the approach of Arbor day, to call attention to an old act of assembly which provides "that any person liable to road tax who shall transplant along a public highway, on his own premises, any fruit, shade or forest trees, of suitable size, shall be allowed by the supervisor whose roads run through or adjoining cultivated fields, in abatement of his road tax, \$1.00 for every four trees set out." The abatement, however, is limited to one fourth of such person's road tax each year. Here is an incentive for the observation of Arbor day in the country.

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PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of the Day.

If Mr. Quay is seated in the United States senate the next legislature will not elect a senator. Mr. Quay will not have enough votes in that body to elect him, but he may have enough without spending several hundred thousand dollars to prevent the elecia a field near his home, and the tion of any one else, and at the end of the session Governor Stone can appoint him again. And that is exactly what is now in contemplation.—Philadelphia Press.

They tell us the tariff does not protect trust! Take two instances that are familiar in this section. The borax trust is selling its product to Americans at seven and one-fourth cents a that Ritter's body was found lying in pound, and to Europeans at three and one-half cents. It is enabled to do this by a tariff of five cents a pound. The steel and wire trust is selling barb coincidence with the Hummel tragedy. wire to Americans who have kindly It is known that Hummel was in the provided it with a protective tariff for vicinity of the old blacksmith's home this purpose, at \$4.13 a hundred pounds, the night he was killed and also that to Canadians at \$3.25 and to Europeans at \$2.20.-Clinton Democrat.

Between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 voters will oppose the administration and When asked where he had been, support anti-imperialists. We will in all probability hold a convention after regular convention, and we will select a standard bearer and a platform, probably in the way of indorsing an already nominated candidate. The Puerto Rican tariff has had the effect of cutting the Republican not know what imperialism is. He is like Hamlet, who, trying to make Polonius believe he is crazy, gazes at the moon, and says, "It is a ship," and again, "it is a rat."—Erving Winslow. Secretary Anti-Imperialistic League.

> "President McKinley has committed the first almost irreparable mistake of his administration," and "a mistake big with the possibilities of serious disaster for his party in this year's elections. It may not jeopardize his own nomination," Mr. Kohlsaat goes on, but it "puts a whip in the hands of every Democratic speaker with which to scourge Republican congressmen wherever they appear for re-election. If congress and the president persist in their present course nothing can save the Republican party from defeat next November. It will surely cost them the house of representatives and it may cost them the presidency."--Chicago Times-Herald, Rep.

> The ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain brought Puerto Rico and the Philippines under the constitution, according to the precedents established by decisions of the supreme court, and it is impossible to ignore the situation thus created. Puerto Rico should be constituted at once as a territory of the United States. And holding the comfort, happiness and prosperity of Puerto Rico in our hands and possibly the lives of the people, no prejudiced notions of "protection" should lead America into an unjust course toward a defenseless people. Whatever may be done in the case of the Philippines our duty to Puerto Rico is plain and unmistakable.-Meadville Morning Star, Ind. Rep.

There is larger need than ever in our nation's history for the old time resolute independence of character and po-Pills are the only pills to take with litical judgment which once characterized the American farmer. Fifty years ago the present corrupt party boss, with his assessment of corporations and control of legislation, would not have stood for a moment before the courageous farm judgment of the Today this political merchant, who trades in the temple on the gerous power in state and national farming class is no longer regarded by the political boss with the wholesome dread that ought to exist. This is largely due to a serious decline among farmers of individual independence, of political thought and action, a substitution of mere party for patriotic standards of judgment.-Hon. William D. Hoard, President of the National

The Puerto Rico bill is the first legislative translation of expansion into a language understanded of the peo-They see now what all the profit. Why stand idle with such a rhetoric means. Expansion promised chance to make money? Ask the glory, and it produces brutality. It is publisher of this paper to show you asked for bread and it gives a stone. Under the cruel whip of the organization which controls the organization the party of moral ideas has been driven against the moral sense of the country, has given its opponents heart and hope, and enters upon the presidential campaign divided and discredited. President McKinley's attitude in this whole matter is to be discussed on higher than personal grounds. The poor figure he cuts as a man we pass by, but as the incumbent of a great office he has brought ing the novel "Sapho" on the trains humiliation upon it as well as upon or in its stations. Previous to the himself. To "stand by" him is imposorder being issued thousands of cop-sible for his most earnest supporters, since he does not stand by himself. No man can serve two masters, nor a single master with two minds, neither of which he himself knows. hoped," sneered a Democrat in the house yesterday, "that there was one question of which the president was as mercury will surely destroy the swer to the taunt, for there could be none. What a pity that Mr. McKinley forgot that a handful of tobacco growers and sugar producers had no right through the mucous surfaces. Such to usurp the office of president of the articles should never be used except United States.-New York Evening

> A Kansas City (Mo.) negro was a few days ago sentenced to 40 years in the penitentiary for pocketbook snatching. Trusts and monopolies of all kinds are grabbing property by the million, but instead of their members going to penitentiary they go to congress and the White House and induce the legislative and executive branches of the government to violate the plain mandates of the constitution by imposing a tariff duty against the products of our own country. They will next try their persuasive powers on the su-preme court. Will it surrender to the demands of the tobacco and sugar trusts and violate the constitution by declaring a Puerto Rican tariff valid?

BARTHQUAKES ON THE CANAL

Uphenvals of the Soil and Volcanie Eruptions May Cause Trouble.

The liability of the proposed interoceanic waterway to damage from volcanic eruption and earthquake is an important feature of the Nicaragua canal question. No less than 20 important craters have been counted in the mountains of Central America, 13 of which are known to have been in cruption within the last 200 years and eight since 1850. The last noteworthy display was from Ometepe in 1883. This crater is on the island of Ometepe and is situated about ten miles from the channel of the proposed canal through Lake Nicaragua. On the same island is Madera-six miles from the channel -which has been in eruption in this

The eruption of Cosiguina, 155 miles from Brito, the western port of the canal, which occurred in 1835, was a terrific explosion. Bowlders were thrown great distances and ashes were carried more than 1,000 miles. Momotombo, on the shore of Lake Managua, 90 miles from Brito, was in eruption in 1852. El Vijo and Chichigalpa, 115 and 110 miles respectively from Brito, have been active in this century. In Costa Rico also are several craters which have been in eruption in this century.

#### TOO MANY RATS.

They Ran Over Her Bed in a Happy Manner All Night in Central Africa.

At Kawimbe the rats in the house were terrible at night, says "A White Woman in Central Africa." They raced about my room and scampered over my bed in a thoroughly happy manner. I could not sleep at first; but at last I got used to them. I dropped off, only to wake up and find a rat with his foot in my ear.

One night at another station, some thing larger than a rat dropped from the rafters on my bed and awoke me. I lighted a candle and saw it was a lemur. They are levely little animals, and are covered with thick fur, like chinchilla, and have beautiful large round eyes.

It looked most fascinating, but, not being sure what it would do next, I thought I would try to send it out. I opened the door which led onto the veranda, and proceeded gently to drive it out; but, alas! it objected to going, and sprang straight on to my shoulder, gripping my arm with its sharp little teeth, and refusing to let go till I well pinched its tail. As it turned round to bite my hand I tossed it out onto the veranda and shut the door.

### FINDS A WORLD OF EVES.

Plans of a Connectiont Man to Establish Garden of Eden Attracts Many Women.

Evans Weed, of Newfield, Conn., who plans to transform his farm into a Garden of Eden, has sprung into popularity in a day with many members of the fair sex who want to wed. Mr. Weed was a little fearful that after his Garden of Eden had been completed there would be no Eve to grace it, but his doubts are now at rest upon the point. He never dreamed that Eve was such a common name among women, but every mail brings further evidence.

Letters addressed to Mr. Weed in feminine handwriting have been pouring into the post office at Stanford in every mail for the last few days. One letter was addressed: "Mr. Adam Weed, formerly Evans Weed, Garden of Eden, Stanford, Conn."

Another was addressed "To Adam. Garden of Eden, from Eve." This letter was dated Van Clure Station, Va. Mr. Weed is thinking seriously of

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