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Queen Victoria's length is four
feet eleven inches. She is the
shortest monarch in all Europe.

It is reported that the divorced
wife of Bishop Hearst is going on
the operatic stage. If it be true,
she must be doing it for pleasure,
as she is said to be worth several
million dollars.

The Congressional Committee
having the matter in charge are
reported to have agreed on remov-
ing the revenue from notes and
checks, and documents. This will
make a reduction of \$30,000,000 a
year in war taxes.

Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, is
reported to be in a very critical
condition. It is said that he has
typhoid fever, with pectoral com-
plications, and that now brain fever
has developed. His death would
make serious complications in
Europe.

School Director Geo. M. Miller,
of Franklin County, who in a re-
cent address before the County In-
stitute dwelt at length on the ballot
frauds in Philadelphia, appears to
be one of the few men in interior
Pennsylvania who estimate at its
proper value ballot-box crimes in
great cities as a menace to the coun-
try vote. Whenever the farmers of
Pennsylvania understand that under
the present law an illiterate ex-
criminal in Philadelphia, with the
assistance of the machine, can cast
enough illegal ballots to nullify the
votes of an entire township in an
interior county, then, and not 'till
then, will machine methods be
wiped out of existence. Another
thing which the farmers will have
forced upon their attention sooner
or later is that these corrupt ma-
chine methods are gradually creep-
ing into the election systems in the
cities and towns of the interior,
thus constituting an additional
menace to rural suffrage rights.—*Ex.*

Can't Come Too Soon.

It has not taken long for the peo-
ple to discover in what direction
the McKinley prosperity vane points
since his election. With meat up
one cent a pound; with salt two
hundred per cent. higher than it
was three weeks ago; with rice
threatened by the grip of a trust,
and with over two dozen new com-
binations of capital struggling for
incorporated privileges, that they
may control the output and price of
different commodities the people
need most, it is not difficult to see
what the success of Mr. McKinley
promises the great body of the
American people.

Already in different lines of man-
ufactures the word has gone out
that wages must be reduced, while
on the other hand, every prepara-
tion is being made to increase the
price of articles that the less paid
labor is expected to produce. This
is not what the people wanted, but
is what they voted for. It is possi-
bly not what they expected, but it
is what they worked for and what
they will get.

The masses who refuse to listen
or to think; who allow their par-
tisan prejudices to control their ac-
tions, and who are too bigoted to
even consider their own welfare,
when threatened by the party with
which they affiliate, will have no
reason to complain that they were
deceived in political matters.

There never was a time when is-
sues were made plainer than during
the last campaign. There never
was a time when results were more
certain or aims and purposes more
apparent. There was even no deny-
ing the intentions of the Repub-
lican party to foster and protect
trusts, and those who voted for the
party did so with a full knowledge
of what might be looked for.

Results may be coming a little
sooner than was anticipated and
their effects be found to be sooner
than was expected, but with it all,
it is what the country wished for,
and what we hope it will get to the
fullest extent.

When we are for a thing we
ought to be for it right, and when
we are for the trust, we ought to
be for all they want, all they ask
and all they demand. If they are
right we can't have them too soon
or too much of them. If they are
wrong the people who supported
and favored them cannot learn how
foolish they were too quickly.—
Bellevue Watchman.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Nov. 26, 1900

The project of giving the Repub-
lican party a mortgage on the gov-
ernment by reducing the represen-
tation of the South in Congress and
the Electoral College is dead. It
was killed by its cool reception by
the public and by the knowledge
that if it had been attempted the
Democratic Senators would have
blocked all legislation at this session
of Congress. Instead of angering
the Democrats, the Republican
leaders have adopted a jollying
policy toward them, and indulge in
lots of talk about making this a
business session of Congress, free
from partisan bickerings. If they
really wish to do that, it can easily
be done, as the Democrats are dis-
posed to meet them half-way in
helping along legislation that is not
tainted with partisanship, but they
need not expect to pull the wool
over Democratic eyes by labeling
notorious jobs, such as the ship
subsidy bill, "commercial legisla-
tion." Democrats will see that
no legislation will go through at
this session under false pretenses.
They will not attempt to prevent
the majority carrying out its will
in general legislation, but they will
see that the nature of every bill
proposed is fully explained to the
country before it is allowed to get
through. Under the House rules
this cannot be done there, but it
can be done in the Senate.

Mr. McKinley's administration
does not lack shrewdness in keeping
up its prestige. The drift of affairs
in China indicates the probability
of the United States being frozen
out of the concert of powers. See-
ing this the administration proceed-
ed to discount its possible effect by
announcing through semi-official
channels that in certain contingencies
this government might find it
necessary to withdraw from the
concert of powers in China and
protect American commercial inter-
ests by dealing with China inde-
pendently, although it would prefer
to do so in concert with the other
powers.

Even the Department of Agri-
culture shares in the general ten-
dency to increase the ordinary
expenditures of the government—a
tendency which is bound to make
much trouble if not checked. The
estimates for appropriation for the
Department of Agriculture for the
next fiscal year, now ready for sub-
mission to Congress, aggregate
\$4,699,050, which is an increase of
10 per cent over the appropriations
for the current fiscal year.

Holders of government places
who have no strong pull to fall back
on, or who spoke, worked, or voted
for Bryan in the late campaign are
being made somewhat shaky by the
knowledge that there is greater
pressure for small appointments
under the government than there
was ever known before. Some time
ago there was a report in Washing-
ton that Republican workers in
some of the doubtful states had been
told to pitch in and work with all
their might, and that they would be
taken care of if McKinley was re-
elected, regardless of the civil ser-
vice law. Not much attention was
paid at the time to this report, but
the present activity of Republican
office-seekers indicates that such
promises were made. Time will
show whether they are to be kept.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado,
will be succeeded by a Democrat
when he retires next March, but
from the talk in administration
circles it is considered almost certain
that he will be rewarded for his
support of McKinleyism by a big
position in the diplomatic service,
probably an ambassadorship.

The members of the House Ways
and Means Committee, which met
this week to consider a bill for the
reduction of war taxes, will not be
allowed to have any say in the
matter until the Republican mem-
bers have completed a bill. The
Republicans of the committee have
conferred with Mr. McKinley,
Secretary Gage and Commissioner
Wilson of the Internal Revenue
Bureau, since they came together.
Mr. McKinley told them that some
reduction must be made in order to
make good his ante-election prom-
ises to the country, and Secretary
Gage told them that the reductions
must not under any circumstances
exceed \$30,000,000. The wholesale
druggists and owners of proprietary
articles have a delegation in Wash-
ington, anxious to see that they get
a share of any reductions that may
be made, and other interests are
represented by lobbyists. The
brewers are credited with leaving
their interests in the hands of the
big Republicans who exchanged
promises for their campaign con-

"To Err is Human."

But to err all the time is criminal or
idiotic. Don't continue the mistake of
neglecting your blood. When impurities
manifest themselves in eruptions or when
disordered conditions of stomach, kidneys,
liver or bowels appear, take Hood's Sas-
saparilla. It will make pure, live blood,
and put you in good health.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

tributions. It will not be surprising
if a big scandal comes to the surface
before this bill gets on the statute
books. Democrats are not inclined
to spare the Republicans if evidence
of crooked bargains can be secured,
and there are good reasons for the
belief that it exists in quantities.

If things do not change, there
may be a regular cat and dog fight
among the Republicans in Congress
over the bill for the increase of the
regular army. Prominent members
of the party are every day declaring
opposition to as large an army as
Mr. McKinley seeks to have pro-
vided by Congress, and the situation
in the Philippines makes early
action on some sort of an army bill
a necessity.

Bishop Potter, of New York, is
making a persistent fight against
immorality in that city. In a re-
cent address he suggested the ap-
pointment of a committee of 25,000
men to assist in the work. If there
is anything in numbers such a com-
mittee ought to accomplish some
good.

Real Spirit of Christmas Giving.

We are Too Prone to Measure Our Christmas
Gifts by the Yardstick of Intrinsic Value.

"Our hearts are usually very much
larger at Christmas than our purses,"
writes Edward Bok of "The Christmas
that Remains," in the December
Ladies' Home Journal. "The desire
is to remember everybody that we
know. But our means do not gener-
ally allow us to do it. So we often
pass entirely by at Christmas, people
to whom a simple 'Merry Christmas,'
and nothing more, would mean a
world of cheer and light-heartedness.
Because we cannot give what we
would like to we think that we should
not give at all. The truth is, whether
we choose to acknowledge it in so
many words or not, that we have
grown so commercially and so artifi-
cially minded in this country that thou-
sands of us are prone to measure our
Christmas presents by the yardstick of
intrinsic value, or by what the recipi-
ents will think of them. We seem to
have entirely lost sight of the fact that
we can always give something. And if
we gave that something we would
really come closer to the real spirit
of Christmas giving. A few cheerful
words filled with that expression of
strong good will, that is like sweet
perfume, have a meaning that only a
few realize. There is nothing so
pleasant in this world as the feeling
that one is remembered, and this a
few written words will often convey
more strongly than a gift. Yet we in-
variably put the gift first. Our re-
membrance must take some form, we
think, other than a mere verbal or
written expression. And that is the
artificial within us; not the natural.
We seem to refuse to believe that it
is the simplest things we do that have
the greatest influence. It is the
simplest Christmas that remains."

The Editor and Preacher.

The press and the pulpit have more
charity than all the balance of the
community, and the fact is aptly illus-
trated by an exchange as follows:

A preacher once said: "Editors dare
not tell the truth. If you did you
could not live. Your newspaper
would be a failure."

The editor replied: "You are right,
and the minister who will at all times
tell the truth about his members, alive
or dead, will not occupy the pulpit
more than one Sunday, and he will
find it necessary to leave town in a
hurry. The press and the pulpit go
hand in hand with whitewash brush
and kind words, magnifying little
virtues into big ones. The pulpit,
saint making triumvirate."

And the minister went away, look-
ing very thoughtful, while the editor
turned to his work, telling about the
unsurpassed beauty of the bride, while
in fact she was as ugly as a mud fence.

It is a high attainment in politeness
to allow others to be mistaken. Let
a trifling misstatement pass unnoticed
where no principle is involved, and
when a mistake is first remedied it is
best to let the subject drop. The ar-
gument of the "I told you so" char-
acter is always quite superfluous.—
Mrs. Burton Kingsland in the Decem-
ber *Ladies' Home Journal*.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine
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Operating a Clever Game Through This
Section.

There is a smooth looking individ-
ual, flashily dressed, with a bright red
tie and gray colored suit, circulating
through this section who will bear
watching. He is a card sharp and a
money charmer who worked flim flam
games clever enough to beat several
people out of a few hard earned dol-
lars.

After working his game in Sunbury
and nearby towns he appeared in
Shamokin last Wednesday evening,
and the manner of working his game
was the same as used while in this
place and will be remembered by the
proprietor of the cigar stores whom
he visited.

Entering a cigar store on Inde-
pendence street, Shamokin, together
with a seedy looking companion, he
purchased cigars for two, and turning
to the crowd of young men loafing
about the counters said: "Say, do
you know of a widow with \$40,000
who would like to have a husband?"
This startled the crowd and one
named several fictitious young girls
in fun. Using this as a pretext to in-
troduce his little game, he now pro-
ceeded.

"You see," he said, "I want a wife
to travel with me to assist in my magic,
for I am a sleight-of-hand performer
and a conjuror." Pulling a piece of
plain manilla wrapping paper from his
pocket he laid it upon the cigar case.
With the other hand he produced a
silver ring, about three inches in di-
ameter. It resembled a curtain ring.
He laid a half dollar inside the ring
and covered the ring with a circular
disk of pasteboard. With a wave of
his hand he lifted the ring, and lo!
the half dollar had flown. Replacing
the ring he lifted it and brought the
half dollar back. He repeated this
several times to the mystification of
the crowd. Then carelessly drawing
a dollar from his pocket said: "Here's
a dollar I'd like to lose. Will any one
bet that that half a dollar is under
that ring?" A gullible youth, who
was sure he saw the half dollar in the
ring, wagered the dollar, and of course,
lost. After charming the ducats from
the pockets of several others of the
crowd, he picked up his outfit and
went out smiling. His trick was
clever. He had two rings, one with
a false bottom in the exact color of
the paper on which he laid it; the
other was unprepared. By means of
the false bottom he could make the
coin disappear and appear at will.

He worked the same game in sev-
eral cigar stores with the same suc-
cess. He's a flim-flamer, and a slick
one, too, as his dupes will testify.

While in Sunbury, in places where
he was unable to find any person to
bet against his own game, he realized
a good profit by explaining the trick
to those who were interested for the
small sum of ten cents, making them
promise beforehand not to disclose
the trick.—*Sunbury Item.*

Prof. Gordy's Plan.

Prof. Gordy, principal of the Dan-
ville high school, but formerly of Sha-
mokin, has ever been one of the most
enthusiastic advocates of athletics for
the school boys. He is about to carry
this to a practical end and is arranging
for the formation of an inter-scholastic
league of foot ball team for the season
of 1901. It is proposed to form this
league with the high school teams of
Danville, Shamokin, Sunbury, Ash-
land, Pottsville, Mt. Carmel and pos-
sibly one or two others. The rules of
qualifications will be particularly
stringent so that the boys will know

ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT

There is nothing that pays better in this business
than eternal watchfulness. It pays us, and in paying
us it is bound to pay you. Never a season known
when the buying chances were better. Caused chiefly
by whether conditions, makers and maker's agents are
most anxious to sell. Must sell or take an enormous
loss later on. We're on the lookout for the best,
where we can buy it cheapest.

This week will sell 10 yards of good unbleached
muslin at 50c. Heavy muslin, same grade as Apple-
ton 'A, at 6c. per yard. This is a lot of muslin in
lengths of four to ten yards.

Friday morning we will put on sale a lot of Per-
cales—dark colors, and not a bad style in the lot, at
6c. a yard—just the price of calico.

Reed Rockers.

The cheapest ever offered in Bloomsburg. Man's
size Reed Rockers, made good and strong, worth \$4.00,
but we will sell them for the next two weeks at \$2.49.
Come and see this chair. We show a big line of other
Rockers.

The Garment Selling.

We will have lots of cold weather this winter;
you'll need a new coat or cape. Why not come and
choose now from this special line? Plush Bape, 27
ins. long, big sweep, and trimmed with fur, at \$4.49.
A lot of \$10.00 Jackets reduced to \$8.49. \$7.50
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ets are made of good cloth and the newest cut in Box
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groceries we can find. We don't try to sell this cheap
truck. Good groceries are always the cheapest and
we think they make trade good. Come and try them,
we know we can please you.

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the United States combined, more
books of a serious nature especially,
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as many novels as England and only
half as many as the United States.