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Our civilization is a crowd civilization, says Gerald Stanley Lee in Atlantic. The only beauty of art or civilization, life that such a civilization can produce must be produced by making the crowd beautiful.

A decision was rendered in a New London (Wis.) justice court a few days ago which is entirely new to jurisprudence. It was in the case of Julius Heinz against a local meat market. The plaintiff discovered a black bear in its den. It became frightened and ran away. He secured a rifle and tracked the animal's trail for a few days.

It is reported that the Mediterranean moth is giving a good deal of trouble in the flour mills of Wisconsin and Minnesota. It thrives in flouring mills, evidently feeding on flour dust, and multiplies at an enormous rate.

They tell in southeast Missouri of a young man there who advertised under an assumed name for a wife. The fellow's sister happened to see the advertisement and answered it, also under an assumed name, and then they exchanged photographs.

Decision has been rendered by the Iowa supreme court to the effect that a stock feeder who buys stock to feed and sell is not a merchant within the meaning of the code and cannot be assessed for taxation purposes in the same way as a merchant would be assessed.

Judging from the parts telegraphed, the commonplace would be a better name for Mr. Bryan's political weekly.—Detroit Free Press (Dem.).

TOWNE OF MINNESOTA.

Then arose the gifted Charley, Charley Towne, of Minnesota. Towne, the accidental statesman, Statesman from the Zenith City, Minnesota's Boanerges, Champion of Aguinaldo.

PARITY OF SILVER.

Efforts of Republicans to Make the Cheaper Money Redeemable in Gold. The republicans are determined to push through congress before the

TRYING THE SALT RESUSCITATION METHOD.



close of the present term some measure which will keep silver at a parity with gold under all conditions. Several bills making silver dollars redeemable in gold at the option of the holder are now before the committee of one or other branch of congress.

It seems that the democratic members of the committee wanted the bill to be held until after the opinion of Bryan on the measure could be obtained. The republican members of the committee, who are in the majority, wisely refused to delay the bill.

A PROGRESSIVE MEASURE.

An Increased Army Is Necessary to Protect Our Growing Nation.

The army bill, passed by such a decisive vote through the national senate, has been in some quarters denounced as a step toward militarism and Caesarism. The people of the United States do not share this view.

In the late Spanish conflict the small American army of the day was overwhelmed with the necessities of the president's call for 200,000 men. The number of thoroughly trained soldiers at home was at the outset totally inadequate to the exigencies of the situation.

ARMY PROMOTIONS.

Gen. Miles, Young, Chaffee and MacArthur are Given Higher Rank. Washington, Feb. 6.—The president yesterday sent the following nominations to the senate: To be lieutenant general, Nelson A. Miles; to be major general, Samuel B. M. Young, Col. Adna R. Chaffee, Brig. Gen. MacArthur.

INVENTORS ARE BUSY.

Patent Office Issued 26,418 Patents During the Year 1900. Washington, Feb. 6.—The report of the commissioner of patents for 1900 shows that during the year there were received 39,673 applications for patents, 2,225 applications for designs, 82 applications for reissues, 2,099 applications for registration of trade marks, 943 applications for registration of labels, and 127 applications for registration of prints.

CURRENT COMMENT.

David B. Hill has secured his own consent to be the next democratic candidate for president. What he wants now is Croker's.—Philadelphia Press. As a result of that plurality of 850,000 in the United States, the Filipinos are tumbling over each other to take the oath of allegiance.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BROKE UP THE CAMP.

American Aid an Insurgent Stronghold—Filipinos' Losses Last Month Were Large.

Manila, Feb. 6.—A representative of the federal party, who has returned here after organizing branches in the island of Mariadique, brought rolls containing 5,600 signatures of membership. He says this will result in the termination of the insurrection in Marinduque.

The editors of three of the dozen Spanish papers in Manila are liable to be deported to the island of Guam. Salas, the editor of the Diario, whose paper was suspended Friday last by the provost marshal, has been kept in custody since then.

AN ANTI-DRUG CRUSADE.

Women Who Believe in Faith Cure Attack the Stores of Chicago Pharmacists.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Crying out that drugs were the agents of the devil, a half dozen women followers of Dowie, the faith cure leader, adopted the tactics of Mrs. Carrie Nation yesterday and wrecked a number of drug stores on the West Side. In some instances there were hand-to-hand fights with the druggists.

TICKET SCALPING.

Railroad Officials Will Again Try to Drive the Brokers Out of Business.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Chairmen of all the passenger associations in the United States held a conference here Wednesday for the purpose of organizing from their own membership a protective association for the prevention of frauds of all kinds upon the passenger departments of the roads.

WITH VELVET WEED.

An Iowan Finds a Way to Beat the Twine Combine.

Creston, Ia., Feb. 7.—State Senator Clark, of Page county, has made public a way to beat the twine combine. At a farmers' institute he displayed a piece of twine and a piece of rope resembling a good quantity of hemp.

Two Negroes are Shot to Death.

Dade City, Fla., Feb. 7.—Will Wright and Sam Williams, negroes, charged with being implicated in the killing of two white men at Rice & Phelps' camp on June 26, were killed in the county jail by a mob of 50 men late Tuesday night.

Woman Wrecks a Saloon.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 8.—An unknown female yesterday entered a saloon, seized an armful of pool balls and hurled them about with such good aim that mirrors and other glassware about the place were completely demolished.

FIVE WERE KILLED.

A Wreck on the Erie Road at Greenville, Pa.—Many Persons Injured.

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 8.—Train No. 5, the New York and Chicago limited on the Erie railway, was wrecked Thursday morning within the town limits. Five passengers were dead when taken from the wreck, several are missing and there are many badly injured.

WU DISCUSSES OTIS.

Chinese Minister Finds Fault with the General for Enforcing the Exclusion Law in the Philippines.

New York, Feb. 8.—Maj. Gen. Otis was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Society of Genesee at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. There were 200.

Large Losses in a Volunteer Regiment.

Manila, Feb. 8.—The Thirtieth volunteer infantry, Col. Gardiner commanding, arrived here Thursday on the transport Kilpatrick from Taybos province, Luzon, and will sail for home February 15.

Better Stay Away from Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—"I don't believe Mrs. Nation is heading for Chicago to wreck saloons," said Mayor Harrison yesterday when told that Mrs. Nation had announced her intention of visiting this city.

ADDISON CAMMACK.

New York, Feb. 6.—Addison Cammack, aged 74 years, at one time one of the most prominent speculators in Wall street, died at his home in this city yesterday.