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EDITORIAL.

BOSTON is to have a new cold storage plant with a capacity of 2,000,000 feet. Heavens! The Boston girl's heart and head have always been cold enough and now that she is going to freeze her feet, he men had better begin to migrate.

CAPTAIN CARTER has been lodged in jail after having had more chances to escape his well merited punishment than any similar criminal ever had before. But the meshes of the law still continue to delay the prosecution of his fellow conspirators.

THE British are funny people—not humorous but down-right funny. Recently a Boer commander inflicted great damage on a vastly superior attacking force and then slipped away just as the British were ready to let them have it. The correspondents of the London papers all describe this conduct of the Boers as "simply contemptible."

THERE will be no army reorganization and no ship subsidy steal at this session at least. The Democratic Senators have served notice on the Republicans that unless they promise not to try to pass them until next winter, filibustering will be resorted to against every measure that comes up in the Senate. The Republicans have yielded. Thus the inability of the Senate to close debate is sometimes of real value to the country after all.

THE latest political sensation of the week is that the democrats are trying to secure the nomination of Grover Cleveland, at the Kansas City convention, for the presidency. It sounds like a political roorback for some other purpose. It is hardly possible that he would aspire again for the position. And then it is almost impossible for him to get it. No, it is not at all possible, or even probable. There is hardly a combination that can beat Bryan.

THE South African war is pulling along at a slow rate. The English are finding hard work all along the line of their advance and the wily Boers are causing them any amount of trouble, that they never calculated upon. There seems to be no doubt but that in time the English can exhaust the resources of this little Dutch Republic, but it will be at an enormous price and at a sacrifice of life that will make it appalling. Bloody, brutal conquest is all there is in this war, and the English people are the guilty ones. We are doing the same thing in the Philippines; we are no better. Anybody who sympathizes with the Boers, in order to be consistent, must do the same with the Philippines—both are fighting for their liberty and independence.

THE Philadelphia Times was sold this week to a company of Philadelphia capitalists and it will be continued under the same editorial management with Col. McClure as editor in chief; but in the future the paper will be recognized as a regular republican organ. It was that for many years past, only it tried to palm itself off as an independent sheet. It has been general comment for some years that the plant was in the market, as it was no longer a dividend payer, for the reason that the public have long ago lost all confidence in its editor in chief whose career has of late been purely policy instead of principle. There are few readers of the Times in this section, for the reason that there are other papers that give more news, and are by far more reliable in their political utterances. Everybody pays tribute to Col. McClure as a brilliant writer, but hesitate to follow his teachings, because they have little confidence in the man; and that is about the reason the paper has been on the rapid decline.

ADMIRAL DEWEY has been cutting a big figure in his western tour and is receiving some great orations. All of this makes McKinley uneasy.

FOUR KINDS OF GOVERNMENT.

The prospects are that the United States will soon have four sets of government in operation—inside and outside the constitution. The first is our own federal government. Then comes the Porto Rican plan, ready to go into operation, and which is a mixture of republicanism and imperialism, with the latter dominating in essentials. Next in order will be the Philippine plan, under a bill pending in the Senate, which creates an absolute one-man power form of government, with the president as the supreme autocrat of the 1,200 islands and the 8,000,000 people. He may govern as he elects under a commission that has started for Manila from San Francisco, or that failing, by military power, with a brigadier general like Otis, as his deputy. This bill will be debated at length when it gets fairly started in Congress, as it brings up the question of imperialism in all its bearings.

Then we have, to conclude with, the fourth form of government, in the Hawaiian bill, reported by conference committee and passed by both houses. It establishes a more liberal suffrage than first proposed. Any adult male citizen of the United States who has been a year in the territory and who can speak, read and write the English or Hawaiian language, is to be allowed to vote. It is estimated that about 10,000 natives, 2,300 Portuguese and 3,000 other Europeans and Americans will be given the ballot.

THE AGE LIMIT FOR GREAT WORK.

President McKinley is of the opinion that after forty years of age the average man is not well fitted for "strenuous life." He thinks no man above forty "should be sent to teach the colonists to become good Americans." He cannot believe that the forty-year limit applies to presidents, otherwise he would give way for Gov. Roosevelt.

Pope Leo XIII., Gladstone, Bismark, Salisbury, Queen Victoria, Paul Kruger and Lord Roberts are all living or recently living instances in refutation of Mr. McKinley's theory. Homer was old when he wrote the "Odyssey" and Milton when he penned "Paradise Lost." Dr. Johnson wrote his "Lives of the Poets" at seventy-eight, Galileo was nearly seventy when he formulated his laws of motion. Humboldt at ninety completed his "Cosmos." Goldsmith only achieved his fame in the evening of his life. Ulysses S. Grant was absolutely unknown at forty. The Duke of Wellington was active in military and political affairs at eighty. Moltke was an old man when he planned the German march to Paris. And gray-haired Dewey at Manila caps the list with a fine American example.

EX-GOVERNOR PATTISON TALKS.

Robert E. Pattison, ex-governor of Pennsylvania, is a lay delegate to the Methodist general conference in Chicago. "I am not here in the furtherance of my candidacy for the vice presidency," said Mr. Pattison. "I am interested deeply in the work of the church and am here solely for the purpose of participating in the deliberations of the mouth."

"I am a delegate to the national convention and shall go to Kansas City. If the convention sees fit to nominate me for the vice-presidency I shall esteem it an honor and shall accept it accordingly. I am not seeking votes or the support of any state. If they come to me of their own volition or my friends are successful in their advocacy of my interests I shall be glad to receive the nomination. The naming of Mr. Bryan for the presidency will not cause me to decline the second place."

NO SYMPATHY FOR REPUBLICS.

By a majority of nine, on a light vote, the Senate Monday refused to take up for consideration a resolution of sympathy with the Boer republics.

This is the first time in the history of our republic that either house of Congress has refused to express the sympathy which Washington proclaimed that he instinctively felt with all people struggling for their freedom, and which our early statesmen took every occasion to avow.

To this shameful stultification has our imperial nightmare driven us! The Great Republic does not dare of care to express its sympathy with little republics fighting bravely against extinction!

The Democratic national platform will surely give the people of this country an opportunity to proclaim their sympathies in a voice that will be heard around the world!

DISCONTENTED LABOR.

Talk about good times and then read the papers. In every leading industrial centre, Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia the labor unions are making demands for more pay and in many cases are out on strikes. Wages have not gone up and the cost of all necessities of life have increased so as to make their condition deplorable. This is McKinley prosperity. The trusts are getting sleek and fat, the people pay the bills, and labor suffers.

JOHN OLBYMARGARINE HAMILTON is now a full fledged Quayite, both in theory and practice.

WASHINGTON COMMENT.

Whatever the administration may be able to do in the House with the ship-subsidy job, the scheme will not get through the Senate at this session. The democratic senators who opposed this scheme have received unexpected support in their fight against it, from Quay's republican friends, who intend to let Hanna, who is the most active pusher of the job, see that they resent the successful deal by which he kept Quay out of the Senate. These republican senators would probably not vote against the subsidy bill if put to the test, but they will probably quietly help the democratic senators to prevent its reaching a vote, which will be practically the same thing.

The Navy department is put in the cruel position of having to order a court of inquiry to sit upon an officer who has criticized Admiral Schley. Secretary Long and Admirals Crowninshield and Sampson and the rest of the Department ring have so plainly showed their animus against the gallant officer that subordinate officers have considered themselves free to talk as they chose against him. But Captain Chadwick, of Sampson's flagship—the only officer, by the way, except himself, whom Sampson mentioned in his official report of the battle of Santiago—has passed all bounds. In an interview, he said that Schley is a disgrace to the service and that he has only contempt for him. He added: "I would not shake his hand if he offered it to me, and in this I believe I re-echo the sentiment of almost the entire navy." Chadwick and other officers are known to have talked in this vein, but to most of the reporters to whom they have expressed themselves the language was deemed confidential. No action has yet been taken by the Department, but some will be necessary. Secretary Long has stated to a Boston paper, that the matter came up just as he was leaving Washington, and that he was not cognizant of the exact nature of the captain's alleged statements, but that, in any event the rules of the department required that in such an occasion that matter shall be officially investigated. He said that the action of the department, after the captain explains, could not be forecasted, as there might be no truth whatever in the reports as to what he said; but if the captain's reply was a reiteration of the previous alleged statements, the case would be carried further, as the rules designated. Probably the matter may be allowed to end with a vacation for six years on full pay. This was the penalty inflicted on General Egan for his abuse of his superior officer, and shows the attitude of the administration toward its pets when they insult those whom it does not admire.

Secretary Hay's "brilliant diplomacy" has been set at naught by Abdul Hamid, and the Secretary has been made to appear about as small as "Joe" Chamberlain was made to appear every time he argued a point with Oom Paul. Not only has Abdul replied courteously that the United States must take its place with European creditors, seeking exactly similar reparation, but he has brought forward as a set off a number of Turkish claims against the United States, which decency will certainly prevent Secretary Hay from ignoring. The claims moreover, seem unjust. If a mob burns the property of a foreigner in this country and his government asks indemnity, the State Department replies that it is very sorry, but that it is not responsible, and the subject is dropped. No country grants reparation or even protection to foreigners other than it grants to its own citizens. As a matter of fact, the United States has no just cause against Turkey and nothing more would have been heard of our claim had it not been for the necessity of the administration carrying favor with the church and missionary element, and thus offsetting the denunciations of the prohibitionists for the course of the President in regard to the army canteen. As bearing on this point, note the following statement from A. W. Terrell, former minister to Turkey, who said: "There is much ignorance about the nature of our claim against Turkey. We claim indemnity for the burning of missionary property at Harpoot and Maras, places then dominated by Kurds and a fanatical populace, and remote from the consular protection. Missionaries claim that the burning was done with the aid or connivance of Turkish soldiers. The Porte has insisted that it was done by Kurds and by an ungovernable mob. Our claim is sustained by circumstances resting on missionary evidence, the denial of the Turks is sustained by official reports by Turkish officers and pashas, and the issue of fact has not been settled by any impartial tribunal. The burning was done during the Armenian massacres, and the Kurds have been the enemies of the Armenians from the time of Xenophon. In other words, Secretary Hay has taken up an unjust cause for political reasons, knowing it to be unjust, and has been outwitted in the diplomatic argument that has followed. Whether he will try to further "fire the missionary heart" by sending an American fleet to exact an indemnity remains to be seen.

EVERY party hath its own griefs and every heart knoweth its own sorrows. Representative Sibley has gone over to the Republicans and Senator Wellington has come over to the Democrats. Each party can now condole with the other on its accessions.

BELIEVES IN HEREDITY.

He Has a Lusty Son Who is a Living Proof of It Every Day.

"Do I believe in heredity?" said a well-known local professional man to the Cleveland Plain Dealer man. "Of course I do. I believe in it good and strong, too. Why, I have a living proof of the theory right before me every blessed day. My own son. Yes, that's right. He's a chip of the old block."

"You see, I like to get out in the yard—I have a pretty fair-sized one—with the rake and the spade and the lawn mower, and tidy things up a little. I don't banker particularly after the job, but I know the exercise is just what I need and I do it. Of course, I'd be glad to have my son help me a little—he's a strong, lusty fellow, but do you suppose I can get him to touch a tool? Why, he hides when he hears me coming to call him. That's right. So I go out alone and putter around, and every time I think of his dodging me I laugh till I shake."

"You see I was just like that when I was a youngster! My dear old dad would say: 'Come along, boy!' but do you suppose I came? Not much. I sneaked and hid and made myself scarce every time I saw him start for the garden. And he had to go out and do the work alone."

"I only hope that my boy will have a boy of his own some day who will serve him the very same way. And I'll bet you something handsome he will. It's according to the rules of eternal equity that he should."

"Yes, sir, I'm a firm believer in heredity."

A NAME WANTED.

Australia Is Trying to Find a Suitable One for Her New Capital.

The correspondence columns of the Australian papers are teeming with novel and original suggestions for the style and title of the federal capital of the early future. "Cooktown" is proposed as a posthumous compliment to Capt. Cook, the Columbus of the Australian seas. "Ophir," the Biblical golden city, is also considered appropriate, as gold is a principal Australian product. "Augusta," the name of the first-known settlement on the site of London, is regarded by one correspondent as a capital symbol for "a noble, majestic, imperial city," says the London Chronicle.

Alexandrina, Guelp, Southern Cross, Australopolis, Australburgh, Victoria Regina, Atlantis, Federal City, Queen Victoria City, Federa, Southminster and Britannia are a few of the titles culled from a considerable variety of epistolary samples. An admirer of the premier of the parent colony recommends Reidville. Perhaps the most sensible suggestion is that of "An Australian Girl," who would leave the selection of the title of the federal capital to the queen. Her majesty has not been asked to play this role of godmother since she bestowed the name of New Westminister upon the first capital of British Columbia, then an independent colony, now the most western province of the Canadian dominion. The present capital of British Columbia bears the queen's own name, Victoria.

POMP OF POWER.

Great Ceremony Attends the Nightly Looking of Gibraltar's Gates.

Perhaps the favorite sight of Gibraltar is the daily procession at sundown for the locking of the town gates. The keeper of the keys, looking very like a prisoner despite his uniform, marches through the town in the center of a military guard, preceded by a regimental band, which plays inspiring and familiar tunes. The keys, of enormous size, are borne aloft before him as an outward and visible emblem of the vigilance of Britain in guarding her prime military treasure.

On arriving at the gates the guard salutes, the martial strains strike up with a redoubled pean of triumph, while the great door slowly swings to and are solemnly locked for the night. Then right-about-turn, and the procession marches back to the convent to deposit the keys in the governor's keeping, conveying by its passage an assurance to the people and garrison that they may rest in peace.

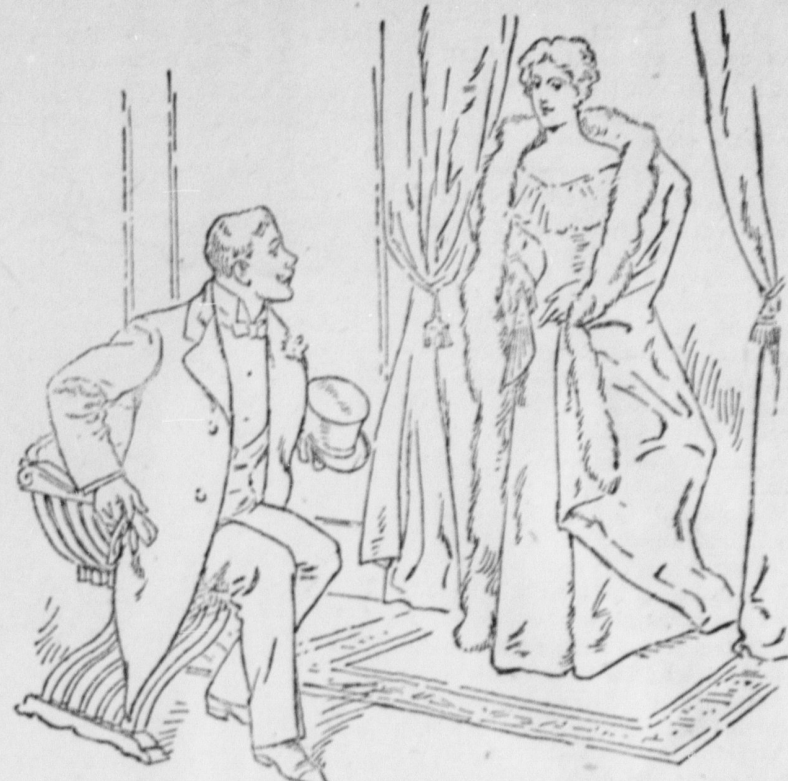
Once the gates are shut it were easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for an unauthorized person to go into Gibraltar. Even a belated officer returning from pig-sticking beyond the lines would be confronted by so many formalities and the necessity of inconveniencing so many high personages that he would probably prefer to encounter the discomforts of a Spanish inn without.

The Naked Man's Prayer.

Hastings, England, has a free circus every day at noon. At that hour an old gentleman parades in the front garden of his fine residence, perfectly naked, except for a loin cloth, a turban and sandals. The turban and sandals blaze with jewels. He prostrates himself before a little pagoda, wherein squats an ugly idol with diamond eyes. There is always a crowd to watch these devotions. If one questions the old gentleman he answers, testily: "What am I doing, eh? I'm praying for the conversion of this benighted land to Buddhism. That's what I'm doing."

Precious Stones His Fortune.

The present shah has just celebrated his forty-sixth birthday. The shah is enormously wealthy, and almost the whole of his fortune consists of diamonds and precious stones. The royal family of Persia is one of the largest in the world. There are some thousands of princes and princesses, and the present occupant of the throne has a family of about 20.



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P. H. R. Relief Report.

The monthly report of the Employes' Relief fund for the Pennsylvania railroad company's lines east of Pittsburg and Erie shows the payment of benefits to its members and the families of deceased members for the month of March, 1900 amounted to \$87,661.55, of which \$34,500 were on account of death and \$53,161.55 on account of disability by sickness and accident. The payments thus far are stated to have amounted in the aggregate to \$7,427,193.52, of which \$3,225,805.55 were on account of death of members and \$4,301,297.99 on account of disability.

Thirty-Five Years a 'Squire.

'Squire James Clark, of Beech Creek borough, filed his bond and oath of office as justice of the peace for Beech Creek borough for another term. 'Squire Clark on the first Monday in May will have served thirty-five consecutive years as justice of the peace in Beech Creek borough.

Pension Court.

An effort is being made by the Grand Army of the Republic providing for the creation of a pension court of appeals which is to give final judgment on all applications rejected by the pension department. There are already 13,000 cases awaiting the decision of the proposed court, while others are continually arising.

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Buying Good Clothes

in fact is becoming a necessity of every-day life. Not only the quality of a suit tends to make it excel but the style, fit and finish of the garment all lend a helping hand to make it the "acme of perfection."

Selling Good Clothes

is our business. No suit passes through our hands that is not perfect in every particular. Buy a suit of us once and you will buy the next one at the same place. Our aim is to try and please you—not to make you buy. In other words, if we can't please you we don't want to sell you.

Our Stock of Children's Clothing Surpasses Any in Bellefonte.....

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