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There is one verdict which it is hoped that the Maine board of inquiry will not bring in—the verdict of "don't know."

Evading Taxation. In his felicitous address before the Union League club of Chicago on Washington's birthday ex-President Harrison said: "One of the conditions of the prosperity of a nation is a proportionate and full contribution to the expenses of the state and local governments."

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advantageous and close acquaintance with continental manners and ideas broadens the American citizen very much to his benefit.

Brother Wainmaker is probably studying the political weather indications.

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charged for the carriage of postal packages of identical size, Mr. Loud is aware of these assertions and knows whether they are true or false.

Kansas will this spring plant 400,000 trees as soon as the frost leaves the ground. Had this work been performed a century ago, Kansas might have been a blooming garden today.

Emperor William says it isn't true that he dislikes Americans. "On the contrary," he adds, "there are traits in them which I like."

It is significant that many Americans who prior to the Maine blow-up opposed the proposition to recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents now frankly admit in the light of subsequent events that failure to confer that recognition was a mistake.

A Birmingham cigarette fiend attempted suicide the other day by hacking at his throat with a case knife. This is a trifle unusual.

Congressman Boutelle says he would like to pack the whole brood of newspaper reporters off to Cuba in the first regiment should war with Spain be declared.

The best news which has come from the national capital in a long time is embodied in the assertion that this year there will be no river and harbor bill. Let us hope this good resolution will be kept.

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the Sigbee type that America is a great, powerful, Christian nation. He represents the highest grade of American citizenship, and is a true representative of the class that commands the American navy.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. There is probably no portion of the National Guard that could not meet on equal terms, in the matter of arms, any regular European army.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

From the Philadelphia Times. In the bewildering flood of sensational and entirely untrue news given by utterly reckless journals, it would be well for all considerate citizens to give sober reflection to the following facts:

THE VIZAYA AND THE MAINE. From the New York Sun. The Spanish cruiser Vizaya, which arrived at the port of New York in the vicinity of the Maine at Havana, has left our harbor as safe and sound as she came.

IT OUGHT, INDEED.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. From the Times-Herald. AS INCIDENTS of the Maine disaster continue to reveal the character of Captain Charles D. Sigbee, the admiration of the American people for the gallant heroism he has shown continues to increase.

WILL DO ITS DUTY.

From the New York Sun. Our country will do its duty when the result of the investigation in Havana harbor is made known, and need not let any apprehensions for the safety of its own coast stand in the way of that duty.

DYNAMITE.

From the Philadelphia Press. There is an underecurrent of public opinion to the effect that somebody is planting a number of sub-marine mines in the vicinity of the Pennsylvania political situation.

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