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Those who hope to engineer a successful bolt in Pennsylvania next fall will need to take out an injunction against the war-with-Spain spirit.

#### The Proper Penalty.

It seems to be believed by every person in Washington who has had facilities for obtaining trustworthy information that the Maine's destruction was the work, not of accident but of design. Circumstances so unmistakably point to this as a fact that it is not improper to consider what steps should follow a formal verdict placing upon Spain the responsibility for the malicious destruction in a friendly harbor of a magnificent ship, together with the cowardly assassination of 250 gallant seamen wearing the uniform of the United States.

In some quarters it is intimated that a money indemnity, with expression of regret, would constitute a sufficient atonement. Those who have this belief say that a cash payment to us by Spain equal in amount to the cost of the Maine and its equipment, plus \$5,000 aplece for the sailors murdered (this money to go to their famflics), plus indemnification of the injured, plus perhaps a moderate sum as "smart money"-that is, money supposed to constitute a baim to Uncle Sam for the indignity put upon his flag-making altogether between \$10 .-000,000 and \$20,000,000, should compound Spain's felony and warrant us in letting her off without further exaction. The opinion is held very largely by men who own securities and who dislike to contemplate the possibility of

war. There are others who contend with done this infamous deed Spain should be obliterated from the map. They argue that the atrocity of it unfits Spain for recognition by civilized nations and that the sooner Spain is countries and deprived of further power to practice despotism and perfidy, the better would it be for all concerned. These persons belong to the "jingo" blood-money.

As between these extreme opinions is not now expedient. There is, how- national affairs until the intervening ever, a middle course which should meet with the approval not only of the things it does not do, rather than every decent stock-broker and jingo but also of the men who were injured in the Maine's explosion and the relatives of those who were killed in it. We have in mind an imperative demand upon Spain for Cuba's instant liberation, enforced if necessary. This might or might not be coupled with a demand for money reparation. The money part of it is not relatively important. The people of the United States would not seriously begrudge the cost of the Maine as a contribution to Cuban freedom. The reparation not measurable in money is required. And certainly a more fitting memorial could not be erected over the graves of the American tars who sleep in Havana cemetery than to lift above Morro castle, as the fruition of their martyrdom, the symbol which resembles our own, the Red. White and Blue of Cuba Libre.

is much reason why the United States | each of them will do likewise you will have \$100,000,000 in cash to be used withshould not be put in that attitude toward Russia, especially for the reason out restriction or conditions, and Spain that the transcontinental railway now will have a significant object lesson of building across the Siberian steppes, is a united nation of loyal and self-sacbeing constructed very largely of sup- rificing citizens, supporting a discreet plies in the way of lumber and other and vigorous executive, which will be material shipped from the United more potential than battleships to ad-States. If Port Arthur is made the termonish her that peace is destrable and minal of this Russian railroad it means that war would be a mistake. We have increased commerce for this country, only one life to live and only one counand there is no reason why, in the try to love, and I would rather have opinion of leading diplomats here, the my name on your receipt for this fund. United States should pull England's so far as my memory and posterity are chestnuts out of the fire and lose the concerned, than to have it carved on support of nations that have always the proudest monument money could been friendly to us. The cordiality of buy." Mr. Moore's patriotism is evisentiment which Great Britain is manidently as earnest as his judgment is sound. There ought to be others with 1862 festing towards the United States is,

on its shoulder.

erally.

The London Statist is worried over

equal spirit and we dare say there are of course, a matter of congratulation, but beyond this feeling of pleasure there will be no recognition of its existence. All that the United States will For example, Henry S. Williams, of ask is that other nations do not inter-Aberdeen, S. D., owns a newspaper fere with our operations. Only in case which in his absence contained an arsome foreign power takes up the cudgticle criticizing Senator Pettigrew. els for Spain will the question of an Thereupon, when the president had Anglo-American alliance be considered. named Williams for postmaster of This contingency is considered remote." Aberdeen, Pettigrew donned war paint Great victories are not won in a day and had the senate reject the nomina-It is something to have effected within tion. No other reason for rejection has so brief a time, as British diplomacy been offered. It was simply a case of has lately done, the disarming of that the senate of the United States humor-Anglophobic sentiment, once so vocifing one irascible member's personal erous in this country, which held it to pique. Yet the senate wonders why it be the chief end of virile Americanism has become unpopular! to be ready to scrap with England at the drop of the hat. We have all been more or less afflicted with this disease, the probable cost of a war with Spain. but the day is coming when saner views will prevail, and when, whether with have to pay the freight. or without a written agreement, the two wings of the greatest living race will flap, not roughly, in quarrelsome-

ness, but together in unison, for flight to higher levels of human aspiration and achievement.

ive school. Some of the once loudest kickers in congress against \$400-a-ton armor plate are now the most anxious to get armor plate built rapidly at \$400

#### The Term of Congressmen.

The house committee on the election of the president, vice-president and representatives in congress, in its favorable report on the proposition to amend the constitution so that members of the house of representatives should be elected for four years instead of two, offered these reasons: "First-The people have almost in-

tatives in harmony with the partisan warmth that if Spanish treachery has policy of the president in presidential campaigns, but unfortunately for the tranquility of the people and the safe development of our commercial and industrial industries, the theory of govermental administration upon which partitioned among the other European the people elect the president, cannot be successfully inaugurated and put into practical operation before the members of the house are compelled, under our constitution, to enter anelement and they don't relish the idea other election, and thus keep in conof measuring outrage and insult in stant agitation the business interests of our country.

practically all farm products since the date of Mr. Bryan's nomination and this has happened in the face of a steady fall "Second-Every intervening congress our sympathies go out to the latter but we recognize that its realization is not now expedient. There is how ess has become famous only for dairy products and all kinds of grain have advanced. The excuse which the supporters of silver in Washington have for the good accomplished. constantly offered for the advance in "Third-The evils of frequent elecwheat has been that of the advance in abroad and the explanation of the adtions are a constant menace to our vance in other classes of grain has been that it was due to "sympathy" with the advance in wheat. An examination, howfinancial and industrial industry. "Fourth-New members are required to give the principal part of their time ever, of some tables just issued by the bureau of statistics shows that the adduring the first session to familiarize vance in prices, which attracted most atthemselves with the rules and regulatention with reference to wheat, has been equally felt in practically all articles of tions of the house and preparing for the political campaign in the midst farm production and that all this has happened in the face of a steady fall in of their term. silver. "Fifth-The present amendment would tend to secure greater stability These tables, which show the range of arices in silver and various farm producand tranquility in public affairs. With tions, are too lengthy to reproduce in full. It is practicable, however, to present in a president and house working in har-It is practicable, however, to present in a single table the history of the upward mony, with a term of four years of a single time the instory of the upward course of prices in all classes of farm products in the face of the downward course of silver during the period since Mr. Bryan's nomination. These facts, coming to the surface as they do, just at the time of Mr. Bryan's tour through the worth and Mr. Bryan's tour through the continued exemption from political turmoil, we may justly hope for harmony in the administration of public affairs, the creation and execution of wise laws, the restoration of business transouth and his prospective visit to Wash-ington, are especially interesting and make the table one well worth the study quillity, advancement in industrial and commercial enterprises, and the and preservation of everyone interested in the coming campaign. The articles se-lected represent the three great classes of

price of silver controls in any way the price of silver controls in any way the price of cotton, shows that the average price of middling cotton in New York fluctuated very greatly between 1850 and 1870 while the price of silver remained practically unchanged. The following are the tables in question, taken from the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph:

Table showing the average prices of si ver and cotton in New York prior to act of 1873, and fluctuations in prices of cot-ton while price of silver remained unchanged. **Rullion** value

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ne croadest monument money could	1856 10.30 1.	639
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lently as earnest as his judgment is		031
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qual spirit and we dare say there are	1863 67.21 1.	640
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-plenty of them.		035
	1865 43.20 1.	035
Senatorial courtesy is a queer thing.	1867	027
For example, Henry S. Williams, of		025
Abardoon D D surge a newspaper	1870	027
Aberdeen, S. D., owns a newspaper	1871	025
which in his absence contained an ar-	Table showing increase in produ	act
icle criticizing Senator Pettigrew.	of cotton in United States, with c	OIT

1876

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dental fall in price, 1872 to 1896;

price in	Yes
New York.	produc
	2,974,35
	3,827,84
	4,632,31
	5,761,25
9.28	6,575,69
8.6	8,652,59
7.44	9,901,92
7.00 (estimated)	11,000,00

#### GIVE IT TIME.

From the Washington Star.

The Statist needn't worry. It won't There should be no impatience on the part of the public respecting the move-ments of the naval court of inquiry. There is every reason to believe that it is proceeding with all the diligence the oc-casion calls for. It is entirely competent Since Feb, 25 \$16,700,000 in foreign gold has started for New York, not a bad to determine the amount of time neces-sary for the investigation. It alone is in presession of information. The public, so showing for a country with a war scare far, has only theories and speculation, prepared for it in some instances solely for sensational purposes. The responsi bility of this naval court is very great. Hurried work or hasty conclusions would Some Hard Facts not only discredit the court, but increase

existing international complications. All essential obtainable facts relating to the Washington, D. C., March 13, R. BRYAN'S trip through the south last week is understood here to have been made with the cause of the Maine's destruction are excause of the mannes destruction are ex-pected. Much of the work is very diffi-cult. The ship is at the bottom of Hav-ana harbor, and it is proving to be no easy matter for the divers to explore the wreck. But the divers are at work, the UVI purpose of trying to strengthen the waning cause of silver in that section and at the same time to enwreck is under American control, and as scon as may be the story will be brought courage fusion, which has been coldly reup.

ceived by the Populists of the south gen-erally. The tone of the Populist press And even after the court shall have rehas been far from satisfactory to the au-thors of the fusion scheme and great anx-iety is felt among the friends of silver lest ported there must be time for the presi-dent and his advisers to digest the docu-ment. It is not to be assumed that they will be able to read it one day and be ready to act on it the next. It would be as little to their credit to hurry or jump as little to their credit to hurry or jump to conclusions as to that of the court of inquiry. What is being sought is not a pretext for war with Spain, but the truth about the destruction of a vessel of the American mavy while riding at anchor in a harbor controlled by Spain. There is ground for the suspicon of foul play, but suspicion affords no ground for a decla-ration of war. If Spain is to be held to accountability the case must be able to bear calm examination. -0--

The question is not one of time limit. The courage of the American people will keep. They will be found ready to uphold the honor of the flag whenever the oc-casion calls for it. Neither the court of ver, there has been a steady advance in inquiry nor the administration needs to be prodded. The only necessity now existing is for patience. The country's case is in safe hands, as events will show

> ONE EYE ON THE GOVERNOR. SHIP. From the Washington Post. Representative Tate, of Georgia, who returned to the city yesterday from a visit to his home, says that ex-Representative Candler will undoubtedly be the next nominee for the governorship. A nomination is equivalent to election. Mr. Candler is well remembered here as the independent who fought Emory Speers, at that time the leading member of the Georgia delegation. He is a genu-ine colonel, having lost an eye in one of the battle of the war. He is an able and bright man, and many stories are told of his ready wit when he was in congress.



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this last attempt to unite the voters of the three parties in its support will prove an absolute and recognized failure. The variably elected a house of represen-Populist press of that section is insisting that the party cannot march under Demo-cratic banners and is carefully omitting the active support of the silver cause which characterized the earlier history of the party and press. The rapid im provement of business conditions in the south and the advance in prices of farm products generally, in the face of the steday fail of silver since Mr. Bryan's nomination, is causing the average citi-zen to loso confidence in those assertions which were the entire basis of the silver campaign of 1896. Notwithstanding the claim that prices could not rise without free coinage of sil-

tion, was on Wednesday of last week 54.3 cents, while meats, wool, provisions,

Dr. Swallow gently intimates that the Wanamaker brand of political reform ple." is worthy of suspicion. This is perhaps a circuitous way of saying that the Swallow brand is the "only genuine,"

England and the United States.

In an article in the Washington Post which has every indication of being fords to the people to interpose beinspired announcement is made that tween presidential elections an ex-"whatever may be the outcome of the pression of opinion upon the execupresent situation in Cuba the United tive's work and policies. The com-States will have the friendly support mittee from whose report we have just of Great Britain, but will not ask nor quoted evidently assumes that a presiaccept her material aid." The Post in dent and congress elected simultanits issue of Friday thus quotes a num- eously for four years would, during ber of eminent men upon the subject those years, work together harmonof an Anglo-American alliance:

"An offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain," said Senator Davis, the chairman of the committee on foreign relations, "would be at variance with our policy from the days of Washington It would be nuwlse." Senator Frye said that unless England could persuade Cannda to stop magging us and would also guarantee a satisfactory home rule for Ireland, he would not be inclined to regard with favor a proposition for an al-liance. Senator Cullom, who is a mem-ber of the committee on forsign relations. said that while the United States would naturally appreciate the friendliness of Great Britain, the sugested alliance was unnecessary from any molat of view. "We do not want any alliance," he said, "for, while we would be glad if England gave us har sympathy, we do not need her aid." Benator Chandler, too, is naminst any offensive or defensive alli-ance. "We are interested," he said, "in open ports in China, and if we can help Great Britain in this matter without getting into a quarrel with our traditional friends. France and Russia, we might be inclined to help her. We do not need her Lusistance, however, in the trouble which we may have with Spain. We can man-age that affair for ourselves."

The Post asserts that the administration holds a similar view. "It has green congressional timber will not always been," that paper remarks, "the constitute, as at present, a continual policy of tht United States to hold aboot hindrance to the effective transaction from alliances with foreign nations of of the public business. any character whatever. More than all, it is appreciated that the diplomacy of England is more or less selfish. If she New York, has written to President seeks the assistance of the United McKinley: "I stand ready to send you States at this juncture it is felt that my check for \$1,000, payable to your

prosperity and happiness of the peo-

What if the congress and president

should not agree, or, if in agreement,

should be partners rather in iniquity

than in wisdom? In that event-and

other one-the people would be likely

to appreciate the chance, now offered

at two-year periods, to lay new in-

This discussion, however, is wholly

academic. Neither the president's

term nor that of congressmen is likely

to be changed in the near future.

Whether desirable or not a change is

improbable-particularly a change in-

volving constitutional amendment.

Francis C. Moore, of 46 Cedar street,

structions before the government.

farm production, breadstuffs, provision and wool, while other articles of the classes thus represented have advanced These arguments are not without force, although it is our belief that upon the whole the disadvantages of in an equally marked ratio. the present system of biennial elections

Table showing advance in prices of vaare more than counterbalanced by rious farm products, and coincidental fail in the price of silver from July 10, 1896 (date of Bryan's nomination), to March the opportunity which that system af-10, 1898:

per Red) ounce, per bu. July 10, 1896 ..... 69.2 Sepember 26 ..... 66.0 November 1 ..... 65.6 60.0 April 17, 1897 ..... 62.5 eptember 16 .... 57.4 ecember 16 .... 56.6 iously and intelligently for the public Feb. 25, 1898 ..... 55.6 March 10 ..... 54.3 good. This assumption views only the optimistic side of the picture.

Another difficulty which Mr. Bryan has encountered in his tour through the south is the remarkable advance in manufacturing industries in that section in the face of the fall in sliver. Even during the past year, with sliver galloping down it is not in our judgment a supposi-tion much more improbable than the other one the more would be likely all over the south and are running over time, sending their goods to all parts of the country and all parts of the world and paying dividends from 10 to 12% per cent. per annum. In the calendar year 1897, thirty-seven new cotton mills, with more than a quarter of a million spindles, were created in the south while in the precedcrected in the south, while in the precedng years the increase has been equally reat. Here is a table showing the ingreat. crease in cotton manufactories in the south and the money invested in them during the past seventeen years in the face of a constant fall in sliver during that time.

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74.5 85 0

96.5

102.2

106.5 10.75

100.5

8.25 8.60

8.75 9.50 9.00

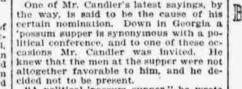
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But there is one good remedy for most Table showing increase in the number of cotton mills in the southern states since 1880, with number of spindles and the people have already in hand. That is, when they find a creditable and looms and capital invested: Mills. Spindles. Looms. Capital. 1880 ... 150 667.600 14.060 # 21.960.060 1890 ... 274 1.712.000 \$5.660 61.000.000 efficient representative in congress, to keep him there. Then the newness of

-1590125,000,000 1898 ... 490 4,100,000 115,000

Another embarrassment which Mr. Bry-an encountered in his tour through the south is the publication in a number of Democratic newspapers of that section, of certain statistical tables controverting of certain statistical tables controverting his claim that the reduction in the price of cotton during the past few years has been due or in any way related to the fall in the price of sliver. One of these tables shales at this juncture it is feit that she needs it in the furtherance of ends which are of far more importance to her than they could possibly be to this country. An alliance with England would invoke the antagonism of France, Germany, and Russia. There

1.44



"A political 'possum supper," he wrote to the host of the occasion, "is not the place for a one-eyed man." The remark went all over the state, the hostile guns were spiked, the supper

failed to unite the opposition, and the shrewd one-eyed man, who had sight enough to see through the designs of the enemy, will be governor of the state.

## THE BEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

A Fishing Jingle. For The Tribune. The day of all the glad year Which I love best; The one I think the most of, More than all the rest. The one whose coming brightens My face, and makes it shine. Wheat Mess Wool Is the early day in April Silver (No. 2 Pork Ohio When I first cast a line!

per X per bbl. ib. 7.75 17.0 17.0 You may talk about your Christmas, (And I'll join in praise of that) You may welcome blooming Easter. 19.0 With its big new hat; You may rave about the birthdays Of the men who did their best-21.1 26.1 27.3 Give me the first day's fishing 27.5 And you may have the rest.

> I've been waiting long since August, For this April day: I've dreamed about it many a night, And thought of it by day; Patriotic and religious moods Have been colored by the wish That the wheels of time would hurry With the first day to fish. -G. A. Warburton.

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