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It will be my purpose when elected to so conduct myrelf as to win the respect and good will of those who have oppose! me as well as those who have given me their support. I shall be the governor of the whole people of the state. Aluses inve unionbiedly grown up in the legis-lature which are neither the fault of one party nor the other, but rather the growth of enstein. Unrecessary investi-gations have been authorized by committers, resulting in unnecessary expense to the state. It will be my care and pur-pose to correct these and other evils in so far as I have the power. It will be my purpose while governor of Pennsylvania. as it has been my purpose in the public positions that I have held, with God's help, to discharge my whole duty. The people are greater than the parties to which they belong. I am only jealous of their favor. I shall only attempt to win their approval and my experience has taught me that that can best be done by on honest, modest, dally discharge of

As the days pass the alarm that was felt concerning that Spanish torcedo flotilla gradually diminishes.

Standering the Army.

When Poulteney Bigelow published broadcast the assertion that the regular army at Tampa is worse clothed. worse fed and worse officered than any army in Europe, not excepting Spain's it appears that he not only exhibited a painful lack of respect for American prestige abroad but also said what was grossly untrue.

The sick list among the regulars at Tampa is 2 per cent., or 214 per cent. below normal; the German military attache who is at Tampa watching things for his government testifies that the American army receives as good food as any army in Europe and that It is served in much more generous quantity. As for the quality of the officers, this is yet to be tested in Cuba; but it will be strange if the officers who have shown ability and courage on the plains shall suddenly reverse their good records in an alien

Just criticism can be made of the treatment of the volunteer commands. These are well fed but not yet properly clothed or equipped. The blame for this, however, rests not upon their officers nor upon the executive officials at Washington, but upon the country's gross unpreparedness, for which successive sessions of indifferent congressmen, sustained in their indifference by a false peace sentiment among the people, are responsible. The difficulty will be remedied as soon as possible, and good citizens will be patient, taking advantage of the object lesson to make sure that such a situation shall never recur.

As for those who trade in ridicule and false representation of the Amerlean army, thus complicating our government's difficulties and giving false hope to our nation's enemies, they are likely in time to find residence in the

Several extra editions of the scroll of fame will need to be issued if a curb is not soon placed on the Yankee tars.

A Year of Prosperity. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A record of wonderful commercial activity and progress in the United States is assured for the fiscal year which ends with next month. Prosperity is here. In spite of the temporary disturbance of war general business is advancing. Foreign trade shows an enormous balance in our favor. Our exports for the year will reach the unexampled total of \$1,200,-000,000, with imports of \$600,000,000, leaving a balance in our favor of \$600,000. 000. Each working day of the year we have sold to foreign countries nearly \$2,000,000 more than we bought from them. We are exporting three times as much breadstuffs as in 1895. The total for the tast ten months is \$100 .-090,000 greater than for the corresponding period a year ago. Exports of reanufactured articles also are stead- is believed that the Klondike is only

fly growing. The increase of all ex-

remarkably large. It is no figure of hausted. We have seen how soon it The Scranton Tribune speech to call the United States the yielded up its superficial deposits provider of the world, and in many respects it is becoming the world's lendng mechanician as well.

Prior to the year 1876 the balance of

the United States. Since then the avor. The excess of exports over imports since 1890 has been in round figrem: 1800, \$120,000,000; 1891, \$69,000,000; 1892, \$298,000,660; 1894, \$227,000,000; 1895, \$\$4,000,000; 1896, \$93,060,000; 1897, \$290,-000,000; ten months of 1898, \$514,000,000. In only one year of this decade, 1893, have imports exceeded experts, and the difference was less than \$8,000,000. The ast year was 49.92; for ten months of to 100.59. We have been sending abroad this year an average of \$4,000,000 In norchandise every day, and every dol-

In the presence of such figures the calomity cronkers must necessarily be silent. The favorable showing is too vast to be assailed. Free coinage has been tried by its own favorite test of the price of wheat and found a hollow scales have usually inclined in our the atmosphere of an old disturbance decusion. As for the war, it will clear to business and public tranquility. By forcing Spain out of our neighborhood an era of real peace will come, and the business of the United States leap forward, reaching a volume far beyend anything known in the past. For pence with justice is the aspiration of our people, and the motto of good will of the arts of industry.

It seems about time for some pleasant-faced gentleman to appear and take orders for the only "authorized | and authentic history of the Spanish-American war."

The Klondike. A atray letter to a friend or rela-

far off Alaska, which finds its way into the newspapers at home or the unexpected return of a disheartened and discomfited prospector who found the difficulties of the trail unsurmountable, or who lost heart in forcing them, is all that the outside world learns there days of the internal con-COLONEL STONE'S PLATFORM dition of the Klondike. News from Seattle has mysteriously and inglorlously discontinued; Dawson and Circle cities might be situated on the apex of the Pohr sea, so excluded are they apparently from intercommunication with civilization. The great rush to the Klondike which was recently anticipated has not taken place There is no rush, and there is no present indication that there will be one This may in part be attributed to the preoccupation of the war. Thousands of our young men who would have sought an outlet for their pent-up energy and restless spirit have chosen a more glorious avenue of escape from their commonplace environment in the ranks of the United States army or naval militia. The introduction of the militant spirit into the country has exercised the sordid phantoms of the gold fields. At all events it is a nobler aspiration to take up arms in defense of one's country than to follow what appeared to many experienced men who ought to know the resources of the Klondike intimately madness of action in forsaking the stable and rtain rewards of industry at home for the chimeras of the northland.

No news from the Klondike may be taken negatively as good. It is scarce ly probable that famine or even a desperate scarcity of food existed there during the long, dark and than never, dreary winter months. Although communication with the outside world was uncertain and intermittent, it was not entirely interrupted. The administration moreover took the precaution of organizing a relief expedition. Whether this aid was required or not | From the Washington Post. it was not, it was a measure of precaution reasonable and politic in view of the uncertainties and pessimistic rumors which were continually reaching us. The winter, although not yet over by any means in those hyperborean regions, must have relaxed its grasp on the earth, rendering mining and mining operations possible. The sustainment of life and health will become ensier with the return of the sun's summertime warmth.

Unfortunately there has been great loss of life through snowdrifts on the Chilcoot pass. Over fifty people were killed in one of these avalanches that swept down the side of the mountain, and many more were seriously injured. There have also been many indi-Men wandered away from their encompments of whom nothing was ever heard of afterwards. News of these misfortunes has combined with the excitement of war as a beneficent deterrent. We take it that the rush to the Klondike has ceased for the present. On the contrary, we may expect to see an exodus southward from Dawson and Circle cities when travel-United States exceedingly uncomfort- ing on the rivers and over the trails is rendered less hazardous than, probably, it is at present. We do not mean to say that the placer diggings in the Klondike are exhausted, or that the soil is not as rich in auriferous metals as it was believed to be at first. But Alaska has not yet been subjected to that rigorous geological survey which will reveal its hidden ore deposits and render them available to labor and industry, Settlement cannot become possible while the natural resources of the country are unknown, The California gold diggings present no analogy to the Klondike. California was an open country, with the most genial climate in the world. If trait routes were arduous and sometimes dangerous, the end of the journey placed the prospector in possession of a country where it was possible for him to build up a home and call it fatherland, even when it turned out, as not unfrequently was the case, that the gold diggings were illusive. It is asserted that more capital has been absorbed in reaching the Klondike than will be ever taken out of it in gold. This is probably an exaggeration. It

a small section of what may turn out

gold in California and Australia. Alaska has not yet been subjected to, a goedetle survey, much less thoroughly explored, and buttl this is done the rade was almost invariably against extent of its mineral resources cannot be estimated.

Judicious gold scekers, therefore, will wait. To be sure, coffin ships still set sail with their cargoes of human freight from Seattle and still go to pleces on the rocks, or founder in mid-But this is nothing to what it would have been had not the war opened out to the adventurous a better road to fame, if not to fortune percentage of exports over imports Speculators in the Kiondike boom have little more than chagrin and this year the percentage has gone up bankruptcy for their investments. It is probable that innumerable more lives would have been lost in reaching the Klondike in the sepulchurat ar received is the equivalent of a gold | hulks that had been made ready for their transportation than will be lost in the war.

The office of secretary of state during the next few years will afford opportunities for the display of sagacious and far-sighted statesmanship such as it has rarely had the chance to do heretofore. If it is true, as is reported unofficially, that Judge Day will soon go upon the Supreme court bench, which is a promotion in the line of his experience and especial fitness, and that Charles Emory Smith will be advanced to succeed him, the re-arrange ment will give very general satisfaction. Since the days of James G. Blaine no American has appeared better fitted o man goes with our earnest pursuit than Mr. Smith to shape judiciously and acceptably the enlarging destinies now unfolding before us.

The insurgents at Manila are evidently putting Dewey's rifles to good use, and the insurgents at Santiago, when they receive equal means, will exhibit equal energy. Those who underrate the Cuban rebels forget that no tive from some adventurous miner in man can fight effectively until he gets hold of the tools of warfare.

> The pathetic fate of William F. Harrity shows conclusively that the Democratic party under its present management is no place for a man who has convictions.

Secretary Long has rheumatism, but even as thus handicapped he seems to keep several laps ahead of his esteemed contemporary, the secretary of

The bunco game in diplomacy generally recoils. For further particulars ensult de Lome, Blanco and Carranga, lot to mention several hundred others.

Sampson may have been a triffe prodigat of shells, but he doubtless canted the enemy to realize that there were more where those came from,

Colonel Stone doubtless realizes that he has before him an excellent chance to rise superior to his political parent-

That Cadiz fleet evidently proceeds upon the doctrine that

May live to run some other day.

sists in the fact that every emergency develops its Hobson,

The glory of the American navy con-

That little affair at Santiago wasn't a marker to what Blanco & Co. have yet to experience.

Senator Quay's decision to "stand by the president like a wall" is better fate

One Guess at the Effect of the War

cannot be ascertained at present. If HE NOTABLE events of these teeming months are not the in-spiration of party traditions or platforms, but an awakening, a transformation. We see our weakness and realize our strength. In a military and naval sense we have sud-denly discovered that we were at the mercy of any one of the armed powers A signal from the British admiralty would have prevented the victory at Ma nila, as it could raise the blockades in the Antilles. We have seen likewise a moral force, not in what we could do now, if suddenly summoned, but the conlousness of what in the end we would be able to do even against the world. While thus for this has served as with the power of the heaviest artillery, we see that in this age of dynamite and prafrie blizzards war comes with a swiftness so appalling that the highest preparation is the most conservative patrici Whatever the cost, we must stand ed. There have also been many indi-vidual casualties, more or less serious, again incur the danger through which we are passing, of waging a just war by the

Not we cannot live on sufferance. We must take our place among the nations. The policy of isolation is dead. We are something more than a wheat-growing and pig-feeding country, and have interests more vital than the sending of meal to Liverpool. Our commerce forges ahead. Our flag reappears on every sea. The skill and integrity of our workmen enable our manufactures to dominate areign markets. These new-born oppor-mittee and advantages require the protection which can only come from an imperial policy based upon the manifestation of imperial power.

We are in a time of transformation. Take these Philippines, for instance. We held them, not from a desire to do so, but because we dare not give them up. Public opinion would not listen to the auggestion. Study this phenomenon a gress from a psychological point of view. The change in the tone of debate; are higher questions discussed; the issues cresented. Think of the quackeries, tom-fooleries, and nonsense on financial and other questions which were wont to permeate the atmosphere of Capitol hill Congress used to be a menageric of granks advanced thinkers, harmless lunation and dreamers. There is not a crank in the capitol. Serious men are in serius employment, reislan money, adjust ng taxes, strengthening the armaments ammering the nation's armor into place realizing that the task is ahead, and by

lost in the preparations for doing it. The nation is one. Much, nerhaps too much, is written on this covious theme, but it is a cold, pregnant fact, full of meaning and ercouragement. The north and south are one because it is to their interests. A blow at California is feit in Maine. This comented and impregnable union is the ground work of an imperial policy. A now consciousness seems to ports for the year will be at least \$150,000,000 over the fiscal year ending June

20, 1897, though the aggregate then was Placer mining is naturally soon ex
have come upon us—the consciousness of strength, and with it is new appetite, a yearning to show our strength. It night be compared with the effect upon the

animal creation of the taste of blood. New faculties are created, old faculties are no longer dormant; new passions are implied, and in spite of ourselves we must go into the forest and the foray. We feel the necessity of that seit-preservation which depends upon the sword. Ambition, interest, land-hunger, pride the mere loy of fighting, whatever it may be, we are autmated by a new sensation We are face to face with a strang dea-ting, and must necept its responsibilities

An imperial policy! The night has passed and the day has come. We have interests in the Antilles and must protect them. Spanish civilization has forfeited its rights upon this continent, and must withdraw at the point of our sword Hawaii is necessary for our Pacific commerce, and the Philippines become outpost. If not far enough advanced for the security of our commercial domin-ions, we may ask from China that consideration showed to Russia, England and Germany, and establish our flag if the Gulf of Pechill or on the Yang-tze king. An alliance, or what might be better, an understanding with the mora force of an alliance, with Great Britain would bring North and South America-the whole continent, indeed within who the diplomatists would call "the sphere of Anglo-Saxon influence." This understanding since the Chamberlain speech has grown with force, and is only a question of the

The essential step toward it is the Nica ragua canal. This would mean the star-ening of every sinew of the republic. It is as much a consequence of the conquest of the Philippines as the Pacific railway of the annexation of California. These are the footprints of a nation's destiny. The path of empire goals, and we must are the footprints of a fation's desired. The path of empire opens, and we must tread wherever it leads, whatever the peril. The president divines this, and with wise and cautious statesmans. Jends the way. However much he may have deprecated some of its forms, and however anxious he may be over som of its inevitable consequences, the tren of opinion is irresistible. The taste of empire is in the mouth of the people even as the taste of blood in the jungle It means an imperial policy; the repul-ic, renascent, taking her place with the armed nations.

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seroll, by deed most gallant done,
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But meaning new and grand to phrase well known, of "Hobson's choice." The head that planned, the hand that

wrought, the iron nerve that led six brave tars who went with him, ns numbered with the dead, On unarmed ship, historic name, the col-ller Mertimae.

To sink, if fee did not before, midway in

harbor track, Went forth that night no gun to fire, no enemy to kill, But none the less to strike a blow more

fatal, though so still. Than all our giant armorelads had struck in many a day Against the Spanish fleet besieged in Santingo bay.

and more than all, and strangest yet, to see that Spanish hand
Stretched forth to save when it might
kill, ere crew could swim to land;
Most wond'rous change this war has shown Cervern's armored might Can never do so much for Spain as mercy did that night.

The Merrimac, victorious beneath the Stripes and Stars, Redeems the name it honors now; its crew of seven tars
Rescued e'en by belonguered foe may yet
hear Spain rejoice That learning something new at last, it took plain "Holsson's choice," -John R. Graham, in Rochester Demo-

THE PERSIMMONS.

Oh, a little persimmon grew high on

On a tree-on a tall, tall tree!
And a little boy said: "It is growing for But I haven't a pole that can reach it, The persimmen that grew on the tree,

Oh, a little persimmon grew high on a tree-On a tree-on a tall, tall tree! And another boy said: "It is right over-

And when I grow big I can reach it," he The persimmon that grew on the tree. And while they were talking another boy

To the tree-to the tall, tall tree. And he jerked off his jacket and climbed to the top.
While they shouted below; "He will

drop! He will drop!"
He was fond of persimmons; he collared the crop Of persimmons that grew on the tree! -Atlanta Constitution.

ADVICE TO WANAMAKER.

from the Washington Post. Bo a man, John, and take your mediinc-prayerfully if you will, but take 't!

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D:awn by Ajnechus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1.43 a. m., for Wednes-day, June 8, 1898.

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A child born on this day will notice hat there is a good deal of Santiago bout the temperature. When a man is fined \$5 for attempt at murder and resisting arrest, it begins to look as though only the wealthy can af-ford to be tough in Scranton.

Wilkes-Barre correspondents are at a disadvantage these days. No one will beleve that they see Spanish fleets. The new straw hats give man an openneed expression.

The isothotenoughforyou flend escaped from his keeper yesterday.

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