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Squire Donohue, of Wilkes-Barre, set an example worthy of emulation in promptly thrashing a wife-beater who was brought before him the other night.

A Good Thing to Find Out.

Until this time The Tribune has interposed before the governor-elect no word of advice or personal recommendation touching the selection of his official advisers.

We are strongly tempted to break over this rule, however, in order that we may indulge a word in the case of the efficient state chairman, Hon. John P. Etkin, who is coming in just now for a large share of our dog snapping and barking from the Blinch, Tray and Sweetheart organs of the Wannamaker vendetta.

Just how John Sherman feels in the political society of Grover Cleveland on a platform of "agin the government" we don't know; but it is fair to Mr. Sherman's memory to say that he has seen better days.

The Maine.

That is a curious story which comes from Paris to the effect that the Spanish peace commissioners wanted a clause inserted in the peace treaty formally exonerating Spain from any part or complicity in the destruction of the Maine.

As we look back upon the crime of Feb. 15 and view in the light of subsequent knowledge the fate of the Maine, it is by no means clear that Spain has been accused justly of a greater responsibility than negligence.

What, then, is the mystery of the Maine? To this time alone can give adequate answer. Perhaps when the American flag floats over Havana and American occupation gains the clue to secrets yet unguessed, this will be one of them.

Senators Hale and Morrill are the only Republicans who will say that they intend to vote against the peace treaty. They will not be missed.

The New Diplomacy.

In a sensational speech before the London Chamber of Commerce the British ambassador to France, Sir Edmund J. Monson, on Tuesday evening executed a most extraordinary bluntness and directness of speech concerning the relations between France and Great Britain by saying that he was deferring for the moment to "the new diplomacy" which he credited partly to "the originality of the American mind."

The reference, we dare say, was intended as a compliment. As such, at all events, Americans will take it. The policy of candor may be new in diplomacy as Europeans view it but it is a very old policy in the United States.

half-century later, ignored these landmarks in history and she is yet dazed over the suddenness of disillusionment.

The British ambassador to France, we regret to observe, is not up to the American standard in this new diplomatic style. He wanted to tell the French authorities to quit their contumacious nagging at British interests in Africa or take the natural consequences, but he went to London to do it.

Because a gang of inebriated Cubans raised a row at Santiago the other day we shall doubtless hear a new series of howls from American anti-expansionists.

No Special Guarantees.

An incident of the Paris negotiations which escaped us at the time is chronicled with suitable comment by the Chicago Times-Herald. It refers to a request by Montero Rios that the United States by special agreement guarantee the safety of the church property in the Philippines.

The accuracy of our contemporary's forecast is indisputable in view of the vitality of the Catholic church upon a self-supporting basis in this country, and one of the most pleasing signs of the times is the energy with which the leaders of that church in America are preparing to clear the way for the American idea of independent church government in the new dependencies.

It must be a thrill harrowing to Colonel Bryan to find that Nebraska has become prosperous in his absence.

Good Times Inevitable.

What in the jargon of Wall street would be regarded a "bull" good interview was given yesterday to the Sun by that veteran financier and business strategist, James R. Keene, his subject being the financial and commercial outlook. We quote:

"To my mind," said Mr. Keene, "the foreign trade of the United States is the fundamental factor in the present situation. Most people have apparently not yet appreciated its significance. The government figures of foreign trade show: Excess of exports year ending June 30, 1896, \$5,997,983; excess of exports year ending June 30, 1897, \$25,821,112; excess of exports year ending June 30, 1898, \$415,259,124.

"A gratifying feature of our foreign trade is the growth in exports of manufactures. In eighteen years there were nearly \$300,000,000. There is every prospect that this growth will continue. We have imported fewer manufactured goods because we have learned how to make our own, and with improved machinery abundant raw material and skilled and well-fed workmen, we compete with the world in manufactures as never before.

seemed to grasp their magnitude, and the irresistible investment and speculative momentum they have unquestionably exercised. It must also be remembered that while this increased wealth is from exports only, the country itself has grown richer in even greater proportion.

"Major General" Leonard Wood sounds better; some day "President" Wood would sound better yet.

Governor Pinckney intends to run for president in 1904. He takes chances by putting it off so long.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Like the empire of Charles V, the United States is now, says the Globe-Democrat, a land on which the sun never sets. Going westward the difference in longitude between Eastport, Me., and Manila is about 175 degrees.

The aspiration after "physical culture" is finding outlets in many practical and useful ways. Among the most interesting of these is the "single agricultural college" in the west this year fifty girls have taken up a full course of scientific study in farming.

It is a question whether the reading of his own works by an author adds anything in reality to the intellectual enjoyment of his hearers who have made themselves familiar with his writings in printed form.

Admiral Dewey's cabin aboard the Olympia is filled with presents from his admirers including souvenirs of all kinds. "Some of the most beautiful of these," writes John T. McCutcheon, "are presents from Aquinaldo."

Somehow the capital of Germany does not seem to agree with Americans. Besides Harvard Taylor, Pendleton, Ruyon and Phelps, who died there during their terms as diplomatic representatives of the United States, two consuls-general have been removed by death within four years, and another, De Kay, came very near dying during his term.

ACCUSTOMED TO THE BUSINESS.

The Philistines, on account of their distribution on islands, will be much easier to control than the stalwart red men who roamed over a continent. The problem of uncivilized races has been an intimate part of American expansion from the first appearance of white men upon the eastern coast.

ATLANTIC STATES AND EXPANSION.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean (Hoop). It is a mistake to suppose that the increase of American influence on the Pacific will not benefit the Atlantic states also. The Pacific trade as it stands is of great value to the Atlantic states.

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HIGH BUILDINGS IN BOSTON.

From the Boston Herald. We in Boston have insisted in our building laws that no building shall be carried up to a height of more than 125 feet, and that when buildings are used for the storage, sale or manufacture of goods, the height must be limited to 100 feet.

A SOUTHERN VIEW.

From the Mobile Register (Dem.). So far as the constitution is concerned (in connection with territorial acquisition) the best document was so modified by New England ideas it is questionable whether it is worth referring to as a guide for the government of the country.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Miss Helen Lowell has been engaged to play "Pollyanna" in "The Christian," the part made vacant by the sad death of Ethel Marlowe.

Lieber & Co., the managers of Miss Viola Allen in "The Christian," have made a contract with Israel Zangwill, the noted Hebrew writer, to produce his forthcoming play, "Children of the Ghetto," founded on his widely-read novel of the same title.

Miss Viola Allen in "The Christian" played an engagement at the Columbia theater in Brooklyn last week, breaking all records of receipts at regular prices.

Miss Terry has also been giving her opinions on the qualities necessary to make a good actress. "First, a good heart. I don't believe anyone can act well unless they have a good heart."

Yutaknee, the Indian Princess, who is with the Bowery Burlesquers, is a most interesting young woman. She has a stately bearing that attracts attention and she has the control of eyes in all cities the company has visited this season.

Some Tennessee English. Charles Gossett asked a friend of his from the country the other day if she had been out to the fair, and she replied as follows:

"I didn't went, I didn't want to went, and if I had wanted to went couldn't have gotten to gwine."—Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle.

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