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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. Usually the Pennsylvania wifebeater is fined a stated amount when brought before an alderman, and the wife pays the amount from her earnings over a wash-tub. Alderman Donobue's vigorous treatment will no doubt tend to discourage habitual wife-beating in his district.

#### 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 have gone no further than to voice the general party wish that in choosing his councillors and executive lieutenants Colonel Stone would consult primarily the broad interests of the Republican party without special regard to clan, class or password; and incidentally widen the circle of recognition by giving some of the veteran holders of appointive place who have fed long and often at the Harrisburg crib a chance to rest their appotites and grow meek.

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. Elkin, who is coming in just now for a large share of cur-dog snapping and barking from the Blanch, Trav and Sweetheart organs of the Wanamaker vendetta, which we take to be an indication that he is under consideration for party honors. In fact, the threat is boldly made in the Philadelphia Press that if Mr. Elkin is named for attorney general the state senate will refuse to confirm. If Colonel Stone had this place, we take the liberty to suggest to him that this threat ought to resolve them in Elkin's favor. Let us to dictate executive nominations-the party or the sore-heads.

a platform of "agin the government" 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 | self-supporting basis in this country, of the Maine. That the war with and one of the most pleasing signs of Spain should begin and end around the times is the energy with which the awful tragedy of the Maine is not, per- | leaders of that church in America are haps, remarkable, but from an Ameri- preparing to clear the way for the the Spaniards should be so punctilious government in the new dependencies, and sensitive about this one thing and so indifferent to numerous other matters involving equal or greater turpi-

sequent knowledge the fate of the Maine, it is by no means clear that Spain has been accused justly of a greater responsibility than regligence. That, to be sure, was enough to make her continued presence in our neighborhood impossible. It capped the sheaf of other reasons which pleaded irresistibly for the extinction of Spanish sovereignty in the West Indies. But from what we know today of the peculiar twists and turns in the Spanish character-its deference to ceremonies and forms, its high-bred courtesy and politeness, its extreme and -we are bound to infer that however much the stealthy murder of a shipful of hated Americans might fall within the possibilities of Spanish cruelty, it would never be probable while the victims were in any public form and manner placed before the recognition of the world as entitled to receive from Spaniards the privileges and ex-

emptions of hospitality. 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 unguested, this will be one of them. It is to be hoped so, For the truth of history no less than for the satisfaction of justice a definite answer should be returned to the now erigmatic question, Who blew up the

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 excused 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

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, ante-dating the constitution, the articles of confederation, the revolution itself. England in those days didn't understand it and for penalty she lost her most valuable trans-marine posand we occupied her capital. Spain, a clever and able as they are, have not still further increase the value of Asiatic

half-century later, ignored these landthe Scranton tribune marks in history and she is yet dazed over the suddenness of distillusionment, If after all these object lessons the courtiers of Europe are calling it "the new diplomacy" it is simply because they have themselves hitherto been a century or more behind the times.

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 contemptible nagging at British interests in Africa or take the natural consequences, but he went to London to do it. The American plan would have been to say it at Paris; if need be, in the Elysee itself. Frank conference, face to face, is invariably the best when those who confer are sincere and honest.

Because a gang of inebriated Cubans raised a row at Santiago the other day we shall doubtless hear a new serie of howis from American anti-expansionists. Of course tangle-foot enthuslasm is unknown outside of poor Cuba,

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, in referring to a request by Montero Rios that the United States by special agreement guarantee the safety of the church property in the Philippines. To this proposition Judge Day replied that protection was afforded to all property n American territory, and that no pecullar recognition or guarantee could be given to any particular church. "That, of course", says the Times-

Herald, "is the principle which is universally accepted in this country. It is defended here by churches of every denomination as well as by individuals. No church, no individual feels the need of a special governmental guardianship. All corporations and all citizens are assured that when the law is offended in their property or persons the whole force of the courts and of the executive will come to their rescue, Action will be special enough and vigerous enough without any special con-No doubt Senor Ries was shocked by Judge Day's answer and felt that there was a discrimination against the church in the very absence of such discrimination. This is the special privileges who come to lean upon them as upon essential and inany doubts that Elkin was the man for | fatal mistake of all the claimants of dispensable supports. They thus desee as soon as possible who are going prive themselves of the healthy, natural activities of free and independent agents until they find that their supposed strength is a real weakness. The Just how John Sherman feels in the church in the Philippines will thrive political society of Grover Cleveland on under the general guarantee of the United States as it has never thriven we don't know; but it is fair to Mr. under the special guarantee of Spain. Sherman's memory to say that he has It will have a more expansive and beneficial life and make more of real progress among the people. There will never be the slightest reason for it to regret that the request of Montero Ries was refused."

The accuracy of our contemporary's forecast is indisputable in view of the vitality of the Catholic church upon a American idea of independent where state and church have been in intimate union for upward of four centuries. Their cordial acceptance of the new conditions and prompt volunteer-As we look back upon the crime of | ing to meet them remove what might Feb. 15 and view in the light of sub- have been one great source of ill-feeling and confusion.

> It must be a trifle harrowing to Colonel Bryan to find that Nebraska has become presperous in his absence.

### Good Times Inevitable.

What in the jargon of Wall street would be regarded a "bully" good interview was given yesterday to the ness strategist, James R. Keene, his subject being the financial and commercial outlook. We quote:

"To my mind," said Mr. Keene, "the 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, \$265,621,112; excess of exports year ending June 30, 1898, \$615,259,124. Total for three years, \$966,878,218. Excess exports July 1 to Oct. 31, 1898, four months, \$165,799,884, making a total of \$1,100,000,000. Here is an addition of over \$1,100,000,000 to the wealth of the country from surplus products in a little over three years. There is a persistent and importunate demand for our grain, provisions, cotton and manufactured products, which insures for the United States, two consul-generals the fiscal year ending June 30 next have been removed by death within four another large excess of exports. The total gain to the country in four years will probably be in excess of \$1,500,-

"A gratifying feature of our foreign 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. The enormous debt of foreign nations to us which has made money so easy throughout the country, flooded the West with capital, filled Western banks to repletion, and brought Western men in large numbers to invest in

our securities. "Hardly one man in a thousand in the United States realizes this change. The power of \$1,500,000,000 increased wealth no one can controvert. The figures are so stupendous and the logic is so irresistible that the student stands aghast. Few have ever seen Asiatic Pacific, the building up of a great sessions and got twice thumped into
the bargain. Mexico misunderstood it

the financial writers of the press.

the cutting of the Nicaragus canal, all
features of the expansion policy, will

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. There has been nothing like this foreign trade statement in the history of the commerce of

any country." And the grand thing about it all is that the period of great prosperity has ony just begun.

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

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

#### **NEWS AND COMMENT**

the empire of Charles V. 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. To the dwell-ers on the Atlantic coast of the United States Manila is very near the antipodes. Traveling westward from the eastern verge of the country to its western boundary in the far Pacific a circuit of al-most half of the globe is made. Except in midwinter the sun rises in Eastport before its sets in Manila. In summer, autumn and spring it is daylight along the castern coast of the United States before it is night on its western boundary. England, France and Germany also have territory so widely diffused throughout the globe that the sun shines on some out, of course, in contiguous territory the United States is far ahead of all of these In area, exclusive of colonies, the United States is the largest nation in the world except China. It far exceeds in superfi-Great or the Reme of Caesar and Trajan. It surpasses the domain of Charlemagne or the territory of Charles V. exclusive of his colonial possessions in America, which were of indefinite extent, and which only technically belonged to Spain, for no Spaniard in Charles' time had ever seen any more than a small fragment of the region that Spain claimed in the days of Charles and of his con Philip. It exceeds the empire of Russia in Europe. In population the United States exceeds every Christian ration of the globe of colonial possessions are omitted.

The aspiration after "physical culture is finding outlets in many practical and useful ways not enumerated among "sports," In a single agricultural college in the west this year fifty girls have y in the west and south. Girls are now dmitted in some of them on the same nditions as boys. They have a dormitory of their own, and study three years, a part of the time being spent in actual farm work on the field. When graduated they are found skilled in every department of housework and needlework, and n every line of dairy work, stock raising, and agriculture. It is not surprising that some wealthy families send their daugh-ters to these colleges. Where could par-ents give their daughters a better "physical basis" than in such an institution? It may seem to some like robust treatment, but it is safe to say that money spent for physical culture of this order will yield better returns in the end than expensive athletic training belonging to the category of sports. It would not be sur-prising if one of these days the ruddy female graduate from a first class agricultural college should be at a premium in he matrimonial market .- Boston Globe.

It is a question whether the reading of his own works by an author adds any-thing in reality to the intellectual enjoy-ment of his hearers who have made themselves familiar with his writings in printthat the large attendance at the readings of authors of note, domestic as well as foreign, is attracted in no inconsiderable degree by curiosity as to the personality of the authors themselves. It is not supposable that so many people, who have read what this or that writer has to sny, anticipate any new revelation in lis-tening to his reading of the same work. The spoken word, except there is some-thing unusual in the manner of its deliv-ery, adds nothing of remarkable effect to it sense as it appears on the printed page. But there is an inevitable and altogether natural interest in the author himself, cr herself, which every one feels whose finer has been taken captive by a poem, essay, or tale. The author may not be able to inspire his thoughts with new life by uttering with his own voice what he has set down with his pen, but there is yet an intrinsic charm in the association Sun by that veteran financier and busi- of the man with his thoughts which apseals strongly to the sensibility of the average reader.

Admiral Dewey's cabin aboard the Olympia is filled with presents from his keen sense of the dues and duties in-terdepending between hosts and guests the fundamental factor in the present writes John T. McCutcheon, "are presents from Aguinaldo. The dictator has the greatest admiration and respect for Dewey, and has the singular haldt of making au elaborate gift to the admirat whenever the latter 'calls him down.' That accounts largely for the number of Aguinaldo's presents that adorn the cabin. In all the dealings Admiral Dewey has had with Aguinaldo he has treated him with the greatest courtery when courtesy was called for, and the greatest verity when firmness was the thing; but spite of the rebuffs Aguinaldo's notes mpanying the presents invariably refer to the admiral as 'my honorable and illustrious friend.' "

> Bomehow the capital of Germany does not seem to agree with Americans. Besides Bayard Taylor, Pendleton, Ruryon and Phelps, who died there during their terms as diplomatic representatives of years, and another, De Kay, came very neat aying during his term.

### ACCUSTOMED TO THE BUSINESS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (Rep.). trade is the growth in exports of manufactures. In eighteen years these
were nearly \$300,000, There is every were nearly \$300,000,000. There is every 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. It is by no means probable that the entamed natives of the Philippines will be as releatless as Apaches, as donged in fighting as Modocs or as degraded as Diggers. If to reduce workmen, we compete with the world in manufactures as never before. The opening of Chinese and other Eastern throughout history is to be condemned. The long march of the higher taxes is an abstract question not debated in unlimited opportunities. It is this statesmanship or diplomacy. It is acpted as something beyond the control parties or governments, as a tide, in fact, in human destiny,

## ATLANTIC STATES AND EXPAN-

SION. From the Chicago Inter-Ocean (Rep.). It is a mistake to suppose that the in-rease of American influence on the Paific will not benefit the Atlantic state also. The Pacific trade as it stands is of great value to the Atlantic states. The construction of the Pacific railroads greatly increased its volume and value. The extension of American influence into the

seemed to grasp their magnitude, and trade to the Atlantic states. Every step in the expansion policy from 1783 down to the present has been of advantage to the Atlantic states.

#### 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 storuge, sale or manufacture of goods, the height must be limited to 100 feet, even though the construction may be areproof throughout. In this way we have brought what we call our high buildings, except those that were built before the passage of the present building law, un-derthecontrol of our fire department, and, while losses in them may occur, it does not seem probably that the experience of not seem probable that the experience of New York, of having more than two-hirds of the upper part of one of these office buildings burned out, would occur

#### A SOUTHERN VIEW.

From the Mobile Register (Dem.). So far as the constitution is concerned n connection with territorial acquisition the old document has been so mutilated 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 "Polly Love" in "The Christian." the part made vacant by the sad death of Ethel Marlowe.

Liebler & 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 This is the result of negotiations extending ever one year, which were only completed on Mr. Zangwill's gotiations extending ever one year, which were only completed on Mr. Zangwill's arrival in this country for his present lecturing tour. Mr. Zangwill is to have the play completed next April. It will be presented at a Broadway theater in October, 1899. The piece will be a distinct possibly dealler entirely with hebrex. novelty, dealing entirely with Hebrew ypes of character. The story will be en-irely on comedy lines and will, it is predicted, prove as strong an attraction as "The Christian."

Della Fox, the sprightly ex-comic opera artist who recently achieved some noto-ricty while in this city is again making a bid for fame. A St. Louis dispatch says: "Della Fox, the comic opera star, and Hugh Chilvers, her tenor and leading man, have adopted a peculiar method of announcing their engagement to be mar ried. They are nothing if not unconven-tional. The huge three-sheet posters used to advertise Miss Fox's appearance in "The Little Host" at one of the leading theaters here, centains in gittering leters the information that she will shortly take the young tenor for better or worse Mr. Chilvers is from Detroit. His brothe is the author of the play in which Miss Fox is now appearing. For more than a year there have been reports that the little singer more than fancled the hand

Miss Viola Allen in "The Christian" played an engagement at the Columbia theater in Brooklyn last week, oreaking all records of receipts at regular prices. Monday evening she began an indefinite run at the Garden theater, New York, which will urdoubtedly continue until late in April. The great advance sale at the Garden theater, the demand extend-ing a month ahead, indicates that Miss Allen will continue her record breaking career at this house. The success of "The Christian" is hardly appreciated by the casual reader of theatrical news. Miss Allen's receipts for the forty-nine per-formances she played at the Knicker-bocker theater, beginnig October 10, were 50,642. Previously to opening at the Knickerbocker theater, she played to \$29,-\$98,75 in Albany, Washington and Provi-dence in eighteen performances, making her receipts for 67 performances \$199,593.75. or an average of \$1,501.17 for each per-formance. This is the greatest record ever made by a dramatic attraction at regular prices in America.

Miss Terry has also been giving her opinions of the qualities necessary to make a good actress. She says: "First, good heart. I don't believe anyone ca act well unless they have a good heart. The best players are those who best understand and sympathize with their fel lows, 'Madame Sarah' is a great-hearted woman. Three other qualities are neces-sary before the art of emotion can make itself felt, and these are imagination, in-dividuality and industry. Imagination will give the insight required to make an actor one with the character he is assum-ing; individuality, if sufficiently devel-oped, will enable bim to hold any audience, and industry-well, without this no one ever became an artist on the stage or in the studio. I don't mean to say thu beauty is not an immense aid to an act ress in a successful theatrical career Still, you can get on without beauty, but it is impossible for an actress to achieve any distinction without imagination, individuality and industry. After all, so far as the stage is concerned, beauty has not much more power than to win a fa vorable criticism. It can attract people-tt can make them, perhaps, come once again-but it cannot make them stay, Have you, then, these three I's: Imagina-tion, industry, individuality?"

Yutakmee, 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 been the center of eves in all cities the company has visited this season. Yutakmee has had many adven-tures during her life and some of them have been very thrilling, but she prefers not to talk of them. It is of her stage life that she likes to speak and it may be mentioned right here that few wo-men on the stage today take the interest in their work that Yutakinee does. Even if Yutakmee were the ugliest of mortals instead of the very beautiful woman she is her voice would command attention from any lover of music. She takes high C with perfect case and holds it until the choes ring from all parts of the theater Those who have heard her, and some of them are numbered among the leading musical critics of the country, declars that Yutakmee's voice is marvelous, Proof of the power of her voice has ever an audience is found in the fact that she comes on the stage just before the curand holds every person in their scats. Frequently the people have refused to leave the house until she came before the curtain and bowed her acknowledgent of the veciferous applause her voice

#### Some Tennessee English. Charles Gosset asked a friend of his rom the country the other day if she and been out to the fair, and she replied

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



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