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Governor Hastings will be known in history as the great judge-maker.

A Forward Step.

The Young Men's Christian association has taken art aggressive forward step in its work by securing for its Sunday afternoon meetings in January, February, March and April the commodious Lyceum theatre. It announces a notable list of speakers from abroad, men prominent as elergymen and laymen, white from the very best lyceum attractions which have appeared in past entertainment courses suitable companies to furnish music have been selected.

This programme combines the cultivation of the love for the beautiful with that of love for God. The music is to be of a high order of excellence, and the addresses will be full of the virility and force which make for a nobler manhood. Certainly an hour spent at the Lyceum on Funday afternoons under such circumstanes will be infinitely more attractive and profitable than on the street or in other idleness.

General Brooke would find diplomacand concillation better weapons for the pacification of Cuba than strengous as sertion of strength. No doubt he means well in his new position but his introductory moves are disappointing.

Carrying the Mails.

Evidence is rapidly accumulating be fore the joint congress committee which is investigating the transportation of the mails that the government is being coundly "waked" by the railway companies in this matter. Since 1878 ther has been no reduction in the cost of mail transportation, though since that date nearly everything else has been pedicod in cest on an average 40 pe cent. Another significant fact in this connection is that while an ordinary freignt car cares on an average only \$612 a year, Uncle Sam has to pay at average cental of \$5,740 a year for every postal car, in addition to the charge at pound rates for the mail carried therein. The postal car of course costs more than the ordinary freight car, but he so much more as to warrant this great discrepancy in rental charge. The express companies get transportation for their stuff at from a third to a tenth of the price charged to the government for carriage of the mails. The con clusion, therefore, is irresistible that the government is being held up and bled, and it is promable that if this evi were corrected we could soon have penny letter postage and make a mar gin of profit into the bargain.

The new capitol at Harrisburg, be suse of its crude, box-like and repulsive appearance, is a continual topic of jest among frequenters and observers of it. But it has to be remembered that bricks cannot be made a ithout straw.

College Professors.

To find a college professor who is full blooded and hopeful in his American ism makes a refreshing contrast after the numerous resent exhibitions which the country has had of academic degeneracy. Of course there are plenty of such natviotic and rational profes sors, but it has hitherto been their misforme that the other kind have figared more targely and frequently in print. The thanks of his guild are certainly owing to Professor Grosvenor of Aminorst college for a paper read by him on Thursday before the American Economic and Historical association convened at New Haven, Conn., concerning "American Diplomacy," which it has been the habit of the Mugwump fraternity to ridicule and flout.

Professor Grosvenor took an opposite point of view. Comparing the results of our much derided diplomatic service with those of far more highly rated nations he found the balance by no means in our disfavor. "I make no claim," said he, "that our dielomatic service is perfect or that ell American foreign ministers have been saints or sages. Sometimes we have had butfleient, sometimes timid, shuffling men. but what General Woodford said of himself was the record of his colleagues: 'When your minister reached Spain he was absolutely direct and frank in his dealings.' In scholarly culture our diplomatic representatives have surpassed those of any other land. No foreign country has summoned to its survice such a host of historians. political economists, poets, orators, journalists and educators of every class. I am well aware that many are clamerous for the adoption of the European system of diplomacy. Does American dislomacy offer only an uncertain title and promise nothing of real accomplishment? The immensity of its achievement covers the whole nineteenth century of international law. It has broken the caste shackles of birth. has successfully asserted the right of exputriation, has declared the seas and highways,' destined to be free for man. capture on land. This year three fapropelled by the American stroke. In bonorable nearness followed the boat with the stroke half foreign and half American. The crew taught with the foreign training was left behind. The American stroke is the stroke for us, whether on the Thames, the Scine, the

dice or national pride, but because of

As distances go Amherst college, where Professor Grosvenor holds forth. is not far removed from the more venerable institutions at Cambridge and New Haven, which boast their Nortons and their Woolseys; but in the scale of practical inspiration the separation between these two types of collegiate instruction is immeasurable,

Now that the navy has practically while we are minus the Maine, we have or recovered Spanish warships-five police work among islands; three small one torpedo boat. These ships will ali fit in handly with our new duties and

One Year Ago.

Who would have thought one year

That war would have been declared between the United States and Spain? That Uncle Sam would own the Phil-Ippines, Hawati, Porto Rico, Guam and Wake Islands?

That there would be talk of an Anglo American Alliance?

That General Kitchener would rectain the Upper Nile region?

That President McKinley's picture would be applauded in Havana? That the Thirteenth regiment would

be buried in camp while less experlenced men were allowed to achieve glory or the front?

That Hobson would kiss 163 Chicago

That Boston yould became the head parters of anti-imperialists? That any of the accusers of Dreyfu ould commit suicide?

That Colonel Roosevelt would be gov ernor of New York?

That William Jennings Bryan would ecome a soldier? That Corbett and Sharkey would

the lat? That the D. and H. gravity service

would be curtailed? That W. F. Hallstead would so soo be president of the D., L. and W.? That there would again be prospect

or base ball in Scranton? That Scranton councils would eve make a move towards renairing the

asphalt pavements? Who can guess the developments of the year about to dawn?

An incursion of base ball is threat med in the Philippine islands, If Aguinaldo doesn't come to time be might be sentenced to serve as one of the umpires.

Foreign Municipal Lessons.

The extent to which socialism is enring into European ideas of govern ment may be guessed from the circumstance that the London county council the governing body of the world's largest city, has just decided after protracted discussion to invest municipal funds raised by general taxation in a system of model tenements for the poor, which are to be rented by the city at less than the cost of construction, interest, superintendence and repairs, Inother words, the city is to tax the wellto-do and rich in order to give shelter to the poor-not necessarily to the poor but to all who are willing to enjoy public bounty in rents. Howver much is to be said for this programme on the humane side it must be admitted that on the legal side it in volves rank class legislation.

A better view of foreign municipal progress is afforded in the experiment egun last year by the parish of Shoreditch, a part of London. Prior to 1897 that parish had paid \$30,000 a year to have its street refuse swept up, carted to the Thames, put aboard a garbage boat and dumped into the sea. The idea then occurred to it to utilize this in a parish electric plant. This plant has been running for a year and results are now accessible. The street refuse supplied all the fuel necessary to run t except \$432 worth of coal. The total expenditures for the first year were surance, repairs and other purposes, The interest, sinking fund, rents, and the ordinary allowance for the depreciation of the property were \$10,205, making a total of \$29,275. The gross recelpts for the sale of light and power, including a credit equal to the average previous charge for street lighting by gas, were \$45,205, thus leaving a net profit of \$15,930 for the benefit of the parish treasury, which will be used in enlarging the plant, Arrangements are now being made to use the escaping steam to heat the water of a public Math, instead of allowing it to go to waste. In addition a free system of dences has been instituted, a service

hitherto charged for. Much is to be learned by Americans sons-much to imitate, some things to avoid. The question is, How long will American pride and ambition rest conmethods and results lagging on the average so far behind the methods and results in most of the cities of the old world?

The New York Sun, with more truth than politeness, calls attention to the provincial tone of Canadian public opinion as reflected in Dominion journatism, notes the lack of interest which wide awake persons on this continent straits and continental rivers 'God's take in Canadian affairs, because these in the main are petty and looked at It has compelled the rights of neutrals by Canadians themselves in a belittiing to be recognized by every civilized fushion, and adds: "Canada will never state. Now it is building the scaffold- arount to anything until it yields to ing for achievement no less great, the destiny by joining in the procession of class Professor Hodiev represents in-exemption of private property from American progress—by entering into cludes all of the American people it is destiny by joining in the procession of capture on sea as it is exempt from the American Union." The American who has traveled in Canada and nomous universities held a regatts. One liked the contrast between the appearcrew rowed a foreign stroke, one a ance of things on the American and on stroke half foreign, and the third one the anadian side of the boundary line American. In the van finished the hoat | will appreciate the cutting accuracy of the Sun's assertions.

The Philadelphia Press, from a strategical standpoint, has put up a strong fight on Senator Quay-perhaps the ablest newspaper attack, considered of merchandisa tactically, that has ever been made Tiber, the Sprea or the Wein. And upon any American in public life, Fair-

that not because of pravincial proju- | news forces this admission. The fact | Some men seem to live only to brush |

survive it is a new proof of his superior suguelty.

The Media Ledger calls upon Factory Inspector Campbell to make an investigation of the alleged violation in the Wanamaker store in Philadelphia of the law regulating the employment of women and girls in factories and stores. This law provides, among other cities things, that no minor male or female closed its war accounts it is found that any mercantile industry for a longer period than twelve hours in any day twelve trophies in the way of captured nor for a longer period than 60 hours in any week; also that the employing light draught gunboats very useful in firm shall provide suitable seats for the use of girl and women employes and cruisers, two tugs, one transport and permit them to rest when not otherwise engaged, the maximum penalty for violation being \$500 for every established offence. The Ledger is informed that this law is frequently violated by the Wanamaker company and therefore Its request for an investigation is reasonable, but in view of Mr. Wanamaker's public pretensions it is fair to assume that he is innocent.

Quoting the opinions of dead states men on the expansion issue is interest ing as a historical pastime but not people have a good habit of solving their variou problems of government each in its turn in the light and by the trust in mere tradition.

The estimated cost of the Nicaragua stretched with deadly effect from California to New Jersey. Walker commission is \$124,000,000; a ninority report says 29 per cent, additional, or \$148,800,000. The commission says the canal presents no insuperable engineering difficulties and is as feasfele as it is desirable. It must be built,

politics at Havana ought to furnish sufficient amusement for the sport-loving citizens of Cuban and Spanish sentiments to induce them to refrain from shooting and backing each other whenever they meet.

Filipe Agonello has decided to campat Washington this winter in the interest of the Philippine insurgents. Agoncillo's chances of success will be strengthened if he does not get too

Uneasy saffron journals are having considerable difficulty these days fixing the salaries of the American peace commissioners. They forget that the president does that.

Now that the college professors are pulling each other's hair over the expansion problem, perhaps the issuebunting politicians can take a few minutes for rest.

According to all accounts, Santiago must now be a cleaner city than Scran-

Father Time of the '98 brand is moving towards the edge of the calendar. The season for bargins in winter

TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

goods has arrived.

Two different points of view, from which the problems of American exented by Dr. Woolsey's article in the urrent Independent, and by Profess Hadley's New Haven address. Both of these public teachers were opposed to the war with Spain, and deprecated the in rease of our national responsibilities which was its natural result, but they erent spirit.

The older man sees only an act of national folly, which has borne fruitage of a depressing dilemma. He does not yet despuir of loss of the natural fruits waste. Accordingly \$60,000 was invested of the war by self-denying rejection of the peace treaty by the senate, or by refusal of the bouse to appropriate th money it calls for. Should it be ratified, he sees only discouraging problems of co Ionial administration and national policy questions of trade and government, burdens of taxation and duties of education of inferior races, before which his spirit \$19,070 for wages, stores, supplies, in- quails. He is content to state these problems in their most unpromising form and to leave more courageous, if less experienced readers, to reflect on their so-lution. They inspire him to no arder of attack, to no employment of his broad learning and ripe judgment in the service of his countrymen in the serious gituation in which he conceives they have placed themselves. He leaves the misguided nation to stew in its own juice.

The younger professor, at one with Dr. Woolsey as to the policy of the war itself, approaches its consequences in a bolder and more hopeful spirit. He perceives first of all that American expan-sion is inevitable and that its responsibilities must be met soberly and resolutely. Far from lying down helplessty waste. In addition a free system of before the new problems, he is roused by garbage collection among private resistent them to new energy of labor in his chosen field of economics, and invites all carnest students to join him in placing their tai ents and learning at disposal of the He sees in the in American people. through study of foreign municipal les- evitable changes expansion over seas must make in our system of government a school of training for the people, in which fruitful labors wait for public teachers like himself. He is ready mantent with seeing American municipal fully to do his part to bear new burdens to solve new problems, meet new respon sibilities, to do all the things which make strong men and strong nations.

Both attitudes are representative, the first of a despondent class most voluble in barren discussion, but most impotent in influence, which has set itself in the way of inevitable national development from the first, without suggesting any dernative to the course it opposed; the ther of a class at once doubtful and resoute, uncertain or divided at first as to the wisdom or inevitableness of expan-sion, but most hopefully and firmly determined to make the best of whatever out American people to deal with future prob lems as they have dealt with past. It is growing evident very fast new that the edful to take into account, except for udents of social pathology.

RANDOM REMARKS.

Some schools turn out nearly as man The only happiness some people know s the relation of their miseries. The latest definition of "Hobsan's

choice" is "Kiss me quick or go,"

The nenny of the wise and the pound of the foolish often buy equal amounts. The man who has seen the world with other people's eyes as well as with his own is indeed a learned man.

that he seems to be abundantly able to specks of dirt off their clothes; others to carry around a pointed moustache. We have yet to find an anti-expansion editor who did not lay aside his political creed while he atc his Christmas turkey. When people are happy marriages are

plentiful. That accounts for the larg number of weddings around Caristma Anarchism is a hot-bed weed. How shall we eradicate it? Cleanse the hot-

beds of vice that are recking in our large Where is the historian who will dare to or adult woman shall be employed in tallity and up to date." Let him proclain himself today and tomorrow he will die. Modern scientists think they are soon oing to startle as with something new-elegraphing without wires. Lovers have

een practicing the art for nearly stx housand years. Unless our "war investigation" is curtailed volunteers will be hard to procure when our next war occurs. The average soldier would rather face ten engage ments than one investigation.

Priceburg has a saloon-keeper who wants to be a constable. Next, Presi-lent Yerkes, of the Chicago Traction syndicate, will want to preside at all meetings of the Chicago aldermen.

The latest prognostications are that be fore the end of the century we shall see Don Carlos on the Spanish throne, Napo leon V on the throne of France and a president-emperor in the United States. What a wonderful saving of time ther could be in our courts if attorneys wer allowed to ask, and witnesses compells ing as a historical pastime but not to trathfully answer "leading questions, necessarily decisive, The American We might then, too dispense with juried Absent-mindedness, kicptomania ar blevery are synonymous terms, accoring to a prominent New Haven dominic-that is, in his case. Wonder if a jury caguidance of collateral information and be found that will corroborate his views belief rather than in a spirit of false. The "Long Arm" of the celebrated de tective story of that title has been thrown hito hopeless insignificance by the mur derous long arm of the Botkin case, Which

Under the regime of a referendum it is not likely there will be any wars against department stores, co-operative store or ticket scalpers. Advocates o these will do well, therefore, to haste the referendum and then the millennium Those western editors wno habitually write dollars instead of cents when d cribing the wealth of the Klondike hav-The introduction of foot ball, base ball, boxing tournaments and ward politics at Havana ought to furnish of Eden has at last been found—in Alaska. Here's a small parcel of mixed meta thors supposed to have come from well-known Susquehanna scribe smacks of Christmas cheer; "The ol-year dies-that's a chestnut. Ring in th new-that's another. But every milestene thus passed brings us nearer the fruition or the eternal smash of all life's

Not long ago a male teacher of a mixed class had occasion to "lay out young man on his desk and adminis-er an old-fashioned spanking. A you'us ady pupil of the class so far forgot the ight, and the tenener so far forgot the centrol of his tongue as to say; "Now, Alice, if you don't stop laughing I'll serve on the same." The story carcles its own

-Thomas Boundy.

ENGLAND'S POSTAGE STAMPS.

For the imperial penny postage to come nto operation on Christmas day it is not ntended to produce any special stamp, and Somerset House can meet the in-creased demand out of its large reserve. The controller is authorized by law to keep a stock of £10,000,000 worth in the various strong rooms on the Thames emsankment, and, lest the outbreak of fire chould by any mischacce destroy the stock, they are divided among sevral separate parts of the great building, just as t is usual to separate a stock of gunpowder into several small deta-iments. The explosion of a powder magazine would reate hardly more topsy-turyying in the world around than a general flare up of our whole stock of postage stamps, Poste stamps are not made at Somerse House, though at one time they were all brought there to be perforated. De la Rue & Co., are the contractors. One present set of stamps were adopted in January, 1887, and no forgeries have evyet been known,-London News,



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