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The Sunday organ of John H. Fellows claims to know of a visit paid by Major Millar and Captain Moir to the editor of The Tribune during the recent campaign and intimates that a special conversation took place.

The Costliness of War.

The difference between the expenditures of the Fifty-fourth and the Fifty-fifth congress is in round numbers nearly a billion dollars and this sum represents in a rough way a part of the cost of our brief war.

Yet on the general subject of war expenses the Philadelphia Ledger offers some information and advice which are worth a moment's perusal.

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of dedicating their abilities to whatever business they fancy. They learn early to adapt themselves to a suitable position, while in the other countries the young men are dissipating their precious time in futile amusements, which injure their health and reduce their activity.

He concludes by shrewdly inviting American emigration to Paraguay, evidently wishing to spread the money grubbing contagion in his own land and holding forth the inducements of rich and occupied land and a perfect climate.

The formal admission by the German navy department in the appointment of Prince Henry to the command of the Atlantic fleet that Admiral von Diederichs was too fresh ends happily an unpleasant episode.

Maximo Gomez.

The recent report that General Gomez is contemplating a visit to the United States for the purpose of conferring with President McKinley on the subject of Cuba's future has been confirmed.

Gomez's status in Cuban affairs is becoming clearer to Americans. At first distrustful of him as he evidently was of them, events have shown that he easily dominates native sentiment and opinion.

A visit by Gomez to the United States at this time would undoubtedly be helpful to all concerned. In his circumscribed environment in the bush Gomez may have received contracted impressions of American policies and intentions.

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should be amended. It is not likely that many radical changes will be permitted by the representatives of the people in the next congress.

President Hyde, of Bowdoin college, evidently has no doubts in his own mind as to where blame belongs in connection with the recent war, and little diffidence about expressing his views.

A broad, magnificent river is at times a source of pride and satisfaction to a city located on its banks.

In deciding to suppress the pensions of former ministers the new cabinet of Spain has not only enforced economy at an appropriate point but it has also confirmed the widespread belief that the Spanish people under recent administrations have not been getting the worth of their money.

Charles R. Skinner, state superintendent of public instruction in New York, in his annual report declares that, while few women in that state exercise the right of suffrage in school elections wherever they have done so it has been to the best interests of the schools.

Austrian wives have one great prerogative for the possession of which they are regarded with envy by many American women.

General Eagan gets his pay while under suspension, but if he has any sense of honor left it will blister his hands if he keeps it.

If the legislature of Pennsylvania expects to adjourn on April 29 it will need to quicken its motions.

SHALL NEVER COME DOWN.

Shall it ever come down, ever come down, From the height where we hung it o'er Castle and town?

Thou world-waking bugle, thou sea-shaking gurg, Lo! the worldling who doubts and the coward who shuns Lay hold of the halcyon to haul from its height.

Oh, ships in the offing all battered and grim, Is the blue fading out, are the stars burning dim?

Oh, Gray of the South, and Oh, Blue of the North, Who shoulder to shoulder as brothers went forth To strive on the seas and to storm on the lands,

Far pikeets of faith on the field of the Lord, Brave scouts, through the wilderness lead the Word.

Pure white, like a lily, and red, like a rose, Blue-streaked like all heavens—wherever it goes, God's blessings go with it to glorify men;

NEWS AND COMMENT

At the twenty-sixth annual dinner of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society held in Philadelphia Thursday night Speaker John R. Farr responded to the toast, "The Pennsylvania Legislature."

The senate of the University of Glasgow, Germany, has decided by a large majority in favor of the admission of women, both as hearers of lectures and as regularly matriculated students.

Canada needs only 257,000 square miles to be as large as the whole continent of Europe. It is nearly thirty times as large as Great Britain and Ireland, and is 5,000 square miles larger than the United States, excluding Alaska.

There are two counties in Washington state each nearly as large as the state of Massachusetts, and one of them is as great a gold field as South Africa.

VERY POLITE.

From Tit-Bits. The people of Dresden are very polite, so over-polite that they not infrequently bring down ridicule upon themselves.

The Colorado legislature has passed an act providing for the admission of a joint resolution providing that an official communication be sent by Colorado to the other states recommending woman suffrage.

A new record in kite-flying has been made in Boston. A kite with a recording instrument has ascended an altitude of 12,267 feet or more than two miles above sea level.

When a student who has been a member of one of the many societies in a Swiss university dies a strange custom is observed by his associates.

The British authorities some time ago made a test of the alleged value of alcohol in fattening man and animal.

Seven exploring expeditions operated in Labrador last year and reports from all have been received by the Geographical and other societies of London.

The United States Department of Agriculture has, by experiments, found that the force of a growing pumpkin is sufficient to lift two and one-half tons, premium.

A new disease is recorded, known as goldfish rot, and is incurable. Its symptoms are a loathing for legitimate food, an abnormal disposition to copious profuse and excessive irritations, a passion for giddy and eccentric garments, a profound contempt for truth, a hatred of domestic restraint, accompanied by flaccid face and a depraved love of out of doors.

A Viennese commission has reported on the results of its investigations for agricultural purposes, and has set down its value at from 2,500 to 14,700 florins (\$1,180 to \$5,980) a day or from 1,200,000 to \$7,150,000 a year.

Postmaster Van Cott, in a statement prepared for the Chamber of Commerce, says that the New York postoffice last year earned for the government over and above all expenses the sum of \$5,109,175, an increase over 1897 of 25 per cent.

The American line has met the cut in passenger rates recently made by the White Star line. Hereafter, until April 15, the minimum cabin rate from New York to Southampton will be \$60, a reduction of 15 cents from April 15 to June 1 the minimum rate will be \$55, and from June 1 to July 3, 1898, the price of sea-

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