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Uncle Sam's position on the Chinese question is sound. He proposes to mind his own business and to see that that business prospers.

A Law of Mathematics.

The giant capitalizations of indus tries that we read about daily represent a fad which will speedily run its ourse. Some years ago our readers will recollect that a similar manta for big American investments developed among English capitalists, who syndirated right and left but generally soon came to grief. The trouble with that form of speculation was that it was not based on an intelligent study of the local trade conditions; and the trouble with the present mania for embining everything into trusts is that it overlooks a fundamental law of mathematics.

The commercial spirit which puts to a and two together with a view to make ing five is habitually rampant on a rising market and this explains a great majority of the contemporary consolidations that we read about. The promoters of these combines may clear a nice reward for their trouble by realizmy outckly on watered stock, but two and two will not make five, any way you go about it, and when this fact is discovered the bottom will drop out of the "tenst" mania and mankind will no back to the good old doctrine of an open business field with no favors and erdition seize the hindmost.

Even while on his vacation President. McKinley requires all the news. He is In a position to appreciate its value.

An Index of Trouble.

The surprising feature of the Cuban assembly's latest asininity is the fact that among the most rabid of the misblof-makers are a number of bright young Cuban leaders who have received their educations in the United States and who therefore ought to know better try's honesty and sincerity. We have one in particular in mind, General Mario Menocal, a graduate of Cornell and a brother of Engineer Menocal, of the United States navy. This young man has the reputation of being intelligent, honorable and of exceptional natural ability. He is now chief of ment. police of Havana, holding office under General Brooks. Prior to taking this office he was second in command of the insurgent forces in Havana province and was one of the few who gave character and hopefulness to the insurrec-

Menocal has a personal grievance against Gomez, but that supplies no reason why as an educated Cuban, he should be a party to any movement dishonest methods and purposes to the president of the United States. True, we have some Americans who are mean enough to do this, but Menocal sucht to set them a good example. If he would consult his intellect instead of his temper he would realize that the proraisenous urterance of suspictons that Cornez. Ouesade and their followers in Cuba have been subsidized by American bribes is a reflection not only upon the alleged recipents but also upon the givers of those bribes, an insult, in short, to the United States, which educated him, which has furnished asylum for his countrymen while they were organizing to ight Spain, which has taken the burden of the basure-tion upon its own should-The whitnest Spain, fed the Cuban destitute and done every conceivable act of international good Samaritanism that ingenuity could suggest as likely to prove helpful toward the island's ultimate reaction, Menocal has sense mough to know these things and to appreciate them, if he will only give is sense a chance. Just now he is a victim or his racial temperament.

This space, will pass away and the better parcicipants in it will soon feel tshamed of themselves. They invarithly do. Yet they never take steps to prevent a recurrence of the folly, They are children always. This fact filumines the immensity of our contract in Cuba and re-emphasizes the president's far sighted wisdom in re-'using to be hurried toward the recogsition of an independent Cuban repub-

Speaker Farr did not have to wait long for his vindication.

Admiral Sampson.

The letter of ...dmiral Sampson requesting the president to renew the promotions of the Santiago sea captains which failed of confirmation by the senate owing to the feeling engendered over the case of Rear Admirat Schley is in excellent taste. Mr. Sampson asks nothing for himself but urges that justice be done to his ef-Scient colleagues and in this wish the country cordially unites. Among the the Cubans, the system was not carmen who have suffered because of the ried out in any sense as its schemes Schley-Sampson controversy are Cap- provided. There was no enforcement tuins Evans, Taylor and Clark and of the law, no devotion of funds to the Commodore Philip, not to speak of purpose, and with the disturbances Hobson, Victor Blue and a number of constantly arising on the island, with officers of the lower grades who performed conspicuous feats of gallantry. These men had no part in the controversy affecting the status of their ed to other purposes, the results were superiors and the deprivation of their that no such thing as a free public rewards is a lamentable triumph of school, as Americans understand the prejudice and passion over justice.

shief of the North Atlantic fleet, which of endowment for any educational induring the war was the largest assem- stitutions. bluge ever made of vessels flying the bored under a weight of responsibility a school age. While the schools must such as has fallen upon few com- be temporarily supported by the genmanders in anyal history and yet car- eral fund in the provincial treasury. ried the flect through the crisis with- eventually a special tax should be

Spanish armor-clads whom the blockin battle is more picturesque but cf- manded. ficiency in planning is none the less essential. Success requires the one

quality no more than the other. This we take to be the fair and impartial view of this subject which will after temporary distortions of vision shall have disappeared. In saying this shall heed Admiral Sampson's request promotions or await the re-assemblage of congress, Sampson's letter helps to clarify confused opinions and is a manly and timely document.

Premier Silvela's advice to the Spantreaty without reference to the cortes recalls Grover Cleveland's attitude toward congress. Silvela may need the cortes some day and then he will be-

The Death Penalty.

The New York state assembly sustained the existing law of capital punishment on Monday by a vote of 47 to 78. A strong fight has been put up by the minority in behalf of abolishing the law and substituting life imprisonment and also making the penalty for murder in the second degree thirty years' imprisonment. Among the chief arguments in favor of the change was that it is almost impossible to get a jury to convict and that a multitude of murderers accordingly go unpunished. If jurors were not confronted with the instinctive horror of bringing in a verdict that will condemn a man to death they would less frequently find the accused not guilty. If a man has killed another under circumstances aggravated enough to warrant a verdict of murder in the first degree, no middle ground can be taken, than to generate suspicion of this coun- Either the man is a murderer or he is not. Consequently if the jurors find themselves confronted by the responsibility of deciding between life and death they are apt to lean toward mercy, no matter how firmly they previously declared themselves free from all prejudice against capital punish-

It is an easy thing to be willing to hang or electrocute the abstract man. The case is different when he stands his judges. His crime seems less shocking and the memories of its revolting features, as brought out in the evidence. seems to fade before the living presence of the guilty one, whose very soul shrinks from the dread of what | feature of ethics and may be observed | sylvania have at different times been familiar with the American character, these twelve men may say. The verdict of "not guilty, but the defendant | ists will say that the boy suffers justly | memory of this great man, but no defimust pay the costs' is in its absurdity a true type of a point of view to be noted in the mind of the average man in all cases, from petty misdemeanors up to murder. Frequently if the prisoner at the har were to be gentenced to death to take place twenty week or next month it would require but a short time for the jurors to agree on a verdict that would convict. Falling, because of the law, to do this, the only alternative is acquittal, as he could not be brought in only a little guilty of murder.

However, in the recent battle at Albany on this question, it is doubtless well understood that much of the intensity of interest has been awakened in the matter because of the probability that the next person to be electrocuted will be a woman and great efforts are being made to save her. It is a triumph of justice that capital punishment is not at present to be set aside in New York state if the elemency is to be wielded for the benefit of the cruel, hard-hearted Inhuman Mrs. Place, who murdered her innocent step-daughter after a long and bitter persecution of the child. If the woman is finally adjudged sane, as there seems little doubt that she is, no power of assembly or of the supreme jurisdiction should be used to save her bad life. At present, capital punishment, however horrible it may seem in its relentless finale, appears to fill a want in this wicked world.

The French naval expert who wonders why we build bulky battleships when armored cruisers would do better forgets the political value of heavy

armor plate.

The Foundations of Self-Rule. It may surprise the American public to be informed that a system of education was in vogue in Cuba under Spanish rule that compared well with any of those now in use by Englishspeaking races. The provisions of the law are reported to have been admirable, the board of examiners appointed by General Wood being authority for this statement. Unfortunately for Spanish teachers exclusively employed, who were often dismissed for political reasons, and with the resources divertterm, could be said to have ever ex-With respect to Admiral Sampson isted in Cuba. The report declares himself promotion is clearly due no that as far as known not a single matter what view be taken of the dif- building nor a foot of land in Santiago ferences of opinion between him and province is owned by the people for Schley. He was the commander-in- school purposes, and not a single dellar

The board recommends that first of American flag. In this position he la- all a census be taken of all children of

out a single important or serious blun- levied in each district. The original der. His blockade of Cervera is recog- movement is to be the establishmen nized by naval authorities as a triumph of kindergartens, elementary, munici of incessant vigilance and effective pal and superior primary schools. High mastery of details. If he did not in schools should not be established until person connect himself with any single | the primary organizations are in good | THE QUEER BROOD HATCHED BY feat of splendid bravery calculated to order. A single university is mentioned win thunderous applause he did what as being sufficient for the island and was far more exacting, wearing and schools for deaf mutes and other dedifficult; he displayed the slow, patient | fectives with correctional institutions but sure executive grasp of the sit- should be left to the general governuation which gave to the individual ment of Cuba as to the duty of maincaptains and to Commodore Schley the tenance. It is proposed to consider reopportunity to engaged and sink the ligious instruction of any nature as in admissible. English is to be taught ade finally forced into action. Bravery and compulsory attendance is to be de-

Even with the public school as ex isting here, in excellent working order in Cuba, it will be more than one generation before the restless inhabitants with their heritage of past conflicts, eventually prevail in public opinion privations and persecutions, can reasonably be expected to become contented, industrious and approximately we do not forget that we once fell happy. A miracle has not been wrought into error ourselves in reference to in Cuba by the change of guardianship, this subject. Whether the president but if there is anything that will produce the devoutly desired results it will for immediate repetition of the lapsed be the influence of the public schools properly directed.

The New Jersey house of representatives has passed a bill to abolish the store-order system which seems to be in vogue in that state, and under which sh queen regent to ratify the peace few employes receive any cash. The store-order system is to all practical purposes harmful to employer, employe and merchant. The employer may thus pay out less cash, but it necessitates a more intricate system of bookkeeping, and is in many respects expensive in the end. The employer is obliged to buy at certain stores where prices may be higher than at others and often feels humiliated by a half recognized sense of obligation as he presents the order. Frequently he receives scant courtesy from the dealers, and almost nevitably is led into needless extravagance by this method. Invariably he must compare to his own disadvantage his position with that of the man who is unhampered in his purchases by this limitation. To the storekeeper while it may bring him trade, the system is sooner or later proved to be one of endless trouble, in which wrangles and over accounts are the least part when he takes into consideration the advantages of a strictly cash basis. The store-order method of doing business should be abandoned by popular onsent if not by law.

It is not naughty to tell stories about your age if you are a woman, but with a soldier it is different. He must tell the truth on all subjects. A new England father wrote to the war department that his son in some unknown cavalry company was only seventeen years old and had evidently represented himself as older. Investigations were started and after some time the boy was tocated. His buttons were with his white, agonized face before cut from his uniform and he was dishonorably discharged. Turned out from his far western station he went forth is wishing that he had not interfered. The case is one that involves an odd age person will feel that the inexorable military code is pretty hard in secure his son's release, it might have been as well to have allowed time to or fifty years hence instead of next correct the matter of the lad's age. even if the lie were never punished in this world.

Young women school teachers seem to be going through a period of trial in various portions of the country, future-behind it. The Long Island girl who has been the innocent victim of the most obnexious notoriety because a seventeenyear-old pupil insisted on falling in love with her thereby starting a scandal in the village, has good reason to regret her choice of a vocation if not her attractive personality. Another, who declares that the principal of her bullding wished her removed in order to place a favorite of his own in her stead, has good reason to bitterly resent the malicious persecution which she has endured, and among the latest cases chronicled is that of the New Haven teacher, against whom an enemy instituted rumors reflecting on her character and resulting in a persecution so intense that -e poor girl has gone insane. The fact that a revulsion of feeling has taken place and that the diabolical falsity of the charge is made public will scarcely set this affair right. It is hard enough to be over worked and under paid, as are the Scranton teachers, without being the victims of unprovoked malice.

Jerry Simpson has written a book about the Devil assuming a possibility that his Satanic majesty should ome to Kansas. While an opinion has been vaguely maintained in many circles that Kansas had received periodical visits from the Devil as well as from grasshoppers, it may be interesting to hear Jerry's personal views of the matter. At any rate he promises to tell what he knows about some of his colleagues particularly Speaker Reed, and this information should be entertaining.

For a man intermittently reported to se crazy, Emperor William is exhibiting a brand of insanity which is likely to become very popular if it keeps up. His recent diplomacy is certainly equalto any on record.

If the proper selections could be made there is no question that the example of Delaware in reducing the membership of the United States senate would be beneficial to the country.

General Gomez was first in war and first in peace, but the Cuban assembly does not propose that he shall be first in the distribution of the \$3,000,000. In spite of his statement to the con

fleeing Filipinos. Porto Rico, which only a few months ago gave us the glad hand, now seems disposed to extend the Black hand.

trary, General Otis seems to be hav-

ing a picnic in his dealings with the

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY **BUDGET OF NEWS**

BILL SULLIVAN'S HEN.

Neglected Grave of a Patriot-News Told In a Line or Two-Salad for the Solitary - Eagan's Death-Watch-Prolific Family In Great Bend Township-A Hermit Writes All About Susquehanna County.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, March 14 .- Out in the Smoky Hollow section of Great Bend township a party of snow-bound traveling men were swapping yarns, the other day, about animals. Said a wellknown Binghamton drummer: "Bill Sullivan, of this township, has a hen that has just hatched out a queer brood. She was forever sitting on

something, trying to hatch out doorknobs, horse shoes and the like, and so Bill thought he'd cure her of the habit. He had some rattlesnake eggs that he found last summer and had put away in cotton, intending to hatch them out in hot sand in June. He put these eggs under the hen about three weeks ago, and in just fourteen days the crisis came. One morning there was an awful howdydo in the henhouse and Bill went out to investigate. You may not believe it, but there was that darned old hen hopping up and down in a fearful state of mind, running up to look into hen nest, and then running away again with wings outstretched and cackling a demand for an explanation. She flew at Bill as thought she intended to peck his eyes

a look in the nest. "There were seven little rattlesnakes about five inches long, squirming about in it. For one whole day that hen refused to return to the nest, but on the next day she went back to it, and she has evidently made up her mind to rear that brood and make the best of

out, but he beat her off and then took

A PATRIOT'S NEGLECTED GRAVE. In a neglected, unmarked grave at Belmont, near Mount Pleasant, a short distance from the Jefferson branch of the Eric railroad, rest the remains of Samuel Meredith, the first treasurer of the United States. He was appointed by Washington in 1789, in the days of Alexander Hamilton, and held the office until 1801, resigning during the administration of Thomas Jefferson. He received the commendation of congress and President Jefferson, He gave \$20,000 to the starving soldiers at Valley Force. In 1796 Meredith purchased several thousand acres of land in Wayne county. His object was to cut the timber from the tract, burn it and manufacture therefrom potash and pearl ash for commerce. The venture failed to pay and was abandoned. Upon resigning as treasurer, Meredith removed with his family to Wayne you have had but three. county and erected a house, which cost \$6,000. It was a mansion in those days. The house was burned several years ago. It was visited by Jefferson and other statesmen. Meredith died in 1817, almost alone and forgotten. He left a a tramp, and now his agenized father distinguished family, but none of them have ever raised a slab to his memory. Congress and the legislature of Pennfrom various standpoints. The moral- asked to erect a monument to the ite action has ever be

IN A LINE OR TWO. Henry Townsend, of this place, firethis case and that wade the father was man on Palmer's Jefferson branch probably warranted in his efforts to "flyer." died on Monday afternoon after two days' illness of cerebrospinal meningitis.

A large wildent was killed near Hickory Grove on Friday. Arrangements for the first annual parade of the Lanesboro fire depart ment are still in embryo.

The general opinion is that the Susquehanna shirt factory has a splendid The Eric shop force is being gradu

ally increased. Except by the usual appropriate church service, St. Patrick's day will not be observed in Susquehanna. James Flynn and Miss Kittle Quinn were united in marriage in St. John's

Catholic church on Friday. The marriage of Miss Lillian J. Bittner, of Susquehanna, to Charles F Deaner, of Boston, will occur at the home of the bride March 29.

SALAD FOR THE SOLITARY. The spring crop of cats is on. The sausage season is nearly over,

Never go into the water after a hearty meal.-Ladies' Home Journal. Never! Go to a good restaurant. Take care of the truth. The lies will take care of themselves.

And yet six weeks and the barefooted boy will keep his eye peeled for slivers and rusty nails. Spring is coming-the real thing Turnip seeds will soon sprout; and our mouths are watering for toothsome greens that, bolled with bacon, are good enough for kings and queens, Selfish lines upon a Great Bend tomb

We miss thee, dearest father, We miss thee every day: Death might have claimed another

And let our father stay."

THE DEATH WATCH SET. The death weath has been set upon Eagan and Shew, the murderers of Farmer Pepper, who are awaiting the death penalty, to prevent them from committing suicide. It is reported that Shew recently attempted to cause his own death by eating large qualities of washing soap.

SOMEWHAT PROLIFIC.

Farmer William Norwood, of Great Bend township, is the head of a sing-ularly proline family. He has been married twice, is now eighty-seven years old, and says he is the father of twenty-seven children. About three years ago he had the census of the family taken, and found the number up to the date to be 584, including children, grandchildren, great and great, grandchildren, and at last accounts the births of the family average about three a week. Its representatives are scattered from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic ocean. Mr. Norwood is still hale and hearty, and will soon lead a bride of eighty summers to the altar. He is growing a new set of teeth, and sports a luxuriant head of auburn hair. Mr. Norwood is a winner.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY. Charles Rogers, of Great Bend, a few venings since went out into his pard to chase a cat concert, and fell and

broke a leg. Moral later on. Fred Chichister, also of Great Bend, waitzed out into his back yard to shoot a cat or any old thing. The gun exploded. The doctor thinks he can as

move all the powder from Fred's face, except a pound or so, Some of the Susquehanna wanderers are coming sadly and slowly home from the Klondike country, with bits of cilt-

tering gold-in their teeth. A HERMIT WRITER.

Some years ago there lived in little hut in the rocks above Jewerson Junction Judson Ellis, a well-known writer of fiction. His only companions were a herd of goats. Occasionally Ellis would come down to the little school house at Brandt and deliver scientific and literary lectures to the villagers. For some years he has re-sided in Delaware county, New York His mode of living is not changel a far as is known hereabouts. The for lowing for the current issue of the Deposit Courier will give one an idea of Ellis' poetical talents. Its theme "Oquaga Lake:"

Up in its mountain basin Her Oquaga lake, with its green rimmed shore. Stretching under the arching skies, Its foamless, bright, pellucid floor.

Most gone, the old primeval wood, Where long ago the Indian trod; Who, once the white man's march with-Lies now the enfolding peace of God.

Away from the rush of the bustling town, Away from the city's wearing strife, Under the sun or cloudland's frown, Dwells nature's pure, renewing life.

Oh, come to this green retreat who may, With pilgrim burden or clinging care
Will find such burden fall away,
And gain new life in this mountain air. RAILROAD SLIVERS.

A compound locomotive from the Richmond, Va., Locomotive works is being tested on the Susquehanna division of the Erie. The Westinghouse air brake instruc-

tion car arrived here on Sunday. The Richmond Locomotive works, the Baldwin Locomotive works, Phila-delphia, and the Brook Locomotive works. Dunkirk, are building locomotives for the Erie.

The working force in the Eric shops here is being gradually increased. In her efforts to secure a new rallroad station, Forest City will receive the sympathy and encouragement of almost everybody, irrespective of sect, sex, color, nationality, politics and previous condition of servitude.

Everybody hereabouts and thereabouts is glad to see beautiful, pleturesque Parview advertised once more, It is a beautiful spot and will be the objective point for sight-seers for years

IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. James McKinney, esq., has again been elected borough attorney from Forest City. The common council up there has uncommon good sense Sheriff Ward Deach is gradually reovering from his recent illness.

Up at Herrick the school directors do not appear to know where they are at. In the vote for United States senator last week Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of this county, lost two votes. The loss of two votes is a heavy one when

But wouldn't it be singular if the "sage of Glenwood" should finally be elected United States senator . The claim of an able man who can go to congress th 100,000 or so majority ought to be considered.

A. H. Gill, a prominent resident of Montrose, died suddenly on Thursday, aged 60 years. He was chairman of the Probibition county committee. Lauristen S. Woodword, of Montose, has had his pension increased \$16 to 724 per

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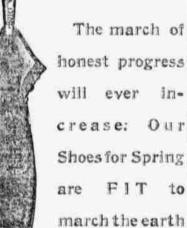
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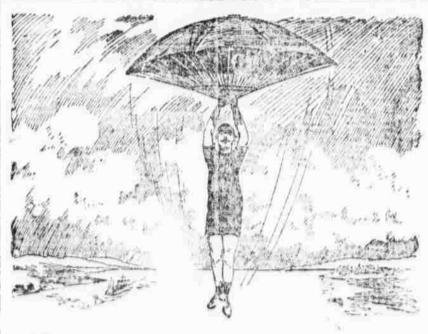
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