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

A Law of Mathematics. The giant capitalizations of industries that we read about daily represent a fact which will speedily run its course. Some years ago our readers will recollect that a similar mania for big American investments developed among English capitalists, who syndicated right and left but generally soon came to grief.

The commercial spirit which puts two and two together with a view to making five is habitually rampant on a rising market and this explains a great majority of the contemporary consolidations that we read about.

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 assembly is the fact that among the most rabid of the mischief-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 than to generate suspicion of this country's honesty and sincerity.

Monecal has no personal grievances against Gomez, but that supplies no reason why an educated Cuban, familiar with the American character, he should be a party to any movement attributing dishonest methods and purposes to the president of the United States.

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

Admiral Sampson. The letter of Admiral 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 Admiral Schley is in excellent taste.

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 those of those now in use by English-speaking races.

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

loved in each district. The original movement in to be the establishment of kindergartens, elementary, municipal and superior primary schools. High schools should not be established until the primary organizations are in good order.

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 few employees receive any cash.

The New York state assembly sustained the existing law of capital punishment on Monday by a vote of 47 to 78.

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.

IN A LINE OR TWO. Henry Townsend, of this place, fireman on Palmer's Jefferson branch "flyer" died on Monday afternoon, after two days' illness of cerebrospinal meningitis.

Young women school teachers seem to be going through a period of trial in various portions of the country. The Long Island girl who has been the innocent victim of the most obnoxious notoriety because a seventeen-year-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.

THE DREAM WATCH SET. The death watch has been set upon Eagan and Shew, the murderers of Farmer Pepper, who are awaiting the death penalty, to prevent them from committing suicide.

SOMEWHAT PROLIFIC. Farmer William Norwood, of Great Bend township, is the head of a singularly prolific family. He has been married twice, is now eighty-seven years old, and says he is the father of twenty-seven children.

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

THE QUEER BROOD HATCHED BY 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 Writer 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 well-known Binghamton drummer: "Bill Sullivan, of this township, has a hen that may just hatched out a queer brood. She was forever sitting on something, trying to hatch out door-knobs, 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 for winter, 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.

A PATRIOT'S NEGLECTED GRAVE. In a neglected, unmarked grave at Belmont, near Mount Pleasant, a short distance from the Jefferson branch of the Erie railroad, rest the remains of Samuel Meredith, first treasurer of the United States. He was appointed by Washington in 1789, the days of Alexander Hamilton, and held the office until 1801, resigning during the administration of Thomas Jefferson.

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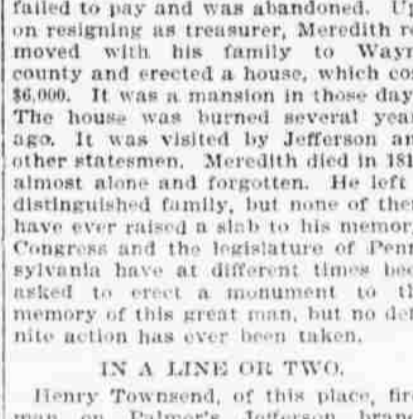
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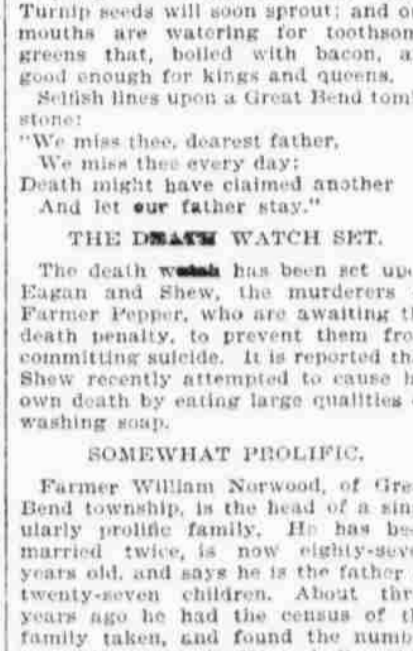


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