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As soon as the Filipinos are convinced that it is useless to attempt a military peace negotiations the war in the East will end.

A Study in Extortion.

In the recent report of City Engineer Phillips, which is now printed in pamphlet form, appears a table that should be studied by every taxpayer of Scranton. It shows the cost per assessment of viewlets on the different sewer constructions for which city records are available, and it runs as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Assessment, Cost per assessment. Lists various sewer districts and their respective costs.

It will be perceived from these interesting figures that the cost for viewlets on each assessment has increased in less than twenty years from 82 cents to \$1.18, or from 1.05 per cent. to 1.41 per cent. on the cost of work in each district. It can hardly be shown that the increase here noted has been warranted by any similar increase in the utility of making viewlets.

Must Fish or Cut Bait.

The best assurance that the Aguinaldo rebellion will soon collapse is supplied by the fact that General Otis has gone right on with his war arrangements and is as ready to fight further as he is to offer himself on his mercy.

As the case stands, Aguinaldo is a rebel against American authority with a record for duplicity and cunning which forbids a resort to diplomacy.

It is believed that the police made a mistake yesterday morning in not arresting the young man with a battered face over on New street, who, according to accounts, acknowledged that he had made an attempt to assault a woman, even though he had apparently received considerable punishment.

The seizure of a lot of mischievous pamphlets that had been shipped to Manila for the purpose of creating discontent among the American troops engaged in fighting the Filipinos was a step in the proper direction.

The unwise Bostonian who is responsible for the treasonable tracts should be allowed to meditate for a season in apartments protected by wrought iron and solid masonry. Freedom of speech is all right in its place, but in times

of war it is well to call a halt upon the ravings of the "anti" traitor whether uttered on the floor of the United States senate or scribbled in some literary attic at the alleged headquarters of American culture.

After all it seems undoubtedly true that the hand of fate rules the destiny of man. But for Theodore Roosevelt's action, Admiral George Dewey might have been on Monday as he was a trifle over a year ago, unknown outside of a narrow circle of friends in the navy.

The Workshop of the World.

Some figures compiled by the Bureau from the records of the Treasury Department of Statistics make interesting reading: March, 1898, exports of manufactures, \$19,125,705.

Nature and destiny have put it within the power of the United States to become literally the workshop of the world. Toward the East, West and South are growing markets which our manufacturers are just beginning to go for.

Fortunately our far-seeing statesmen are alive to these possibilities and no advantage now held by us will be thrown away.

A disposition is again manifested to investigate the methods employed by Brockway in reforming the inmates of his prison at Elmira. Inquiry will probably reveal whether too much enthusiasm was manifested in the work of correction.

Some of our technically disposed exchanges are still arguing the question whether Dewey stopped the battle at Manila to count projectiles or enjoy breakfast.

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pointment to some of the cultured Bostonians, who desired amusement other than that furnished by the divine anti-expansionists.

The man who paid \$4,373 for the original manuscript of a book written by Columbus now wishes that the money had been invested in the Lakeside Library series.

Unless the Raleigh is placed out of commission soon, Captain Coghlan will be in a fair way to succumb to acute dyspepsia caused by too much banquet.

If the congratulatory cable business continues, Dewey will probably be obliged to again apply the clippers to the wires for self-protection.

The irony of fate becomes painfully apparent when it is gradually realized that Grover Cleveland is remembered principally as a duck hunter.

As Colonel Funston has signed no "Round Robin," there is no reason why his advance up the grade of promotion should not be rapid.

It is now evident that even the general of a nation's army is powerless against a beef syndicate.

Western newspapers are kept busy these days naming successors to Speaker Reed.

The Philippines As an Investment.

ALTHOUGH the Filipino insurgents have not yet laid down their arms, there is now reason to believe that hostilities will cease before operations are rendered difficult by the rainy season, which, nominally, begins on June 1.

The arguments on which the anti-expansionists mainly rely are these: First, have we a moral right to impose our rule upon the Filipinos, and, secondly, will it pay to do so?

But, while the moral and sentimental protest against our retention of the Philippines is not likely to be urged much longer, there are signs that the economical objection may continue to be pressed.

The purchase of Florida received the hearty approval of the American people, notwithstanding the fact that several decades elapsed before the Federal revenue accruing from that territory reimbursed us for the purchase money paid to Spain and for the subsequent cost of the war against the Seminoles.

So, too, in regard to Alaska. At the time of the purchase of that territory from Russia there were skeptical persons in New England who alleged that Secretary Seward had paid millions for an iceberg.

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ish away, in Manila as in Havana, at least one-half the revenue justly due the government on imports was embezzled by the Custom House officials acting in collusion with the importers.

We should note, finally, that in estimating the worth of annexed territory, the intelligent American people have always kept in view its indirect as well as its direct value.

There is no doubt that the Philippines will pay. Considered merely as an investment, they deserve to be ranked with the purchase of California.

Southern Civilization.

From the Chicago Record. Feb. 18, 1892, in Texarkana, Ark., a negro named Edward Coy was turned alive on a Sunday night.

From Tit-Bits. "Now," said a schoolmaster, as he displayed a bright five-shilling piece between the tips of his finger and thumb.

Like the Prince of Wales.

BY WAY OF JEST. A Rash Remark. "No, Ellen, I can't take down any carpets. The doctor says all my recreation must consist of open-air sports."

Office Jewelry.

"Your typewriting machine makes more noise than a sawmill."

Shifting the Agony.

"The man of refined and expensive tastes suffers a great deal."

At the Milliner's.

"Miss Golightly, shall I put some of this lovely clover on your hat?"

Posterity.

"I write for posterity," said the young poet.

Sorrows for All.

"Mister," said Meandering Mike, "will you gimme something so's I can go somewhere and eat?"

One of Them.

"My daughter," said the father, "has always been accustomed to all the luxuries of wealth."

Unscientific Pleasantly.

"It is easier to find than to kill microbes."

Definition.

"Weary Watkins—it is a guy that still has money left after drinkin' all he wants."

A RECIPE FOR FRIENDSHIP.

From the Washington Post. Germany cannot treat the rest of the world of haughty and still expect her pathway to be strewn with flowers.

"I am sincere," the maiden cried. "Why do you shake your head so?"

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