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As soon as the Filipinos are convinced that it is useless to attempt film-flam peace negotiations the war in the East will ond.

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 viewers on the different sewer constructions for which city records are available, and it runs as fol-

assessment, Second sewer district \$ 0.als Third sewer district 0.956 Fourth sewer district 1.362 System west of Dickson avenue... 0.973 Thirteenth sewer district 1.465 Section "A" Firth district (first 0.782 Seventeenth s-wer district (along

Fordham court 4.642 March, 1898, exports of manufactures 4.642 March, 1899, exports of manufactures 4.642 March, 1899, exports of manufactures and Cherry place 2.766 Phile, Providence road and North

Section "D" Fifth district 2.114 Wyoming avenue, Green Ridge to

to 14.04 per cent, on the cost of work crease in the difficulty of making views. As the city engineer explains, "these grown steadily from year to year.

If the season's crop of plums turns out well. Senator Quay's vindication will be complete.

tionate system should be changed.

Must Fish or Cut Bait.

The best assurance that the Aguinaldo rebellion will soon collapse into unconditional surrender 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 elemency when the opposition throws itself on his mercy. Americans have learned by sad experience that Tagal professions are not to be accepted at face value; and it has been wise to offer no armistice or permit no periods of truce,

As the case stands, Aguinaldo is a rebel against American authority with a record for duplicity and cunning which forbids a resort to diplomacy. He must lay down or be knocked down There is no possible compromise. It is proper to explain to him and his deluded followers that American policy is magnanimous. Once there is complete surrender, there will be no retaliation, no reprisals. The vanquished will be treated generously. They will stand on exactly the same footing that they occupied prior to their departure on the warpath; but they will have learned to respect American sovereignty and the lesson will be good for them and for all other inhabitants.

Agulnaldo must take his choice. If he is as shrewd as his reputation suggests, he will see the futility of further bloodshed and will make the best of the inevitable. But if he wants additional punishment he can undoubtedly be accommodated,

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 panishment That part of Pine Brook is the runway of a lot of hoodlums who are not very far behind the famous Believue dead-line gang in all-round cussedness As in the case yesterday morning, when apprehended in any acts of deviltry, the trouble is usually attributed to "Huns," who have just passed around the corner. The officers should not have missed the opportunity of making an example of at least one of the offenders. The Pine Brook night-howlers are a menuce to good order and public decency, and the police will do well to ring the curfew upon their sessions.

The seizure of a lot of mischlevous pamphlets that had been shipped to Manila for the purpose of creating that content among the American troops gaged in fighting the Filipinos was a step in the proper direction. The uneasy Bostonian who is responsible for the treasonable tracts should be allowed to meditate for a season in apartments protected by wrought hon and solid masonry. Freedom of speech is all right in its place, but in times I death. This has been a great disap- | must be remembered that, under Span- |

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. The government has been altogether too lenient with this class of mischief-

After all it seems undoubtedly true that the hand of fate rules the destinies 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. While in the navy department, Roosevelt discovered Dewey and was instrumental in having him assigned to the mission that has made him the greatest naval figure in the world's history. Objections were made to the commission of Dewey on various grounds by naval officials, but Colonel Roosevelt was determined, and Dewey was thus given an opportunity to make himself and the American navy famous in a day. There are doubtless many George Deweys not only in the navy, but in civil life, who only await opportunity and a discoverer. These men, by decree of fate, though heroes by nature, must go down to the grave unnoficed and unknown. When one pauses to consider, it is indeed no wonder that so many people are prone to Tenth sewer district (second view). 1.644 System east of Dickson avenue 1.05 seek fortune at the wheel of chance rather than carve out a future by slow

The Workshop of the World.

and honest toil.

March, 1896, exports of manufac-March, 1898, exports of manufactures 26,025,732

ly ninety per cent. But, as our lum- difficult by the rainy season, which, inous New York contemporary re- nominally, begins on June 1. The submarks, "the great American export mission of Aguinaldo's adherents will period is only beginning. The United States produces so much that it must export. The extension of its com- be paid to the suggestions of the com-merce in the Pacific and access to the missioners who have been sent to Ma-The fertune of war has put into Ameri- government shall have been by Dec. 1 9.374 can hands opportunities and facilities for increasing their export trade and inding markets for their surplus pro-It will be perceived from these in- ducts. They have got at small cost teresting figures that the cost for and in good season what they might viewers on each assessment has in- have had to fight for under great discreased in less than twenty years from advantages later. The export of 82 cents to \$14.18, or from 1.05 per cent. American manufactures has already reached respectable figures, and in a in each district. It can hardly be few years it will be enormous. A reshown that the increase here noted markable expansion, not merely of terhas been warranted by any similar in- ritory, but of American industrial and

commercial energy, has begun." Nature and destiny have put it withviewers are appointed by court and in the power of the United States to the consent of the governed. This is are allowed the full limit of compen- become literally the workshop of the sation per day; the time, the viewers world. Toward the East, West and sighted class in the city of Manila. It regulate themselves, according to the south are growing markets which our is equally certain that the aboriginal clasticity of their consciences," and it manufacturers are just beginning to go inhabitants, who occupy the northern would seem that this elasticity has for, in special goods, such as sewing Is it any wonder that taxpayers complain? This wasteful and extor- manufacturers already have made would greatly prefer to be ruled by ots Toward South America only the further probable that Aguinaldo our experience in Cuba and Porto Rico will teach us the needs of the Latin-American peoples and also teach us As the result of recent American exforesee that the United States is dur- lic. ing the next few decades to increase immensely its commercial as well as its political dealings with Central and South America, Possession of Hawaii and the Philippines insures at possibly the coming competition for the trade of China, Japan and the other great purchasing countries of the Orient.

Fortunately our far-seeing statesmen advantage now held by us will be thrown away.

Della Fox, the prima donna, is said to be dying at her home in St. Louis. moralist. Less than a dozen years ago this young woman became known to fame, and a robust constitution and have in that time been blighted by reckiess dissipation and strong drink. young artist who suddenly found herself on the high road to fortune, and of her once most ardent admirers. Her without foundation. life illustrates anew that it requires more force of character to keep one's halance when on the pinnacle of fame

than to rise to eminence. 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. It is not likely, however that the affairs at the reformatory are conducted on the lines of the arrangements for a Sunday school picule. The pupils intrusted to the care of Mr. Brockway, as a rule, have been drafted from the toughest element in New York and have all passed the stage where they can be ruled by love. Young men who keep out of mischief have nothing to fear from the alleged from Russia there were skeptical per-

methods of Brockway. Some of our technically disposed exchanges are still arguing the question whether Dewey stopped the battle at Manila to count projectiles or enjoy breakfast. What's the use of worrying now that the war is over? Let us all pause for breakfast and say no

more about it. The board of health of Boston has refused Divine Healer Schlatter the privilege of being buried 100 feet under ground for forty days for the purpose of being resurrected, unless some one will furnish a certificate of his

tonians, who desired amusement other than that furnished by the divine antiexpansionists.

The man who paid \$4,373 for the orighal manuscript of a book written by Columbus now wishes that the money had been invested in the Lakeside Library series. Some one familiar with the writing of Christopher has declared the work a fraud. This is but another proof that in the search of rare antiquities, ignorance is buss,

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

If the congratulatory cable business ontinues, 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

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

As an Investment.

From the New York Sun

against a beef syndicate,

LTHOUGH the Filipino insurgents have not yet laid down their arms, there is now reason to believe that hostilities will cease before operations are rendered be followed by the establishment of a provisional government, in the framing of which, no doubt, due deference will nila. It will be fortunate if such a n working order for some months, so that the next congress may proceed to permanent legislation for the Philippines with full knowledge of the facts.

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? There is ground for the suspicion that as time goes on a good deal more stress will be laid upon the second argument than on the first. It is evident that, outside of a part of Luzon, we are governing the Philippine islands with true, also, of the intelligent and farand eastern parts of Luzon itself, and machines, bicycles, all electrical ap- Chinese residents, who constitute a who detest the Tagais, and also the a great throng. paratus and mechanical novelties, our considerable fraction of the population, great inroads into the European mar- Americans than by Aguinaido. It is faintest beginning has been made, but self and the other leaders of the insurrection, which is now near collapse, will shortly acknowledge that their armed resistance to our authority was ill advised, and that their country will how to do business with those peoples. be better off, internally and externally, under our protection, than it would pansion in this direction it is easy to have been as a so-called Tagal repub-The moment, obviously, that the Tagals return to their peaceful vocations and acquiesce in the orderly and kindly regime instituted by the United States, there will be no longer any pretext for the charge that we are oppressing a people struggling to be free. somewhat later period supremacy in The truth will then be seen by every one, namely, that we are resolved to give the Filipinos not only a far better government than they ever enjoyed under the Spaniards, but the largest are alive to these possibilities and no measure of self-government whereof they are capable.

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 The career of Della Fox furnishes food economical objection may continue to for effective sermons on the part of the be pressed. Already the more wily opponents of expansion are falling back on the assertion that, whereas all the former acquisitions of territory by the United States were, obviously, profitpromising future as an entertainer able, this is not the case with the Philippines, because the cost of maintaining there an adequate military and Unable to withstand the allurements of | naval force will greatly exceed any fast life in the metropolis, the fair federal revenue derivable from the islands. If this assertion be well founded. the voters in 1900, so we are told, will shake their heads and decline to sancwho should now be in her prime, is a tion the retention of the Philippines. total wreck, forgotten by the majority The assertion however, happens to be

The purchase of Florida received the nearty approval of the American people.notwithstanding the fact that sever al decades elapsed before the Federal revenue accruing from that territory eimbursed us for the purchase money paid to Spain and for the subsequent cost of the war against the Seminoles. There were creakers, indeed, at the time, who complained that we had sought a pig in a poke, and who said that the brave Seminoles, fighting for their liberty, were perfectly right in refusing to recognize the transfer to us of a sovereignty which Spain had been unable to force. Nevertheless, the great mass of our people were thoroughly convinced that Florida was ours by a title as good in morals as in law, and that it would eventually pay,

So, too, in regard to Alaska. At the time of the purchase of that territory ons in New England who alleged that Secretary Seward had paid millions for an iceburg. The great majority of the oters, however, had faith that Mr. leward's investment would prove lucrative in the end, and their confidence as been justified by the profits of the fur-seal business and by the gold deosits in the Yukon region. On the face of things, the Philippines promise to a far better investment than was Florida or Alaska. So soon as the insurgents under Aguinaldo have been subdued, the military and naval force now serving in the Philippines can be naterially reduced, and it would not surprising if, within ten years, the Federal revenue accruing from the Islands should meet the expenditures. It

pointment to some of the cultured Bos- ish sway, 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, Similar corruption prevailed in the collection of the internal revenues. In addition to the gains that will result from honest and efficient administration, we honest and efficient administration, we must take into account the great ex-pansion of the revenue inseparable to see an entente cordiale established as from a great development of industry and trade, There is no conceivable teason why American citizens should not do as well with Luzon as the Dutch have done with Java, where, in the increased tenfold and the revenue more

> 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 a given tract of land may be desirable for strategic as well as revenue purposes We should deem Florida, for example, cheaply bought, if until this day the income derived from it had failed to offset the sum paid for it or afterward expended in puttin down the Seminoles. For milltary and naval reasons the possession of the Floridian peninsula and of Key West was indispensable to the protection of our Gulf States On similar grounds Americans attached great importance to the possession of the Alaskan peninsula and of the Aleutian Islands, as helping to give us the command of the North Pacific, It was, likewise, on the score of strategic, rather than commercial usefulness, that the annexation of Hawali was vehemently pressed on congress by the popular sentiment New it is impossible to overestimate the value of the Philippines, lying, as they do, midway between Singapore and Shanghai, to a nation which is determined to compete in the twentieth century for its full reasonable as the other. share of trade in the Far East, With the Philippines, a full share will be ours. Without them, our manufacturers and merchants would be but too evidently doomed to ultimate ejection from the Chinese markets,

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 burned alive on a Sunday night. The press reported in detail how 15,000 people looked on unmoved and cheered to the echo while the negro lurned to death. Feb. 1, 1883, Henry Smith was burned to death in Paris, Tex. The entire county joined in that exhibition. Excursions were run by all the railroads and the mayor gave the school children a holiday

o see the sight. Sept. 29, 1893, at Roanoke, Va., the body of C. J. Miller was burned to ushes. Sept. 20, 893, at Roanoke, Va., the body a negro who had quarreled with white was burned in the presence of gev eral thousand persons.

July 22, 1883, in Memphis, Tenn., the oody of Lee Walker was dragged through

Main street and burned before the court June 10, 1808, Knoxville, Ark., Jame Perry was shut up in a cabin because he ad smallnex and was burnt to death aaster Baker and his infant child were burnt to death after being surrounded by

April 21, 1899, in Palmette, Ga., Sem Hose was burned alive in the presence of

LIKE THE PRINCE OF WALES.

From Tit-Bits. "Now," said a schoolmaster, as he dis-played a bright five-shilling piece between the tips of his finger and thumb, "the first boy or girl that puts a riddle to me which I cannot answer will receive this as a gift."
"Any more?" he asked, as soon as sl-

ence was restored and no one had laimed the coin.
"Yes, sir," sang out a little fellow from the further end of the school, "Why am I like the Prince of Water"

"The Prince of Wales" said the mas-ner thoughwully. "The Prince of Wales?" he repeated to himself. "Really, Johnny, I see no resemblance in you; I'll give it up."
"Because," cried the lad Joyfully, "I'm waiting for the crown."

BY WAY OF JEST.

A Rash Remark.

"No, Ellen, I can't tack down any car The doctor said all my recreation consist of open-air sports." "All right, William; there are three carpets out on the line which you can beat."-Chicago News.

Office Jewelry.

"Your typewriting machine makes more than a sawmilt." "No: three-quarters of that noise you near is our typewriter girl's heart-bangle bracelets."—Chicago News.

Shifting the Agony.

"The man of refined and expensive "Not always, Sometimes he succeeds in taking the tradesmen he knows suffer in his stead."-Chicago News,

At the Milliner's.

"Miss Golightly, shall I put some of "No; it's too commonplace," 'Commonplace?"
'Yes; it looks just like clover."-Chica-

Posterity.

go News.

"I write for posterity," said the young "By the way," said the man who is always letting his mind wander, "did you know that the doctors say the human ice will be nothing but a bunch of idio few hundred years?"-Indianapolis

Sorrows for All. 'Mister," said Meandering Mike, "will

ou gimme something so's I can go some The politician locked at him thought fully and exclaimed: "That shows how we all have our troubles. Here you are with no place to go and eat, and here am I worried hall to death because I can't keep my invitations to banquets down to any thing like a reasonable limit."-Washing ton Star.

"My daughter," said the father, "has lways been accustomed to all the lux-"Yees," replied the count, bristling up. Zat ees what I am."-Philadelphia North

One of Them.

Unscientific Pleasantry.

"It is easier to find than to kill mi "Well, quit finding them. Then you won't have to kill them."-Chicago News.

Definition.

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From the Washington Post.

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I am sincere," the maiden cried, "Why do you shake your head so?"
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"Why, other men have said so."
—Detroit Free Press,

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