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In the case of Howell vs. Phillips the jury is now ready to hear the testimony of the defendant.

From a Political Point of View.

It is announced by all the Washington correspondents that Governor Finney's references to Alger's record in the war department have given offence in administration circles for the reason that the president considers that incident closed.

Let us therefore look at the matter from this point of view. General Alger's opponent, Senator McMillan, has been one of the administration's staunchest supporters.

We owe an apology to probable Speaker Henderson for the slip in the types yesterday which, at the bottom of the report of the Buffalo convention of cranks, made it appear that the gallant Iowan was present.

A good many persons who fired off giant crackers yesterday probably could not repeat the first sentence of the Declaration of Independence.

A Warning as to Cuba.

Beginning with the assumption that the United States wants Cuba, an officer of the army of occupation, writing in the North American Review for July, gives a recipe for getting it along the lines of least resistance.

We went into Cuba, this officer reminds us, disclaiming "any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof."

The officer gives a picture of American military rule in Cuba which is most discouraging. It is too full of details to be quoted; but in substance he shows that our generals, with the best of intentions, but utterly ignorant of the peculiar susceptibilities of the natives, have, by their brusque, direct and often dictatorial manner, by their inability to get into the hearts of the people and by undue emphasis upon the military instead of the civil way of doing things, filled the island with smouldering irritation.

transitional and arbitrary, and the general conditions, if this writer is a true prophet, are such as to justify in the minds of thoughtful Americans the gravest concern for the future.

We present the foregoing brief summary of a most interesting and valuable paper without assuming any responsibility for its opinions but solely as a contribution to public information.

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More Effective Use of Public Opinion

Rochester Post-Express.

THE most effective use made of public opinion in the United States is it is applied to it as it should be in the case of every law that is applied as vigorously as it can be to offenders against honor, justice and humanity.

A striking example of this misdirected effort is the warfare on the industrial combination known as the trust. During the past fifteen years a good deal of indiscriminate denunciation has been bestowed upon it, and much energy and ingenuity expended by legislators to suppress or curb it.

The question under consideration is not whether the trust is an evil or not. It is whether a mistake is not frequently made in seeking to have public opinion molded by legislation in repression of some abuse rather than letting legislation, if required at all, be the product of a matured and consolidated public opinion.

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Some of these provisions appear almost ridiculous in their severity, but hunters have brought it upon themselves.

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THE ENDURING.

A misty memory—faint, far away And vague and dim as childhood's long-lost day— Forever haunts and holds me with a spell Of awe and wonder undefinable— A grimy old engraving tacked upon A shagreened wall—An ancient temple, drawn Of crumbling granite, sagging portico And gray, iridescent gateway, grim as were.

So older—older, year by year, The boy has grown, that now, an old man here, He stands before Life as the old print there— Still awed, and marveling what light He would have had, had he but seen— Him by the door that bars Futurity— Though ever clearer than with eyes of youth.

She cuddled a dog against her breast, And she stroked his glossy head: "Oo is the dearest, darlinest, best Little doggie on earth," she said; Her face was fair and her robes were white.

She saw a child as she rode along, That was hollow-eyed and lean, And she told herself there was something wrong— And she grieved at what she had seen, Yet she cuddled the dog against her breast!

many others constantly denounced, that do not bring upon the perpetrator the same appropriate punishment. A wealthy citizen may shrink the payment of his taxes, thus throwing upon the shoulders of poorer and more honest people the burden that he ought to bear.

It ought not to be necessary to insist that this should not be permitted. But as long as it is permitted, there can be no doubt that public opinion falls far short of what may rightly be expected from it.

NEW CALENDAR FOR RUSSIA.

From the Washington Post. The official announcement that the Russian government has at last decided to act in union with the civilized nations in the matter of the calendar, distributing time into periods adapted to the purposes of civil life, as hours, days, weeks, months, and year, revives one of the most interesting chapters in the history of astronomy.

In order to put an end to disorders and confusion arising from the dissensions between the astronomical and civil years, Caesar abolished the use of the lunar year and the intercalary month and regulated the civil year entirely by the sun.

UNMISTAKABLE SYMPTOMS. From the Chicago Record. "Doctor, my husband says black and red spots appear before his eyes every night. What do you advise?" "I advise that he stop playing poker."

THE LONG GREEN. Lawn around the house, or the little patch of grass in the dooryard, require constant attention to look beautiful. Don't borrow your neighbor's lawn mower which you find isn't sharp, and then say sharp things about it which makes your wife sad, but come in here and buy a lawn mower that will cut like a razor and runs as easy as a bicycle.

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SOME ABUSES OF INFLUENCE.

From the Washington Post.

"The most abused of all good things is influence." This was the remark recently made by an experienced and efficient clerk in one of the great bureaus of the interior department when he found a comparatively inexperienced and notorious politician associate promoted over his head in defiance of the principles of civil service reform.

It is unlikely that the statement or politicians who exert their influence to secure unearned promotions realize the character and extent of the wrong of which they are guilty.

But many and great as are the abuses of influence in this sphere, this is not the only field in which power is wrongly and disastrously exploited.

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