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Governor Roosevelt certainly displayed wanton cruelty in clapping the hand of Admiral Dewey before the committee of arrangements had opportunity to officially extend the Tammany tier's claw.

America's Naval Hero.

AMERICAN history does not furnish an example of warrior or statesman who has been the object of so large a popular approval as that to which Admiral Dewey returned, and it has happened but very few times in the history of the world that so large a number of people have agreed in accepting any one man as the typical representative of their nation.

General Grant undoubtedly was the hero of the Rebellion and gained a hold upon the hearts of the people that made him the object of interest throughout the closing scenes of his career at Mt. MacGregor, he was never accorded a greeting of the magnitude of that given the man who stood on the bridge of the Olympia yesterday as the trim war ship headed the greatest naval parade ever witnessed in American waters.

During the trying scenes at Manila Admiral George Dewey demonstrated qualities as a warrior and diplomat that entitle him to the unparalleled recognition given yesterday by a grateful nation. All honor to the representative American whose equilibrium has been undisturbed by greetings unpassed in history.

Anti-expansionists are not clamoring for Dewey as a presidential candidate.

The State Campaign.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that at the proper time Colonel Barnett, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, who has been regaining health and strength since his return from the Philippines, will go before the people of Pennsylvania, together with other orators, and discuss every issue entering into the state campaign, state and national. The attempt of the Democrats to create the impression that the Republicans desire to avoid state issues will be punctured by a frank and fearless acceptance of any line of discussion which they may call up.

This is good politics and many judgments. The Republican party in Pennsylvania has nothing to conceal in its management of state affairs. The record made by it, although distorted and falsified in the course of factional controversy, compares favorably with the record of any majority party in any state. The claims of superior virtue put forward by the Democratic opposition are overthrown by the fact that in the legislative abuses concerning which criticism is fiercest the Democratic members have invariably been foremost.

But there are more than state issues at stake this year. On the eve of a presidential election which will determine the whole future of American administrative policy in the new territory which has come under our control in consequence of the Spanish-American war, the supporters of the president of the United States look to Pennsylvania, as they do to Ohio and other states where the Democracy has carried opposition into practical shape, to return a verdict which will strengthen Mr. McKinley's hands during the coming session of congress and serve notice on enemies at home and abroad that the American people do not intend to take a backward step.

Manila dispatches indicate that General Wheeler does not propose to let his title of "Fighting Joe" in his new field of operation.

Attempting Too Much.

HERE IS some variation in published reports as to the exact language used by Admiral Dewey in speaking of General Otis; and this variation probably reflects the conscious or unconscious bias of the interviewer. But here is substantial agreement among the men who have talked with the admiral, including those who possess the fullest confidence and who would not under any consideration make public an inaccurate report of his opinions to the effect that General Otis has attempted to do too much; that he has, with wholly conscientious and honorable motives, taken upon himself burdens and responsibilities and labors so numerous and difficult that the job commands the man, instead of the man commanding the job. Examples of this mistaken conception of duty are numerous in all walks of life, and they illustrate the difference between executive genius and the devoted spirit of willingness to work which lacks the initiative power of knowing just how to do work to the best practical advantage.

If the president of a railroad company or general manager of any other large enterprise covering a multitude

of details should try to conduct in person all the transactions of the company, down to selling tickets or performing other clerical work, we would conclude, and not unreasonably, that a mind so busied with small cares could not bring to the consideration of large problems the freshness of intellect and vivacity of judgment necessary to the accomplishment of the best results.

There must be division and sub-division of authority and jurisdiction and the test of greatness in an executive position is not how much routine work a superintendent can do, but how well he can distribute this among his subordinates so as to insure faithful performance of duty along wise lines of policy which it is his province to develop.

With the best of intentions, a small-gauged man in a large-gauged place may prove costly and inefficient in direct proportion to his anxiety to do it all.

We may say with the utmost respect for General Otis that, with the information at hand, the opinion of him accredited to Admiral Dewey is very largely shared by others. For this reason there is a widespread expectation that General Otis will soon be relieved of some of his pressing cares and a system of direction instituted which will be more satisfactory in results.

The title of Admiral is not to be coveted by the man of quiet disposition. The custom of letting the big cannon bang seventeen times whenever one wishes to say "good morning" must be rather trying to the tympanic membranes.

Vindicated by Results.

WHEN a section of the country is busily employed in manufacturing it means that it is apt to be prosperous, for great numbers of laborers are being employed and paid wages. In the year ended July 1, 1899, the exports of manufacturers were nearly \$30,000,000 greater than even in the phenomenal year 1898, and more than double those of the year in which Cleveland was elected. The following table shows the great growth of the exports of manufacturers from the United States:

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Table Showing Imports into the U. S. During Each Fiscal Year Since 1890.

Table showing Fiscal Year, Fiscal 1900, and Fiscal 1899 for various countries.

During the discussion in congress of the Dingley bill, opponents of the measure in and out of that body were very certain that in case of the enactment into law of such a measure, foreign countries would certainly retaliate, and greatly damage our commerce, especially those countries which protected against that measure. The following table shows our exports to each of the protesting countries during the last year under the Wilson low-tariff act and the first two years under the Dingley protective law. These figures do not seem to show that we have suffered very greatly along this line:

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Accounts of family reunions that appear in our suburban exchanges picture life in the most cheerful aspect. There is no season of the year when

a family reunion is so enjoyable as that which marks the advent of new cider and pumpkin pie.

Katherine Rober in a fit of exasperation at the Academy of Music the other night administered a stinging rebuke to a number of hoodlums in the gallery who laughed in a manner to disturb the performance of Romeo and Juliet. The remarks of the actress, who invited idiots who could not comprehend the play to leave the house and allow sensible auditors an opportunity of hearing the dialogue, were timely and were appreciated. This system or recognition of the bore could be applied in many other entertainments in this city it would doubtless do much towards making theatrical performances enjoyable. The well dressed bands of music in the orchestra chairs who disturb people in the immediate vicinity by criticisms of the play and actors or by indulging in other conversation is as great a nuisance as the gallery tough who laughs at love passages. Too many persons who claim to be ladies and gentlemen imagine that the purchase of a ticket at the box office entitles them to the privilege of destroying the evening's enjoyment of a score or more of unfortunate people sitting near them in a theatre.

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Manager Daniel Frohman has an ambitious and hustling young actor in his company. His name is Douglas Jeffrey Wood, and he made quite a hit last season as the "its-quite-immature" young bridegroom in the play "The Summer." He is the guest of General Snow's son at the family homestead, at Rockland, Me. During his performance the "its-quite-immature" young bridegroom was getting up for a local charity, and "A Scrap of Paper" was produced under the direction of the young actor, in which he also played the leading juvenile part. A second benefit and an original comic opera by two Yale graduates was produced under Mr. Wood's direction. The young actor has had considerable success in his professional life, and he has been in the vanguard of a stage career by going on as a "super." His first appearance was as one of the original members of the production of "The Conquerors," at the Empire theatre, and subsequently he was one of the "extras" in "The Irish and the Flame." Through his own efforts entirely he obtained a speaking part in Richard Mansfield's production of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Garden theatre. He was then engaged by Manager Daniel Frohman, and appeared in "Trelawney of the Wells" and "At the White Horse Tavern." Last May he had one of the important comedy roles in Manager Litt's special production of "The Club's Baby," at McVicker's theatre, Chicago.

Nubs of Knowledge.

There is one country in the world, and probably only one, which gets along with a single policeman; that is Iceland. The opposite of vivisection have arranged for a special exhibit of instruments of torture during the Paris exposition.

In the Michigan Central's depot garden at Ypsilanti, Mich., a floral monument of over 20,000 plants is now in full splendor.

The productive capacity of the labor-saving machinery of the United States at the present time is equal to a handworking population of 40,000,000.

No fewer than 12 families of injurious insects feed upon cultivated plants and crops, doing damage to and devouring thousands of dollars worth of vegetable produce annually.

In Stockholm the fees for telephone users are from \$7.50 to \$25 a year, yet the last report of the telephone company shows profits of 8 per cent above bonds and other expenses.

In remote parts of Scotland the old Covenanters' love for long hair hangs on to the bare hillside still lingers. At Dingwall a recent communion service in the open air lasted from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. From 127 to 135,000 Hebrew women were married in Prussia; 5,000 of these, that is, 30 per cent—look for husbands amount to 25 per cent in the last few years.

A vase cut from a single emerald has been preserved in a cathedral in Genoa, Italy, 600 years. It is the largest gem of the kind in the world; its dimensions being, diameter 12 1/2 inches; length, 6 1/2 inches.

More than \$20,000,000 worth of jewels are lost every season at American summer resorts. The greater part of these disappear at the seaside, and it is believed that a comparatively small part are actually stolen.

Some large English timbermen who have been making a tour through the lumber regions of the United States were struck with the enormous waste of timber due to the stove industry, which slaughtered the trees, leaving only the

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