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The Boers seem to have the same difficulty in locating Cecil Rhodes that is experienced by American troops in search of Aguinaldo.

The Water Question.

THERE ARE three possibilities of relief from the present charges of the Scranton Gas and Water company:

- (1) Voluntary reduction by the company.
(2) Competition.
(3) Public possession and operation of the present water system after condemnation and appraisal.

The third of these possibilities is exceedingly remote. It would involve not only a protracted legal struggle with the advantage resting with the present corporation under the principle that possession is nine points in law, but also the very debatable question whether the kind of municipal management likely to prevail in Scranton would, if established, represent any improvement either in executive ability or in the economy of charges to the community.

The second alternative is more available but even it is of doubtful utility. It would necessitate, to begin with, the investment from some source of not less than \$2,000,000 in the effort to fight an enterprise already thoroughly established and entrenched. The Scranton Gas and Water company has taken the bulk of all the water sheds and other natural advantages in the vicinity and what it has left open to competitive use is of very inferior value. Its immense reserves both of water and money represent resources very ominous to a competitive company having to enter the field with only second rate facilities.

On different occasions Mr. Scranton has said that the present meter rates were not necessarily final. Let him be a benevolent despot and meet the people half way. It is true that he could snap his finger at the public if he so will, and the public would have no substantial redress. It is true that he represents in effect an absolute monopoly over an article of prime necessity, and under the general trend of legislation in Pennsylvania is encouraged by a long line of statutory enactments to consider the public's interests simply from the revenue standpoint, without a thought of its equities.

It now begins to look as though even Admiral Dewey is liable to experience difficulty in pleasing everybody.

Sherman, McKinley and Hanna.

MR. KOHLISAAT, of Chicago, through his paper, the Times-Herald, occasionally takes the public at large into his confidence in the matter of the secret history of politics; and the inside version frequently differs materially from the version current on the street corners. This is especially true with respect to the relationship which has so long existed between President McKinley and Senator Hanna. If the average man were asked to name the one episode in the McKinley administration which on the surface appears most questionable, he would promptly cite the alleged maneuver which transferred John Sherman from the senate into the secretaryship of state and thus made an opening for Marcus A. Hanna. To the ordinary mind, accustomed to entertain sordid opinions concerning political methods and motives, this episode had the superficial appearance of a discreditable deal, in which the venerable Mr. Sherman, in his declining years, was made the subject of a confidence game, played with for a time and then allowed into retirement, "unwept, unburied and unsung."

The light which Mr. Kohlisaat sheds upon this incident presents the facts in a much more pleasing perspective. Says he: "In the days from 1882 to March, 1897, William McKinley had learned to lean upon Mr. Hanna as a counsellor and man of affairs, but above all as a man and a friend. He wanted Mr. Hanna near him in Washington. To that end he offered him a place in his cabinet. Until three days before the inauguration Mr. McKinley kept the place open for Mr. Hanna. But nothing could tempt the latter to accept. He clearly saw that their relations would be misinterpreted, and that what would have been a tribute of friendship would have been tortured into the payment of a political obligation. There could be nothing of this

between the two men. But when the President's cabinet was announced and his administration began he found himself face to face with a hostile speaker of the house of representatives and a hostile corps of congressmen in the senate. He had need of a friend in congress who had demonstrated his power to reach the springs of political action. To whom could he turn with more assurance of sympathy and aid than to Mr. Hanna? It was this condition, not Mr. Hanna's ambition to be a senator, that resulted in his election to the United States senate. All his personal and private inclinations were against this. There was nothing in the senatorship that he wanted or that could add to the reputation he had made as the successful manager of the great campaign of 1896. But he yielded to the circumstances that seemed to link his fortunes with the administration of William McKinley and sacrificed his inclinations to his friendship."

This version omits to account for the reasons which originally impelled the proffer of the state portfolio to Mr. Sherman, a man never well fitted for delicate diplomatic responsibilities; but the omission is supplied by the fact of Mr. Sherman's prominence in national affairs, the distinguished part he played in Republican politics and the long-standing intimacy between himself and the president. Not to have proffered the secretaryship of state to the foremost Republican statesman would have violated all precedent as well as put the appearance of a snub upon a fellow Ohioan; but it may not have been the president's expectation that Mr. Sherman would accept.

General Wheeler need never again expect to play in Edward Atkinson's back yard.

The Death of the Vice President.

THE WORTH of Garret A. Hobart was best known to the immediate circle in which he moved. He did not aspire to promiscuous popularity; he did not put himself in the way of the multitude, solicitous for its capricious applause. He was more like Chester A. Arthur in that respect, preferring the influential position of a man behind the scenes. During the later years of his life he was one of the most effective and trusted managers of Republican party movements who directed quietly and in the background agencies which put other men into positions of prominence and responsibility. Yet had fate decreed that he should in person assume the honors which he helped to prepare for others, there is no question that he would have met every requirement intelligently and well.

As vice-president Garret A. Hobart solved to a new degree the problem of what to do with our vice presidents. The office—practically and nominal in itself—made vital by his unerring sagacity, his superior diplomacy and the confidence which he inspired. By unobtrusiveness he evaded the vindictive jealousies which surround and hamper many men in public life; by fidelity he held fast to every friend. It is no secret that he occupied toward President McKinley a relationship peculiarly confidential, that to an extent far beyond the precedents of the vice-presidential office he fulfilled the functions of a discreet and unselfish adviser; and that in this capacity he wielded a potent influence upon many of the great activities of the government and helped largely in the determination of executive policies.

He was self-made in the complete significance of the term as indicative of success attained entirely through asserted merit; and in his death the nation loses a most estimable and valuable citizen.

The Dewey home give-away is a little rough on the donors, to be sure; they should have attached a string.

The Ohio Vote.

THE OFFICIAL count of the vote cast in Ohio Nov. 7 is at last completed. For governor Nash, Rep., received 417,199 votes; McLean, Dem., 368,478 and Jones, Ind., 106,231, Nash's plurality being 49,923. The total vote polled was 920,646. In 1896 it was 1,029,107. It therefore appears that 109,959 votes this year stayed at home. How many of them were Republicans, sulking against Senator Hanna or resenting the administration's refusal to give to Senator Foraker's friends due recognition in the matter of patronage?

There are a number of queer things about these Ohio returns. Says a Columbus dispatch to the Sun: "Jones received nearly two-thirds of his vote in Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lucas and Franklin counties, which embrace the cities of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo and Columbus. While Judge Nash has the largest plurality of any candidate on the state ticket, he received the smallest vote. W. Z. Davis, the candidate for judge of the Supreme court, an office which the anti-trust people very greatly desired, received 37,413 more votes than Judge Nash, though his plurality is nearly 4,000 less; this difference is explained by mistakes in marking the ballots. Judge A. W. Patrick, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, leads McLean, the candidate for governor, by 47,408. Allen W. Thurman says this difference represents a Democratic protest against McLean's candidacy. On the other hand, the Anti-Saloon league of the state, which made a bitter fight against Judge Caldwell, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, wants the credit for making Caldwell run behind. The league is entitled to some of the credit, but an analysis of the vote of some of the counties in the northern part of the state, where the opposition to McLean was most pronounced, bears out the theory advanced by Mr. Thurman. While Judge Caldwell well received 11,205 more votes than Nash he ran 15,600 votes behind the other candidates on the Republican state ticket, his plurality being 12,793. Judge Nash carried fifty-five of the eighty-eight counties, Mr. Jones two, Lucas and Cuyahoga, leaving McLean thirty-one counties."

All in all, it is very evident that Ohio, politically, is a good deal mixed.

On the town hall at Windsor, when Emperor William arrived, the German

and British flags flew from the same flag staff, in companionship with the Stars and Stripes. This is more than a coincidence.

The charges that Colonel Metcalf, of the Twentieth Kansas, shot an unarmed Filipino; that General Punston gave his wife church vestments, and that Colonel Barnett hid in a rice dyke show that the disgruntled volunteer private is bound to get in his revenge. If there had been substance to these accusations the failure to make them at the proper time in the prescribed military form would have involved the present accusers in the guilt. The charges are evidently manufactured.

Secretary Root's desire to retire General Shafter as a major general will not be opposed. The main thing with generals of the Shafter kind is to get them retired as expeditiously as possible.

The fact that Mrs. Aguinaldo's wardrobe filled twelve sugar barrels is refutation of the belief entertained at one time that the Filipino belle wore little save a smile.

The progress of the Mollinoux trial in New York indicates that the prisoner is liable to die of old age before his guilt or innocence is established.

The astronomers have been obliged to retire from the center of the stage without having had the opportunity to win a single bouquet.

The writer whose liver is in the proper condition can generally discover some evil in the good work of any man.

Congressman-elect Roberts exhibits an inclination to fire the mote and beam Biblical argument at his assailants.

Aguinaldo continues to play one night stands.

CURRENT VERSE.

Sealed Orders.

Death is a Spirit! Those who have seen him nearest Hold him dearest. For rareness in his choice When, at his Master's Voice, He seeks, for his own call, The bravest, best of all. When it seems unbelieved That one both good and great Should pass the shadowy gate Opening to stranger climes, Then may we feel full sure The soul has grown so pure That it must needs incline Into the Vast Divine.

Death is a Spirit!

We deem his pace too swift; To our eyes, 'Tis not given, he passing wise, It is not given, he passing wise, To see across the rift Between ourselves and Heaven: On earth we hear a knell— Elsewhere there peals a bell In welcome for a guest, New to the Wondrous Quest Whereof no man on earth May ever know the birth.

Only God knows, and they

Who have joined His great Array. —Walter Herries Pollock.

Love's Song.

Within a heart there sometimes flickers low A strange desire, A messenger from Cupid's realm lights slow An endless fire. A song that bard ne'er sung or music strained Is often heard; A carol of the soul, its fear constrained, At a word, each word, And thus each note new beauty tends to claim From day to day, Till smoldering ashes of the heart ne'er flame. To blaze give way. The song, so long unsung, uncertain mist, Awakes anew; The story that it tells is but a tryst, My love, with you, And so, repressed song, go herald loud That all may hear, That at your heart's gate I no longer cower. In boldness 'pear; And bidding voice once dumb a richness rare. To 'round it fling Enrobed in love, thy knight seeks entrance there. With thee to sing, So that the silent music of that night Within thy breast, May tell to all the world, emblazoned bright, A love confessed. —Edwin M. Abbott.

The Song of Destiny.

We are the Children of Events, From Tampa Bay and Golden Flue; Swift immigrants that pay no rents, Rough riders over ditch and fence, We settle where we pitch our tents. And stick the carmine, white and blue, We are the darlings of events From Tampa Bay to Golden Flue. Slouch-hatted, buckled up in duck, We nick the sunset for our own; We tug and balance nip-and-tuck The European powder-truck, But hoot the brewish kind of muck And disrespect the Torrid Zone, We are the paladins of Pluck From Honolulu and Ladrones.

We sniff the savor of the seas, Light-handed, hearted, prodigal, World-hungry for antipodes; We scale the Morro-crag with ease From Philippines to Caribbees, And swelter in the chaparral, We sniff the savor of the seas, Light-hearted, handed, prodigal. The dubious doctors may debate Why trade-winds travel as they do; We grip the saddle-flaps of Fate To rise above the hurdle gate, And have a chance to contemplate From elevated points of view, The doddering doctors may debate Why trade-winds travel as they do. —The Critic.

Face the Music.

If you make mistakes, stand by them; It's not a bit of use To say you didn't mean to— That's not a good excuse. If you mean a thing, why, say it; It's not a bit of use When you want to say "the d—l." To change it to "the d-uce."

If you have burdens, bear them; It's not a bit of use To bow your head in sorrow, Your troubles to reduce. And if you have friends, keep them; It's not a bit of use To nag and cavil at them Until they're broken loose. —Pittsburg Times.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

New York consumption of champagne during the past year was the greatest ever known.

The statistics recently issued show general property has not had much to do with the marriage industry in Ohio. For the year ended March 31, 1898, the marriages were about 1,500 less than the preceding year.

According to Dr. Schjerning, there were only 550 cases of tuberculosis last year in a force of 24,000 men. The number of deaths from this disease in the army has been gradually decreasing from 42 per thousand in 1892 to 24 per thousand in 1897.

A little more than 50 years ago a few workmen of Rochdale, England, joined together to purchase a sack of flour and a chest of tea. That was the beginning of a co-operative movement which now includes 1,000 societies, with a total membership of 1,000,000.

In France advertising posters must bear revenue stamps varying in value according to the size of the poster. A man who affixed a 15-centime stamp on a poster which should have had only a 6-centime stamp, has just been fined 25 francs, or 52¢. For the offense.

Drinking glasses called tumblers owe their name to the fact that they are the successors of little round silver bowls, so perfectly balanced that, whichever way they were tipped about on the table, they tumbled into position again, and there remained with the rim upward, as if asking to be refilled.

A well-preserved Roman camp has been discovered on the right bank of the Narenta, Herzegovina. A section 300 feet long by 270 feet wide has been traced. Part of the walls, gates and towers are still standing, and many utensils and weapons have been dug up. It is believed that the camp was erected in the time of Nero.

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JONAS LONG'S SONS' STORE NEWS.

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Sale Extraordinary of BLACK SILKS.

We place on sale this (Wednesday) morning our entire assortment of Black Brocaded Silks, consisting of about nine hundred yards, at a reduction in price averaging close to 50 per cent.

We anticipate a large audience. You know as well as we the popularity of black silks for street and evening gowns. It is happily one material in wearing apparel that never goes out of fashion.

Black goods were never so popular as now—and especially black brocades. Luckily for you we are in possession of a very large stock just now—more than we wish for. Hence this remarkable price cut beginning today.

You are invited to select from The Regular 75-cent Brocades at 35c. The Regular \$1 Brocades at 65c. The Regular \$1.25 Brocades at 75c. The Regular \$2.50 Brocades at \$1.25.

The qualities you'll recognize to be the same standard weaves that have always won approval from you. Rest assured when these are gone a like chance will never again come to you.

Fancy colored silks, too. Here is a large assortment of Stripes, Checks and Plaids—every yard of this season's manufacture. The colors are as rich as dye can make them: the styles approach the zenith of fashion's approval. But the prices for today and Thursday keep "bargain" company.

Your only chance this year to buy Our \$1.50 Quality of Fancy Silks at \$1. Our \$1.25 Quality of Fancy Silks at 75c. Our \$1.00 Quality of Fancy Silks at 59c. Our 75-cent Quality of Fancy Silks at 48c.

Christmas presents, to be sure. What would be nicer than a pattern off one of these? Grand display and sale in the silk aisle, Wyoming avenue entrance.

Women's \$4.00 Shoes—Today \$2.60.

Here is an unparalleled offer in shoes, from the most worthy shoe store in all Scranton. We offer to-day only a lot of Women's Shoes—not over three hundred pairs all told—that have positively never sold under \$3.50 and \$4 the pair at the one price of \$2.60.

This gives you choice of nearly twenty styles, including French Kid, with hand-turned soles, and Vici Kid with hand welts, in all the newest styles and all widths from A to E.

We are not fond of brag, yet we are willing to assert that no store in this country ever laid before its public so commendable an offering or dependable footwear as this one. For to-day (Wednesday) remember—not to-morrow. On sale in Shoe Department, main floor, below elevators.

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MRS. GEORGE FOSTER, Doctor, what can I do for belching of wind? DOCTOR II Belching of wind is due to fermentation of the food in the stomach. This is usually caused by the inability of the stomach to digest the foods containing starch. Avoid all intoxicants, fresh bread, rolls, rice, oatmeal, potatoes, peas, beans, corn, cake, pastry, pie, pork, sausage and rich foods. After meals take a Ripans Tabule. One will give you prompt relief, and their continued use for a week or two will cure the trouble if you abandon the foods that principally cause it.

A new style necktie containing THE RYAN'S TABLETS in a paper carton (without glass) is now for sale at some drug stores. This new style necktie is intended for the young and the economical. The name of the new necktie (THE RYAN'S TABLETS) can be had by mail by sending four-eight cents to the RYAN'S TABLETS COMPANY, 20, 10th Street, New York. A single carton (see label) will be sent for five cents.