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NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

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Christ.

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muted for a term of years, is entitled to

the statutory commutation for good con

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ton west of the summit of the Cascade range is covered with the heaviest con-tinuous belt of forest growth in the Uni-

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History repeats itself in the South African war in the conduct of the Outlanders, upon whose behalf thousands of British soldiers have been hurried to battle and to death. As in Cuba at the time of the Spanish war, the people who made the most noise and called with greatest persistence for aid in crushing their oppressors have not been visible save in the localities in the rear where army rations are distributed. It is possible that too much sympathy has been in many instances wasted upon the Outlanders.

The Message.

HE PRESENT executive does not aspire to brilliancy in the composition of state pa-

that, after all, is real statesmanship. His latest message to congress is a lat all times, irrespective of the law, so document of some length, but upon they but gather in the shekels. The points in controversy its arguments evil is in our present method of grantare masterly and its citation of infor- ing licenses to anybody and everybody mation fairly conclusive. The length | almost that makes application. There of the message reminds us that our's are no rules or regulations laid down is becoming a country of great and by the court for its guidance that in greatly diversified interests covering any way restrict the number of licenses each year an increased scope; and that expansion of presidential messages is as inevitable as is expansion of national influence and sovereignty if the traditional character of the message as a review of the condition and needs of the government shall be preserved.

A large part of the message relates to subjects more or less routine in character; its essential portions are in reference to currency reform, trusts, our new dependencies and the international responsibilities and opportunities affected by them. While there are no surprises in the allusions to any of these themes, the elaboration of argument and advice on each subject indicates matured conviction and constructive ability of a high order. On currency reform the president stands in line with the intelligent opinion of the day for the gold standard, for abolition of the endless chain, for better banking facilities and for more good money for use in the country's expanding business. He argues wisely

that the time to prepare for seasons of adversity is in the period of prosperity. The very fact that the financial condition of the country today Is constitutes a superior reason why admitted defects in the structure of our banking and currency laws should se remedied and secured against the con-

even Lincoln at the zenith of his career. had a dominion so complex, so widereaching or so absolute. The will of the man in the white house rules 10,-000,000 dependents without check; it largely dominates the internal administration of affairs in this great republic; and as bearing upon the foreiga relations of our own and other lands it is influential if not at times supreme. It becomes worth our while, therefore, to know how this exceptional trust confided to him by the people is being administered and what princl-

its administration; and for this knowledge all must turn to the president's message, which we publish in full.

A good many reformers unconsciously become humorists.

Governing Liquor Licenses.

N THE COUNTY of Schuylkill, with a population similar to our own, an agitation having for its purpose the lessening of crime,

has reached the newspaper stage. One of the leading citizens of Schuylkill, Mr. William Wilhelm, in a letter contributed to the Miners' Journal, offers some advice concerning this matter which is of considerable interest.

"The principal cause of crime," says he, "is the indiscriminate granting of ilcenses. The licensees take to the business for pecuniary profit, and the thousand and more licenses granted make competition so sharp that they cater to the criminal, the drunkard, the depers, but he does aim to be bauchee, and those of immature age in accurate, thorough and practical and their struggle to make the business pay. Sales are made at all hours and granted or the character of places licensed. This evil can be easily corrected, and all that will be necessary for the moral forces of this county to do is to formulate some plan and ask the co-operation of the court. This can

be done by memoralizing the court: First-Not to grant more than one license for each three hundred (300) people, unless in townships it shall be conclusively proven to the court that on account of special topographical conditions more hotels are necessary. Second-That no place be licensed with-In five hundred (500) feet of a church or school house unless it is a wellestablished hostelry that provides sleeping or eating accommodations to the traveling public. Third-No naturalized citizen to be given license unless such person shall have been a citizen of the

county at least five years before the license is applied for. Fourth-No person who has been convicted of a felony shall have license." In proof that he is in earnest, Mr. Wilhelm proposes to give his profes-

sional services as an attorney free of charge in the presenting of memorials to court petitioning for the adoption of these rules or rules similar in kind. without precedent in its encouragement The idea outlined by him is a good one; and it presents undoubtedly a favorable starting point in a general move ment toward better law and order. But we must not forget that back of the

nestly request that this matter be kept strictly confidential, and subordinale officials should also be similarly instructed respecting the extremely confidential nature of the same. The accommodating of American consuls should be avoided and in all cases of doubt report to the government president.

The right of the Prussian government to withhold information from any foreign consul or diplomatic representative in matters pertaining wholly to internal administration is unquestionable; but this discrimination against ples and policies govern the details of American consuls in particular contrasts strangely with the expressions of good will for America and Americans credited recently to the German emperor and to some of his chief lieutenants. It is unlikely that the Prussian agrarian interests, who are scared at the growth of American competition, will cause any friction between the two nations; but as a side light on German politics the foregoing circular is at least worthy of perusal.

> Ex-Governor Hogg modestly declines to pose as the probable running mate with W. J. Bryan at the coming campaign. There seems to be a limit even to the ambitions of one with the suggestive name of the ex-governor of Texas.

> > Plug This Leak.

N HIS annual report, just pub lished, Postmaster-General Smith makes timely suggestions regarding the abuse of the second-class mail privileges by concerns not enti-

provide some way to circumvent the efforts of the class of alleged publishers that has proved such an expense to the postal system of the United States. It is estimated that a waste of nearly \$20,000,000 yearly is occasioned by the stuff in the way of fake publications. advertising sheets, sample packages, etc., that masquerades as second class mail matter claiming cheap rates of transportation to which only legitimate publications in the way of newspapers and magazines are entitled. The work of the postoffice department is greatly hampered by the expense entailed in handling this class of mail matter, and the regular service is thus made to suffer on account of the time consumed in distribution. In most instances these publications deserve to be excluded from the mails entirely instead around it?" of being allowed to pose as secondclass matter, and it is time that congress takes steps to eradicate the evil. which is a drag on the entire postal system of the country.

The class of Cuban patriots who are really dissatisfied with present conditions on the island would in this country probably be wearing stripes in nine cases out of ten.

Emperor Menelek, of Abyasinia, shows an inclination to make trouble which may result in an Anglo-Italian alliance in the form of thick hemp.

It is a pleasure to note that upon many of the topics of vital interest today the thinking men are not doing all

Foreign rations disposed to place a weather strip on the open door in China things that he was wearing a "Repubd to wait until later i have conc

the talking.

Gould:

their dinner.

from the boiler deck, "for heaven's till we pass gray Duck, where he gets off

A big plle of sacks was to get off, and as the mate stood there with his every faculty literally benumbed by the restraint put upon him, the larkies at first worked in silent astonishment,

and then began distinctly to shirk. It is a well recognized fact all up and down the Mississippi river that negroes can't be made to work without being "cussed," and this fact came home to the mate with telling force.

Grasping his stick with a firmer above sea level. clutch, he raised his big hoarse voice and fairly thundered: Get

"Hi, there, you nigger sons! long there, you blank, blank, blank! You know what kind of a blank 1 mean. Confound you, get along now!" And passengers on that boat say the darkies looked like black streaks as they moved up and down the gangplank after that, while the reverend bishop, who had come to the rail. looked on, nearly bursting his sides with laughter.

The Commodore.

The school teacher in a country district near San Francisco is a buxom widow with an interesting boy. Many times she explained to her history classs that she had named her son Perry because of her great admiration for Commodore Perry, whom she con-sidered one of the most heroic charac-

ters in American history. Among the admirers of the pretty school teacher was Bob Taylor, one of the trustees, and his attentions to her had been observed by the school children. One day she asked her history class to

name a naval hero in the war of 1812. tled to use them, and asks congress to Not a pupil could name one. "Of whom do I think a great deal?" she asked by way of refreshing the memories of her pupils. "Bob Taylor!" shouted the class in unison. Ever since Bob Taylor has been known as a commodore.-San Francisco Post.

The Mysterious Part of It.

Johannes Gelert, the sculptor, was in his studio one day when a man and woman called. They were apparently a well-to-do farmer and his wife, who were making their first tour in the world of art. The sculptor explained to them the mysterles of modeling and casting. At the end the man said: "I think I understand it pretty well now, but there is still one thing that puzzles "What is it ?" asked the artist. me." "I understand how a statue is in the plece of marble that you buy, but how do you cut away the stuff which is

Slightly Confused.

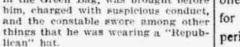
At a recent church dedication the invited preacher followed his sermon by taking subscriptions for the balance needed to pay for the building. As the subscriptions proceeded one of the colectors announced:

"The five Black children, \$1!" This the courteous money raiser mended by saying: "Five little colored people, \$1!"

Amid an outburst of laughter the pastor hastly explained that the donors were white children by the name of Black.

A Republican Hat.

Michael Joseph Barry, the poet, was appointed a police magistrate in Dublin. An Irish-American, says a writer in the Green Bag, was brought before him, charged with suspicious conduct, and the constable swore among other



'Does your honor know what that

means?" inquired the prisoner's lawyer

"I presume," said Barry, "that is

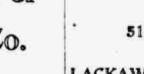
means a hat without a crown.'

FINLEY'S For Doctors say that cold ankles kill more women than nerves and diseases put to Nobody ever sees a Hebrew or a Qua Nobody ever sees a Hebrew or a Qua-ker beggar. Those people are noted for taking care of their poor. Of the 28,000,000 tons of shipping en-gaged in transoccanic trade only 300,009 Wedding tons are now of American register. The longest car of corn ever seen in South Jersey was raised this fall. It Presents... is seventeen and one-half inches length. December Pretoria, the capital of the South African Republic, is thirty miles north of the "City of Gold," and lies 4,500 feet The largest and finest As-During the first six months of the year a million English workers secured an sortment of increase of wages, while only 2.300 had suffered decreases. The automobile industry in France is Sterling Silver-ware making astonishing progress. There are now 1,600 concerns making automobiles A scientist has calculated that the eye-lids of the average man open and shut Prices ranging from \$1.00 no fewer than 4,000,000 times in the course to \$100.00. of a single year of his existence. While the infant mortality in Sweden and Norway is not over 11 per cent., it rises in the German empire to 22 and in the Bayarian highlands to 45 per cent. Ladies' MERCEREAU & CONNELL The heart of a vegetarian beats on an average of 58 to the minutes; that of the meat eater 75. This represents a differ ence of 20,000 heats in twenty-four hours 130 Wyoming Avenue. West Virginia has become the first state for oil and lumber, the second for coke and third for coal. It has thirty-Men's six railroads projected, eight of which are under construction. In South Africa the warmest month THE MODERN HARDWARE STORS. is February and the coldest is July. The temperature is not as trying as that of Central Europe. The rainfall for the year is light, varying from 5 to 20 inches. What is probably the most venerable Open plece of furniture in existence is now in the British Museum. It is the throne of Queen Hatsu, who reigned in the Nile Valley about a thousand years before Grates Children's The onion is now being boomed as reliable weather prophet. It is said that when the winter is to be cold onlons develop two or three skins, whereas if the winter is to be mild they consider Do you have them in one jacket sufficient. The surrogates of New York county are inclined to think that the ordinary your house? habiliments of an American citizen are Perhaps you need new not dignified enough for their court. they intend hereafter to wear black silk Audirous or a Fire Set. gowns, similar to these worn by justices of the Supreme bench. It has been decided by the North Caro-Underwear We have them from lina Supreme court that a prisoner sen-tenced to confinement in the penitentiary

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tingency of another evil day of the trusts is essentially judicial. First ascertain the facts. Is the particular combination or trust beneficial or injurious? Does it or does it not suppress ordinary and natural competition? Does it or does it not unduly enhance prices to the general consumer? If no, then the inquiry ends. If yes, find out how far the laws already enacted can be enforced to protect the general welfare; and if more legislation it. This in substance is the president's position. He offers for gallery-tickling purposes no prestidigitator's trick human units who compose it. device to effect an ostensibly miracu lous cure.

The large chapter in the message is devoted to foreign and insular relations and is worth reading in full. The United States is now fully launched upon its career as a world power and the story of its points of contact with the other nations is by no means devoid of interest. The policy of the Mc-Kinley administration, as revealed in this portion of the message, is to gain for American commerce and for Amerlean achievement in general the amplest recognition possible. To this end. the constant endeavor is to cultivate friendly relations with all the other powers. At the same time, where firmness has been necessary to prevent or to correct foreign unfairness to American interests, it has forthcome, This chapter on our foreign relations is a very agreeable chapter to those who like to see their country respected among the nations.

Lastly and chief in interest and importance, we have the president's views of policy and duty regarding the new dependencies; and they are the more significant because in spite of threatened opposition they are practically certain to prevail. We can summarize his elaborate argument briefly by saying that with respect to Cuba he is true to the full spirit of the pledge upon which American intervention was based, but does not propose to abandon Cuba until there is a native government fit to exercise the functions of sovereignty; that for Porto Rico he wants abolition of trade obstacles and provisional civil rule leading up to the territorial form of government; and for the Philippines, continued trust in the executive arm and unequivocal notification to whom it may concern that the American flag in that splendid archipelago, having been hoisted by destiny for the uplifting of humanity, is up to stay.

We are hearing something and soon will hear more from the intelligent leaders left in the Democratic party about the unprecedented power at present lodged in the chief executive of the United States. It is unprecedented. No other ruler ever lived who posseased power and responsibility so far reaching. William McKinley today controls an army, a navy and a force of civil employes larger than any ever previously collected under the American lications of the imperial health departbanner save perhaps during the administration of Abraham Lincoln; and not | formation is not permitted. I ear-

stands the saloon patron; and The president's view of the problem that something is wrong with the man the season who becomes a victim to saloon influences. No cure will be effective HUMAN NATURE STUDIES. which does not reach down to the bot tom of the trouble and by providing proper education for the children of the noor, especially the children of alien parents, who will recruit the next generation of drunkards and lawbreakers unless they are led into paths of sobriety and self-development, seek to remove the cause. Regulation is is needed, formulate, discuss and pass good, but prevention is better No. better way of improving society has been discovered than by improving the

Representative Sibley, it is said, has been entirely cured of the free silver mania and not only acknowledges his error, but claims to favor expansion, as well. Mr. Sibley's temporary aberration has always been a puzzle to those who are aware that he should have known better and his return to reason will give pleasure to friends in both parties.

Prussians Afraid.

HE Chicago Record, a thoroughly reliable paper.

expostulated against the exorbitant through a staff correspondcharge. But nothing would shake the out stationed in Europe. obdurate landlord; he insisted that the whose name and exact location are for charge was reasonable and a justifiprudential reasons withheld, has come able one. Mr. Gould casually remarked into possession of a remarkable conduring the progress of the dispute, that eggs were high out there; that they fidential circular issuel on July 11 last must be preity scarce, "No," promptby Freiherr von Rheinbaden, then ly replied the landlord, "eggs are plenty Prussian district president of Dusselround about hyar, and cheap enough, dorf and now Prussian minister of the for that matter, but men who are able interior. It had also been sent preto pay \$50 a dozen for eggs are pretty viously by the Prassian minister of d-scarce!" the interior, the predecessors of Rheinbaden, to all burgomasters and councilors in Prussia. The circular reads: It was in the army. The boys had a "According to a circular of July 11, meal of beef that had been corned by a 1894, in the ministerial journal for inbath in a salt-horse barrel. It was quite a treat. They all thought so unternal administration regarding all intil one of the party remarked: "A little mustard wouldn't go bad." quiries on the part of foreign consuls having exequaturs in particular "That reminds me," said another. "You just wait a few minutes." districts, administration officials can answer these questions if the matter A quarter of an hour later he returned and producing a screw of pais not of general importance that is per, he said: "Oh, yes; here's that treated in the questions. Particularly mustard." this applies to American consuls, to "Where did you get it?" said the whom communications which will inothers in chorus. jure our interests should not be given, regardless of whether these inquiries are on questions of importance or not. When in doubt at all any first inquiry curred to me that a little mustard for should not be answered at cace, but a my thing. report should be made to me. Infor-"But you haven't got any lame mation which by no means should be back given to American consuls I note par-"But I have got" the mustard."ticularly: Statistical facts relating to Philadelphia Press. violations of the foodstuffs law and its subordinate laws, especially the manufacture and distribution of injurious Speaking of swear stories, there is a articles of food and drink; reports on mate on the Mississippi who stands the manufacture and sale of poisonous

pre-eminent among his fellows from toys: inquiries regarding trichinae and St. Paul to New Orleans for his versahog measles in domestic meats, and on tile, sustained and forcible profanity, the condition of human and animal dissays the New Orleans Times-Democrat. eases. There will be no objection, On a recent trip the boat stopped at a way landing, and as the roustabouts however, to giving information regardtook to the gangplank at a trifle too ing these points by referring to the leisurely pace the mate opened his mouth and the atmosphere became livid regular statistical reports in the pubwith sulphur and brimstone. ment. The furnishing of any other in-

"For heaven's sake, Mike!" exclaimed the captain in a hoarse whispen

The Mate and the Bishop.

He Cot His Mustard.

Jay Gould's Costly Eggs. Finest Tribute He Ever Had. In the Washington Post Leslie J. Edward Terry, the actor, tells of a Perry tells this reminiscence of Jay pretty incident that occurred during a While on one of his periodical tour in Australia, says the Detroit Free Press, "Do you know what] tours of inspection of his Texas railroads, Mr. Gould and his small party consider the most glowing tribute I fell short of supplies, and were com- ever received? The compliment came pelled by hunger to stop off for a meai from a child. There was a crowded at one of the mushroom towns on the house, an intent audience, and humor line. The small board hotel was an had for the instant given place to unpromising place; meals were 25 pathos. You might have heard a pin cents, the entire bill of fare being cof- drop, and I felt the tension of the fee, bacon and hot biscults. The great house was at breaking point. The inrailroad magnate's weak stomach retense silence was broken by a childish coiled, and he asked the landlord if he voice-a girl's-who, turning to her parent, asked, in a broken volce 'Mother, is it real?" couldn't hustle up a dozen eggs. The reply was favorable; the eggs were

of the court.

produced, and eagerly devoured, the party being pretty well satisfied with JUST IN JEST. Mr. Gould handed out two silver dol-

Johnny Was Anxious.

ars for their entertainment, about Mr. Squiggs (reading)-1 see that Pro double the "house's" regular rates, to fessor Wiseman, the prophet, has decided make the landlord whole for his extra trouble about the eggs. Whereupon, that the world will come to an end next Christmas. without a blush, the Texan announced Johnny Squiggs-Before or after dinthat his bill was \$50. Gould was stagner, pa?-Baltimore American. gered by the cool effrontery of the

More of It.

ruffian, but he recovered and mildly Housewife-Are you looking for a square meal?

Sandy Pikes-1 ain't particular 'bout a square one, ma'am, I'd rather have a ong one; so long dat it wud take de Lick telescope to see de end of it .- New York World.

Those Black Feathers. "Nan, how does my hat compare with

Kitty's? * "Yours looks more like a hearse coming around the corner than hers does." --Chicago Record.

Matrimonial Bashfulness. "Claribel, do you feel timid about asking your husband for money?" "No, pa; but sometimes he seems to feel kind o' timid about giving it to me." -Detroit Free Press.

Needless Adjectives.

Little Willie-Say, pa, what's a re dundancy of expression?

Pa-Using more words than are neces-sary to express one's meaning, such as "wealthy iceman," "wealthy plumber," etc.-Chicago News.

CONGRESS.

"Up at the surgeon's. The sick call From busy East and boundless West they've gathered once again, you remember, sounded as we were talking about the mustard. It oc-From Texas and from Oregon and Flor ida and Maine;

lame back would be just the They stand where Clay and Sumner stood, where Webster thundered forth-Neath Freedom's dome they've gath-

ered 'from the Southland and the North.

One purpose animates them and one thought is in their breasts, And every statesman thinks on him the

nation's future rests; an to save the

Each has a cherished plan country from the dogs, And each is sure that he alone knows

how to oil the cogs. They've left their privates cares behind

to do the people's will Which each has formulated in his own peculiar bill:

They stand where Ciay and Webster stood to guard the nation's cause, And while three hundred talk away the

rest will pass the laws. -S. E. Kiser, in Times-Herald.

