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It was a wise decision to close No. 23 school until some of the disease germs in it can be exterminated.

Speculation.

THOSE WHO DO NOT ordinarily pay much attention to fluctuations in speculative stocks will, as a matter of mere curiosity, be interested in some of the ups and downs recorded on the New York stock exchange in 1899.

At the beginning of the year the American Sugar Refining company's common stock was worth \$50,000,000. During the year it reached a high water mark valuation of \$112,000,000.

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1899. Cotton, raw, decreased in value 10 per cent., and in quantity exported, about 15 per cent.

"For the first time in our national history," says Dr. Wilson, "our manufactured exports have climbed up until they are about one-half of our agricultural exports."

During last year the range of prices was steadily on the advance; gross railway earnings increased 10.7 per cent.; and net earnings 12.1 per cent.

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"The Northfield plant consists of about 1,200 acres of land and about thirty buildings, beautifully situated and excellently equipped."

Such unusual variations indicate both that money for speculative investment is more plentiful than for a long time past and that the sharpers are taking notice of the fact.

General Wood has doubtless discovered by this time that the Cubans are sincere in their desire to hold all the offices.

A Year of Trade Miracles.

UPON THE ESTIMATE that our foreign commerce will be pushed by the official figures for December beyond the \$2,000,000,000 mark notwithstanding a decline in the foreign demand for breadstuffs.

Several days yet may be devoted to the recital of what we accomplished in 1899.

A Princely Giver.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S latest gift of an endowment fund for a mechanic arts school in Cooper Union is among his best.

Note, too, that he gives less to charity, as the term is generally understood, than to the establishment or development of educational means.

have ripened. It does not follow that there will not always be need of hospitals, asylums and homes of shelter.

Great should be the honor paid to such a man. Would that his example might inspire universal emulation.

If it be true that Secretary Hay has succeeded in securing from all the powers written assurances that American commercial privileges in China will be respected no matter how that venerable empire may hereafter be carved and partitioned.

Treasurer Hershey, of Lancaster, is missing and his accounts are about \$25,000 short.

General French, drawing pay from the English, made the Boers walk Spanish, and still folks say there's nothing in a name.

A child born on this day will note that the reluctance to play one's own cornet has often been a bar to success.

Nothing looks so shocking as the flirtation of some one else.

Distance lends enchantment to every thing save wealthy relatives.

Review of the Work of General Otis

Manila Dispatch in the Sun. The close of the year finds General Otis' work rapidly approaching the point where President McKinley can safely permit him to name the date for his return to the United States.

Considered at large the present situation is very satisfactory. The northern provinces of Luzon are practically cleared of Tagals.

It is daily becoming clearer how absolutely the insurrection is confined to the Tagals. Outside their influence the country would soon be more peaceful than ever it was under the Spaniards.

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opened. That will be the first work to engage General Otis' attention.

Outside of Luzon the conditions are bright everywhere. General Hughes has chased the Tagals almost completely from Panay.

The military problem heretofore has necessarily been the first consideration in point of time.

A general reform of the laws is urgently needed. The Spanish laws under which the Americans are now trying to work are clumsy, unmodified and inefficient.

THE NEW YEAR AT SCHOOL. Ding dong! vacation's done, Fun is over, work begun.

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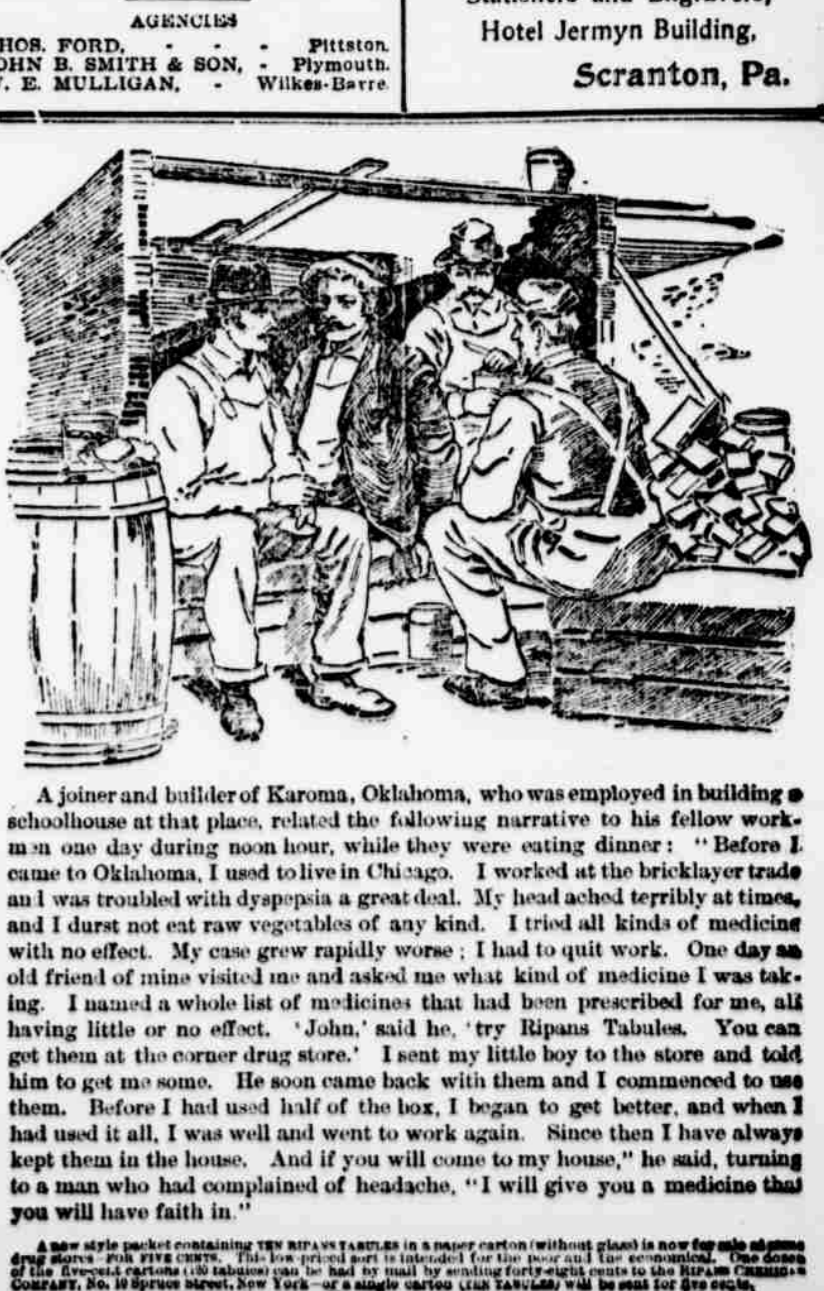
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