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The suggestion was made at the board of control meeting on Monday night that perhaps a saving might be effected if a cheaper method were employed in fumigating infected school buildings.

Senator Beveridge's Speech.

ELSEWHERE will be found the complete text of the remarkable speech delivered in senate yesterday by the junior senator from Indiana, Mr. Beveridge, in which he reviews the digested results of his observations in the Philippines.

The speech should be read in its entirety for both its matter and its manner. It confirms the good judgment of those high officials at Washington who selected this young senator at the beginning of his first term to be the first spokesman of the administration in the Philippine debates which may now be expected to continue with more or less regularity throughout the presidential campaign.

Senator Beveridge flatly asserts that self-government among the Filipinos, in other than the most rudimentary municipal forms, is a practical impossibility, the academic view of which, so beautifully pictured by the New England sentimentalists, must be disregarded utterly if success shall attend American efforts to administer law and order throughout the archipelago.

He outlines a form of government resting on the principle of a benevolent American despotism and defends it as the only proposition which will fit the necessities of the Malay race.

The view which Senator Beveridge presents of the race problems in the Philippines is more sombre and more serious than any yet offered; but as an offset he throws unprecedented enthusiasm into his narration of the physical beauties and resources of the archipelago, alleging it to be, without exception, the richest garden spot in all the earth's territory.

But let him tell his own story.

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A Fundamental Lesson. ARRESTS in Havana on account of frauds in the custom house continue, and our authorities are making nobody against whom there is proof of guilt.

It. Yet the learning of this lesson is a necessity of their situation, equally as to stand alone in independent nationality or to form part of the great republic.

The propriety of the board of control coming to some agreement with City Controller Howell whereby the accounts of the board may be audited by him is apparent when it is understood that if this is not done there will be no check whatever upon the board's expenditures.

Roberts Must Go.

IT WAS RESERVED for Congressman Landis of Indiana to make the most effective point yet brought out against the representative-elect from Utah, Polygamist Benjamin H. Roberts.

While Roberts of Utah was in the midst of his argument on Friday last before the Taylor investigating committee, Mr. Landis asked suddenly: "Your understanding of the term 'marriage' is a ceremony and not a condition?"

The whole tenor of the defense in this case has been to read into the Utah enabling act and into the constitution of Utah a meaning with respect to polygamous relations which the words themselves do not convey.

Although the Filipinos continue to exhibit some activity, there seems to be no question but that the campaign in Manila against General Joe Wheeler has been a great success.

Premature.

FROM THE editor of the Woman's Journal of Boston, Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, comes, with a request for publication, a plea for the immediate organization in Luzon of a territorial form of government nearly similar to that enjoyed by New Mexico.

"This condition of affairs would bring alike to ourselves and to these new possessions, an unparalleled agricultural prosperity—a free interchange of temperate and tropical products, upon a scale hitherto unknown, at prices mutually beneficial—a permanent and increasing market for American manufactures—a continuous field for investment for American capital and enterprise—and a commerce such as no nation has ever before enjoyed.

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The lesson of an administration of justice absolutely blind to social, political or religious distinctions, but bent solely upon the protection of the community, will be a most difficult one for the Cuban people to learn, since nothing in their past experience qualifies them to understand or appreciate

themselves as territories under congressional supervision.

According to the report of the New York state superintendent of banking, the state banks in that state gained \$50,000,000 in resources last year, or more than 15 per cent.

Court proceedings down in Kentucky never become monotonous. The sessions in Clay county were adjourned the other day to allow those in attendance to indulge in a free fight which resulted in the death of two men and serious injury to four others.

In sending his wife to Uncle Sam's boarding house at Manila, Aguinardo has again demonstrated his good judgment.

According to Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister at Washington, China is reorganizing her army, employing foreign instructors and endeavoring earnestly to secure what he calls a "mobile arm."

Candy and jam have been added to the rations of the British troops in South Africa. If chewing gum could be also included there would probably be little difficulty experienced in recruiting a contingent of amazons for the army, should their services become necessary.

Ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, is the last Bryan leader to declare for expansion. The differences of opinion among these standard-bearers of the opposition must be a trifle puzzling to the average followers of the silver-tongued statesman from Nebraska.

The Roberts case; the war in South Africa; and the identity of the Republican candidate for vice-president, are in danger of settlement long before the Molinex trial goes to the jury.

The Boers have found Ladysmith a kind of a Majuba land.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will expect a rise in some occupations now that the season for thawing dynamite is at hand.

The twentieth century argument is becoming as puzzling as the old game of fifteen.

LAWTON'S LAST BATTLE.

Up the Mariposa valley in sheets of pouring rain.

He laughed at death or danger, The bravest of the brave.

His sword was sheathed beside him, The blood was on his breast.

She mourns him in Manila, And sighs at every breath.

He musters with the heroes Whose names are ever green.

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As to the propriety of removing customs barriers between the states and the island possessions, there will, we think, be little dissent save from special interests fearful lest such removal should operate to their detriment.

CURRENT VERSE.

My Wife. All, all the way she has been mine, Along the lonely years!

She leans above me as of old, So darling and so dear!

Who knows the kiss of constancy? Who deems his hope the whole?

To a Magazine Cover Girl. I'll not gainsay your beauty, for indeed you're wondrous fair.

And, while you are about it, lovely type of perfect grace, Explain the way you manage to secure your gown in place.

I hope you won't be angry, but another thing I'd know— A question that perplexes me as seasons come and go—

What do you call the flowers you invert? Those little things like cabbage that nestle in your hair?

The Sound of Little Feet.

I listened in the morning For the sound of the little feet That patter'd alone in the sunshine

I watch'd when the noon was over, And the clock in the tower struck four.

And now, in the hush of gloaming, I watch and I list again;

Beats the Dutch. John Bull is noted for his greed, For silver, gold and such,

With progress in its latest kink He ever keeps in touch.

In war for Kruger we're afraid He'll prove a deal too much.

Sleep. Now that the charge is won, Sleep in the narrow cloud;

Fame is a bugle call Blown past a crumbling wall;

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R-I-P-A-N-S. For the last year and six months I had been troubled with the NIVES, and had two physicians, who prescribed a blood tonic and to bathe the NIVES with saleratus. The tonic did not seem to do me any good, so I gave up all medicine and used nothing but the saleratus.

FINLEY'S Ladies' Muslin Underwear. An unusually large holiday trade on this particular line has left our stock pretty much broken up, both in assortment of styles and sizes.

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