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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. This is a question for the experts. Thoroughness in fumigation is what the public demands; if it gets that it will be quite willing to foot the bill

Senator Beveridge's Speech.

LSEWHERE will be found the complete text of the remarkable speech delivered in senate yesterday by the ju-

nior senator from Indiana, Mr. Beveridge in which he recounts the digested results of his observations in the Philippines, his interviews with men representing all shades of native and foreign opinion, his conclusions as to the military and administrative probloms presented, his views of the constitutional bearings of expansion and, more broadly, the imperious reasons which summon the United States to have done with timidity and to declare to the world its unalterable intention to carry forward the task confronting it until the Philippine archipelage shall be perfectly Americanized from circumference to center.

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 th 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. The speech is a great oration, offering splendid opportunities for dramatic effects in its personal delivery; but, more than that, it is a thorough presentation of information and argument, bearing the impress of accuracy, sincerity and effective study. The citizen who reads it carefully will learn much that is entirely new about Philippine conditions and will afterward view what has been done by the administration in the light of a changed understanding.

Senator Beveridge flatly asserts that self-government among the Filipinos. in other than the most rudimentary nunicipal forms, is a practical impossibility, the academic view of which, so beautifully pictured by the New England sentimentalists, must be dis-

it. Yet the learning of this lesson is themselves as territories under cona necessity of their situation, equally gressional supervision." As to the propriety of removing cusso whether it is to be their ultimate fate to stand alone in independent toms barriers between the states and nationality or to form part of the the island possessions, there will, we great republic. For in either case, our think, be little dissent save from speobligation to teach this lesson is the cial interests fearful lest such removal same: and our guardianship cannot should operate to their detriment. But end until it is mastered. the proposition of immediate territor. It is encouraging to observe that as lal government for the Filipinos is as wild as would be a similar suggestion

for the Comanche Indians. Many

long years of patient preparation must

elapse before even the best educated

Tagalogs will be fit to govern them-

selves. It would be a crime against

them as well as against ourselves to

\$50,000,000 in resources last year, or

more than 15 per cent. The resources

of the savings banks increased \$45,500.

1898 was only 60,000. These figures are

fatal to Bryanism and social revolu-

Court proceedings down in Kentucky

never become monotonous. The ses-

the ordeal less burdensome for the

of congress.

tion.

jury.

this wholesome discipline proceeds under the expert guidance of the new governor general there is not that display of restlessness among the natives which was so noticeable under the Brooke regime. It would seem that the majority of Cubans are at last convinced of the honesty of the United States' intentions and conscious that in the person of General Wood they have over them a ruler neither to be fooled nor to be frightened. This in itself is a great gain

to them as well as a source of relief to us. While the work ahead is great and difficult the spirit exhibited prompts hope of success.

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. The large volume of business handled annually by the board warrants liberal payment for an effi-

cient audit, and, Democrat though he be, City Controller Howell has shown that he possesses sharp eyesight and true Cymric grit,

Roberts Must Go.

T WAS RESERVED for Congressman Landis of Indiana to make the most effective point yet brought out against the representative-elect from Utah, Polyganilsi Enighum H. Roberts. We quote from the Washington correspondence of the Indianapolis Press:

While Roberts of Utah was in the midst of his argument (on Friday last) before the Tayler investigating committee, Mr. Landis asked suddenly, "Your understanding of the term 'marriage' is a ceremony and not a condition?" Roberts re-plied affirmatively, and Mr. Landis dewithin reach of stray patriots who have no particular business on hand. clared that the dictionaries defined mar-riage as a state or condition, the coremony being simply its mauguration. This was a telling point in regard to the pro-vision of the Utah enabling act, which provided: "Polygamous or plural mar-riages are hereafter prohibited," and Mr. provided: Landis contraded that the intention of congress was to cradicate the practice of polygamy in t'tah and put the law's kind of arm which is most useful for ban on the forther continuance of polyg-amous conditions. Mr. Landia' argument self-protection. parapletely unset Roberts, and the latter part of his plea was very weak.

the rations of the British troops in The whole tenor of the defense in South Africa. If chewing gum could this case has been to read into the be also included there would probably Utan enabling act and into the conbe little difficulty experienced in restitution of Utah a meaning with recruiting a contingent of amazons for spect to polygamous relations which the army, should their services become the words themselves do not convey. In support of the Mormon assertion necessary. that there was a tacit understanding

ExGovernor Stone, of Missouri, is the that plural marriages already conlast Bryan leader to declare for expantracted were to be carried out in good sion. The differences of opinion among faith there has been introduced no these standard-bearers of the oppoevidence whatever. There probably would have been no quarrel with Rob- sition must be a trifle puzzling to the average followers of the silver-tongued erts had he remained in private life; statesman from Nebraska. the disposition is not to punish him for his polygamy; but when he made political capital of his violation of law and tried to secure the sanction of congress for that violation, he exhibited temerity which could not be

tional bank circulation, and substitutes a tax of 1-5 of 1 per cent. In the aggregate on the capital, surplus and undivided profits of banks, 15. Authorizes the incorporation of na-tional banks of \$25,000 enpital in towns of not to exceed 2,000 inhabitants.

> CURRENT VERSE. My Wife.

All, all the way she has been mine, Along the lonely years! in work and leisure, gloom and shine, Fond chum of joys and tears! Age and its saddening sorrow-sign Goes softly over us. Her sweet face knows no lingering line-My wife that never was.

force this responsibility upon them She leans above me as of old, prematurely. Mr. Blackwell can safe-So darling and so dear! One straying curl, like twisted gold, ly leave this matter to the wisdom Close nestling to my ear! Her elinging arms, so soft and bold Thrill me as music does. According to the report of the New Life's tender glories all enfold My wife that never was. York state superintendent of banking. the state banks in that state gained

Who knows the kiss of constancy? Who deems his hope the whole? Ah, never tell me, while I see My little flower-soul! Somewhere, where dearest dreams may

000 from January to July, which nearly equals the gain made by them during be . That we have cherished thus, the entire year of 1898, while the num-Somewhere-she may be true for me-My wife that never was! -Post Wheeler, in New York Press. ber of open accounts was increased 65.-000 in the same six months, whereas the total increase during the entire year of

To a Magazine Cover Girl. I'll not gainsay your beauty, for indeed you're wondrous fair, But tell me, oh, I pray you, how you ever fix your bair?

It sweeps in wavy billows up and down and 'round the page, sions in Clay county were adjourned It winds you and it binds you in an inky, the other day to allow those in atsilken cage. tendance to indulge in a free fight

which resulted in the death of two And, while you are about it, lovely type of perfect grace, Explain the way you manage to secure men and serious injury to four others. A few diversions of this kind in the your gown in place; Molineux trial would no doubt make It's made of airy nothings, and it hardly

seems to touch, And if you'll send a pattern I will thank you very much

In sending his wife to Uncle, Sam's hope you won't be angry, but another boarding house at Manila, Aguinaldo thing I'd knowhas again demonstrated his good judg-A question that perplexes me as seasons ment. When the general break-up of come and g What do you call the flowers you invarithe Filipino aggregation occurs, both ably wear-

Aguinaldo and his wife will be much Those little things like cabbages that safer in the custody of United States nestle in your hair? -Wallace D. Vincent, in Brooklyn Life. troops than camping about the jungles

The Sound of Little Feet.

listened in the morning According to Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the For the sound of the little feet That patter'd along in the sunshine Chinese minister at Washington, China Over the quiet street; For the tones of the sweet voice singing is reorganizing her army, employing foreign instructors and endeavoring Some quaint lov'd strain of old, As I saw the wee hands full of flowers, earnestly to secure what he calls a "mobile arm." This is undoubtedly the And the sunny head crown'd with gold

watch'd when the noon was over And the clock in the tow'r struck four, As the children came slowly homeward, The hours of schooltime o'er; Candy and jam have been added to And I heard 'mid the ripple of voices, one that my heart lov'd best, The And I saw a smile like a sunbeam Stray'd out of the glowing west.

> And now, in the hush of gloaming, I watch and I list again; But the little feet come no longer, No more do I hear that strain;

For the flow'rs and the tir'd little child heart Are hush'd into slumber sweet, Tho' I know that in heaven the angels Hear the sound of the little feet.

-The Lady.

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

He beats the Dutch.

Now it is set of sun,

Sleep.



regarded 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 allowed, defends it as the only proposition which will fit the necessities of the Malay race. But foremost of all, he places the necessity of a complete and relentless extermination of every yeshave been our greatest mistake that we showed conciliation and forbearance when these were altogether misconstrued to signify weakness and fear. The chief emphasis in his speech is thrown upon the fact that in this Philippine problem we are called upon to deal, not with Anglo-Saxons or Teutons nor with any other branch of the Caucasian race, but with the "haif with respect to whom a complete reversal of the policy customary as between intelligent Occidentals is absolutely imperative.

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 enthuisasm 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. The climate, too, he informs us, has been grossly maligned. In the hottest period there are places, not far from Manila, where one can have frost and blankets at night; and he tells of many Europeans who have passed their lives in Luzon without the slightest disadvantage to health or strength. It is his opinion that the actual Americanization of Luzon, just as Oklahoma and New Mexivery possible; and he says that any bright and healthy American' today who has pluck and a little money can realize in the Philippines a high degree of prosperity.

But let him tell his own story,

Brother Roberts is beginning to discorn the letters on the sign, "Standing Room Only."

A Fundamental Lesson. RRESTS in Havana on account of frauds in the custom house continue; and our

authorities, are "sparing nobody against whom there is proof of guilt. The latest to be selzed is a representative of one of the most aristocratic Cuban families, 'a nephew of Sonor Quesada, the Cuban agent of the state department at Washington; but neither his social standing nor his pull is to be permitted to save him from a searching trial, which is seen to be all the more necssary just by reason of his prominence.

The lesson of an administration of justice absolutely blind to social, political or religious distinctions, but bent solely upon the protection of the It would bring about an eventual unity community, will be a most difficult one for the Cuban people to learn, since tutions of our own. The only way to nothing in their past experience quali- govern wisely these now allen comfer them to understand objappreciate | munities is to enable them to govern

Hence he will lose his seat.

Although the Filipinos continue to exhibit some activity, there seems to Le ne question but that the campaign tige of armed rebellion, holding it to in Manila against General Joe Wheeler has been a great success.

Premature.

ROM 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 devil, half child" type of Orientals, enjoyed by New Mexico, Mr. Blackof government nearly similar to that well wants the Filipinos, under certain franchise restrictions, to have the right to elect their own legislature and to be represented in congress by a delegate with voice but not with vote; he also wants them to have unrestricted free trade with the states, and to be in every way on a par with our domestic territories save in the reserva-

> tion by congress of the right to yeta legislation passed by the territorial assembly. Inspired by enthusiasm over this plan, our Boston confrere exclaims

"This condition of affairs would bring, alike to ourselves and to these new possessions, an unparallelled agricultural prosperity-a free interchange of temperate and tropical products, ET upon a scale hitherto unknown, at prices mutually beneficial-a permaneut and increasing market for American manufactures-a continuous field co have been Americanized, by the for investment for American capital colonization of American pioneers, is and enterprise-and a commerce such as no nation has ever before enjoyed. This natural commerce between the temperate and torrid zones would create a fleet of American vessels not dependent upon subsidies for prosperity. and would vastly enlarge the traffic upon our railroads, canals, and lake and river steamers. Our flour, beef, pork, mutton, cattle, hay, wheat, corn, oats, and dairy products, our cotton and linen goods, machinery, agricultural tools, hardware, coal, petroleum, lumber, building materials, and a thousand articles of comfort, taste and luxury, would be freely exchanged for sugar, tobacco, tea, coffee, chocolate, rice, india rubber, mahogany, hemp, jute. spices, and tropical fruits, all of which would be supplied at far lower prices than now prevail. Compared with these widely diffused benefits to consumers, the loss of sugar duties, the opposition of the sugar trust, and the outery of a few would-be monopolists of tobacco and oranges are insignificant, indeed! Moreover, it would secure in our new possession permanent loyalty to the flag, and universal satisfaction based upon general prosperity and enlightened self-interest.

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 Molineux trial goes to the jury.

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

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 1.16 a. m., for Wednes-day, January 9, 1990.

ate (=\$K A child born on this day will expect a

rise in some occupations now that the season for thawing dynamite is at hand. There is nothing so painful as the fate of a good story in the mouth of a dull orator. The twentleth century argument is be-

coming as puzzling as the old game of fifteen. Beauty is skin deep but some hand-some people are not as shallow as they look.

The bore is never afraid of working overtime. There is no one so aggravating as the

person who reveals half of a secret. Ajacchus' Advice. It is better to tell your troubles than to entrust the rehearsal to another,

THE CURRENCY BILL.

From the Financial Bulletin. The following are the salient features of the currency bill agreed upon by the house committee, which has been at work upon it for several months. The bill un-

doubtedly reflects the financial policy of the administration, and will be pressed for passage at the present session of con-1. Makes the dollar of 25 S-10 grains of

gold the standard unit of value. 2. Declares that all bonds now existing and hereafter to be issued shall be paid in

gold. 3. Makes all greenbacks and treasary notes under the Sherman act payable in

gold. 4. All silver certificates to be restricted to one, two and five dollar notes; legal tender quality of silver dollars not affected.

5. Establishes a division of issue and redemption, to which is assigned all records and accounts relating to the issue redemption and excharge of the several kinds of United States money. 6. Establishes a permanent gold reserve fund equal to 25 per cent, of the total of greenbacks and treasury notes outstand-

ing. 7. Directs the secretary of the treasury to maintain this reserve, and, if neces sary, to sell gold bonds at not exceeding 3 per cent, payable in twenty years, but redeemable in gold, at the option of the

United States, after one year. 4. Prohibits any transfer from the treasury general fund to the division of issue and redemption that will reduce the general fund below fifty millions. 9. Greenbacks and treasury notes to be redeemed in gold at the will of the holder, and to be paid out again only in exchange for gold.

10. Reserve fund to be used to main-tain parity, and, to do this, the secretary of the treasury may, in his discre-tion, exchange gold coin for any, other money issued.

money issued.
11. Provides for coinage of subsidiary, worn cr uncurrent coins, and repeals the low limiting issue of such coin and fractional currency to \$50,000,000.
12. Provides for the issue of United States notes and treasury notes in demominations not less than \$1, as the secretary prescribes.
13. Increases the issue of national bank circulation up to the par value of bonds deposited to secure such circulation.
14. Repeals the 1 per cent, tax on naof language, laws, manners, and insti-

With progress in its latest kink He ever keeps in touch, In aught impelling men to think He beats the Dutch. In war for Kruger we're afraid He'll prove a deal too much, everything except a raid He beats the Dutch. Frank Stephens, in Chicago Record. Taps. Sleep. Now that the charge is won,

Sleep in the narrow clod;

Sleep. Fame is a bugle call Blown past a crumbling wall: Battles are clean forgot;

Captains and towns are not; Sleep shall outlast them all.

Sleep till the trump of God.

Sleep. Lizette Woodworth Reese in the Atlantic Monthly.

LAWTON'S LAST BATTLE.

(San Mateo, December 19, 1899.)

Up the Mariquina valley In shects of pouring rain, Through rows of sodden rice-fields And miles of trampled cane, Knee-deep in mud and water, Against a storm of lead, The Yankee troops went riding

With Lawton at the head. He laughed at death or denger, The bravest of the brave, As he faced the floming trenches, But a bullet dug his grave. His fearless eyes were covered. His steed before him led. When the shallow stream was forded With Lawton at the head.

His sword was sheathed beside him, The blood was on his breast, The general who never rested Lay in eternal rest. But his guns played Yankee Doodle, The valley grass was red. San Mateo was entered

With Lawton at the head. She mourns him in Manila, And sighs at every breath, The widow of the soldier Who died a soldier's death,

Long she may weep and listen To hear the horses' tread, Or see the plumes of yellow With Lawton at the head

He musters with the heroes Whose names are ever green, Gridley and Nichol, captains, And Authony, marine; Columbia's guard immortal, Made up of stalant dead, That marches on in glory With Lawton at the head.

-Minna Irving in Leslie s Weekly.

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