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SCHOOL DIRECTORS .- C. C. Ferber, E.

Because of recurring labor troubles many large manufacturing industries are preparing to remove from Chicago to smaller places. Professional agita- must profit by England's horrible extion never pays.

For School Directors.

CHOOL management should not be partisan nor should party politics in the ordinary sense appear conspicuously in the selection of school directors. In Scrantors and while that is true the Repub-

In progress on party lines for the masthe city to stand by the party colors in States. loyal support of the party nominees. Messrs, Ferber and Fellows personally school sytem of this city should the Susix into authority. They are under one disadvantage in the present campaign. In most of the Democratic calculated to bring out the full Dempublican wards, political excitement is notable chiefly for its absence.

This disparity must be overcome must overcome it.

If somebody were to ask the New York Sun to explain with accuracy in

to uplift the politics of Pennsylvania,

should be made in the same way as at the general elections. Neglect to vote at the primary elections should be made a disqualification for a vote at the ensuing general election. It would not be necessary to vote for any of the candidates; for a blank ballot would attest the registration of the citizen. This would be in the nature of a general registration of voters, which is so sadly wanted in Pennsylvania. While thus making a personal registry, and qualifying themselves for the suffrage, the voters would at the same time and by the same act make their nominations for all offices."

The Record assures us that this plan would end corruption in politics and bring out the best that is in the people. It might if the people were anxious to do their best. So might the system already in vogue. Tinkering at the mechanism, however, does not improve the man.

Being an iron king beats being a political king all hollow. Andrew Carnegie may well consider himself the type of a Triumphant Democracy.

In Cuba.

HE MOVING SPIRIT in the pending prosecutions Cuban families who have been arrested on the charge of implication in wholesale frauds in the Hav-Bliss, the collector of customs at that as a special agent of the government at Washington, visited Havana and took an inventory of the custom house situation. This is his verdlet:

"Colonel Bliss has everything in fine shape. He has collected fifteen miltions of dollars where I did not think he could collect ten millions, and many other people thought he would not be able to collect five millions. The government has lost nothing through him. He has thoroughly overhauled his department; has discharged 169 incompetent and dishonest employes and landed twenty of them in jail. Great praise is due him for his faithful and energetic services." Mr. Porter says a wonderful change has come over Havana since the Americans took charge of it. Not only the appearance of the city from a sanitary point of view has been transformed, but business methods and the manner of living also are very different from what they were a year ago.

Another American just back from Cuba is General Ludlow, military governor of Havana. It was said recentby that he and General Nunez, the civil governor of Havana, had had a serious clash upon the subject of their respective circles of furisdiction, General Ludlow says emphatically there is not a word of truth in the report. Continuing he says:

"Havana is one of the best regulated citles in the world. I may say, without intending to reflect on or disparage any American city, that there is none better than Havana. The industries of the city and of the rural dis-

tricts are fast getting into shape again. The best workmen, so far as my observation has gone, are recent immigrants, all Spanish, from the Canarles and from Galicia. They learned that they could make a better living in the new Cuba and went there. They are a sturdy, industrious lot. Talk of revolutionary trouble in Havana is nonsense." All of which certainly is en-

At the outset of the war, "Oom Paul" Kruger asseted that Providence was on the Boer side. That is a matter for history to determine, but there seems to be no doubt that the better artiler? is on that side. Successful attacks by Boer artillerists upon British entrenchments are daily reported, and the effective carrying power of the Boer guns in instances is close to five miles. While the British guns have been well and bravely served, they have no such range. It is the case of the modern weapon against the ancient, and the modern naturally wins. The matter of artillery has lately received a good deal of attention from our own military experts. It is well, The United States ample.

The Larger View.

MONG THOSE who oppos the canal treaty now pending in the senate, use is made of the fact that most of the continental nations of Europe as well ton, however, it is a condition, not a as all the South American nations theory, that confronts us. Party does have, through their representatives at appear in the election of school direc- Washington, congratulated the American secretary of state, Mr. Hay, upon licans of the city should guard their the fact that the treaty as drafted guarantees the neutrality of the pro-With the Supreme court opinion on posed canal in war as well as peace. the constitutionality of the board of Opponents of the treaty seek to contwenty-one impending and a campaign vey the impression that because these foreign nations do not rave and threattery of the board of six, the obligation en. Mr. Hay must have surrendered rests upon the Republican voters of points of great advantage to the United

Their's is a view of diplomacy taker through the microscope. The United merit the trust which they seek and States is in a different position today are well qualified to administer the than in the struggling days of its infancy when it appeared that at any preme court opinion call the board of moment its national life might be threatened if not crushed out by Euro pean intervention or encroachment. The United States of today is in every wards keen ward contests are raging, material resource the strongest and soundest nation on earth, with its ocratic vote, while in most of the Re- growth fast outstripping the growth of any other nation, Germany, its nearest competitor, not excepted; and its prospects big beyond estimate. It Republican interest in party success can well afford to discard its old-time fears, suspicions and prejudices and take its rightful place among the selfconfident powers. Not alone is its flat law in the western hemisphere but in clear English just what foundation it the eastern recent developments have has for its frantic worriment concern- imparted to its wish the moral force ing the pending canal treaty, could it of a command. England had for years been trying to insure an open door into China and had given up the task The Man Behind the Mechanism. as impossible. In a speech not two TILL HARPING on the mech- years ago her premier had announced anism of reform while forget. the abandonment of the negotiations ting the man, the Philadelphia and the intention to reach out for John. Record proposes a new scheme | wider "spheres of influence," so as to forestall dangerous expansions of unfriendly powers. Unexpectedly the battle of Manila planted the American be held on the same day, at the same flag in the Philippines, and within a places and by the same election boards throughout the state, and the returns bad asked and had won complete a great social favorite, being a large and had asked and had won complete pledges of the open door. Here in war and in diplomacy was an almost co-

> now unquestioned supremacy among the great world powers. How ridiculous therefore, it is to believe that a gun or two sweeping the channel of the Nicaragua canal is necessary to the defense of the American nation! Far be it from our purpose to belittle the necessity for armed defence. But how small is the view of cause and effect which imagines that easily demolished fortifications at Greytown are what would command European respect for American rights n this hemisphere, and not the majertic potency which every statesman now knows is inherent in the American nation! It is not by showing minor fears or dread that the great republic is in the oncoming century to carry forward its mission and purpose, but by the calm confidence of known strength which, without the cheap swagger of needless military display, shall effect its purposes because of the power everywhere recognized to be in

The bill introduced in the French chamber of deputies to provide punishment for clergymer who are too against scions of eminent active in criticizing, the authorities seems a trifle harsh viewed from an American standpoint, Experience, however, has demonstrated the necesana custom house is Colonel Trasker sity of providing some measure in France to keep the ministers from port. Quite recently Robert P. Porter, paying more attention to politics than

A Pardonable Error.

OMETHING of a stir has been created because Congressman Cushman, in a speech made before the Middlesex club of Boston during its celebration of Lincoln's birthday, is said to have called Senator Hoar a traitor. We have not seen a stenographic report of the congressman's remarks; but if he used the word traiter with the proper qualification; that is to say, if he employed it in a purely Pickwickian sense, there does not exist sufficient reason for anybody to become excited in the matter.

Senator Hoar is a singularly highminded and conscientious man of great moral courage and he did not for a moment believe, when he was heiping Aguinaldo to organize a rebellion against the lawful authority of the United States in the Philippine islands and strengthening the hands of those insurgent Filipinos who later ineditated the massacre of all the white inhabitants of Manila and who still later, continuing to the present time, shed the blood of American soldiers because the great majority of them had been deceived as to the motives and purposes of American sovereignty, that he was doing a traitorous work. He was a sublime idealist in intentions; but he was un-

consciously a traitor in results. Most Americans have had fits of in-

cause of his inability to take a com non-sense view of the plain facts in this matter; and some of us have doubtless at various times been provoked into the use of disrespectful and censorious language. If Congressman Cushman spoke under those circuinstances he may have fallen into the same indiscretion. It is a pardonable

Mrs. Langtry's "charity concert" in New York has awakened the W. C. T. U. The "concert" seems to have been simply a bar at which young society women expected to dispense whiskey cocktails at fifty cents each. Mrs. Langtry will receive quite an amount of free advertising from the

Peace has been declared in Kentucky, but there are few hotel clerks down there who can repress a twitching of the muscles at the accidental discharge of a sun in the content out of it, sir." discharge of a gun in their vicinity.

The fact that Andrew Carnegle, according to he Frick disclosures, has an income of about \$25,000,000 a year will be likely in future to increase his mail.

The Chicago anti-trust conjerence is placing a lot of names into the papers. Meanwhile the trusts are adeptly concealing their fright

Of course Germany will not interfere in behalf of the Boers. Germany is very properly looking out for Ger-

Sconer or later the politician who

throws his friends reaches his proper There is one thing in General Rob-

erts' favor. He has made no predic-

In the case of Molineux it seems to be: While there's money there's hope.

Outline Studies

The Commodore's Rebuke.

AN EX-CONGRESSMAN told many a A N EX-CONGRESSMAN told many a reminiscence of his visits to the departments in the older times, says the New York Telegraph. On one occasion he went to the navy department. It was while Commodore John G. Walker, now a rear admiral on the retired ilst, was chief of the bareau of navigation. A young ensign fresh from his cadetship, and imbued with a due sense of his im-portance, entered the bureau. Meeting a man in a business suit who was crossing the apartment, he said:

"I want to see Walker." The gentleman replied "What Walker?" The energy replied: "Why, Walker, the chief of this bureau."

"I am Commodore Walker, chief of the ureau," was the reply. At this the mortification of the young officer was apparent. He colored, stut-tered, and when he recovered his speech was profuse in his apologies

your pardon. The commedore beseechingly replied: "Don't call me Commodore; call me

The ensign is now a lieutenant, and did his duty in the engagement at Santiago. No man is more strict in observing naval

discipline and etiquette Mistook His Meaning.

liberal entertainer, says the New York Post, On the bench he was courtesy it-self, and it is said of him that he was tender of the feelings of the rawest and most inexperienced junior. In the same incident demonstration of America's way he was always cager to make things as pleasant as possible for floundering, timid, or badgered witnesses. His benevplence in this respect led sometimes to unexpected results. Once, during cross examination, the question was raised whether the witness had been intoxicated at a certain time and whether he had subsequently denied the imputation. The man was much flustered and either could not or would not give a straightforward enswer. Lord Ludlow determined to help him out. Smiling upon him kindly, he asked: "Did you say 'I was not drunk, sir?"

Instantly the witness found his tongue.
"I did not say anything about you at all." he blurted out, totally upsetting the gravity both of the judge and the court.

Age Did Not Improve It.

AFEW years ago," said Harry Cun-ningham, of Montana, to a writer of the Washington Post, "the late Charlie Broadwater, of our state, gave a ban-quet to about a score of his personal It was an elaborate spread, and one of the chief items was some 20-year-old brandy that cost Mr. Broadwater a fabulous price and regarding which he spoke with much enthusiasm.
"At the wind-up of the feast coffee and

Requefort cheese were brought in, though the latter was not commonly down on Montana menus at that period. Sitting near the host was one of his spe-cial friends, who, after eyelng the Roquefort a trifle suspiciously, tasted it, made a wry face, and shoved his plate to one ride. "'You don't seem to like that.' re-

marked Mr. Breadwater.
"'Indeed I do not. Charlie. Your 20yeur-old brandy is all right, but I'll be hanged if I like your 20-year-old cheese.

French Sarcasm

A N ENGLISHMAN hailing from the north went into the Chatham hotel north went into the Chatham hotel in Paris recently, and cautiously asked the price of whisky, relates the Baltimore Herald. "One franc, sir," replied the bartender. "And a whisky-and-soda?" "One franc, sir. All drinks are the same price." The Englishman sat down and, to his astonishment, found that the place was run on American lines, and that the customers helped themselves at their own discretion. He themselves at their own discretion. He punished that bottle of whisky till it was punished that bottle of whisky till it was nearly empty. As he went out he paid down his franc, but the manager cailed him back and said: "You have forgot-ten your change." "I thought that the drink was a franc." "That is so, sir." was the reply: "that is the retail price, but there is a reduction when you buy wholesale." And he handed back 5 sons.

Longer, Not Higher.

ACAPE paper relates an amusing story of an incident that took place at one of the informal gatherings of the leading members of the Volksrand at President Kruger's house, in the days when Joubert and His Honor were not on the best of terms. The president desired to consult some papers relating to the subject under discussion, and as they were placed on a shelf some distance from the ground, made one or two futile attempts to reach them. Joubert, who is tall, came to his assistance, saying: "Let me bring them; I am higher than

"You are longer; not higher," corrected Kruger with a frown.

A CHARACTERISTIC story of Joubert comes from Durban. In the early days of the present campaign one of the Free Staters, with the freedom of speech dignation against Serator Hoar be- in the Boer ranks, ventured to question

the policy of invading Natal. In entering the enemy's territory there was, he suggested, an element of rashness that was hardly in keeping with the cautiousness of an old lawyer—aliuding to Joubert's early forensic career.

"There is a great difference," replied the Beer general, "between a battle in a court of law and a battle in the field. In the former the advantage is with the

In the former the advantage is with the man who speaks last; in the latter it is with the man who strikes first."

The Candidate's Beward.

A CERTAIN lawyer was a candidate for municipal honors recently, says the Cardiff Western Mail. While out canvassing he knocked at a cottage door. The door was opened by a woman.

"Is your husband in, Mrs. —?" inquired the lawyer

"No, sir," was the reply; "but I know what you want. My husband is sure to vote for you, because you got him off for stealing that ham last week."

What He Waited For.

AN INSPECTOR of Irish schools tells a good story, says the Newcastle Chronicle. At a school where he made a surprise visit a little boy happened to come in for the first time and stepped up to the inspector at once.

"Sit there for the present," said the inspector, indicating the desired spot. The boy obeyed readily, and when the inspector had finished his multitudinous inquiries into the knowledge of geography, grammar, and arithmetic possessed by the children, he found that the boy

"What are you waiting for the pres-"Please, sir, I'm waiting for the pres-

For the Benefit of Foreigners. PON ONE occasion, at Vienna, a Ba varian noble was uttering a philippic against the Hungarian spelling and ortheopy, relates the Chicago News. Dr. Maurus Jokal, who was present, listened with grave attention until the noble had concluded. Then he rese, bowed, and

"We do spell badly, and pronounc even worse, but, your excellency, that is a part of our national courtesy; we do it to give foreigners an excuse when they try to speak in our beautiful language."

Interpreting Bistory.

of Human Nature

THERE is a small boy at Islington.

whose father is a Frenchman, but
who himself was bern in England and
has lived there all his life, says London
Tit-Bits. Consequently he considers
himelf to be an Englishman. He has rehimelf to be an Englishman. He has re-cently gone to school, and has been tak-ing his first lessons, in English history. The other night he looked up from his book, musingly, and said to his father: "Papa, we licked you awfully at the battle of Waterloo, didn't we?"

PERSONALITIES.

Governor Leary, of Guam, has placed a tariff of \$4 a gallon on whisky and 10 cents a quart on beer. Paintings and stationery are admitted free of duty. William Waldorf Astor is said to resent the fact that his fellow country-men in England drop his prefix of honor-able, which he had until he was natur-

Queen Victoria has been presented by Lord Curson with a great gold candle-stick from a Buddhist monastery. It is studded with jewels, is very old, and of reat value.

Baron Stumm, the iron king, is in bad

health, and has obtained leave of absence from the reichstag, of which he is a member, for the purpose of spending the winter in Italy.
On being applauded with hand-clapping during a recent sermon the Rev. Dr.

Lorimer, of Boston, stopped, forbade the people to clap, and requested them to say 'Amen' Instead. Despite the eastern flavor of some of his verse, T. B. Aldrich does not know any Oriental language. He is at present, however, studying Persian with a view to a translation of Omar Khazyam.

Mme. Loubet, wife of the president o France, is an expert milliner and a good chess player. She has a large circle of girl friends, who are advised by her to cultivate themselves above "showy tal-President McKinley is a lover of chess

game with which he frequently amuse nimself. He is an expert at all chess problems and believes firmly in the value of the game as a training for logica

or the game as a training for logical thought.

President Eliot, of Harvard, is some-thing of a pedestrian, and never rides when time and distance permit him to walk. Thus he frequently walks from Cambridge into Boston, a journey which ne generally accomplishes in very good Captain John Parsons, of Oswego, has

presented to the sons of Governor Roose-velt, of New York, a miniature fuilrigged yacht. It is nearly five feet long, and is an exact copy of the American yacht Volur teer, that defeated the British vacht Thistie.

General Wheeler's features are quite

like those of General Grant, and when shown a rough sketch of the former drawn in the Philippines, General Miles said the other day: "I never thought of it before, but if it wasn't for the hair this might be Grant."

Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, assistant direc-tor of the Pepper laboratory of the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania, has been ap-pointed professor of pathology in the medical college of the University of California. He succeeds Dr. John C. Spen-cer, who has resigned.

Mrs. Richard Croker announces that her sons will not go into politics because she thinks a man pays dearly for whatever heights he may reach "serving his country through politics." She expressces the hope that her boys will win suc-cess in business careers.

The late Duke of Westminster seldom

wore a high silk hat. Although he was
far from indifferent to his personal appearance, he preferred the comfort of
the low hat popularly known in Lendon
as the "bowler," and almost always wore one, even on church parade in Hyde Park. Benjamin White, a broker of San Fran-

cisco, owns what he claims to be the stub of the pencil with which Lincoln rewrote his Gettysburg speech on an envelope aboard the train bearing him to the battlefield. The pencil was borrowed from and later returned to Mr. White's While a student at Norwich university

Admiral Dewey took lessons in painting in water color and proved an apt pupil. He produced several promising bits of work, mostly marine sketches, one of which has been rescued from oblivion, and, in a large frame, now adorns the walls of one of the university's class-

rooms.

Although Pope Leo XIII is nonogenarian, he is by no means the oldest of the successors to St. Peter. That distinction belong to Pope Agathon, who reigned from 686 to 688, and died at the age of 197 years. Pope Gregory 1X (1241) was 59 when he died. Celestial III (1198) 92. Gregory XIII (1417) 91 and John XXII (1339) 99.

(1339) 99.

Melton Prior, the special artist of the London Illustrated News, now in Ladysmith, dispatched nine tracings of his drawings with different runners, in the hope that one of them might get through the Boer dines. Experience has shown that since the siege began only about one runner in twenty succeeds in run-ning the Boer lines.

Miss Agnes Irwin, dean of Radeliffe

college, who was recently chosen by Governor Wolcott to serve on the Parish exposition commission, is a great-grand daughter of Benjamin Franklin. She was bore in Washington in 1841, and is a daughter of William Wallace Irwin. Her maternal grandfather was Richard Bache, grandson of Franklin. Her moth-er's mother was a daughter of Alexander

0000000000000000 In Woman's Realm

HIS WILL be the library people's busy day. They will probably be tired to-night to a degree never before experienced. They will be obliged to answer more questions, have more patience, make more explanations than have ever heretofore been required in their profession, and that is saying a great deal.

There will be a vociferous demand for the new bocks today. The average patron will be laboring under the hallucing. ation that the recent fumigatory cere the germs of previous engagements for new books along with the germs of dis-case and that now there will be enough to go around. It is to be feared that this delusion will be the cause of many dis-appointments. There are so many early birds who will desire the early worm in the shape of new books that they have had eards in for some time in advance

had cards in for some time in advance of the opening.

Among the most recently received is Mrs. Burnett's "in Connection with the De Willoughby Claim," That author has good fortune in her press agents. They becomed her "Lady of Quality" and "His Grace of Osmonde," both of which were decidedly shady in tone, although written in a fascinating old time phraseology. They are booming the "De Willoughby Claim" likewise. There may be becopie They are booming the "De Willoughty Claim" likewise. There may be people who like to weep through 200 or more pages of a book, at intervals of greater or less frequency. They will like Mrs. Burnett's latest. Others who shrink from deathbed scene in every chapter, particularly when it is the same scene with the same unfortunate little girl who has made a mess of her life, as chief actor, may possibly grow discouraged before the happy finale is reacted, for one merit of Mrs. Burnett's work is that she usually insists on happiness in the last chapter with a halo for everybody and the dis-turbing characters are killed off safely. It is only the women who take theb pleasures sadly and who enjoy dropping tears on every page who will be able to inish the scene in the upper room of the evenent where the two frail young girls are conversing in the harrowing fashion therein depicted. A man will probably read beyond that chapter. Tom De Wil-loughby is a fine character, but he is too big and good and noble to be true and there is rather too much sweetness in the ideal life with his foster child.

"THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIA." "The Other Fellow," "The Queen's Twin" and "Tales of an Old Chateau" are among the new books which those who flock to the library to-day should endeavor to secure. May good luck attend their efforts and may very germ be as dead as possible

THE WOMAN who this spring will not be the proud possessor of a gown whose skirt is tucked lengthwise in some fashion will not be happy. Just when she has it made and it is a perfect lear in effect she will discover it has be come "so common" in style and then she won't be happy, either.

THE LADIES of the Second Presbyterian suppers tonight.

LULLABY LAND.

ship is sailing for Lullaby land; And what may the cargo be? A wooly dog and a china cat, A trumpet of tin and an old tora hat Are ready to go to sea.

For Luliaby land her sails are set-(O pray ye the winds be true!) She will gently glide 'cross the sea of Dreams
'Mid the moonbeams bright and the starlight gleams, 'Neath the skies of sapphire hue.

Now "All aboard for Lullaby land!" (One tiny traveler to go)-The wooly dog and the trumpet of tin, The chubby hands have folded withi While a golden head droops low.

For Lullaby land is reached at last: The captain's duty is done-By her sweet, low voice, and her face

She has sailed the ship-the rocking To the land of the Setting Sun.

—Lena S. Thomsen.



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