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Another exhibition of implicit faith in the resources of the country is given in the hope of a number of English capitalists who still believe that they will realize something upon the repudiated Southern state war bonds.

Circle or No Circle.

ELSEWHERE appears a letter from the Hon. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman of the Union committee for the promotion of ballot reform and the merit system in Pennsylvania.

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As to Pacific Cables.

RECENT Ottawa advices state that after the vicissitudes of fourteen years the British-Imperial plan of an all-British Pacific cable has finally been assured.

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proposition to acquire the cable line already in existence from Australia via Singapore, to Hong Kong. The United States government cannot afford to be dependent on the British and British-Canadian governments for telegraphic communication at all times, and under all circumstances of peace, diplomatic troubles, or actual wars.

Chief Need of the Navy.

THE WASHINGTON correspondence takes note of the indifference shown by the naval militia of both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and of the strong argument thus furnished for the establishment of a trained naval reserve.

The utter want of interest in the duties they are supposed to have undertaken "will prevent the organization of naval militia from taking the usual course on a regular man-of-war during the coming summer."

The chief need of the navy is men, and since the time has assuredly arrived when the United States must have a nation with a strong navy, it is to hold its own at all, henceforth, there is clear common sense in the demand for a trained naval reserve from which the navy could in times of conflict be immediately augmented by competent, thoroughly instructed men.

Minister Conger probably believes that the Iowa fences are in greater need of attention at present than affairs at Pekin.

Homes of Hope.

FOLLOWING our recent resume of the library work established by its warden in Chicago's prison—a work that we again ask if there are none to start on an equally effective basis in the prison here—there comes most appropriately the brief account of what that admirable and devoted woman, Mrs. Ballington Booth, is accomplishing in what we call homes of hope.

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are. Then other states may well attempt themselves to similar work in this matter, as well as in the prison library. Even on a mere money basis it costs less to help those who have "gone wrong" to an honest life than it does to leave them to go back into bad ways—or to push them there.

Although the Glasgow exposition which opened this week has failed of any official recognition from this country, and the American exhibits are reported to be few, the managers of the exposition are said to be "looking confidently for large support from American visitors."

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Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs.

XLVI.—BOSTON A CENTER OF MUNICIPAL SOCIALISM.

THE CITY OF Boston is more English in its civic practices than any other American municipality. The latest freak of this kind is a proposal to establish a crematory for the disposal of the unclaimed pauper and such other bodies as would naturally find a resting place in the "poor's field."

THE FOLLOWING correspondence is self-explanatory. Scranton, April 24. Hon. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Great Building, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a copy of your circular beginning: "There can be no thorough ballot reform without the grouping of the candidates under the respective offices, and the abolition of the party circle."

Personally I think it no more than fair to say to you that I have been unable to accept your view of the proposed grouping of the candidates of the Commonwealth through doing away with the party circle.

In the late place, permit me to say that I regard the retention of the party system and the abolition of the party circle as unconstitutional.

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