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Under compels us to observe that there have been more exciting campaigns.

Something to Be Proud of.

A LARGE surplus in the treasury is an embarrassment to any administration, since its inevitable effect is to beget a spirit of recklessness in making appropriations.

At the same time, it is open to grave doubt if the house leaders have not applied the remedy too vigorously. They have at one stroke cut off \$77,000,000 of revenue, enough in itself to run a number of the smaller governments of Europe.

The American people, however, have good reason to congratulate themselves that the problem before their lawmakers is not how to levy new taxes but how to reduce old ones.

It will not be the fault of the newspapers if Prince Henry shall not win recognition on this side as a jolly good fellow.

Does a College Education Pay?

A CHICAGO business man, Mr. R. T. Crane, being skeptical as to the benefits of a college or academic education in preparing a young man for a commercial pursuit, recently undertook to collect some data bearing on this subject.

Mr. Crane next wrote to nearly 1600 college graduates asking how they had fared since leaving their alma mater.

The next batch of letters went to large employers of labor and had for the purpose to find out how the college graduate compares with the non-graduate in securing and holding employment.

mens commercial enterprises—were asked to tell how many college men they employed, what proportion the collegians bore to others, how they compared for mental quickness, character and ability to advance, and especially whether they (the employers) regarded the time spent in going through a college course as advantageously spent by a young man wishing to make every minute count.

Mr. Crane's conclusion is that the college education, however desirable from the standpoint of a man who is going into a learned profession, or however useful as a foundation for special requirements of a learned character, is a positive detriment to a young man whose aim is to engage in trade.

The political blizzards vied with the elements yesterday at some of the voting places.

Braced Up.

ACCORDING to trustworthy advisers a considerable change has taken place at Washington in the attitude of leading Republicans with regard to the Philippines.

It was at this time that the Democratic leaders in the senate thought it expedient to take up the Philippine issue and make it the central feature of the senate debates.

Then Judge Taft came home and began the series of statements which have been very imperfectly reported in the newspapers. His manifest candor, his perfect willingness to respond to inquiries in any direction, his evident sincerity and, most of all, the impression of thorough knowledge which he made upon the senators who composed the investigating committee wrought a transformation in the spinal columns of the Republican doubtful ones.

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A Lesson for the Future.

IN A CERTAIN sense, of course, no good comes through fighting over the battles of the past. But in the matter of the diplomatic preliminaries to our war with Spain it is preliminary that the public should have full information, because, unlike the inhabitants of some countries, the American people have a good deal to do with shaping their own future, and they have a right to shape it intelligently.

It has been asserted and, so far as we know, never denied that during Grant's administration a coalition of foreign powers prevented the United States from interfering for the relief of Cuba.

It has been said that in diplomacy Americans are prone to be blunt, but the documents bearing on this epoch in

our national career seem to our mind to be characterized by an exceedingly delicate regard for the niceties of communication. If there was a hand of steel it was certainly encased in several folds of velvet.

So far as the future may profit from the past it seems to us that the lesson of these ante-bellum disclosures, interpreted in the light of the present exceptional eagerness of the powers to profess undying friendship, is that the United States is big enough to go its own way without needing assistance from any foreign quarter.

The action of the House the other day in passing a bill by unanimous vote without debate shows that there is hope even for Mr. Wheeler.

Ex-President Cleveland has again demonstrated that the fiercest tempest cannot wholly obscure the sights on the barrel of a duck gun.

Sunday's Work and Rest

UNDER this head the conditions of railway traffic, making it necessary for Sunday work, is given at considerable length by Prof. E. B. Taylor in the Bulletin of the Department of Labor.

"The Boston and Maine road, employing over 2,000 men and operating about 2,500 miles of line, report that 10 per cent of the employees in the car department, 25 per cent in the transportation department, and 20 per cent in the motor power department are required to work on Sunday."

"The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis about 25 per cent of the employees in the freight department, 30 per cent in the passenger department, and 20 per cent in the motor power department are required to work on Sunday."

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WAYSIDE NOTES. A recent Associated Press dispatch states that a lady out west was married to a spirit husband, 200 years old.

"These Philippine names make me tired," said the commercial traveler as he was settling his bill at a hotel not far from Spruce street and Wyoming avenue.

"All right," said the genial clerk, "if you'll get nominated for congress I'll vote for you. By the way, are you carrying any new side lines on this trip?"

"Well, yes; I've given up the Pascego and Wagoner rubber goods and taken a line Schlegel-Baker shoes. By the way, I accidentally left a grip down at March Clark, and have wired to have it forwarded here.

"I don't object personally to the purists having a prize fight occasionally, as there is seldom any harm done, but it is the six months previous to either one of my western headquarters, Okeech, Wis. or Kalamazoo, Mich. Well, here's the 'bus, goodbye. Don't forget my congress scheme."

Indignant Mother—I bought some boneless codfish here last week and my boy came near getting the club offering the best figure. And it is about an even chance that when a prize fight—leg pardon, a boxing contest—slops take place it will be a fake.

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