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Candor compels us to observe that there have been more exciting cam-

Something to Be Proud of.

LARGE surplus in the treasury is an embarrassment to any administration, since its | ing places. invariable effect is to beget a spirit of recklessness in making appropriations. The old saving is true that money which comes easily goes easily and this is especially true of public money, the raising of which by taxation is not consciously a burden on the people. It has been true for some months that the Federal government did not need all the income which has been pouring so lavishly into the national treasury. Its accumulation there, in excess of current needs, not only invited careless expenditure but with regard to the sums not appropriated had the effect of locking up money which should be in active circulation.

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 ran a number of the smaller governments of Europe: And while it is true that public opinion has been mildly favorable to a moderate reduction, it cannot truthfully be argued that there has been any insistent public sentiment in favor of a wholesale reduction. As the matter now stands, on the basis of the house's action, if an emergency should suddenly precipitate itself there would not be money enough to meet it and some of the revenue now proposed to be abandoned would have to be restored. Nothing of this character is expected, but it is the policy of statesmanship to be prepared for all contingencies.

The American people, however, have makers is not how to levy new taxes but how to reduce old ones. There is no other country in the world today; there have been precious few in its The United States, with a costthe cost of an army in the Philippines still on its hands, is puzzled, not how to pay its bills, but how to get rid of the money it has left after all current advantage at this time. Whether it be wise to throw away so much revenue in one lump may fairly be debated; but the fact that it can be done without er barras ment and that it is proposed and carried through the revenue-initlating branch of congress without prodding from the taxpaying public certainly speaks volumes for Republican administration.

It will not be the fault of the newsrecognition on this side as a jolly good

Does a College Education Pay? CHICAGO business man, Mr.

R. T. Crane, being skeptical as to the benefits of a college much to be done and not all roses or academic education in preparing a young man for a commer- good whatever to magnify the difficulcial pursuit, recently undertook to collect some data bearing on this subject, First he invited the presidents of our had in the way of evidence. Only a few replied. None had anything more than personal opinion to offer. None had ever attempted to keep a record showing what success the graduates her attrined in competition with nongraduates. None knew of such record. Each, however, believed that a collegiate training helped to qualify a young man for a busines career and all agreed that it broadened his outlook apon life, increased his capacity for deriving pleasure out of his sur-

capability of his mind. Mr. Crane next wrote to nearly 1600 college graduates asking how they had fared since leaving their alma mater. Only 65 replies came from graduates they have a right to shape it intelliwho had entered a commercial career. gently. Fifly said that their college training had helped them to move along in business life. Seven found it a handicap. Qf-the 65, 60 said that if they had powers prevented the United States their lives to live over they would take a college course, for, regardless of the It is clear that during the spring of financial bearing of such a course, they had thurid it in other ways advantageous. In all the replies of the college n. this strain appeared, proving con- should interfere in the affairs of this chrively that there is something in the college work or life which appeals bounds of our action. It is plain in our

fondly to memory after it is ended. The next batch of letters went to large employers of labor and had for foreign itch to intermeddle with a its purpose to find out how the college peculiarly American concern was acute; graduate compares with the non-grad- and it is contrary to human nature to uste in securing and holding employ- suppose that it will not reappear. mert. One hunderd busines men-railroad presidents, heads of great manufacturing industries, managers of im- the documents bearing on this epoch in

very few employed college graduates in ally averse to giving pain. any number or made any effort to secure graduates in place of young men the past it seems to us that the lesson old for a spirit only about 430 years older than tom up."

Mr. Crane's conclusion is that the ceptional engerness of the powers to college education, however desirable profess undying friendship, is that the from the standpoint of a man who is United States is big enough to go its going into a learned profession, or own way without needing assistance however useful as a foundation for from any foreign quarter. This does special acquirements of a learned char- not mean that foreign good will should acter, is a positive detriment to a be unprized; but it does mean that the young man whose aim is to engage in next time a bunch of foreign ambassatrade. His idea is that it wastes valu- dors tries to indicate to an American able time, fills the head full of notions president what he shall and what he that have to be unloaded as soon as shall not do he should politely call an the college is left behind, and gives a usher and show the intermeddlers to fatal advantage of the rival who starts the door. early in the business and learns its practical lessons while the college man is bothering with Greek verbs. We do not agree with these conclusions, but they are of sufficient interest to deserve notice. Mr. Crane has put his data and conclusions in a neat pamphlet, which he will no doubt be glad to send to all who are interested in the subject.

The political blizzards vied with the elements yesterday at some of the vot

Braced Up.

CCORDING to trustworthy advises a considerable change has taken place at Washington in the attitude of leading Republicans with regard to the among them. They felt that the problem of administering the affairs of the archipelago was likely to prove more difficult than any of them had at first anticipated. They felt that as its difficulties came to be understood by the people generally and as the expense of maintaining for a long time a large force of soldiers came to be appreciated there was likely to be a strong reaction of public opinion against holding the Philippines and a corresponding danger to Republican supremacy

It was at this time that the Demo cratic leaders in the senate thought it expedient to take up the Philippine issue and make it the central feature of the senate debates. They held a caucus and decided to make it a cardinal principle of Democratic doctrine that the archipelago should be abandoned by the American government as soon as a republican form of gov ernment could be set up among the natives and started going. In other words, another Cuba was proposed with the difference that it would not be near at hand, where we could give watchful oversight over it, but on the far side of the globe, among the tengood reason to congratulate themselves tacles of covetous foreign powers, that the problem before their law- which would be likely to make short work of its identity.

Then Judge Taft came home and be gan the series of statements which have been very imperfectly reported in entire history, of which this can be the newspapers. His manifest candor, said. All Europe is groaning under his perfect willingness to respond to heavy tax burdens and growing de- inquiries in any direction, his evident sincerity and, most of all, the impresly war not four years past and with sion of thorough knowledge which he made upon the senators who composed the investigating committee wrought a transformation in the spinal colmns of the Republican doubtful ones. They tills are paid and all payments made have since braced up. There is no on funded debts that can be made to more talk of wishing the country out of its Philippine troubles. There is no more swearing under the breath at the dumb luck which thrust this burden upon us. On the contrary, the Republican leaders have compared notes, gone over the requirements of the situation in the light of Judge Taft's testimony and made up their minds that the thing to do is to do their best and not to borrow trouble. Judge Taft says the worst is over. He says that already a clear majority of the native inhabitpapers if Prince Henry shall not win ants sincerely wish for permanent American sovereignty on a basis of peace, free schools and efficient protection. He refutes every one of the dire prophecies of evil with which the 'antis" have been alarming the timid, and makes it plain that while there is

ties and underrate our own powers. Thus one man has put strength and backbone into ten thousand, and per leading colleges to present what they haps literally saved the Republican party from what might have been grievous and shameful mistake. Al honor to William H. Taft!

along the way, it will do absolutely no

Vaccination is worth its cost for the

worry it saves, A Lesson for the Future,

N 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 roundings and sharpened the natural advisable that the public should have full information, because, unlike the inhabitants of some countries, the American people have a good deal to

> It has been asserted and, so far as w know, never denied that during Grant's administration a coalition of foreign from interfering for the relief of Cuba 1898 a number of the foreign representatives at Washington, notably the British ambassador, felt that they continent and in a sense lay down the reading of their correspondence, so far as it has seen the light of day, that this

It has been said that in diplomacy Americans are prone to be blunt, but

mense commercial enterprises-were our national career seem to our mind asked to tell how many college men to be characterized by an exceedingly hey employed, what proportion the delicate regard for the niceties of comollegians bore to others, how, they com- munication. If there was a hand of pared for mental quickness, character steel it was certainly encased in sevand ability to advance, and especially eral folds of velvet. One cannot help whether they (the employers) regarded wondering how these fussy foreign the time spent in going through a busybodies would have relished a blast college course as advantageously spent of Grover Cleveland rhetoric of the by a young man wishing to make every pattern of his Venezueian message. minuts count. The replies are highly Clearly it was what some of them deinteresting. Nearly every employer served; and they can thank their lucky spok: kindly of the college graduate stars that the man then in the white and said he as a rule advanced rapidly house was a conciliatory and kindwhen once he got a good hold, but hearted man, who was temperament-

educated in the business "from the bot- of these ante-bellum disclosures, interpreted in the light of the present ey-

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

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

Sunday's Work and Rest

For The Tribane.

T NDER this head the conditions of railway traffic, making it necessary for Sunday work, is given at considerable length by Philippines. Two months ago there Prof. Lindsay in the Bulletin of the Department was uncertainty and apprehension of Labor. From the replies from leading radway companies it appears to be the intention to limit Sunday service to the necessities and requirements of their business, and the interests of he labor force. We quote a few of the cases as "The Boston and Maine road, employing over

> 22,000 men and operate about 2,300 miles of line report that 10 per cent of the employes in the ear department, 25 per cent in the transportation department, and 20 per cent, in the motor power ent, clerks, 10 per cent and telegraphers 95 per ent. The Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway company report 30 per cent.; the Chica-go, Rock Island & Pacific probably less than 20 per cent.; the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & is that when the fights come off they must be and yard service the requirements vary accordng to the volume of business, probably haff of ne employes. Several Western roads as well as e New York Central give 20 per cent. The mand for railway work is variable, indicating but so large a percentage is not required to cork every Sunday, nor does it indicate that impleyes have any degree of regularity of one

v test in seven. ay employes, in their testimony before the Instrial Commission, admitted that there is oads because of increased mobility of populaon, excursions and shipments of perishable

Mr. Frank P. Sargeant, grandmaster of the i the railway companies a disposition to be a ir and equitable in the establishment of hour labor for train service employes as is icable with the business to handle. There cen a disposition manifested on the part of the companies to abolish Sunday work just as far a ey can do it, and there is a great deal le day work done today than there was five six years ago. The organizations have go record as against Sanday labor 1 emand of the public which the railroad com

anies must respond to."
The president of the Chicago & Great Western with several other railway presidents stated be-fore the commission "that it is the purpose of the railroads to reduce Sunday labor as much as ossible," Many of the representatives of the allway companies assert that legislation on this subject is not wise; that the matter may safel left to the regulation of the companies a

sed to unnecessary Sunday labor.
, W. B. Wilson, author of the history of the ennsylvania Railway company, who has had arge force of men under him in the handling o eight handled in successive days after the 7th lay of continued service. He took specifica tons after the seventh, eighth, ninth and ten-days respectively of continued service, and co-pared these with the amount handled by t lays of continuous labor and one day of rest. as led to the conclusion that "Whenever lab e employ, his productive value on the form Monday decreased not less than 10 pe ent, and as day was added to day the notion of capacity continued to increase," iso said that the result of his observations dicated that the shrinkage in productive capacity affected both quantity and quality of work done

WAYSIDE NOTES.

lady out west, was married to a spirit husband, 500 years old. As to age, this was not so very old for a spirit—only about 430 years older than our Chauncey. In fact, if spirits improve with age, a 5,000-year-old spirit would make a better spirit husband than one of only 500; and a spirit A recent Associated Press dispatch states that had seen 50,000 years would be quite a h. The bride alluded to in the dispatch who, by the way, was a widow, says she is very happy. This may not be, so unreasonable. Per-haps her first husband who was just an ordinary male entity, was in the habit of coming home in the early hours of the morning and only getting into the house after a prolonged and profane hunt for the keyhole, and having indistinct ideas as to whether to remove his boots before retiring. Perhaps he was a chronic grumbler about mudd aising a row over lost collar buttons, or becar is wife would not get up and attend to the ires on cold mornings. In this view of the case apirit husband might have his advantages and bring to his bride at least a negative happiness However, I suppose that as a rule the women wil go on choosing just ordinary mortals for hus-bands, and take them for better or worse, faults and all. On the whole, it is to be hoped that such will be the case. Indeed, I should not be at all surprised if this bride we are writing about might yet change her mind. In that case a di vorce might be amicably arranged.

Miss Stone's ransom paid? Really, this is

"These Philippine names make me tired," said ac commercial traveler as he was settling bia bill at a hotel not far from Spruce street and Wyoming avenue. "Nasog, Bacolot, Tagolo, Mangarin, Batan, Sulu-don't they jar you? It I am ever elected to congress I shall introduce a bill to change them to something civilized." "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 line

n this trip?"
"Well, yes; I've given up the Pascong and Woonsocket rubber goods and taken a line Schaghticoke collars and cuffs. By the way, I accidentally left a grip down at Mauch Chunk, and have wired to have it forwarded here. A I can't wait for it please have it forwarded to either one of my western headquarters, Oskosl Wis., or Kalamazoo, Mich. Well, here's the 'bus. Good-bye, Don't forget my congress scheme."

I don't object personally to the pugilists ha ing a prize fight occasionally, as there is seldom any harm done, but it is the six months previous department are required to work on Sunday."

Another company employing 8,000 men, report 29 per cent, for train men, station agents 59 per weights have been occupying valuable newspaper. space in hurling dets, disparaging the other fel-low, saying how anxious they were to fight, and st. Louis about 25 per cent.; the Illinois Central before the club offering the best figures. And i employing 32,000, report that all stations, ware- is about an even chance that when a prize fightnoises and places for receipt or delivery of beg pardon, a boxing contest—does take place reight are closed on Sanday. In engin, trains it will be a fake. But the sports go on paying will be a fake. But the sports go on paying their ten dollars per ticket just the same. perhaps we ought not to worry about the matter but just skip the light talk in the pauers and

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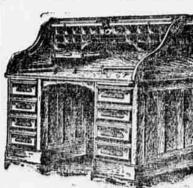
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