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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Governor—S. W. PENNYPACKER. Lieutenant Governor—W. M. BROWN. Secretary of Internal Affairs—ISAAC V. BROWN.

Five weeks of strike now; \$20,000,000 lost, and the entire anthracite community vexed and unsettled-does it pay?

"Uncle Sam's Iceberg."

ERETOFORE no detailed statistics of commerce with Alaska have been obtainable because of the fact that no provision of law existed for the collection of statistics of commerce between customs districts of the United States; and as Alaska was by law a customs district, such statistics could not be gathered, under the law. When the Hawalian islands and Porto Ricc were also made customs districts of the United States and the collection of statistics of our commerce with those islands was rendered impracticable, a measure providing for the collection of statistics of trade between the United States and all of its non-contiguous territories was framed by the Bureau of Statistics, approved by the secretary of the treasury, sent to congress, passed, and signed by the president; and beginning with the new fiscal year the record of trade between the United States and all of its non-continguous territory will be available in form similar to that of commerce between the United States and foreign countries. The fact that statistical statements

of the commerce and conditions of Alaska have not been regularly made in the past, renders the attempt to present a picture of present conditions in number of fish taken, as reported by partment, and the statements of gold production reported by the mint bureau, little information of a statistical nature is available. Even these reports are extremely meager, and in most cases the statements are simply those of quantity unaccompanied by estimates of value. The shipments of merchandise between the United States and Alaska have been considered as coastwise commerce and no reports of the value of merchandise so transported have been made to the collectors; while in many cases the manifests are so indefinite in statements of quantity that it has been found difficult to obtain satisfactory estimates in detall of the movements of merchandise into and out of Alaska. The fluctuation in prices of the seal and other furs and the salmon and other fish, which have been, until recent years, the chief industries of Alaska, coupled with the fact that in the official reports only quantities were stated, have in the past rendered detailed statements of values, year by year, difficult. The statements which follow as to the industries and their result from a fipancial standpoint, are the results of careful inquiries from collectors of customs, both in Alaska and the United States, by the various governors of Alaska and their subordinates, and by the special agents of the government appointed to report upon the various

In general terms, it may be said that Alaska, for which the United States paid Russia \$7,200,000 in 1867, has supplied furs, fish and gold amounting to about \$150,000,000 in value, about equally divided between these three items; that the investments of capital from the United States in Alaska are probably \$25,000,000, with a large additional sum invested in transportation to that territory; and that the annual shipments of merchadise to Alaska now aggregate more than \$12,000,000, and have aggregated since the purchase nearly or quite \$100,000,000. Meantime, the population has grown from an estimated 30,000 at the date of purchase to 32,052 in 1890; 63,582 in 1900, and an estimated 75,000 at the present time. The number of fur seals taken on the Pribilof islands from 1870 to 1901 is 2,187,317, worth \$35,000,000; and the value of the scal and other furs taken since the purchase of Alaska by the United States is estimated at about 50,000,000. The fur seal industry, which has declined in the last few years, was neceeded by the fishing industry, Alassa now supplying about one-half of the salmon of the country. The value of the salmon pack in Alaska last year is estimated at about \$7,000,000, and the total value of the fish taken in Alaska since the purchase about \$50,000,000; white the value of gold and silver mined | The soldiers who have done these

since the purchase is also about \$50,000-

If Alaska, which was once ridiculed as Uncle Sam's iceberg, has proved so wonderful a bargain, what may we not expect of the Philippines forty-five years hence?

Senator Elkins will discover that flippant treatment of the Cuban problem is of this country.

Among the Doctors.

HE ADDRESS of President Wyeth at the Saratoga meeting of the American Medical association, published in full in Saturday's Medical Record, contains number of practical suggestions relating to the public health. Dr. Wyeth hits from the shoulder and calls a spade a spade.

He strongly urged the creation by congress, as part of the proposed executive department of commerce and industries, of a bureau of public health. to be in charge of a medical officer to direct our foreign and insular quarantine, interstate quarantine, the medical supervision of epidemics, and, in fact, all matters pertaining to the general health of any group of states, or of the entire country. Especially did he indorse the paying of greater attention to military hygiene.

He deplored the lack of power which nedical organizations exert in shaping egislation affecting public sanitation. saying: "It is a fact painful to acknowledge that of the three so-called learned professions, the ministry, law, and medicine, ours is accorded the inferior position, and we who, day in and out, in every home of the land, are close to the personal friendship of our patients, respected and loved as individuals, are incapable of wielding by organization and discipline the powerful influence of a united profession aiming at a high and honorable purpose, Witness the snail-like progress which marked the various steps in securing our laws for elevating the standard of requirements in medical education and position to our efforts in securing struggle to protect the public from the sons who under the guise of Christian Science, osteopathy, and other schisms, insist upon being permitted to take charge of and treat human beings suffering from disease without submitting themselves to the state examination legally required of us."

And his remedy was, first, a higher standard of medical education, and secondly, better organization. Dr. Wythe code of ethics, to bring it abreast of the spirit of the times; and he cited cases in which the laws of the code and the laws of the state conflict, arguing that one or the other or both needs revision.

The conclusion of his address included an earnest appeal to the 120,000 regular practitioners represented by the association to do less doctoring and more preventing disease; to be teachers more than healers of men. Along this latter line Dr. J. M. Emmert, of Atlantic, Ia., delivered a notable oration in which he demanded general compulsory vaccination; the quarantining Alaska a difficult one. Necessarily, the of tubercular subjects, man and beast information is fragmentary. Aside alike; the establishment of tuberculosis from the statistics of population pub- sanatoria; the prohibition of marriage lished by the census, and statements of to blood relations up to the second dehe number of fur seals taken by the gree, and to all persons of either sex ready a pastmaster in the gentle art of lessees of the Pribilof islands, the num- affected with either congenital or acher of cans of salmon packed, and the quired specific or infectious disease, such as venereal or pulmonary affecthe special agent of the treasury de- tions, confirmed drunkards, criminals, anarchists and degenerate classes; publie baths, and the compulsory examining but not licensing of immoral women, those found infected to be sent to detention hospitals.

> Colonel Bryan says he smelt revolution in Cuba. The colonel always was maginative.

The American Army. (Secretary Root at West Point).

UR army, small as it was, and far across the sea, within a few weeks of active military operation captured the fortified city, took prisoner an army greater in number than itself and ended in a single short campaign the conflict with the power which once controlled almost the whole of the western world. Having accomplished that feat, the army gave to the island of Cuba what it had won. It released the imprisoned; it cation of Mining Engineers, Surveyors, healed the sick; it cleaned the jalls; it opened hospitals and asylums; it dotted "Examination for Mine Foreman's Certificate, Birmingham, Ala., January, There the country from one end to the other with schools; it gathered children from the fields and forests and towns and set them in rows of bright and interested faces with school books before them; it extirpated disease and saved more lives than were lost in all the war; it established the most wonderful school of government ever known on the face of the earth, and for three years has been teaching the Cuban people how to govern themselves, and at last it has come away, leaving a happy and grateful

Its clear-sighted courage straight the way from the sea to Pekin, and after the capture of the imperial city and the rescue of the beleagered legations, in the space of a few short weeks the district of the city controlled by the American army was found crowded with the people who had returned to their customary vocations under the protection of wise and just soldiers who fought and who carried the blessings of peace and justice, and they

fought under the Stars and Stripes. In the Philippines, that great stretch of country extending for more than a housand miles from north to south, it has put down an insurrection of 7,000,000 of people, so that today peace reigns from the northermost point of Luzon to the southermost island of the Sulu archipelago. And with the sword it has carried the schoolbook, the blessings of peace and self-government and individual liberties, so that today, within three years after the commencement of the great struggle that began in February, 1899, nine-tenths of all the mer who took part in the insurgent government are now engaged in sustaining or carrying on the government of the Philippines under the agency of American

things have been criticized and some of them have been accused, but whatever the severeness of calumny, however ready men at ease here may be to believe, to repeat, to rejoice in accusations against our brethren who are fighting under the American flag in support of American sovereignty away upon the other side of the world, let me tell you that the president and the secnot called for by the governing forces retary of war, and the officers, the public officers of our government at Wash ington, have followed these soldiers of ours, in reports and in private letters and in telegraphic dispatches, and by the oral word of those who have returned during all their whole course of conflict; have seen them there, often afoot tramping through the jungle, have seen them ope by one dropping off, murdered by the treacherous foe; have seen them fading from disease; have seen them falling by shot and by sword; have seen them courageous, patient, enduring, magnanimous, faithful, loyal always to the highest standard of American citizenship and we give you our words that these men shall not by the public officers of the United States, charged to do justice to them, be condemned unheard.

Be of good cheer, American soldiers When the record comes to be made up, in the cool judgment of the American people, and of mankind, after Cuba with its brilliant page, after China, with its glorious achievements, will be written another page equally brilliant equally glorious, on which will be recorded the achievements in war and in peace of the American army in the Philippines.

Professor Behring, a celebrated German bacteriologist, announces the discovery of an anti-toxine serum which by inoculation renders mankind immune from tuberculosis. European scientific circles are reported to be greatly exercised and well they may be; for if proof follows assertion this will be the most useful medical discovery of modern times.

In 1901 we bought from our South American neighbors goods to the value for medical practice. Witness the op- of \$110,000,000, but we only sold to them \$44,000,000, a difference against ourbetter sanitary regulations, and in the selves of \$66,000,000. Nothing can completely change this condition until we horde of uneducated or misguided per- have sufficient regular lines of subsidized American steamships.

> the prediction that the Democrats will elect their candidate for governor of Pennsylvania. They always do about this time of year.

A French author who recently visited

this country has written a book to eth emphatically favored a revision of prove that the United States is immoral. He probably judges by what he hunted for.

King Edward's reference to the Boers as a brave and determined people was a bit of tactful truth spoken at the right time. Edward is evidently a good politician.

LITERARY NOTES.

A further evidence of the Americaniza-tion of England is recorded in the dainty colume, "A Pinch of Snuff," about to be issued by Lewis, Scribner & Co., of New York, in which it is noted that the costly snuff-boxes which are to be a feature of the coronation of King Edward will be filled with American snuff if the lim ited supply available is equal to the de-mand. It seems that the king, who is alsnuff-taking, and whose example is reviv-ing its use in fashionable circles, has discovered that the finest snuff in the world is produced in America. This snuff is made from a particular kind of perique is made from a particular kind of perique tobacco which is grown only in two parishes of the state of Louisiana. This perique snuff is practically unknown in America, all of it being taken by the fashionable European trade. It is supplied regularly to Pope Leo, King Edward, Emperor William, the Sultan of Turkey and other crowned heads. As the members of the court circles of Europe members of the court circles of Europe are faithful imitators of the throne the increase in the fashionable use of snuff will contribute directly to the prosperity of at least one section of the United

The June number of Mines and Miner als contains, among others, the follow-ing articles: "Bauxite Mining in Geor-gia," by A. W. Evans: "Portland Ce-ment." by Richard K. Meade: "Auditing ment." by Richard K. Meade: "Auditing a Mining Company's Accounts." by Charles V. Jenkins: "Centrifugal Pumps for Mine Work," by Prof. W. R. Crane; "Tapping Drowned Workings." by W. B. Wilson, Jr.: "Prospecting for Coal in the Western States." by Prof. Arthur Lakes: "Cheap Gas and Fuel Without Smoke," by Alton D. Adams; "The Prairie Region of Northeastern-Colora-do," by Prof. Arthur Lakes; "The Edu-1902," answers by Erskine Ramsay, There are also the departments of "Practical Mining Studies," "Prize Contest," and "Correspondence," which contain much matter of interest to all connected with the mining business.

The expected retirement of the Marquis of Salisbury will be taken note of by the Century in the July number, which is to said to be a remarkable piece of drawing and to give an agreeable and faithful idea of this experienced and forcible diplomat. In the same number will be printed a sketch, with anecdotes, of the marquis by Julian Raiph, setting forth attractively a career which is virtually an epitome of the diplomatic history of England for the last quarter-century

Dr. Henry van Dyke contributes the eading article to Harper's Bazar for July. His subject is "The Strenuous Life July. His subject is "The Strenuous Life for Girls," and the paper contains much food for thought by the girls of today and their parents. Another striking article is "Have Women a Sense of Humor?" by Robert J. Burdette. Anna Wentworth Sears follows with a most attractive ac-count of "A Luncheon for Little Girls," in which many new ideas are presented. The illustrated short story of the number "Her Friend"-is by Elizabeth G. Jor

The July Delineator has an excellent article on mushroom culture, in which the statement is made that more fail-ures are traced to using peor or im-properly prepared manure than any other cause. A description is given of how the beds should be prepared, the spawn set and developed until the time for gathering. Readers in search of an oc-cupation with which to employ their spare time to advantage will do well to give this article their attention

Harper & Brothers will publish on June If a new volume of stories by Elizabeth G. Jordan, entitled "Tales of Destiny." The stories deal with crucial moments in the lives of men and women, and are said to be written with power and insight.

Harner & Brothers will publish on Ju

17 a new novel by Will N. Harben, in which is introduced a Southerner who will probably take his place with David Harum and Eben Holden as a shrewd and humorous observer of life. His name, "Abner Daniel," gives the title to the story, which is placed in Northern Georgia.

Dr. James Robb Church, the distinguished surgeon of the Rough Riders, now assistant surgeon in the United States army, went to Martinique on the relief steamer Dixle. Dr. Church has unusual powers of observation and description, and he has used them to the best advantage in an article to appear in the July Scribner, giving his vivid, personal impressions of the greatest disaster of

Current History and Modern Culture for June portrays the world's history for the month of April in its usual judicious and concise style. From its frontispiece portraits of the King and Queen of England to the closing necrology department is presented a thorough and impartial digest such as is to be obtained in no other publication.

Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" will be produced on the stage next November, the first performance to be given at Hartford, Conn. The stage version is being prepared by Lee Arthur, a young Louisiana lawyer.

PURSUED A MANLY COURSE.

From the Free Press.

William Connell by his action endeared himself to lovers of fair play. Recog-nizing the supremacy of Senator Quay in the state, no man worked harder for his return to the senate, he yet refused to break his word and throw down John P. Elkin after he had pledged him his support. Had he done anything else, had he pursued any other course, his political prestige in the state would have been nullified. Politics, and the men who play the game, indulge occasionally in peculiar pranks, and it is not always easy for the latter to so conduct themselves in dealing with the former that explanations are unnecessary, but this is true in William Connell's case. To the unbiased, there is only one course open to the congressman from this district, and that is to try

WEST POINT.

From a Speech by Gen. Horace Porter. This Academy had its birth and grew to manhood in the most marvellous century of recorded time. During this eventiu period time. During this eventual period there were graduated 4,097 cadets. They have displayed their devotion upon countless battlefields and attested their usefulness in all the civil walks of life, in science and art, in trade and commerce, in literature and oratory, in law, medi-cine, theology, diplomacy and statesman-ship, from the modest engineer to president of the republic. Nearly all who en-tered the army have been disbursing officers in some capacity or other, from post treasurer to paymaster general, and with such scrupulous fidelity have the hundreds of millions intrusted to them been accounted for that those who have ever been charged with precaution car be numbered on the fingers of one hand. Of the total of 4.067 graduates 238 have fallen killed or mortally wounded on the

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From Lealie's Weekly.

In a talk to workingmen the other day man nature always reminds me of the story of the two frogs that fell into a not of cream. One of them soon gave up the struggle as a bad job, and without striking out with all his legs, and persevering, eventually found himself resting upon a pat of butter churned by his own efforts to get his head above the level



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metry.

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