

The Mormons who want by-gones to be by-gones made a mistake in sending a by-gone to Congress.

In every town entered by our troops in Luzon there are demonstrations of public rejoicing. The inhabitants are delighted to be relieved from the rule of thugs and bandits.

The President speaks of China as a "great field for American trade and enterprise." That strikes the business men of America as a sound remark.

"The future government of the Philippines," says the message, "rests with the Congress of the United States." If Congress does its part as well as the President has done his, all will be well.

The message reaches the people at a moment when the war in the Philippines seems to be in the last stage. Congress may well congratulate the President on having advanced the subject to this point.

The action of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives in adopting the Reed rules shows that the majority means business, and that it intends to fulfill to the best of its ability the pledges of the party.

Those anti who are quoting William H. Seward, as an anti-expansionist because he opposed the annexation of Texas in the campaign of 1844, should go a little slow. Seward opposed the annexation of Texas not because he was an anti-expansionist, but because he was against the acquisition of any more slave territory. The purchase of Alaska later consummated by Mr. Seward, showed his attitude upon expansion.

The small record of business failures throughout the United States continues to annoy the spirits of those who would seem to prefer seeing business depression and panic under a Republican administration, than prosperity and activity, even though they themselves share in it. The failures for the week ending December 2, 1899, according to Dun's Review, were only 144, as against 281 for the by no means unprosperous corresponding week of 1898.

The Goebelles of Kentucky are downed at last, their effort to steal the Governorship having failed after a most spirited and altogether unwarranted contest. On Saturday morning last the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election Commissioners and he was declared to be Governor-elect of Kentucky. The official figures of the vote filed with the Secretary of State Finley are: Taylor, 193,714; Goebel, 191,331. Taylor's plurality 2,383.

The money in circulation in the United States has increased 33 per cent. since Mr. Bryan and his deluded followers at Chicago and all over this country in 1896 announced that our money never could increase without the free and unlimited coinage of silver. On July 1, 1896, the money in circulation was \$1,509,725,200, and on December 1, 1896, it was \$1,985,980,964, with prospect of crossing the \$2,000,000,000 mark by the end of the present month, while the gold coin and certificates increased from \$408,449,242 on July 1, 1896, to \$778,388,363 December 1, 1899, a gain of 31 per cent. in total currency and 66 per cent. in gold and gold certificates.

"The future government of the Philippines rests with the government of the United States. Few graver responsibilities have ever been confided to us. If we accept them in a spirit worthy of our race and our traditions, a great opportunity comes with them. The islands lie under the shelter of our flag. They are ours by every title of law and equity. They cannot be abandoned. If we desert them we leave them at once to anarchy and finally to barbarism. We fling them, a golden apple of discord, among the rival powers, no one of which could permit another to seize them unopposed."—President McKinley's Annual Message to Congress.

The President's Message.

The message of President McKinley, submitted to Congress last week is a strong, able and conservative document. It gives to those to whom it is addressed some sound advice upon the problems confronting the country and demanding solution at their hands. It is also an exhaustive document, treating of many subjects, in which the country is vitally interested. As to the Philippines the President goes over the situation carefully up to the present date, but leaves the future solution of the problem, as to what shall be done, in the hands of Congress. He speaks, however, for order, peace and liberty with the largest protection of human rights possible. Such legislation as is necessary to permanently establish this country on a gold basis is advocated, and it is urged that the secretary of the treasury be given power to sell bonds when necessary to meet any emergency that may arise. The importance of up-building our merchant marine is referred to at length. Congress should lose no time in taking such steps as will insure increasing the amount of our expanding commerce that is carried in American vessels. The study of China as a field for American trade and enterprise is recommended. The President takes up the subject of trusts at considerable length, and leaves no doubt as to his attitude toward the class which are formed in the interest of the few as against the good of the many.

The President's views with reference to our duty to our new possessions are in line with his public speeches upon the subject previous to the last election. They are in accord with those of the people, as was amply demonstrated at the polls. These are but a few of the subjects touched upon. The message is some twenty-eight thousand words in length. On the outside pages of to-day's paper will be found an admirable condensation of the document, and we would earnestly recommend a careful perusal of the same by all who have not already done so.

Improve the Allegheny.

The REPUBLICAN has on many occasions called attention to the advantages to be derived by the lumbermen of this section in permanent improvement of the channel of the Allegheny river by the Government, and has frequently commended the work already done under governmental supervision as tending toward the better navigation of this fine stream. We are pleased to note that such journals as the Oil City Derrick is taking up the matter, and calling attention to the many advantages that would accrue from such work. In its issue of yesterday that paper says, editorially:

Forest county is very much interested in the recommendation of Major Powell, of the War Department, that \$25,000 be expended by the government in the improvement of the Allegheny river for the coming year. Its prosperity is directly confined to the maintenance of a navigable channel to Pittsburg at certain seasons of the year. The Allegheny has received few considerations at the hands of Congress in the way of appropriations in the past, and though Forest is not in Mr. Sibley's district, his well known interest in public improvements of all kinds has inspired a number of the progressive citizens of the county to request his co-operation in this matter. No organization has ever been formed in Forest county with a view to securing governmental support in this matter, but the small improvements that have been made from time to time under government supervision have been highly appreciated. There has been no rafting stage in the river the past fall, but the people of Forest county have been enabled to get out a number of coal barges and a large amount of lumber, owing to the fact that the improvements started a few years ago made such a thing practicable. If they had been compelled to depend on natural conditions in the river and nothing had been done towards deepening the channel, and directing the current within circumscribed bounds, it would have been utterly impossible to have floated any lumber to the mouth of the river. There are from 150 to 200 coal barges built in Forest county every year at an average value of \$1,200 to \$1,500 each. These are floated down the Allegheny and sold at Pittsburg for use in the coal traffic between that city and points to the southward. The labor cost in building one of these barges is at least \$200—to say nothing of the portion labor receives for cutting down the timber and converting it into lumber suitable for manufacture. Besides these several hundred boat bottoms are constructed every year at a contract price of \$600 a pair, which are used in the manufacture of the cheaper coal bats used for traffic on the lower Mississippi. In addition, at least 500,000 cubic feet of logs were rafted out of Forest county within the past year and the prospects are good for as much more the coming year. The success of the business is dependent entirely upon getting to the market and the river affords the readiest and easiest communication. Except that large floods render the Allegheny navigable at certain seasons, the business would never have reached its present proportions. The people of Forest county are not alone interested in this subject, but it forms an important addition every year, to the resources of the State.

It is true, as it undoubtedly is, that gold is now our standard of money value, the future needs only the assurance that it will so continue to be, until at least the people shall be so united in their desire for a change therein as to be able to direct the voice of both Houses of Congress, and secure the approving signature of the Chief Executive. The confidence that Congress will furnish this kind of a guarantee has inspired enterprise, called capital into use, improved the condition of labor, and given new impetus to all our energies. To make this favorable state of affairs permanent, the highest security should be given that the common denominator of all calculations in value shall remain unchanged.—President McKinley to Congress.

IMMENSE majorities for any political party are not wholesome. It tends to corruption and loose morals generally. In referring to the small majority by which the Republicans hold the House of Representatives at Washington the Washington Star very properly says: "Nearly all the comment on the situation in the House includes a reference to the fact that the Republican majority is small. And both the party and the country are congratulated on the fact. It is an advantage. It insures caution and conservatism. There can be no pranking when every vote is necessary to pass party measures. Consultations must be frequent and thorough. Leaders must keep in touch with their followers, and followers must be on hand to support the leaders. Tyranny on the one hand, therefore, and negligence on the other, are alike forbidden by the plain dictates of safety and common sense."

—New neckwear this week at Miles & Armstrong's. It

W. N. Y. & P. Ry. Holiday Rates.

For the convenience of the traveling public, excursion rates will be made to points on W. N. Y. & P. Ry. tickets sold Dec. 23-24-25-30 and 31st, 1899 and Jan. 1st, 1900, good for return passage to Jan. 24, 1900 inclusive. Call on agents for particulars.

—Blue and black Kersey overcoats \$9.75 at Miles & Armstrong's. It

The Nickel Plate Road offers to students desiring to return home for the holidays, the special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on the day school closes and the day immediately preceding, good returning to and including the date school reconvenes, but not later than Jan. 10th, 1900.

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Commissioner's Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Forest County: Deibert E. Logan, Libellant, vs. Rachel Logan, Respondent.

To the above named Respondent or her Attorney:—

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was appointed Commissioner in the above entitled case by the Court of Common Pleas of said county, on November 20, 1899, and that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the Beatty Block, Warren, Pa., on December 20, 1899, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m., and 10 o'clock p. m., at which time and place you may attend and be heard.

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