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The Governor of South Dakota has requested President McKinley to muster out, and return the South Dakota Volunteers from the Philippines.

The agreement of the United States, Great Britain and Germany to take care of their respective interests on the island of Samoa, has resulted in the United States and Great Britain uniting and supporting one party on the island, and Germany uniting and supporting another party on the island, all of which has produced such a state of affairs on the island that a strain has been put upon all parties concerned.

NEW JERSEY alone has chartered corporations and trusts to the extent of three billion dollars, which the lambs they fleece, are made to believe, can all be made dividend and interest paying bonds and stocks. When one calmly looks at the proposed issue of that amount of paper by one little State, they do not know at which they are most astonished, at the impudent confidence game of issuing such an amount of watered stock and bonds, or at the financial greenness of the people who buy or invest in the bonds and stocks.

The case against Senator Quay, continued all last week before Judge Biddle in Philadelphia. The battle before the court was on the admission of letters and a book called the red book. The book was called red because it was kept in red ink. The book was not found among the books of the bank where the bank books were kept, but it was found in a private desk of the dead cashier with private letters from Quay. The senator's lawyers did not want to allow the book and private papers to be brought before the court and jury, because they declared them not bank books and papers. The judge, however, at the moment of adjournment on Saturday ruled them in as bank papers. The book taken from the desk is mutilated, by whom mutilated is not known. Mutilated books and papers do not as a rule figure much in a case in court. How they may do in this case remains to be seen. What effect will it have that the red book and private letters from the private desk were in the hands of ex-Judge Gordon and other bitter political enemies during a period of six months. In that time some of the letters were photographed and published in Philadelphia newspapers and during that time State Senator Martin and ex-Postmaster-General Wunnemaker, and State Chairman Guffy the political high priest of the democracy examined them line for line, figure for figure, and Gordon and Guffy made a Sunday trip on the cars to New York and while on the journey used and speculated papers over and over. What did Gordon and Guffy want in New York? Were they the men who inspired the shocking publications against Quay that came from the slum and gutter publications of Gotham, publications that the publishers of Philadelphia would not touch. Gordon and Guffy answered the questions whether they inspired the nasty publications that were peddled about during the State campaign last fall when Quay and the machine was the whole text for the speeches of Jenks, Wunnemaker and Swallow. Gordon was working for the democratic nomination for Governor, and Guffy was, he thought to help him to the nomination. How much are bank books and other papers worth when searched over by Tom Dick and Harry for political purposes. So then the red book goes in with the other books. The probability is it was the best thing to do. If the red book had been left out the persecutors would have made a contention all the time because the book and letters had been left out. What if the book does show that interest was paid on state money deposits. It was a question of banks to pay interest on deposits. Banks pay interest on deposit to-day and it was only a Legislature or two ago that passed a law declaring that interest money on state deposits shall be paid into the State Treasury. Previous to the passage of that act by a republican legislature there was no law on the matter of interest on State deposits and the custom was that the man who deposited the money received the benefit of the interest. As to the dealing in stocks and so forth that cashiers and county treasurers and township treasurers are forbidden under the act of 1860, does not apply to the exploded bank. That bank worked under a special charter that allowed it to engage in such money and business transactions. How much Colonel Quay was interested in trading money and paper with the bank remains to be found out. It was his right to deal with the bank and so far there is nothing to show that his transactions were unlawful. That the bank closed is of no account in the case. Hundreds of others have been ruinous failures, banks that Colonel Quay never heard of and hundreds of others that he knows nothing of will fall in years to come. Neither the state or individual depositors lost a cent by the failure of the exploded bank. The men at the head of it maintained their individual honesty and honor and dignity and the integrity of the concern by paying all it owed.

The Bryan-Jeffersonian dinner took place in New York on Saturday evening. Three thousand men of all colors were seated and partook of the feast and re-endorsed Bryan and the last middle of the road Chicago platform on which Bryan was run for the Presidency.

BRIbery COMMITTEE REPORT.

The majority report of the Legislative bribery investigating committee reported on Monday. In the opinion of those who signed the report, corrupt solicitation was made. Rooms were maintained where members were solicited; an attempt was made according to the report, to bribe Charles B. Spatz, John J. Coyle, Thomas M. Moyles, Michael J. Castello, Martin Lawler, John Engler. Money ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. The solicitation was in favor of the McCarrill bill, and to continue to vote for Jenks, and to vote for Quay. The committee favors a criminal proceeding in the Quarter Sessions of the Dauphin county Court against the parties. The minority report of the committee is in substance as that of the majority.

The Samoan War.

The Samoan island war is more complicated than ever. The British and American force that were landed were ambushed and driven back. American business men and a British officer or two were killed. A German government officer was arrested for inciting the natives to hostility. He was taken on board of a British man of war, and now an investigation is speedily to follow.

IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SYSTEM A FAILURE.

One of the most prominent educators in Chicago, a man who is the principal of the English High and Manual Training School of that city has made a plea for more practical work in the public schools. This gentleman, Mr. A. R. Robinson, at a meeting of the educators of his city declared that "ninety-seven and one half percent of the pupils of the Chicago public schools are unable to earn an adequate living from the training which they receive from the public schools." Minus the technology, this is an astounding statement. Coming from a man who is supposed to be training a large body of boys in manual arts and trades, it means much more than it would if it came from an outsider. It has been supposed that the public school was the great aid of the masses, yet the statistics show that only two and one half percent are practically benefited by the system. The rest get a smattering of knowledge here and there and are compelled to learn how to make a living after they have left school. This is a serious loss of time and energy to the boy. In the old days he would have been apprenticed as soon as he was old enough, and at twenty one he would be master of his trade or business and prepared to enter seriously on the race for a livelihood. The State has practically abolished the apprenticeship system and have substituted nothing in its place. Boys now go to the public schools and at twenty or twenty-two begin to look around for an opportunity to learn a business.

Granted that as a class they are more intelligent than the old "pre-1876" class, still there remains the question, Could not the public schools adapt their courses to more practical ends? If a pupil is not aided in earning a living by the study a trade he pursues, then the present system is a flat failure. It is not what the boys learn that is of value, but it is what he learns that will be of use to him in practical daily struggle for bread and butter. There is many a good merchant who knows nothing of physiology, botany or astronomy, all of which are useful and valuable sciences in their proper places. The ninety-seven and one-half percent who are not aided by the public schools probably represent the percentage of men who will have to plod and plod to make a living, and it is in the interests of those that the system should be changed, if it is faulty, in order to make their plodding and toil less tedious. Philadelphia Inquirer.

All this week, up to this Wednesday morning, the political atmosphere among the members of the Legislature at Harrisburg has been in a state of agitation. On Tuesday, Senator Magee and his colleagues who had been voting with the caucus majority candidate, for United States Senator, Colonel Quay deserted him, and voted for B. F. Jones, of Pittsburg. All of the Allegheny delegation, Clark and McLarn, of Washington county, Lark of Schuylkill county, and Scott of Luzerne, were the bolters. Quay is still the leading candidate.

A REMARKABLE WAR.

Our war with Spain seems to be the most remarkable of any we have ever read of in history. The Spanish fleet at Manila was destroyed without the loss of a single American—and the great Spanish fleet at Santiago was destroyed with the loss of only one American—and according to accounts that have been received it would appear that some hundreds of Filipinos are killed for every American soldier. One of our western soldiers has given his impressions of the war by saying that it appeared to him like a Colorado rabbit drive. From Geo. T. Augell's Dumb Animals.

A Frightful Burn.

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and prevent further injury. Cures Old Sores, over Bores, Ulcers, Blisters, Fomies, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. P. Crawford, Druggist.

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CHEAP EXCURSIONS, 1899.

Annual Meeting General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Denver, Col., May 18 to 26.

Annual Meeting General Assembly Presbyterian Church at Minneapolis, Minn., May 18 to June 1.

National Baptist Anniversary at San Francisco, Cal., May 26 to 30.

National Educational Association at Los Angeles, Cal., July 11 to 14.

For all these meetings cheap excursion rates have been made and delegates and others interested should bear in mind that the best route to each convention city is via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry and its connections. Choice of routes is offered those going to the meetings on the Pacific Coast of going via Omaha or Kansas City and returning by St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry has the shortest line between Chicago and Omaha, and the best line between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, the route of the Pioneer Limited, the only perfect train in the world.

All coupon ticket agents sell tickets via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. For time tables and other information as to rates and routes call on or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, 486 William Street, Williamsport, Pa.

MEETING OF VETERANS.

A meeting of veterans will be held at Academia School house on May 6, 1899 at 2 o'clock, p. m., to make arrangements for decoration and other services, subject to the order of the meeting. A. H. KURTZ, Secretary. The meeting will be held at the Academia School house, 1111 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on May 6, 1899, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

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