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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., November 28, 1899. It would seem from the latest appear ances that the administration and its ances that the administration and its supporters in senate and house are about to abandon their hypocritical policy and pretensions relating to the war in the Philippines and admit what the Democrats of the country have been contending all along, that the struggle against the Filipinos is a war of con-quest. In a recent speech Senator Frye, of Maine, chairman of the com-mittee on commerce. a prominent memmittee on commerce, a prominent mem-ber of the committee on foreign relations, and who will by virtue of his ber of the committee of histories as president protem of the senate, succeed to Vice President Hobart's place as presiding officer, made some important admissions. During his re-marks he said: "I regard the Phillp-pine archipelago as worth a dozen Cubas. In every way it is superior, and we want to reap the benefits of that superiority. Look at Manila, only two days from Hongkong, with our flag planted there in the heart of the Orient. Shall we haul it down and get out? We will not allow the doors to be shut to our commerce in the East, and we are not afraid to say so." If this means anything at all, it means that Senator Frye has dropped his mask and is now

From the announcement of Senator Culton, of Illinois, a day or two ago, it would seem as though Republican ex-travagance knows nolimit. The Illinois senator has declared his intention of introducing early in the next session a bill providing for an extensive remodelbill providing for an extensive rem ing of the White House and some say that the historic mansion will be abandoned entirely as a place of residence for the The pinkoff a salactor with the building is entirely as a place of residence for the presidential family, since the building is already unfit for habitation because of unsanitary conditions and the constant encroachments of official business into that portion of the mansion which should be kept for the president and his family. The plan, it is said, is to secure an appropriation of \$1,000,000, with which to build a new building for the presi-dent's home, and thus to leave the present historic structure free for use an office for the transaction of strictly executive business. The plan is no doubt admirable, but an appropriation of \$1,000,000 is extravagant and a wide departure from those standards which Jefferson sought to inculcate as essential elements to our national life. elements to our national life.

elements to our national life. $\ddagger \ddagger \ddagger$ It is expected that the contest for minority leadership in the house of representatives will be transferred to Washington in a few day. Hon. William Sulzer is expected soon to open up head-quarters here, having done some good work before the Democratic conference at Chicago where he is said to have re-celved the pledzes of a number of southceived the pledges of a number of southceived the pledges of a number of south-ern and western members, so that at present he lacks only about a dozen of the requisite number of votes to make himself the successor of Hon. Joseph Bailey, of Texas. Representatives Rich-ardson, of Tennessee, and Judge De Armond, of Missouri, are also in the race to stay and have devoted followers.

to stay and have devoted followers. $\ddagger \ddagger \ddagger \ddagger$ It is very evident that ex-Speaker Reed does not see in the Ohio election an assurance that Republicans will win in the next election. At a Business Men's banquet in New York city re-cently, Mr. Reed cautioned the gentle-men present that political matters are not propitious for his party. There is a significance in the warning of Mr. Reed, and every sign points that the McKinsignificance in the warning of MF Reed, and every sign points that the McKin-ley administration sees the danger ahead. If the opposition to Nash in the recent election in Ohio can be joined, as seems more than likely, then Ohio will cast its vote next fall in favor of Hypen Bryan.

Admiral Dewey was called upon last week at his residence, by a delegation of prominent citizens of Columbus, Ohio, who invited him to visit that city. The formal invitation was engraved on two formal invitation was engraved on two solid gold plates valued at several hun-dred dollars. The plates were elab-orately finished and constitute what is believed to be the finest invitation ever presented to a United States official.

t t t There was much genuine regret in Washington when intelligence of the death of Vice President Hobart at his death of Vice President Hobart at his home in Patterson, N. J., was received. Although an uncompromising Republi-can at all times, the Democratic sena-tors had no cause to complain of his parlimentary rulings, and his urbanity and courtesy were unfailing.

TYPES OF THE BOERS

A TRIP THROUGH THE TRANS VAAL COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

Homes and Characteristics of a Pe culiar People—Fertile Soil, But Lack of Cultivation—The Average Boer Goes to Bed With His Clothes On.

of Cultivation---The Average Boer Goes to Bed With His Clothes On. Let me introduce you to a Dutch farmhouse in the Transvaal as I saw it one fine afternoon to long ago. It was situated some miles from any town or village; the typical Boer does not desire any near neighbors. The way to it lay over the high veldt, along vast plains, with here and there a range of hills presenting the appear-ance of huge puddling molds turned upside down, only slightly more rugged of surface but scarcely less bare. The road (by courtesy so called) led over small heaps of stome and reddish sand, varied by deep ruts and sluices, the beds of dried-up rivers and now and then gliding gradually into the burnt-up pasture land, over tufts of struggling, umbolesome-look ing grass. There were no hedges, no fences, no walls. Our vehicles was a kind of buggy, a hybrid between a lay diding basins we came upon a little valley, in which two or three green trees of the willow species showed the presence of water, and corrugated iron root; along the front ran the stoop, which is a raised cause way or venanda buil always of stone laid one upon another, and covered with earth beaten down hard. The Lounging Place. This is a place whereon the Boer

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The soil is so fertile that it is com-month of the solution of the best of the solution of the solution of the solution of the bottom of the bare patch which should have been a garden, and a few ducks stood among the reeds, or disported themselves on the water. No green fields of wheat or barley waved in the soft, sweet air. The Boer does not seem to believe in cultivation save for a little ground roughly scratched over for patches of Indian corn, here called mealles, of which, when finely erround and sifted they make their

over for patches of Indian corn, here called meales, of which, when finely ground and sifted, they make their bread; very good it is when quite fresh, but after a day or two it be comes hard and sour. Through all the years in which the Beers have held the Transval it seems never to have occurred to them that, with some labor and care, they should have made this country both profitable and fair to look upon, Water is to be found generally at a depth of 30 feet; certainly locusts and drought are formidable foes, but in Natal where these drawbacks are also known, and the climate much hotter, considerable land is under cultivation. It is not that the Boer bestews much study of books, on acethetic culture or care, of personal appearance; his

only book, usually, is the Bible, his letters are never written, his toilet ac-cessories are of the most primitive kind, and those not often used. The average Boer does not undress when he refires to rest, consequently his whole attire is of the frowsiest; he is unshorn, unwashed, unbrushed, his skin, hair and clothing are all of the same hue, close affinity with the color of the ground—thence, we may conclude, arises their favorite appel-lation, "Sons of the Soil." Enous Boer Coffee

Famous Boer Coffee.

Famous Boer Coffee. Morning at length came, and with it our breakfast; the strips of meat I had seen on the string in the kitchen the day before now appeared on the table, cooked, evidently, in a frying pan; this, with Boer bread and butter, tea and coffee, furnished our frugal meal. I chose coffee, but immediaje-



ly afterward fervently wished I had asked for tea; both were sufficiently bad, but Boer coffee is simply execra-ble—compounded of various mixtures in which ground mealies bear a large proportion, and some coffee, which is often roasted at home. This concoc-tion is both meat and drink, and it is said to be in consequence of their drinking it so many times a day that the Boer women attain such gigantic proportions as they frequently do in middle life, and sometimes in youth, also. Several male relatives of the house-

broportions as they requently do in middle life, and sometimes in youth, also. Several male relatives of the house-hold came into breakfast, and dis-played very good appetites. One pe-culiarity of the men's clothes is that they appear to be borrowed; they nev-er fit (I am speaking now, of course, of the low-class Boer); there is too much ankle, often stockingless, shown and too much wrist to agree with the modern idea of fitness. It was a bril-liant morning, and the sum soon dried up the excessive moisture of the pre-vious night. Presently three mem-bers of the family offered to accom-pany me on a ramble. We walked some distance, and came upon the ruins of another farmhouse-a few stones left upon another and the same utter poverty of surroundings, no trees, no trace of garden or orchard. On returning to the house coffee was served, but I did not take any. Poultry Made Comfortable.

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on returning to the noise concervations of the served, but 1 did not take any. Poultry Made Comfortable. Now came a surprise, and I ceased to wonder at my lively visitors in the still hours of the night before when I discovered that in two corners of the dining room, under the two arrange-ments of shelves of whatnots, were two hems sitting on eggs. Moreover, the other hems and young chickens wandered in and out from the stoop at their own sweet will. In this par-ticular household it seemed the rule to begin to think of preparing dinner when everybody felt hungry, and we did not dine before 2:30 o'clock. They are very inquisitive, but it is pleasant to add that they are usual-ly kind and hospitable to such strang-ers as can converse with them in the taal, which is Low Dutch, and the same language as that in which His Honor the Staat-President preaches in the little Dopper Church hear to his residence at Pretoria. Among the people you see young girls, fresh-looking and rather pretty, but they grow terriby fat or misera-by thin with increasing age. I have seen ugly old women in different parts of the world, but beyond doubt, for tuter and hopeless uglines, the aged Transvaal vrouw carries the paim! Some of these old women are more bitter against the rooineks and rooi-batijes (i.e. English soldiers) than even the men, who often hate the English singly because they are Eng-lish and more refined than themselves. So the evening again passed away, and early next morning I departed on my way to Johannesburg.-Cor. Clin-cinnati Enguirer.

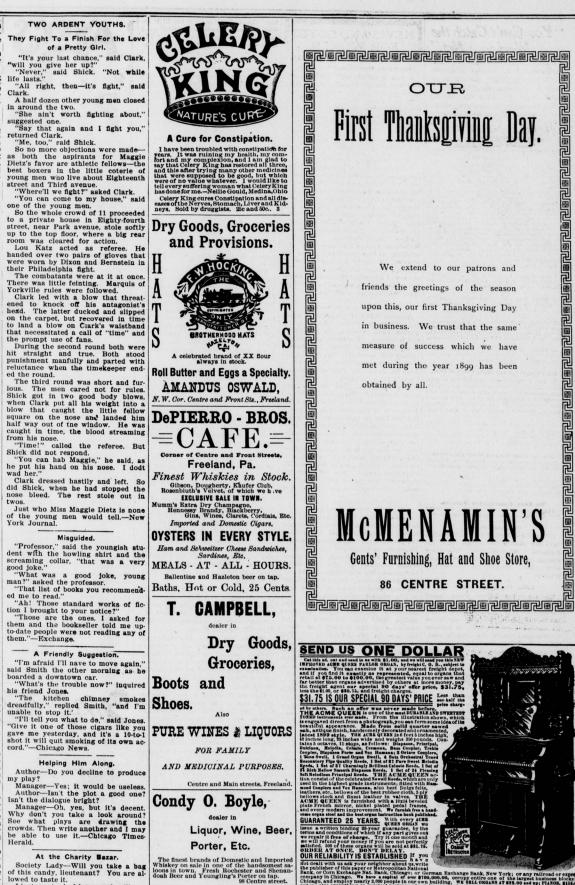
cinnati Enquirer. We Cannot Escape Contagion. To Lionel Beale says, and his opin in is shared by other eminent physi-cians, "I believe that if the organism be in a proper state, almost all disease germs coming in contact with it, or entering it, will certainly die, instead of growing and multiplying. Many of the poisons in question are found about us—in the food we eat, in the water we drink. The foot of a fly will carry enough poisonous matter to in-tect a household. It is therefore value to be always seeking to annihilate contagion, which you can only destroy to a limited and almost useless ex-tent; on the other hand, it seems ex-ceedingly reasonable, and especially on the part of nurses and ourselves, who must be continually exposed to the assults of diseased germs, to do all that is possible to promote and im-prove the resisting power of the body."

A Tall Duchess.

Not His Fault. She-Do you remember how you said, when you were courting me, that if I would marry you I would have nothing to do all my days but sit around and look pretty? And how dif-ferent it is now. He-Well, it isn't my fault if you don't look pretty any more.—Boston Treveler.

Before and After.

"I can't understand it, Timothy. You seem fairly saturated with pessimism. And yet, before you took me for bet-ter or worse, your face was wreathed with smiles, and you seemed as light-hearted as a merry bey." "Yes, Jane. It's another case of be-fore and after taking!"--Oleveland Plain Dealer.



or caus candy, licetemant? You are al-lowed to taste it. Licetemant—And how much will you charge for a kiss for the benefit of the poor" i will let you have PRINTING "Am I allowed to taste that, too?"-Fliegende Blaetter. Promptly Done at the Tribune Office No Eyes for Shells. He took his flances sailing one sum-mer's day, and they sailed to a beach-bound island in the sound. When they returned one of their friends said: east way up unon-sond you this coat by way of the b., subject to examinations example and try is on at your nearest even organ office and if found exact organ office and if found exact organ office and the most wo way and the most wo way a solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the solution of the solution of the organ of the solution of the organ of the solution of the sol said: "Did you bring back some of those beautiful shells on the beach?" "We didn't see any shells," they said. And then they wondered why every one laughed.—New York Com-mercial Advertiser. as represented and the most won-derful value you ever saw or heard of and equal to any coatyou can buy for \$5.00, psy the express agent on special differ price, \$2.15, and express charges. THIS MACKINTOSH is latest 1399 style, made from heavy waterproof. Covert Cloth extra d, Sager velvet ning, waterproof temented scams, or overcest, and lae ever offered house. For Free tackintoshes

Why They Don't. "I will admit," she said, "that a woman seldom weighs her words." "No," he repiled. "Even scales have their limitations." "Nonsense." she - Contraction Book No. 80C. Address, & CO., CHICACO, ILL. their limitations." "Women "Nonsense," she retorted. "Women don't use big words.' "True," he answered, "but they would have to be weighed in such large quantities."—Chicago Post. SEND MONEY PLUSH B PLUSH

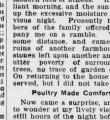




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A Tail Duchess. It may not be generally known that the Duchess of Portland is the tallest woman in England She married the Duke in 1859. She was then Miss Dal-las Yorke. The duke is the lord of \$2300.000 a year, and owns half a dozen castles, among them being the incomparable Welbeck, where Lady Peggy Primrose spent her honeymoon. The duchess spends most of her time to the furtherance of temperance work.

Savings of School Children. The Chicago Penny Savings So-clety, operating through the public school teachers, last year received from the school children of that city over \$70,000. This means that at least \$40,000 less a year is being spent for candy and chewing gum, and that over 4,000 children are becoming capital-ists at the rate of 5 cents a day.