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To start the New Year's work South Carolina proceeds to organize four new cotton mill companies. This is very discouraging news for political walters.

Even General Wheeler, the old wheel-horse of the Southern Democracy, who is now about to return from the Philippines, states that the mainstay of our trouble in the island has been the speeches of fussy old fogies here at home.

Exports of the United States in the quarter of a century ending with 1899 have exceeded the imports by the neat sum of \$ 3,970,000,000, every year with a single exception having shown a balance of trade in our favor. During the same period the foreign commerce of the United Kingdom has shown in every year an unfavorable balance of trade, her total excess of imports over exports during the 25 years being \$14,489,000,000.

That old free-trade argument that our foreign commerce cannot flourish under protection will hardly go any longer in view of the announcement just made that exports from the United States increased from \$497,000,000 to \$1,233,000,000, while those from the United Kingdom were increasing from \$1,087,000,000 to \$1,287,000,000. This is the work of the quarter of a century between 1875 and 1899, during all of which time the United Kingdom has had free trade while the United States has practically all the time had protection.

Democratic leaders are wondering what will happen next. The effect of Mr. Bryan's premature stand upon the expansion question, from which he is now trying to bat a retreat, is causing havoc among Democrats, who do not now know how they themselves or even their leaders stand upon public questions. Mr. Bryan has thus far made no declaration side-tracking silver, though most of the political discussions are devoted to other topics. Silver, it is claimed, will not be put to the rear, but rather other issues brought foremost. The distinction is a trifle fuzzy even to the minds of the faithful.

The fault-finders, who could say nothing good of the Administration during the Spanish war, are silent on that subject now. The British losses in a single battle in South Africa are greater than those of the United States in the entire war with Spain, showing how absolutely unfounded were the charges these malcontents made against the conduct of our own war. The fact that men would be willing for purely partisan reasons to embarrass an Administration, and thus the Government, in an hour of national struggle and peril ought to bring to them and their associates the condemnation and contempt of every thoughtful citizen, irrespective of party.

Democratic newspapers and statesmen who are scolding about Secretary Gage's course in depositing public money in banks are omitting to say a word about the fact that this course was followed under Democratic administration, and that they had no occasion to find fault with it then. Of course, their attack is merely a political one and for political purposes. If the Secretary were to carry out their plan, he would be compelled to pile up in the Treasury the surplus which the successful revenue law is now bringing in, thus reducing the amount of money circulation, for all of which, of course, he would again subject himself to the criticism of the people whose sole occupation it is to find fault with the Administration.

Fanny nuts and crackers at Wal-

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A REAL PRIZE PARTY.

Once there was an old lady who lived in a little cottage on a hill who had no one but her daughter, who was a dress maker, to support her. Her son had died. Several boys assembled and one said, "let us go and give the old lady a prize party for her daughter is sick and her wood pile is nearly gone. If all will help we can get her a load of wood and some nice presents beside. Well, said Ned, I am with you, I have ten cents, given me to spend for candy and I'll put that in, Harry said we have plenty of wood and I will ask my father for a load, Tim had half a dollar with which he expected to buy some oranges, but he generously gave it up, and Will, who had a dollar for his Christmas, forbore the pleasure of spending it, to aid the lady.

So they put the money together and bought some vegetables and other things, and started for the house on the hill, taking with them the load of wood. When they arrived there they went in, laid their bundles on the table and also gave the old lady some money. She was overwhelmed at their kindness and could hardly find words to express her thanks. "She said dear boys, I thank you very much and if it is ever possible I will try to return the favor." The boys replied that they were more glad to afford her pleasure and relief her wants than if they had selfishly spent their money for their own gratification. They then piled up the wood neatly and made a nice path to the spring so the old lady could get water. Soon after they were telling the other boys what a splendid time they had at their prize party. KATHIE PEROZ—age 13 Schocopee school.

A TRUE STORY. One winter day, when snow was on the ground, I went to see a friend and we had a fine time skating and sleigh riding all the afternoon.

As it was growing dark my friend offered to accompany me part the way home. We were joking and laughing on the way, and it was quite dim, so my friend wished to return but I said "you are nearer home than I, go a little further." We had proceeded a few steps when we heard the brush along the road crack and rustle, which frightened us both very much. I whispered, "let us get behind the fence," which we did very quietly. She was badly scared and so was I for I had heard her father say that he had heard a wild cat screaming only a few days before. We kept very quiet so the thing would not hear us, and soon we saw it come out of the brush, and what do you think it was had given us such a scare? Only a cat, and greatly relieved we said good night and each went our way home happy at not being devoured by a wild animal. EVELYN DAUMANN—aged 11 years.

The time has come, said ex-Minister Barrett in an address on the Philippine situation before Union League Club of Chicago, when the country must take either the opinions of actual observers such as Dewey, Schurman, Beveridge, Denby, and the late General Lawton, or man who have watched events from a distance of 10,000 miles. "Are we to accept," he asked, the opinions of Colonel Bryan of Nebraska or those of Colonel Stotsenburg, of Nebraska, the leading men on the one side, and Colonel Bryan says that he looked the conflict, and are solely responsible for it. Colonel Stotsenburg, in command of a Nebraska regiment stationed at that point of the line around Manila where the first fighting of the insurrection began, went on record that the Filipinos provoked the outbreak after he and other officers had done all in their power to prevent." And Mr. Barrett, who has long known the Malay character and who has been in the Philippines himself, is a Democrat

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"Indeed!" said the teacher, who was looking at her visitor with natural surprise. "After the second week she began to get like all the rest. And the fourth week she was the worst we had ever experienced. She got harsh and haughty. She didn't like the way I was raising the baby nor the time I played on the piano. I couldn't do anything to suit her. So I told Charley that we had better let her go elsewhere and try to be happier than we seemed able to make her. Charley told me to discharge her. So I told her to go. She just laughed, and she went right out into the kitchen." She hesitated, and the teacher, who had become interested, inquired:—"What did Charley do?" "Charley didn't do anything. The girl rolled up her sleeves and told him if he didn't get out there she would thrash him within an inch of his life. So that's the whole story, and we didn't know what to do until we saw your advertisement to teach China painting and fringing. I don't care about the China painting just at present, but if you will give me a few lessons in fringing I shall be eternally grateful, and Charley told me to say that money was no object."—Washington Star.

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TRESPASS NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that trespassing upon the property of the Forest Lake Association in Lackawaxen township, Pike county, Pa., for any purpose of hunting and fishing, or any other purpose is strictly forbidden under penalty of the law. ALEXANDER HADDES, President. Nov. 22, 1895.

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NOTICE—All hunting, fishing or other trespassing on the premises of the undersigned, in Dingmans township, on Reynoldskill and Dwarfskill creeks, is forbidden under penalty of the law. CHAS. J. BOILEAU, Dingman Twp., N. BOILEAU, May 17, 1898. JOSEPH F. BOILEAU, Executor.

Executor's Notice. Letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of Julia Ann Van Gordon, late of Lehigh township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate will present them, and those indebted thereto will please make immediate payment to: MOSES W. VAN GORDEN, Executor. Egypt Mills, Pa. Sept. 18, 1898.

Auditor's Notice. Estate of Francis Manley, In the Orphans Court of Pike County, deceased. The undersigned, appointed Auditor to make distribution of the funds in hands of J. H. Van Etten, Trustee, as shown by his account and make report to next Term, with the evidence taken before him, will attend to the duties of his appointment on Tuesday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1900 at 2 o'clock, p. m., at his office, corner of Ann and Third streets, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., when and where all parties entitled to share in said funds, or who are in any way interested therein, are required to present and prove their claims, or be debarred forever from participating in said funds, or coming in upon the same. HY. T. BAKER, Auditor. Milford, Pa., Dec. 30, 1899.

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Divorce. In the Common Pleas of Pike Co., No. 5, Oct. Term 1899. Subpoena and alias subpoena returned, defendant not found.

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