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INDIAN TERRITORY FRAUDS.
A late dispateb announces that Chas, J. Bonaparte
has been appointed to investigate the Indian land
frauds in Indian Territory. He is known as a keen frauds in Indian Territory. He is known as a keen
lawyer and a fearless man. It is to be hoped that he will bring the gratters to bar. The main facts in the affir taws, Cherokees and Seminoles, tribes numberin of these lands the law now permits them to sell. Most years. The Indians are now ignorant and shiftless, and eager to get hold of them at the lowest possible prices. To protect the Indians, by overseeing sales
and preventing frauds, the Dawes commission of five was appointed some years ago. It is now headed by
Tams Bixby, and one of its members is ex-Governor Stanley, of Kansas. It is charged by S. N. Brosius,
member of the Indian Rights Association, that the very members of this coumission formed to protect
the Indians are interested in companies engaged in buying up oil and agricultural lands from Indians. It
is even said that speculative companies and government officials occupied the same offices, and that Poor
Lo gave options on his lands to a company under the impression that he was dealing with the government
officers. "The watchdogs have joined the wolves" is the way one paper puts it. Secretary Hitchcock has
published a letter in regard to these charges, in which he deplores the fact that the charges were given to the
press before a clear case was made out, inasmuch as the names of honest officials should not be smirched president of the Indian Rights Association pointedly replies that the inspector shouid the hospitality of the
and when an inspector accepts favor, or listens only or chiefly to one side, or favors
his congresional backer in any way, he is not above suspicion."-Exehange.

## Won't somebody please take a club and kill a few of the knockers? A man came in from Ashland, rented a farm from one of our prosperous farmers and paid down 820 , promising to make a contract the next norning. Then, in the evening, a lot of knocker8 go could make only $\$ 30 \mathrm{a}$ <br> eave the country, impressed that it is a land of thieves, vagrants and bad cows. Won't somebody please kill the knockers and rid the country of a pest'? -Tillamook Independent. <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> he very promptly advised the newcomer to go very slow before investing any more money here. Hesaid <br> Salem was slow and always would be that way. He further volunteered the information that town orop- rty was a poor investment, as the people berc with dull, sleepy and unprogressive. Not content with this the shoe man told the stranger of good town alsewhere. The newcomer quite naturally decided that he would not purchase the shoes he had selected and walked out of the store, leaving the knocking hoe man alone to wonder why he had mised the sale. The newcomer arked the first friend he met own merchants were knocking the town. Then he 0 more property here, as he said he didn't like to in own town.- Sentinel

EXPENDITURES FOR EDUCATION.
The annual publice expenditure in the United States, or clementary education, amounts in round numbers
o $\$ 227,000,000$. The aggregate of expenditure for the to $\$ 227,000,000$. The aggregate of expenditure for the
tiscal year 1900-1901, as shown by the report of the
United States Commissioner of Education for that United States Commissioner of Education for that
year, was $\$ 226,043,286$. This amount is almost equal to the total expenditure of all Europe, for a like pur-
pose, the Eucpean outhy for the same period amount pose, the Eubpean outhy for the same period nediture
ing to an aggregate of $\$ 246,000,000$. The expenditur in the Cnited States, per capita of pupiss, however,
much larger than in Europe. The enrollment in th elementary schools of Europe is approximately 45,-
000,000 , while the enrollment in the United States is about 16,000,000. The annual expenditure for each in the United States. A comparison of the amount spent annually for primary education by some of the
larger American cities is interesting. New York, of r a single year. Chicago is next, with $\$ 8,203,493$



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common time, and dancing it to waltz music is not a
correct movement." Attention was alsodrawn to the
neglect in the large cities of the old square dances,
IS DEWEY ROBBED OF HONOR?
The work of raising the vessels of the Spanigh fleet
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unk in the harbor of Manilla on May 1, 1808, is noagain aflont, and will be used as a collier. The other
vessels will be variously utilized. But the singularsels, and many of them went to death with their ship
in preference to bearing the disgrace of defeat."
STEVENS

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