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### CAN'T RIGHT ITSELF TOO SOON.

It is not merely Puerto Rico. Behind this Puerto Rican question is the larger one as to the Philippine Islands. Cuba also looms into view; for free trade between the United States and Cuba will cause Cuba to throw in her fortunes with the United States. We cannot coerce Cuba; but we may make conditions under which she will gladly come to us. And we want Cuba, for naval, commercial and military strength. Her position gives her incomparable value to the United States. But Cuba will not come to us if we do not give her products access to our markets.

Representative Payne, of New York, is chairman of the ways and means committee. At first he was in favor of free commercial intercourse between Puerto Rico and the mainland of the United States. But he tells plainly how Oxnard, the sugar lobbyist, came along and "reversed" him. In his speech explanatory of his change of position, Mr. Payne said: "I have yet to see a tobacco man who fears the introduction of the Puerto Rican product. Their great fear is that if we should give free trade to Puerto Rico we should follow it with free trade with the Philippine islands and ultimately Cuba." As regards the sugar lobby and its chief, Henry Oxnard, Mr. Payne then added: "He (Oxnard) was afraid that when prosperity came to Puerto Rico under free sugar, Cuba would be knocking at the door for admission." Then Mr. Payne stated bluntly that, in view of these facts, it was the purpose of the tariff bill to "make a precedent that all and the Philippines. You have the whole business here.

And if this goes through, you will see what plight the Republican party will be in during the political campaign the coming fall. How will it answer the criticism of the Democratic campaigners on its subserviency to the protected interests and the trusts? And, as the Chicago Inter Ocean, stalwart Republican journal, puts it, "What are the Republican voters likely

redemptions. Whenever it falls below pears very doubtful if bonds will ever

have to be sold for this purpose. The matter of the standard is so thoroughly settled that calls upon the reserve for redemption of treasury notes are likely to prove things of the past. The "endless chain" seems broken, it is to be hoped, forever.

#### THE PRACTICAL QUESTION FOR US.

What do you want a tariff on Philippine imports for? That's the question.

It is conceded by the assallants as well as the defenders of Puerto Rico that the real issue concerns not Puerto Rico, with its population no greater than Nebraska's and its annual exports to all countries no larger than Portland's bank clearings for six weeks, but Cuba and the Philippines. Our Pacific Coast representatives who insist on this exaction from Puerto Rico must stand or fall, then, on the effect their position will have on the problem of Philippine trade.

First in importance among Philippine products is hemp; and the question is, Does the Oregon or Washington farmer want chesp ropes and twines, or costly ones? The duty on raw hemp is \$20 a ton, on hackied hemp \$40 a ton; on cables and cordage, 2 cents a pound. The Philippines can supply us almost limitless quantities of these materials, either raw for our factories, or else manufactured by American industries on the islands. They export now 250,-000,000 pounds of hemp annually, and they can extend the acreage indefinitely. The natural result to expect is importation of raw hemp and manufacture of it here. Less than 600,000

pounds of cordage is exported annually, the bulk being exported in its raw form. With free trade in Philippine hemp, these Pacific states can easily become the seat of the world's greatest cordage works. Second in importance among Philippine products is sugar. And the ques-

tion is, Do we want cheap sugar or dear? The islands produce for export now about \$15,000,000 worth of sugar, of which we get only the one-eighth part. Give us free trade in sugar, and the masses can be supplied cheaply. It is only through easy access for this sugar that the combinations controlling our domestic output, crude and refined, can be held in check.

The next item is tobacco and cigars, The Government will tax these clgars and tobacco for revenue purposes in the islands. Should it add to the revenue tax there an import duty here? Or do our smokers want their cigars made as costly as possible?

A great staple of Philippine export is coffee. Do they hope to clap a duty on Philippine coffee? There is none on coffee now. It is inconceivable. There are also tropical products of the Philippines, our only concern with which is to buy them to the best pos-

sible advantage. These are rice, cocoa-nuts, cocoa, indigo, ebony, glue, ratmen can read" as a warning to Cuba | tan, wax, salt, copra, gum, resins, olls, dyewoods, Last, but not least, the records of

Philippine exportations show that jute has been produced and shipped to Japan and to Spain. Whatever increase of this production can be made, and whatever impetus to cheaper imports of Calcutta jute through Manila can be given through free trade with the Philippines, ought to be afforded. On the question whether the Oregon and Washington farmer wants cheap grain to do about it, if they be compelled to bags or dear ones, there can be but

stead appears the total of free gold in party for government, because they the treasury. The gold reserve will re-main at \$150,000,000, unless depleted by great, far-reaching question of reform not with the sobriety of men of in-\$100,000,000 it must be replenished by the telligence and judicial temper, but with Secretary through sale of bonds. It ap- the passionate invective of a vituperative fishwife.

Suppose the leading statesmen of the North and the South had persisted to this day to discuss the dark and sorrowful passages of our Civil War in the same spirit that Mr. Healy and his faction exhibit whenever they think "England's difficulty has become Ireland's opportunity" to show her teeth and ually, the value of these reports would darken the air with a shower of rhe-

torical rotten eggs. What prospect today of unity against a foreign foe would there be for the United States? Our Civil War is but thirty-five years distant, but its passions have so completely subsided that when our war with Spain broke out it found the sons of gallant ex-Confederates serving both in our Army and our Navy, and among its first martyrs. An ex-Lieutenant-General and two ex-Major-Generals of the Confederate Army served with our Army in Cuba, and one of them was a

nephew of General Robert E. Lee. The saving common sense of America preserves us from the folly of the Irish irreconcilable, who, wherever he goes, purses his sentimental grievances against England. And yet the real wrongs of Ireland are things of the been amended steadily since 1868. The truth is that the faction of Irish irreconcilables voiced by Mr. Healy is a curse to Ireland and to England, and would be a curse to any country that sought to consider questions of political

reform sanely instead of waving the bloody shrouds of the martyrs of 1798. St. Patrick was a gentleman, in spite of the fact that he was not an hood. The Oregonian doesn't know Irishman. He brought a message of peace and good will to Ireland. He mane man. He is a patron saint who deserves to be held in reverent memory, because he was a man who won his way to the heads and hearts of pagan Princes by tact and statesmanship, a great victory in an age when pugnacity of temper was universal and

a pity that the spirit of St. Patrick had not descended upon the chiefs of the faction of Irish irreconcilables in the British Parliament. It was manifested to a considerable degree by Grattan, by O'Connell, and by Parnell, who are the only Irish statesmen who ever won any political reforms for Ireand. Grattan's efforts were nullified by such revolutionary conspirators as

Wolfe Tone, O'Connell denounced the architects of the rebellion of 1798, and his dying hours were made melancholy by the rant and violence of the "Young Ireland party," whose miserable fiasco he predicted but did not live to see. The Irish irreconcilables ought to work hereafter in the spirit of tolerance, guided by tact and fine temper, mani-

fested by St. Patrick, who first captured the heads and the hearts of the Irish chieftains, and thus quickly converted the people.

TRANSVAAL "INDEPENDENCE." Several persons have attempted to take The Oregonian to task because it has said that the South African Republic was not an independent state. It is useless to enter into the subtleties of this dispute. We believe it is not ques. been lightened in a statesmanlike man-

tioned that Great Britain in her con- ner. ventions expressly retained control of the foreign relations of the Transvaal. Can a state be independent that acknowledges this control by another?

Captain Mahan, in the March number

due to internal maladministration; but

she did not do so. If her citizens in

the Transvaal received wrong, she had

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a measure might be true, but it is also true that the larger portion of the information which is collected by the the authors of its being. branch offices is supplied by foreign shipmasters. Nearly all of the Oriental liners running out of Pacific Coast ports are in charge of foreign commanders, and yet, with few exceptions

these shipmasters note carefully the latitude and longitude of every floating obstruction sighted, make detailed mention of the direction and force of the wind in certain latitudes, of fog and varying currents encountered. Individbe limited, but, taken collectively, they enable the Government to map out less melodiously mourned the lack of a charts and sailing directions which are great national Valhalla, where might be enable the Government to map out used by every American navigator on the high seas. In avoiding the calm belts or the areas affected by storms at different seasons, the passage of a sailing vessel may be shortened many days, with an attendant profit, which frequently amounts to several hundred

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dollars. The entire appropriation made in past years for the maintenance of the hy-men whose busts shall be given niches in drographic offices has been exceedingly the new American Westminster would apsmall in comparison with the benefits that have resulted. The interests of the United States on the ocean are grow-ing more rapidly at the present time than ever before, and it has the appearthan ever before, and it has the appearance of very poor economy to remove any of the safeguards which we have Jennings Bryan, immortalized in marble, past, wrongs which all Englishmen of thrown around our ocean fleet. With frown at posterity in the Hall of Fame? distinction admit; wrongs which all the river and harbor bill turned down, Englishmen of distinction are glad have the hydrographic offices abolished and Americans look upon as a great man, be the shipping subsidy graft going given a place? Shall Admiral Schley or through, Congress certainly has queer ideas regarding the improvement of our water transportation systems.

A writer in a Salem paper says The Oregonian objects to re-election of Senator McBride because he is not rich. That statement is a very cheap falsewhether Mr. McBride is rich or poor, and doesn't care. It does know, howwas a very tolerant man; a very hu- ever, that if he isn't rich he ought to seh? be; for he has had continuous and steady employment in drawing money from public treasuries, in large sums, during nearly twenty years. The Ore-Mr. McBride is simply this: He is a or a mere partisan tract? man of small ability, little force and no might was the only rule of right. It is positive convictions. He is merely a political trimmer and professional ofbe glad to see a larger man elected to the position.

#### The support of the Orange Free State will now quickly be detached from the forces of the Transvaal. Already the Orange burghers are rapidly returning to their homes and occupations, under ssurance of amnesty and protection. Of course, the Orange State, as an independent state, will exist no more, and the clemency of the Britsh will cause withdrawal of its people from alliance with those of the Transvaal, who from now on will be compelled virtually to

go it alone. Addition of \$20,000,000 in minor sliver coins to the circulation is another good result of the new currency law. Relief of the need for small coins is only a part of the benefit, for in this way a considerable body of sliver will be withdrawn from pressure on the gold reserve. This same policy is pursued with the silver certificates, which will be given most of the field of small de-

nominations. Our silver burden has

We have to feed the Puerto Ricans yet, and we must continue to do so as long as the tariff bill is held up. The if more than two or three of them realize that the Republicans of their states are Even if the contention be true that dole of charity is a poor substitute for that the Repub

the years of reciprocity negotiations-this, that make France unique upon earth as too, is now to be stifled. The reciprocity twin has been knocked on the head by

# AN AMERICAN WESTMINSTER.

#### But It Would Precipitate and Perpetuate Many Controversies. Chicago Tribune.

When Daniel Webster, the defender of the Constitution, died at his home in Marshfield, Mass., in 1852, a poet wrote: We have no proud cathedral for his rest. Dim with proud banners and the dust of years All we can give him is New England's breast To lay his head on-and ten thousand tears. Before and since that time others have

erected memorials to the mighty dead whom the Nation delighted to honor. Now, it appears, this want is to be filled. A New York university has received a gift of \$100,000, which is to be expended in the erection of a Hall of Fame for Great Americans. In this building are to be placed busts and tablets dedicated to the memory of a specified number of

great men. In this limitation on the number of great pear to be the greatest objection to the barring out the others.

Shall the classic features of William Shall Jefferson Davis, whom millions of Admiral Sampson look down from a pedestal in the corner devoted to naval he TOES? Shall only Sons and Daughters of the

American Revolution be admitted, or are there to be sections reserved for Irish, German and Anglo-Americans? What shall be done with Richard Croker, who is admittedly the greatest New Yorker of modern times? Will the Popocrats agree to let Grover Cleveland have a modest niche? Will they draw the color line and bar out Frederick Douglass and Tecum-

When it comes to the list of those whose achievements in literature make them worthy of memory confusion will be worse confounded. Is Walt Whitman an inspired master or a scribbler of rude doggerel? gonian's objection to the re-election of Was "Uncle Tom's Cabin" a great novel

It is to be feared that the title of the New York Westminster is misleading. It should be rather "Hall of Fame for Tho Whom We Think Are Great Americans." fice-holder; and The Oregonian would If that change is made there can be no serious objection to the New York enter-prise, provided the commercial spirit of Manhattan does not lead its promoters to auction off especially desirable locations in the Hall of Fame to the highest bidders At the same time the ancient common place is still worthy of consideration. "The best monument to any American citizen is the love and affection of his countrymen."

> WRITE OR WIRE YOUR SENATOR. Oregon Has One Senator That Needs

the Monition. Chicago Times-Herald, Rep

Since the Republicans in Congress re-fuse to accept the voice of the press as that of their constituents, it is time that those constituents began bombarding those constituents began bombarding Washington on their own account. The Middle West has 12 representatives the upper house, viz; INDIANA. A. J. Beveridge. + C. W. Fairbanks. MICHIGAN. James McMillan. J. C. Burrows. ILLINO18.

Shelby M. Cullom. W. E. Mason, IOWA. John H. Gear. W. B. Allison, WISCONSIN. J. V. Quarles.

John C. Spooner. MINNESOTA.

Knute Nelson. C. K. Davis, All, or nearly all, of these Senators have already signified their opposition to the Puerto Rico tariff bill. But it is doubtful

an intellectual recreation ground for hu-manity. There are people, nevertheless, who call France one of the decaying nations. Yet what other country can show a greater array of more varied talent or

more enduring work in the things of beau-ty which are a joy forever? France a decaying nation? France who, after she was drained, by the revo-cation of the Edict of Nantes, of what appeared to be the flower of her people.

produced the glorious 18th century; who, after the massacres of the Terror, burst into the power and magnificence of the empire; who, after the wars of Napol gave us a great literary and scientific revival; after the revolution of 1848 the artistic and intellectual brilliance of the second empire; and who, in spile of the

crushing defeat of 1870, retained that pre-If any nation possesses vitality it is

surely France, and the world may thank Providence that, owing to her, it seems likely to escape from the decadence which usually follows self-absorbed ma-torial prosperity.

#### A Corn Mission. New York World.

Frank E. Carr is going to the Parls exposition on a mission of the highest beneficence to the poor people of Europe. He is going to teach them to eat cornbread. To that end he will take with him a Western chef and a Southern 'mammy" who know how to cook Amer-

ica's greatest cereal in a hundred ways. Cornmeal, hominy and American pork, representing corn, can be furnished to European peasants, laborers and artisans It snowed, Thursday, in Louisiana, and was almost hot in Oregon. It looks at about one-half the cost of the food as if McKinley's prediction about no they now eat, and in food value it is great-North, no South, is being fulfilled by ly superior. This country produces an-nually about 2,000,000 bushels of corn. Nature. At Wilson's Creek the Union loss was

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roads."

It can easily produce 4,000,000,000 bushels, and it will do so whenever there shall be 238 killed and 761 wounded, and the Cona demand for it. Our present crop a demand for it. Our present crop would furnish about 4½ pounds of food per day to every man, woman and child in the country, down to the last new-born baby, while three pounds is the full ration of a hard-working man. federate loss 279 killed and 951 wounded. The men were raw recruits and this was their first battle. There has been no such fighting in South Africa.

Corn is worth about 40 cents a bushel or half the price of wheat. Its nutri-tive qualities greatly exceed those of any other grain, with the possible ex-ception of rice, which is much too costly for general use. If Mr. Carr can teach four counties and has a population of 300. Europe to cook and eat corn, he will be benefactor of his race.

# In Billy Bryan's State.

Louisville Courier-Journal. And now Senator Allen arises and says that there is not much demand in his part of the country for bills as small as \$5. Times must be humming out in Nebrasky when 10s and 20s are the smallest change that the Pops care to be bothered with.

## Reaction.

Indianapolis Journal, Brown-How do you feel about Sunday colf? Jones-Don't tell that I said so, but I

have heard sermons so long lately that they made me want to go out and take a whack at something.

## In Washington, Too.

Vancouver Columbian. Senator Simon, of Oregon, announces that he will not support the Puerto Rican tariff bill. Senator Foster, if he voices the will of nine-tenths of his constituents will also vote against this bill,

## Mind Cure.

Chicago Tribune. The Mother-Oh, Amy, you have fallen in the mud and ruined your little cloak! What will I ever do with it? The Five-Year-Old (surveying the ruin) -Forget It!

# It Came Out.

Philadelphia North American. "I had my fortune told today." Well? "The medium said I was about to los

some money, and then asked me for a dollar."

Suited the Action to the Word. Chicago News. Jones-What made you kick Brown? Smith-He called me a donkey. Jones-Well, it seems he was right.

The Slum-Worker's Plea.

When you've preached predestination with

They're a worthless class of people, stamped

with every vice and crime. But you and I must take them as we find

Will you broaden your Gospel teaching, an let them into the fold?

II.

When you've reared your stately churche

where you do not count the cost! When you've preached your Gompel tidings to the rich; Will you kindly save a penny for the penniless

For the drunkards lying helpless in the ditch

They have long ago forgotten all the Gospel

They are helploss in the bondage of their sin-

Though they're drifting far to seaward almost

There may be yet a chance to bring them in

III.

When you've donned your costly vestments, when you've raised your altars grand; When your crums of gold with jewels leads

Will you kindly pause a moment, then lend a

heiping hand To save these helpless people gone astray? They are far from all your worship with their

The chants they sing are those of grim de-

But are they quite beyond our thought and

Brought to grief by their folly, lying low in

their shame; Come with me to their brothels, look and see

And their creed is interwoven with a world of

(With Apologies to Mr. Kipling.)

# NOTE AND COMMENT.

And there are some people who are kicking because it is too hot.

Though ye do be havin' smallpox in the house across the way. If you have a yellow flag out, ye'd best take is

in today.

When the byes is celebrathin' that today's March 17,

It's but rayson to expect that they will paint the city green.

If Quay doesn't get into the Senate he ought to get a job floating Philadelphia's convention bonds.

St. Pathrick was the landlord of the Ould Kil-

larney bogs, And the first harrd work he done was to evict the toads and frogs.

They are already talking of the passing of Aguinaldo, but it must be remembered that this will take a pretty fleet man.

Now doth the wily little kid

Perceive it stands to reason That he should join the Sunday school Before the picnic sea

If this sort of thing is to continue, it will soon be said that it is easier for a rich man to get into the kingdom heaven than into the United States Senate.

Representative Summers M. Jack, of

the Twenty-first Pennsylvania District.

claims to represent one of the most popu-

lous districts in the country. It comprises

What's the use o' thinkin'

That such days 'll nevy Last the whole week through¶ Storms may be a-comin' 'Fore the first o' May,

A correspondent of a Louisiana country

paper writes: "I have had an engagement

with a young lady for the last three

months to take her buggy riding the first

afternoon the roads would do to drive

over. The engagement is still pending.

Now you can imagine the condition of our

Once when General Butler was in Con-

nuated that the member who was occa-

gress he rose in his place and gently in-

pying the floor was transgressing the lim-it of debate. "Why, General," said the

member in reproachful tones, "you divided

your time with me." "I know I did," re-

joined the grim old warrior; "but I did

British military authorities in Australia

have tried to temper the large popular

expectations of what the Australian mill-

tia may achieve by saying that the Aus-

tralian colonists, unlike those in South

Africa, are not expert in the use of fire-

arms. The lack of large game has pre-

vented the acquirement of the skill with

the rifle which has characterized settlers

The resignation of Major Runcle from

his office in Cuba, in response to the clam-

or of the Havana papers, brings to light a

singular act of duplicity. His recent arti-

cle in the North American Review, severe-

ly critcising the Cubans and the admin-

istration of General Brooke, was written

for the personal benefit of a journalist

not divide eternity with you."

in America and Africa.

When the sky is blue

Bright enough today.

But the sun is shinin

go to the polls next November in the one answer.

consciousness that, after sacrificing its sons and spending its treasure in an in ternational war, this Nation was forced, by a Republican majority in the House and a Republican majority in the Senate, to lay the fruits of its triumph. the great expansion policy, the plighted faith of its Executive, and every principle of enlightened justice and civilized government, at the feet of the sugar and tobacco lobby organized and encamped in the capitol at Washington to thwart the will of the American people?"

Our Pacific states want free commercial intercourse with the Philippine Islands. Here is a position that will afford a footing for boundless expansion of our Pacific Ocean commerce. It is the one commercial question of all others in which we are most deeply interested. A writer in "Engineering," a well-known technical journal, published in London, says: "The influence of the Philippines on the future of the trade in General Buller's army in all the in the Pacific area is certain to be very great, and it is not improbable that Manila will become a port of call for all the most important steamship Ines. Indeed, that port may be conaddered the most central port of the entire Aslatic Pacific Coast, more so even than Hong Kong and Shanghai, and nearer to the great range of Southern and Australian ports. The possibilities of Manila as a distributing port are great, and so also are those of the Philippine Islands, with their vast and varied undeveloped resources, which offer a most inviting field for the expansion of trade."

But a Republican Congress says we can't have these advantages, which would so largely inure to the benefit of our Pacific states, because selfish protooted interests fear their "graft" will be interfered with, and will hear to nothing but continuance of their own exactions. Either this is to be the ruin of expansion, or it is to lead to the destruction of protected greed. Perhaps we have here at last an issue that will tear up the abuses of this system by the roots. For the flag has got to come back from these places to which it has been carried by the valor of the country's sons, or these insolent dewar. Mr. Parnell would never have mands of avarice and greed are to be defeated. Is this a great country, or a mere pocket borough, the property of trusts, administered through their lobby? Are its new territorial acquisitions to have fair treatment and to be permitted to develop their industry and to profit by it, or are they to be pressed to the utmost by schemes of selfish exploitation and imperial exaction? The Republican party has allowed itself to be headed in the wrong direction. It can't right its course too

Lord Roberts, who has recently been The treasury statement sent out in Commander-in-Chief of the forces in the dispatches from Washington daily Ireland, has lately taken occasion to has been changed, it will be noticed, in deny for the majority of the Irish peoaccordance with the law of March 14, ple any sympathy with the disloyal at-1900. The cash balance has been retitude maintained in public speech by duced by \$150,000,000, the amount set Mr. Healy and his faction of Irish irapart for the department of issue and reconcilables, whose behavior is the redemption. The gold reserve no longer strongest argument yet uttered in supappears in the statement, as it stands port of those able Englishmen who disstationary at \$150,000,000, but in its trust the capacity of the Home Rule

The only thing to add to these conderations is the fact that the one thing we need a little more than anyto ultimate control of foreign relations thing else is a profitable market for the right to interfere in matters that our exports of wheat, flour, lumber, might seriously affect the welfare of hops, beer, meats and fish. If we are its alien population. to send these things profitably to the of the North American Review, ex-Philippines, we must provide return cargoes for the ships. Tariffs on Philamines this whole subject with ippine imports will stand in the way customary care, "Great Britain," he of shipping between there and here, says, "by a grant of full independence and consequently reduce the net return and sovereignty, might have relieved to our farmers, fishers and lumbermen herself from responsibility for injury from products sold in Asia. or wrong to aliens in the Transvaal

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# A GREAT DAY FOR IRELAND.

the wrong were continuous, she owed Today is a great day for Ireland the diplomatic pressure for a change of world over, but it is to be particularly action; if this were refused, she had by a great day for Ireland in England, international law the right of way where the green flag is to be universally displayed in honor of the splendid becomes a duty, is a question for the valor displayed by the Irish regiments sole decision of the injured country." The state which admits that another fighting, from Colenso to Ladysmith. has the right to ultimate control of its The intimation by the Irish irreconcilaforeign relations is not an independent bles that if Queen Victoria visits Ireland she will be treated by the public greatest of all acts of sovereignty; and with silent contempt, if not open insult when occasion arises it includes a conis an impeachment of the Irish people trol over internal policy, in its relation that they do not deserve. Queen Victo allens, as the greater includes the toria is nearly \$1 years of age; she has less. Such is the basis of the British always been a thoroughly good woman, contention as to the Transvaal, Soverand Dublin, which received the visit eignty was not claimed over the Orange of her wretched old uncle, George IV, Free State; but that state cannot eswith so much public applause that Lord cape the consequences of its alliance Byron denounced it in one of his bitwith the Transvaal. terest satires, is not likely to be wanting in public courtesy to Queen Victoria. The truth is that only a small

MISTAKEN ECONOMY. Some of the statesmen at Washingportion of the Irish people feel any sympathy with the attitude assumed ton who are just at present showing during the Boer war by Mr. Healy and such a deep interest in the American his faction. Mr. Healy and his faction | merchant marine are in fair way to stultify themselves by the action they have lost a great opportunity, and have are taking regarding the abolishment thus shown their utter lack of statesmanship. Mr. Healy was always a of the branch hydrographic offices thorn in the side of Parnell, who was The plea they have made as an excuse the only statesman that Ireland has for giving the shipbuilding syndicate several million dollars in the way of a known since the death of O'Connell. Mr. Parnell had his faults, but he subsidy is that it will increase the num ever threw away a great opportunity ber of American ships on the ocean. for Ireland for the mere sake of ex-While endeavoring to work this graft pectorating his spleen upon the British through Congress, enough of these statesmen voted for a bill which in ef-Government when engaged in a foreign

fect abolishes all of the branch hydroconsidered the struggle of the Boer ollgraphic offices, to secure its passage by garchy as identical with that of Ireland the House, and it is now before the for home rule. Mr. Parnell would have Senate committee. In other words, promptly declared his loyalty to the they have endeavored to secure more British flag, and by that declaration ships, and at the same time have with drawn from those already afloat one of have gained the confidence of the Conservatives and increased their willingthe greatest safeguards that could ness to grant further concessions in the be thrown around them.

line of enlarged home rule. Mr. Par-The branch hydrographic officer nell would have used his great opporgather and keep the only record of curtunity like a statesman; not abused it rents, tides, winds, rocks, derelicts and other data pertaining to navigation. like an eloquent blackguard and blatherskite. Lord Roberts and his father be-The monthly charts which are made up from the data collected by men who fore him were both loyal Irishmen, and traverse the seas are recognized the world over as models of accuracy, and

the property and even life that is saved through the warnings conveyed by the charts is of incalculable value. One of the arguments that was presented in favor of cutting down th estimate for the office was that the information thus collected was of more benefit to navigators of other nations

than it was to the Americans. This in

Great Britain had surrendered the right the demands of justice. Give them to interfere with the internal affairs of markets and they won't have to ask for the country, she retained by her right | free soup.

> VIEW OF A RELIGIOUS JOURNAL The Independent, New York.

What, then, is the secret of the extraordinary situation in Congress? Evidently there is a pressure of interests which know how to enforce their demands. It is beet sugar and cane sugar and tobacco. It will be revelation to the people of the United States that the growers of these crops have power suddenly to revolutionize the policy of a great party, to bring recalcitrants swiftly into line, and to force an unpopular the right and duty of reclamation; if measure through both houses. W assume that the Senate will adopt the principle of it, unless public opinion, which daily becomes more When the exercise of this last right outspoken against it, makes itself heard in such a way that legislators

will not dare to disregard it. It was asserted again and again in the debate that the President had come to favor the hill. Publicly, in state. Such control is the chiefest and his message, and privately to individuals, he had given his voice for free trade with Puerto Rico. It is evident that he has accepted what he did not like, because of the polit. ical pressure. We suppose that he intimated that he would prefer to have the bill pass as it was drawn up rather than allow the Democrats to take control of the measure. But we greatly regret that he yielded at

all, and did not use all legitimate influence to secure, as we believe he might, the adoption of his pro-

nounced policy by his political friends. It would have given both him and his party a better record. If this legislation is perfected, the Republican party is likely to have a most troublesome issue to meet in the coming campaign. Public opinion will go strongly to the side of Puerto Rico, if the disastrous results which are feared should follow the novel project of relief by taxation. Now we wait to see if the Senate may possibly have wisdom to correct the astounding blunder of the House.

#### A Missing Twin. New York Herald.

The party leaders are now quietly mak-ing drafts of a new platform to be adopted in a few months. How are they going to explain the desertion and death of the

reciprocity twin? When President McKinley was inaugu rated and at once called Congress in ex-tra session, not, as was expected, to renothing which is form the currency, but to pass a tariff bill, the country was assured that ex-travagant protective duties would not, in ulty, their inexhaustible resources in fact, be operative, but would be cut down by the reciprocity treaties to be effected. pleasing the eye, the ear, the inste, and the intelligence, give to life nearly all Foreign nations, angered by the high duties imposed upon their products, and disposed to retallate in hostile legisla-an artistic imagination has been able to tion, were concliated with statements devise in architecture and in street scene about the friendly intentions of the United States, and its ardent desire to which are a pleasure and a lesson in the nake reciprocal concessions. And now the farce is played out. It recently looked as if we might secure a treaty with Argenting, but the woolgrowers of Ohio killed that, and with France, bu sic, literature, philosophy, this-which would be one solid result of to all the world, are a few of the things

practically a unit in demanding "justice and "our plain duty" to Puerto Rico, though it should cost us the Philippines. The Republicans of these states believe that the party leaders in Washington are of diversified crops wandering through the maze of constitutional doubts and broken pledges to party onor and probable defeat.

Therefore we believe that there should be a concerted movement among the Re-publicans of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota to war Senators of the jeopardy in which the party stands by reason of the gross folly and political periody of the Puert Rico tariff bill.

Let each Republican consider it his immediate duty to inform the Senator from his state by telegram, letter or postal card of the prevailing sentiment of his neigh-borhood that in denying free trade to Puerto Rico the Republican party is en dangering the control of the next Congress.

#### Railway Work in the Philippines. Casster's Magazine.

The fact that the entire railway system of the Philippine Islands at present con-sists of a single line of antiquated pattern, having a length of less than 125 miles, gives some idea of the neglect of this economic form of travel and trans portation under the long Spanish regime. The road intersects the rich peninsula northwest of Manila and connects that city with Dagupan, a town on the east coast of Luzon which will eventually be come an important one. To be exact, the with of the line is 122 miles. The gauge is 3 feet 6 inches, and the ties are of th finest hardwood, obtained from the forests along the line. On the entire length there are 60 iron bridges. As con with the fairly substantial character of the roadbed, the rolling stock is very light. In speed and capacity the tives are insignificant, being of less than 19 tons burden.

The usual speed varied from 15 to miles an hour, and when the American troops took possession their railroadin astonished the natives, the speeds being frequently doubled. Compartment coaches are used, and these are divided into three classes or apariments, each apartment seating eight passengers. The few firstclass coaches are provided with comfort able cane chairs, while the second-class apartments have rough wooden benches, and the third-class are bare and ar usually crowded with natives carrying baskets and bundles of all descriptions An ordinary train is made up of eight or 10 carriages, most of them third class, and the fare ranges from 2 to 5 cents, Mexican, per mile. The bulk of the freigh now carried is made up of rice, sugar, hemp and building material, and the rates on all classes of traffic are considerable

French Vitality.

Can you spare from your enae and comfort a cup or two in His name? Thomas Barclay, in the Fortnightly Re view. When you've sutisfied your conscience with The position of France in the

unique. England, Germany and America as great competing industrial produce Your organized societies in Charity's sweet unique to th name one or the other. But to the French we Will you kindly save a nickel for the undeserving, too, Who are living open lives of vice and shame? You may think their case is hopeless, that they're quite beyond recall. That they scarce are worthy of your penc or prayer-Shall we leave them in the brothel, let then Driving headlong in their course to-God knows where! in the gutter fall? fine arts; their theaters, in which the histrionic art has reached the highest point of development ever attained; their brilliant schols of painting, sculpture, mu-

t Until the Harvest. Jacksonville (Fia.) Times-Union The young man who is sowing his wild oats doesn't seem to understand the value

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friend in the United States, and was not meant for publication. Somehow the article got printed in the Review, and now Major Runcle pays the penalty by losing his office.

Howly St. Pathrick, a great and good man he

Loike many iv thim in the long, long ago, When you've thundered forth the doctrine and milt on a highly convivial plan he Whin they asked him to dhrink, sure he never

Will you kindly drop a penny in my litil said no But wanst iv a night the good man had been To save the poorest outcasts at your door? dhrinkin' hard,

And atharted to hed loike a well-behaved

When he chanced on a soight which commenced him a-thinkin' hard, And inded by tumblin' him down in a faint.

From the brothel and the gutter, they are covered o'er with slime, And they've left all Christianity behind Reight in the room and all over the flure iv it,

Frogs, toads and snakes were all scattered

galore; They numbered three thousand, St. Pathrick Old men, young men, women and girls as well ds of them reckless-bitter with wan was sure iv it, Paying the wage of sin-all of them bound for

Such a reptile brigade he'd seen niver before. said the saint whin he managed to think a bit, "This kind of folk must go under the ban;

A foine thing it is when wan happens dhrink a bit,

All the crayters that crawl must come sleep with a man."

Nixt morning, shilally in hand, thin he stharted out.

Huntin' for snakes and for toads and for

frogs, laytn' the repthlice wherelver they darted out, Till not one was left in the lakes and the

DOGT. Since thin has Ofreland always been free from

thim. And now, whin a man gets to dhrinkin' too deep.

He don't have to turn like the childher and

hd men, young men, women and girls, as well, Baffled and beaten at every turn-living as But stays with the dhrink till he drops off to Scarcely a helping hand outstretched-all of them bound for hell-is this the Gospel He preached of old-that sinnp.

# Shamrock Time.

Patrick Coleman in The Gael. The shamrock time, and the wild, wise swalle The submitted time, and the wine wing Pursues the Summer on enger wing. Now April woos them, and all things follow, Take fight and follow the feet of spring. Sut we, in stranger lands sojourning, Like fieldings far from their forest nest, Are filled with mourning and wild heart-years Ing To the soft green isle of the golden west Oh, my heart doth follow The sweet Spring swallow, As it wings its way o'er the ocean foam, Where the shamrock's springing,

The thrush is singing

His song of Spring in my Irish home.

Earth's deep heart answers today with laugh-Young men, old men, women and girls as well

But we, we nor laugh nor smile: or we are only fain to follow after The wild wind winging unto our isle. oday down many a leafy alley The whitethorn blossom is odorous; O'er many a violet-purple valley The lark is singing, but not for us.

Oh! fair, ye say, was the land our mother; Her smile was sweet, but it was not ours; We sowed the vineyard and vale; another Sat as lord in her children's towers. Her love was mild, but another claimed it They took the harvest, 'twas ours the toll; Her name was fair, but her foes defamed its We plowed, but a stranger held the soil.

Small share have we in the stranger's city. The scoff of scorn and the stony street, There's never a kindly glance of pity, Our tears embitter the bread we eat. We sing no song, but in dreams we follow, Take flight and follow, or hond or free The seaward sweep of the wild, wise swalls? The west wind winging to lands o'er ses. Oh, my heart doth follow The sweet Spring swallow, As it wings its way o'er the ocean f Where the shamrock's springing, The thrush is singing The song of Spring in my Irish home

the story tell When you and I have gone with them to ou final resting place? -Arthur D. F. Randolph.

Old men, young men, women and girls as well, Thronging the streets by night, flaunting their vice in your face-How shall we answer for them? What shall