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seems," he says, "to talk of the native Philippine boys having ability to organize a government of their own. It is only in rare cases that any of them show any real governing power."

owing to the increasing demand for close and exacting application, when the cigar and pipe will be barred from offices where desk work, the value of which depends upon accuracy and promptness, is performed, that time is not yet; but when the necessity for such an order becomes apparent to clear-headed business men, it will be given and employees will have to conform to it.

made the town," and it looks as if Cover, measured by the superior political machismo of the country, was right.

By the most solemn obligations to sustain freedom." The Bishop is simply exercising an unquestionable prerogative of American citizenship when he "votes down" today what he has laid down with so much vigor and earnestness in an address in Brooklyn on January 11, 1897.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Having shut up the gamblers, the New York police might try their hand on Bryan.

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THE LATEST BLOW AT TRUSTS. The decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Waters-Pierce Company against the State of Texas certainly looks as if all right and practicable remedies against trusts can be invoked under laws easy of enactment by the states, provided only Legislatures will set about the task in a sincere and intelligent way.

THE ABLEER CONGRESSMEN. Commenting on the fact that "the able members of Congress of recent years do not come from the greater cities of the Union," the Boston Herald says that in professional and business life in great cities are such that men of ability will not sacrifice them for seats in Congress, and further says that the party machinery of great cities is in such hands that "the ablest men of men, unless they are rich, are shut out from office by those who control it."

LOSS OF BONDS AND CURRENCY. Millions of Profits to the Treasury of the United States. Chicago Record.

PANAMA OR NICARAGUA? The Advantages and Disadvantages Compared. New York World.

It costs \$2 to take a bath at Cape Nome, but the condition of the water up there most of the year renders such a bath is solid comfort.

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY. There are signs that "The Social Democracy," which already has presented its candidate—Eugene V. Debs—for the Presidency, will be a considerable factor in many states this year. It has newspaper organs in Illinois, Kansas and Ohio; it will present electoral tickets in a majority of the states, and in several may have strength enough to become a balance of power.

THE TEXAS LAW, passed last year, acquires, through this decision, considerable interest for students and lawmakers. It provides, in substance, that the equivalent for the restriction of trade whether organized under the laws of Texas or any state, doing business within the state, shall be deemed a trust or monopoly. The act prohibits the giving away of any article or selling it for less than cost for the purpose of preventing free competition in manufacture or distribution. Refusal to sell to any person because he is not a member of the combination is prohibited. Purchases of articles manufactured by violators of the law cannot be required to pay for them. Each corporation is required yearly to state under oath whether it is in any "pool."

THE SALEM STATEMAN says the Bank Examiner of the Forks is and always was a gold-standard man. And yet, during his whole career in the Legislature and out of it, he was trying to send silver men to Congress and to prevent gold men from getting there. It was Johnson's kind of gold-standard man that made all the difficulties for the Republican party in Oregon and came very near turning the state over to the Demo-Populists; from which indeed it was saved only by the vote of the single County of Multnomah. In Johnson's own county (Linn) Bryan got 709 majority; and throughout the state, where the work of such "gold-standard" men was done, the results were similar. Johnson never cared for principle. He was one of many in a gang of mercenaries who were devoted to faction and to pursuit of office.

UNDER THE WHIP. Bosses of the Lobby Who Work for Oppression of Puerto Rico. Chicago Inter Ocean, Rep.

Threatened Calamity. There are "miserable little newspapers" that never are so happy as when misreporting The Oregonian. Here, now, is the Eugene Register, which prints the following, under the above head:

London Punch caricatured the custom of giving thanks to the Almighty for victory in war so effectively in 1870 that popular ridicule, it was thought, had killed it. The late Emperor William, or as he was known, King William of Prussia, was accustomed, during the Franco-Prussian war, to send a dispatch to Queen Augusta in Berlin ascribing every victory of the Prussians over the French to Divine Providence. Punch paraphrased one of these dispatches in the following verse:

THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY is that there shall be no more private ownership in or private control of the means of production. It intends the destruction of private capital, or capital, in the sense in which socialists use that word. It means the introduction of common or collective property in the instruments of production, and on the basis of this collective property a single system, carried on by public corporate bodies, communal groups and systems of groups; and it means moreover state organization of the distribution of what remains to be divided out of the collective output after the satisfaction of the public requirements—the distribution to be made in proportion to the share of work contributed by each individual, as some have it, or, as others have it, according to individual needs. All this is to be under the rule of pure popular sovereignty, both in the industrial sphere and in the Government or State. Under such system it is evident that the present constitution of society, with its basis of private property, would be entirely changed; and such change is the distinct and avowed object. It would involve the abolition of all relationships of private service, the present hire or wage system, as well as all private dealing in commodities, in services and in the use of commodities. It would mean the cessation of trades, of markets, the currency, credit, the practice of all kinds of interest and rent, and the extinction of a system of public payment for work as the sole form of income. The object is an exclusive and universal system of collective production and distribution of commodities entirely superseding the capitalist system, and thus also the wage system, in the interests of "individual freedom and the equality of all."

It must be borne in mind that the constitutionality of the Texas act, as a whole, has not been passed upon. The defense of the appellant company was restricted to the inviolability of the contracts, the State Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court also holding that the status of the company's business after the passage of that act was subject to the provisions of that act. They could obey it, or take the consequences. As long as results of this kind can be reached under state laws, the demand for amendment of the Federal Constitution in the interest of trust suppression will not get much attention.

THE LACK OF parental supervision of boys is never more apparent than in cases of dignified and impressive public ceremonies. Thus, for example, when the crowds were awaiting in Riverview cemetery last Sunday the arrival of the funeral cortege, dozens, perhaps hundreds, of boys, wholly unsupervised, roamed and wreathed over graves, tumbling about among the shrubbery, shouting names from the headstones and made themselves generally the most irreverent of nuisances. These are not bad boys. They are simply untrained, unsupervised boys, let loose with their flow of animal spirits upon an occasion which they made one of unseemly hilarity. The parents, who were nowhere in evidence except in the existence of the unmannerly boys, were to blame—not the undertaker.

SENATOR ALLEN, of Nebraska, says he is prepared to admonish men not to enlist for service in the Philippines, because the conditions are too bad there for human existence. Very well, then; let us admit that we are cowards and milkops and poltroons; that we are unequal to the work the English are doing in Africa and India, and the French in Madagascar and Cochinchina, and the Dutch in Java. Let us confess our cowardice and weakness and sneak home.

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THE BRITISH private soldier does not enjoy church parades, and will sometimes descend to subterfuge to escape it. This was the case the other day with a private in South Africa, who was trying unsuccessfully to evade the notice of his sergeant. The latter asked him, with perhaps unnecessary emphasis, why he did not fall in. He replied that he was a Unitarian. But the sergeant, an opponent, doubtless, of all sectarianism, would listen to no such excuse. With him discipline was far superior to dogma. "That ain't one of the three religions," said he, "Fall in with the Roman Catholics." It appears that, according to the views of the sergeant, all forms of worship are included under three heads: the Jewish, or "old Roman," as he expressed it; and his recruits have to declare preference for one or the other. Most of them are governed solely by expediency, as was the Tommy who, when examined as to his religious choice, replied: "I ain't no wise particular, Sergeant. Put me down Church of England. I'll go with the band."

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OFFICIAL BANISHMENT OF CIGARETTES. The order of the chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington prohibiting persons connected with the service from smoking cigars in the office hours will be generally indorsed by business men whose patience has been greatly tried with the carelessness and inattention to business details, due, as it is believed, to the prevalence of this habit among desk employees. The order is given (as is that which frequently dismisses from service in transportation business otherwise competent men who are immoderately, not in the interest of morality or through officious supervision of the personal habits of employees, but strictly for the good of the service, which demands alert, clear-headed men.

ANTI-EXPANSION'S WRY FACE. Baltimore Sun. Bishop Potter, of New York, has returned from the Philippines impressed with the idea that the archipelago must be held permanently by the United States, and that the Filipinos are not capable of self-government. Bishop Potter is a man of affairs, clear-minded, alert and earnest since we had any cities large enough and old enough to create a visible line of clear distinction between the life and manners of the city and the village. Fifty years ago it was rare to find a city-bred man a conspicuous leader in either house of Congress. The only great city of the East that sent men to Congress who were of conspicuous ability fifty years ago was Boston. The Northern statesmen of conspicuous ability in 1850 were country bred quite as much as they are today, and even in the case of Boston the greatest statesman was a country-bred man of high reputation for ability before he sought Boston as a residence. Very seldom ever fifty years ago did a man city bred from youth up become a conspicuous political leader in the House or the Senate. Cowper wrote: "God made the country, while man

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BISHOP POTTER'S OBSERVATIONS. Every one who visits the Philippine Islands and studies the situation there soon reaches the conclusion that it is impossible for the Philippines to attain national independence and self-government. This is the key to the whole situation. It is the condition that makes it impossible for us to withdraw, and the condition that makes it necessary for us, since we must stay, to require obedience to the authority of the United States.

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