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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Cloudy, with possibly occasional showers; cooler; winds becoming westerly.

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THESE HIGH SCHOOL SOKKOLA-GERS.

Many a man knows more at 20 than he does at 40. In school, or fresh from graduation, his mind is stored with lessons that become dim in the busy life of the succeeding years.

How are they going to prevent the unrestricted influx of Chinese labor? How are they going to reconcile the differences in the competing interests of the United States and the Philippines?

How are they going to hold the islands under our Constitution and not work preparable to war?

The bugbear of Chinese labor is well enough for California sandlots or the slums of our great cities; but it will become our higher institutions of learning. There, at least, we have the right to expect recognition of the industrial needs of cheap labor in laundries, gardens, kitchens, etc.

The argument is that the United States cannot hold the Philippines because, if it permits them to be overrun by Chinese, civilization there will be undone, and if it closes them to the Chinese, we shall be stepped from urging the "open door" in China.

The anti's mind is nothing if not gloomy. He might say that it is for our advantage to keep the islands, but justice to them requires us to forego the privilege of daylight robbery while we undoubtedly could confer great benefits upon them.

The fire in Jacksonville, Fla., by which 10,000 people were made homeless and destitute is a tragedy which has brought to the attention of the world the need of a more effective fire insurance system.

event in the history of the South, with the exception of the earthquake in Charleston some years ago and the more recent destruction of Galveston by flood. The condition of the victims of this fire would be desperate, notwithstanding the mildness of the weather.

Private and municipal aid is supplemented by the statement of the President that the Government will supplement these efforts, if necessary, thus affording assurance that, though many may go hungry before organized assistance can reach them, no one will perish from starvation.

IS IT LUCK?

The Springfield Republican smilingly concedes that everything seems to be coming McKimley's way. The insurance in the Philippines is in a state of seeming collapse; the Cuban Commissioners have gone home placated by the President; the authorities of Harvard reply to the alumni protest with a unanimous vote for the degree of LL. D.

Is it luck? It is not luck except so far as there may be an element of luck in the success and popularity of all public men who aim to be adroit, astute opportunists rather than statesmen who are ready fearlessly to play the hero's part, even when it probably implies the martyr's crown.

Then President McKimley is a man of unblemished private morals; he is the devoted, gallant husband of an invalid wife. While there is no taint of immorality about him, nevertheless he is not a man of ascetic life or Puritan vices of temper.

By that time, perhaps, the banks should have subsidized so low that we can adopt a system like that of the Scotch or the Canadians.

EUROPE AND MONROE DOCTRINE.

Count von Bulow exaggerates the scope of the Monroe Doctrine when he intimates that a league of Europe against America will ultimately prove to be a necessity of civilization.

youth, who is a model of domestic, conjugal virtues, who is the friend of religion and righteous habits, is a model citizen and president, what wonder that a hospitable, good-natured, people cheer every utterance of McKimley's?

THE WORLD'S PUBLIC DEBTS.

A study of the public debts of the world is chiefly instructive as dispelling any alarm that superficial observation of them is apt to promote. And for two reasons—first, the people are really owing themselves and second, wealth increases more rapidly than debt.

Germany's war with France in 1871, for example, added to the possessions of the victor, and the same is true of Britain's present war with South Africa and our own war with Spain.

It is obvious that under the present method of pursuing wars, railroad building and other public works on public loans, a considerable increase in national debts is to be expected, simultaneously with increase of possession.

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possible enlargement, it is not probable that the boundaries of the United States will be enlarged by the annexation of any more territory either in the New Old World. As for South America, its various states will be left to work out their own salvation.

H. J. Wilson, of Douglas County, furnished a long letter to The Oregonian, which was printed Thursday, in which he attempts to justify his action in flying the contract with James G. Clark, in which the latter agreed to give him a deed to certain land interests and personal property.

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THE WEST IS JUST BEGINNING.

Chicago Record-Herald. The increase in the population of the Atlantic States during the last decade and the very slight movement westward of the center of population are taken to signify that a steady retardation of this Western movement has begun.

It will be observed that Massachusetts has nearly double the population of California on about one-eighth of the area, and although there is relatively more waste in the Western state, it has an enormous excess of fertile soil and coal.

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AMUSEMENTS.

After sharing with Nathan Hale some of the most exciting moments of the Revolution, one feels entitled to see that hero rescued from the halter at the last minute; but, although the play ends a tragedy, the stirring words of the patriot, "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," thrill all true Americans like the news of a great victory.

Opening in the school taught by Hale at the outbreak of the war, the story at first gives no intimation of the drama which is taken on as the scenes go by. Hale's love passages with his pretty pupil, the quaint picture of the old schoolroom, and the dainty wooing of the backward Lebanon are all very pretty, but they do not withal unite to provoke clean mirth until Hale accepts the mission that leads to his capture.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Russia will soon be an unsafe place of residence for Tolstoy as it is for the czar.

Why doesn't a commission inquire into the sanity of that Chicago professor who has never kissed a girl?

The President is finding that there is no South, no North, no Northeast, a point North, and no Northeast by East.

John Cairns is the agent of an express company at Scranton, Kan. Not long ago a jug of liquor came to his office addressed to a certain man, and it had a C. O. D. attachment.

August Steiner, of Waukesha, Wis., believes that he has solved the secret of the solar system. His invention, an apparatus which he calls "the solar system," will, he claims, send some day make him fabulously wealthy.

Henry's falling.—"Don't weep," they said to the mourning widow; "remember that Henry has gone to a land flowing with milk and honey." "I know," she sobbed. "I know. But poor Henry was so careless about his rubbers."—Baltimore American.

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