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Breakers Ahead.

The political effect of the Supreme Court's decision in the insular cases is easy of apprehension. It will not appear, but thoroughly arouse, that large body of citizens who dread colonialism as it exists in Europe.

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Motorman—That fellow fooled me, that time. Conductor—How's that? It thought he was going to get on and I didn't stop, but he didn't want to get on.—Life.

A Hoodooed Yacht.

Tommy Liggett went to sea on the Shamrock. Meritly, he got a King on deck, Neither thinking Of a wreck.

Bitterness Fading Away.

The reunion of the veterans of the Confederacy at Memphis, Tenn., is a successful progress. The leading Confederate general present is General John B. Gordon, of Georgia, a famous division commander under "Stonewall" Jackson and Early, and General Stephen D. Lee and A. P. Stewart, of Mississippi, who were corps commanders in Hood's army during the Atlanta and Nashville campaigns.

state be made by any state or organization memorial association they be restored to the care of their native state. It was voted to ask Congress to make an appropriation sufficient for the care of the Confederate dead in cemeteries at the North.

The gratitude of the South is properly expressed to President McKinley for his legislation, for it was originally suggested by him in the first public speech he made at the South after his inauguration, and he afterwards strongly recommended in his message the law that has been enacted.

NOT AN IMAGINARY DISEASE.

Many physicians have been wont to hold that hydrophobia is a purely imaginary disease. Investigation has abundantly corroborated the distrust with which most cases of rabies has been viewed by careful men, but the genuineness of the affliction has been clearly established by various tests made from time to time in the Pasteur Institute of various cities.

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Modern Curiosities.

A woman lately died on Long Island who prided herself on the fact that she had never seen a trolley car nor a railroad train. A boast of this kind shows the rapid advance of modern life.

A Plea in Defense.

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Decorations Day.

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City of London would consent to erection of a statue of George Washington, for Washington was quite as much of a traitor as Montgomery, who served under Wolfe in the Quebec campaign, while Washington served under Braddock at the battle of the Monongahela.

Public Opinion in China.

The world is only beginning to realize the significance of China's refusal to sign the secret treaty with Russia in regard to the future of Manchuria. The greatest blunder of all has been the conduct of the Manchurian negotiation. It is true that Russia is still in virtual possession of the three provinces.

Consul Hughes, of Coburg.

Consul Hughes, of Coburg, has informed the State Department that a canal to unite the Caspian and Black Seas is gradually shifting southward, where the production of iron, coal and petroleum is rapidly increasing.

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You're out in the backyard a while, looking at the sloop on the ways and wondering if the gully yonder in the bay isn't going to begin pulling at her anchor when the swell rolls in; then you go into the shop and smell the shavings and the paint, and along toward evening you wander into the house, where the fire is flickering fitfully and the clam pie on the table breathes a delicious fragrance on the air.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Is May 30 a day of general rejoicing? It is very evident that this Olympic od cannot be made light of.

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