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PORTLAND, SATURDAY, DEC. 28.

A FRIENDLY SUGGESTION.

The Democratic party, as all the world knows, is consumed with veneration for the Constitution. Rather than that a punctuation point of that immortal document should be harmed, every Democrat in the land would suffer his tongue to be cut out and his body buried in the sand of the seashore, etc. We take it that the Democrats would wish to be judged by nothing so much as by their fidelity to the Constitution, for they have been harping upon the theme for some years. It is not inappropriate, therefore, to invite their attention to a passage in the aforesaid undertaking:

Article XIV . . . Section 2 . . . When the right to vote at any election for the choice of signars for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress the encoutive and judicial officers of a state, of members of the Legislature thereof, is de-to any of the male inhabitants of such being 21 years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, exorpt for participation in rebellion, or other crims, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such mals citizens shall beer to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age.

It is a matter of common knowledge that large numbers of negroes have decisions of labor caucuses. been distranchised in Southern States A similar charge has been brought against Massachusetis, but that does not greatly signify, as Massachusetts voted for McKinley and thus openly tion for successful work in Congress or

had not dispraised Commodore Schley, the burning of 1000 houses was wanton Shafter as an incompetent commander, whose attack on Santiago would have ended in an ingiorious retreat had it Eyre, and large sums of money were not been for the desperate courage and energy with which his subordinates, in- high crimes. The champions of Eyre cluding Colonel Roosevelt, charged and included Carlyle, Tennyson and Procaptured the enemy's position. It is fessor John Tyndall, the famous scienhistorically true that General Shafter, tist. Huxley, who was a lifelong friend owing to his age and his obesity, was of Tyndall, stood up with Mill against as far distant from his Army when it Eyre, and his eloquent letter to Tyncaptured San Juan Hill as Sampson dall explaining his attitude is included was from his fleet when the Spanish in "Huxley's Life and Letters." The squadron was destroyed. It is historically true that even after the capture of while Eyre's action was irregular and San Juan Hill Shafter was disposed to possibly a violation of the constitutional take counsel of his discretion rather than his valor, and would have retreat- he was a strong man, whose course had ed had not General Wheeler and others saved Jamaica from the horrors of a of his subordinates prevailed upon him race war. Eyre and his military and by their remonstrances to hold his naval associates were recalled to Engground. It is historically true that the land and brought to trial, but the proquestion as to whether the credit of the ceedings proved abortive through the victory of Santiago belongs chiefly to action of the grand juries in throwing General Shafter or to others is today settlement. Army officers. Suppose Maclay had not dispraised Schley, but had depreciated Shafter; would Maclay have been these facts, and thinks that a contropromptly dismissed from the civil servversy of equal intensity could not arise ice on the ground that it was an offense in England nowadays over a similar against "discipline" for a civil service case, because men of the intense humploye to publish an uncomplimentary manitarian passion and anti-militarist stimate of an Army officer's military spirit that possessed Mill have comparatively small political following or eadership before Santingo? If it is a areach of "discipline," then the civil ocial influence in England. This is service implies no more personal freeprobably true of England, and In no less degree of America. Reckless and iom of action or speech than belongs to

a soldier or a marine. brutal contempt for the constitutional rights of a British subject was what Burke, supported by Fox and Sheridan, We are not saying that the military and civil service ought not to be goveloquently charged against Warren erned by the same rules, but we do say that if the "discipline" is to be the Hastings. There was truth in the same it ought to be so stated in the charge, even as there had been in the charges made against Clive, but the law and the regulations of the civil serconclusion of the British Parliament vice. Finally, the offense committed by was that there were extenuating cir-Maclay was really not his offense, but that of naval officers who prompted cumstances and that Hastings had rendered services of inestimable value to him, yet who keep under cover. They ought to be disciplined. his country. Had Hastings hanged an Englishman, born and bred, as he did

the Brahmin, Nuncomar, he would have

that he was dealleg with an Asiatic

made a deal of difference. The race

prejudice, or contempt, of the English-

man for the Asiatic, the African or the

Indian, has always in times of real or

funcied emergencies wrenched the ac-

tion of Englishmen in both Great Brit-

Sometimes the emergency is real, a

1857; sometimes the plea for despotic

proceedings has no real foundation in

the situation and is prompted only by

the stupid fears and utter lack of head

on part of those resorting to measures

of illegal severity, as in the case of

Governor Eyre, who behaved like a tyrant because he was easily frightened.

Nevertheless, it is true in both England

and America that there are many men

of humane culture and enlightcoment

who are easily disposed to treat the so-

man save a white man as a subject for

In theory, in our statutes we con-

SHAW'S CURRENCY VIEWS.

of any

called "constitutional rights"

was in the awful Indian Mutiny of

of strict constitutional justice.

een severely dealt with, but the fact

PERILS OF DEMOCRACY.

The grievous waste of time and experionce attendant upon the departure of a Postmaster-General impresses itself strongly upon Mr. Charles Emory Smith, late occupant of that office. Mr. Smith himself is glad to be rid of it and to be back in his sanctum at Philadelphia; but his remark is made the basis of a good deal of complaint in Eastern papers about the mischief of getting rid of an official just as he has become efficient in the duties of his

post. A complaint of a different kind, but requiring the same answer, comes from cities that have recently made Mayors of men unfamiliar with municipal affairs. This was done, it will be remembered, in the election of an orchestra leader, Schmidt, Mayor of San Francisco, while in Ansonia, Conn., the trades-unionists elected their candidates to every office except that of City Clerk. It develops, also, that not only are all the offices in the hands of untrained mon, but the administration

small solicitude. has a new charter to interpret and apply for the first time. The Mayor has niready made several humiliating mistakes, and has exposed several of his official acts to the charge of lilegality. Worst of all, the new Treasurer is igthere was when Eyre hanged Gordon, norant of finance, and will soon be out in 1895. We are disposed to be "color of money with which to meet city exblind" on occasions and so-called emerpenses. Moreover, the labor officials gencies to "constitutional rights." seem to regard themselves as agonts of the trades-unions rather than of the taxpayers, and guide themselves by the

Welcome the coming, speed the part-The seriousness of these two situaing! And now what the country wants tions it is idle to disparage. It is not to know of Mr. Shaw is how he is likely too much to say that experience conto regard the various financial proposals stitutes the most important qualificabefore the country. Fortunately he has might be made the rule, under the recently given his ideas, in a speech sanctions and penalties of law, in the repudiated the Constitution. The bur- the departments. The skill and wisdom at Norfe , Neb., before we throw away when we change Postsociation. The principal topic of his offices. Such law was enacted by the master-Geenrals are not greater than address was the much-mooted question | Legislature during its latest session, what we sacrifice in other Cabinet posiof "asset" currency, but upon other and the Supreme Court of the state has tions or in leading places in Congress. topics he touched incidentally. Probably the State and Treasury De-Governor Shaw believes in the banker partments are more in peril from inexas a useful, patriotic citizen, and also Commissioners-to carry out the provisperience than the Postoffice Departas an intelligent force in affairs. He ions necessary for making the act opment. Yet no sooner does a man get thinks the bankers did not talk enough the run of his duties and become fully in 1896, and do not talk enough now. equipped to discharge them with credit He says they ought to resolve themthan he is superseded by somebody selves into an educational agency for that is to say, the judges appointed who all his life has followed law, perthe inculcation of correct knowledge and the death of financial error. He haps, or newspaper work, or manufac turing. So in cities we are continually says the banker has the confidence of it. Appointment of these judges, who electing Mayors who can't run business the community, and "when there is no now are to exercise this double funcfear present in the land, his customer ure, and Treasurers who never made will take his word as a verity." Gov- important matter, requiring administraernor Shaw is strong now as always tion at the hands of representative and The apparent remedy for these awkfor the gold standard, and believes that responsible men. ward and costly proceedings is to keep all forms of our currency should be spe trained servants in office, just as trade cifically redeemable, perhaps indirectly but anyhow redeemable, in gold. "Safeguard it as you may, under conditions easily conceivable, the silver certificate or the silver coin may be at a discount. and so long as there is the element of danger, however remote, so long there will exist an ever-present cause of panic." Thre is no more important branch of financial legislation than the various projects for providing an "elastic" currency. Elasticity is the real basis of most of the currency reform plans now under consideration. The conservation of the gold standard is a mere matter of detail, but some different arrangement is needed to provide for greater facility in the issue and especially in the retirement of notes, whether by mercy of the gales in the harbor at banks or Federal Treasury. All compe-BLOOD AND IRON. Astoria. tent thought turns, of course, toward Theories of government are severely bank notes, in the hope that the Government will pay its non-interest-beartested by experience. In neither Great Britain nor the United States is there ing debt, and that we may get a curso much "humanitarianism" in pracrency based on the business credit of tice as there was in theory forty years the country, rather than on the Treasago. The recent death of the once no- ury, and ultimately on the taxing power. Increased facility of bank note torious Governor Eyre, of Jamaica, recalls a bitter controversy which conissues, therefore, is what we are all vulsed England in 1865-67. It was a aiming at. controversy that sharply divided men It is a comfort to find that Governor of equal eminence for culture, ability, Shaw's attitude toward the vexed quesbumanity and learning. Eyre was Govtion of "currency based on assets" is ernor of Jamaica when a negro riot precisely that which has long been mistake not, Colonel McCrea was for a maintained in these columns. He does not favor the proposal, but he bases his of twenty-five persons and the burning opposition, not upon any inherent weak- lery and General John Gibbon comness or vice in it, but upon the fact and looting of several stores. The that the people are not ready for it. bla. Governor Shaw seems to think, as The Oregonian has always maintained, that The shotgun in careless hands in al-Army or Navy, of course, is specifically man of education and ability, and mem- the conditions of a banking system's success rest quite as much in the habits, of disaster at Christmas time as is the temper and even prejudices of the peotoy pistol on the Fourth of July in the hands of the patriotic small boy. A ple as in the correctness of the theory Within a few days all signs of revolt upon which the system is devised. recognize," he says, "a public prejudice book that contained an uncompliment- order to make an "example," arrested akin to fear, against a currency based Cordon at Kingston, which was not unon assets, and prejudice, so long as it hands of lads who thought they knew der martial law, and sent him for trial exists, constitutes an element of daninto the district that was under marger, even when the thing itself, against to find that they were mistaken. There which the prejudice lics, contains no element of danger." So, although Mr. Gordon was tried by military court Shaw believes that assets currency is and executed, and hundreds of innocent persons were executed or were barbarsafe; that it involves no new element ously flogged. The royal commission of danger either to noteholder or de- game. which subsequently investigated the afpositor, inasmuch as banks now raise fair reported "that the punishments incash on their commercial paper when lish a history which criticises the pro-fessional conduct of a Navy officer? ficted were excessive; that the punish-ment of death was unnecessarily fre-rency, on the grounds specified, and he ment of death was unnecessarily frerency, on the grounds specified, and he seeming dignity of silence. There is much he would like to say, no quent; that the floggings were reckless, offers in its stead a greater latitude for

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ent, governed in volume, automatically but had denounced Major-General and cruel." When the news reached by a graduated tax on issues. England, John Stuart Mill led the as-The country need expect, therefore, no sault in Parliament upon Governor radical proposals as to bank currency from the new Secretary of the Treasury. The moderation of his views in subscribed to have him prosecuted for this regard will inspire general confidence. Nothing is more dangerous in practical statecraft than the idealist, impatient of considerations of expediency. Abandonment of banking by the Government and a scientific currency are the ends to which we all aspire But a summary retirement of the position taken by Cariyle was that Treasury notes with simultaneous adoption of the Canadian or Scotch banking system would produce more harm A banking system, like rights of a British subject, nevertheless than good. every other human institution, is a growth. Its roots are in the solid rocks of truth, but its leaves and branches can only thrive in an atmosphere of friendly public opinion. Money is not the only realm where reformers are fain to do business without regard to human out the bills, so that the merits of the nature, which is an indispensable factor still a subject of sharp dispute among question escaped authoritative judicial in the solution of all sociologic and governmental problems. The Springfield Republican recites

The organized work of the Salvation Army gave substantial Christmas cheer to thousands of the poor of New York City. The same is true only in a lesser degree, because the need was less, in

many other cities of the country, our own included. Food for 20,000 people, the needs of whom had been investigated by the tireless workers of the Army, was distributed in baskets at 3400 homes, while 3000 of the homeless class sat down to a public table spread with the season's abundance. Of the latter class of beneficiaries, no doubt many were impostors, but of the former, all, or nearly all, were worthy poor that do not ask charity, but receive Christmas bounty with gratitude. "We are spoiling and vulgarizing Christmas," says Bishop Doane in an article in the

last number of the Independent, "with costliness and display." In his opinion the "in-between thing that knits the human and divine together" at this season "is the outgoing of the divine in the human to make Christmas cheer for those to whom only the gaunt skele ton of its abstract fact on the calendar makes it Christmas at all." Accepting this view, we must concede that the Salvation Army's share in promoting this "in-between thing" last Wednesday ain and America from the rendering was a large one.

C. Osborne Ward, of the United States Department of Labor, in his recently published book on the "Origins of Socialism," contends that Jesus was a member of the organized working class whose aim was to spread socialism over the world. He holds that this was the scheme originally embodied in the memorable order to "go forth," and that the Apostles and early Christian leaders, including Luke, were many of them leaders in these unions. The Jewish workmen were especially ready to join the new movement started by Jesus, for their unions had been the objects of bloody attack by the ruling classes, and standing armies from the ranks of labor cede equal "constitutional rights" to itself had filled the world with heartmen of all colors but in practice there broken slaves. These slaves, mostly is less "humacitarianism" in politics, prisoners of war, had supplanted the whether in England or America, than free workingmen. Mr. Ward thinks that there is evidence in the history of the Jews of progressive movements in behalf of the working class, from the great strike led by Moses against the Egyptian master down to the work of Jesus in the open advocacy of the people's cause.

It was the desire of the people of

Multnomah County that a primary election law be enacted, so that fairness

STILL HARPING FOR SILVER.

San Francisco Call. Congressman Little, of Arkansas, has introduced into the House of Representatives a bill providing for the free coinage of sliver at the ratio of 15 to 1. H is reported to have declared that he has no idea that the bill will be passed, but he hopes to be able to force a debate upon "to keep the party record straight. and determine how many members of the House calling themselves Democrats are really true to the Chicago platform. While Mr. Little is making that play it Washington, Mr. Bryan is doing something of the same kind in Nebraska. In the current number of the Commoner he publishes a long editorial on "Bimetal ism," and in another column of the same issue he comments favorably upon the statement of a correspondent that Senator Jones, of Nevada, is wrong in holding that "the increased output of gold has accomplianed what bimetalism would have accomplished." Thus the former silver leader refuses to admit that silver is dead. Like the Arkansas Congressman he wishes to keep the party record straight, and so far as the Commoner can do it the thing will be done. Mcantime there is trouble over the ques

tion elsewhere. The other day Boss Cro-ker, of Tammany, was interviewed in New York concerning the political outlook of the party, and when asked about free silver he answered: "The silver question ought to be dealt with by the National committee. Let those who framed it take care of it. We have nothing to do with

In view of the fact that Bryan closed the week. Two more performances of Arthur Als-ton's pretty Southern drama, "At the Old Cross Roads" will be given at Corhis campaign in 1999 with the famous ut-terance, "Great is Tammany, and Croker its prophet," the contemptuous referdray's, a matinee this afternoon, and this evening. There has been an unusual ade who framed the silver quesin for the Democracy is rather unkind. It was perhaps a shrewd move, however, vance demand for matinee seats, and in "pass the buck" to the National comdications point to one of the biggest houses of the week. to southe Bryan into keeping still and seeing to it that Mr. Little doesn't get a hearing for his silver bill on the floor of the House, Harry Beresford in "The Wrong Mr.

ONE PAPER'S VIEW.

Having Had Its Appropriation, Chi-

cago Would See No More Made. Chleago Tribune.

question whether it is not about time for Congress to draw the line in makappropriations for state expos ing centennial commemorations. As to the Virginia celebration of the Jam River Colony, recommended by the Gov-ernor of that state in his annual mes-

of these is an Exposition to be held in Portland, Or., in 1905, in celebration of the centenary of the expedition of Lewis and Clark across the continent to the Pa. cific Ocean. The commissioners of Exposition have already requested the Senators and Representatives of all the states along the route followed by Lewis Clark-viz., Oregon, Washington, and Idaho and Montana-to use "ali h cans to secure a generous appropriation' from Congress.

of a sudden has conceived such a violent admiration for Sir Walter Raleigh that it is not only collecting a fund for the erec of a statue as a memorial of him, but the North Carolina delegation has asked Congress to appropriate \$50,090 for a cele-bration next Summer commemorating the landing of the colony on Roanoke Island It is not so much the amount of money nvolved, for the appropriations for North Carolina and Oregon would be compara-tively small, but the principle, which should be constilered. If Congress makes appropriations for these purely local cele brations, it cannot consistently refuse other similar applications. Unquestionably there will be many of them, for every state and territory in the Union can find some centennial events of inter-est to celebrate, and the older states can find many of them. The danger is that centenaries, bicentenaries and tercentenarles will grow more and more numerous

AMUSEMENTS.

"Fogg's Ferry," which has been going the rounds of theaters East and West since Joe Jefferson was a mowing in-fant, arrived at the Marquam last night with Miss Iola Pomercy in the part made famous by Minnie Maddern, Lizzie Evans, and other actresses, and pleased an average audience. Miss Pomeroy is more than usually spirited and energetic, and adds the ability to sing and dance passably to the inclination to be bright and lively. She made of Chip a really in-teresting young person, and incidentally sang a song or two that provoked con siderable applause. The support is not especially noteworthy, but the principal parts are in fairly capable hands, and the play does not suffer severely in this respect.

night.

The Carolina quartet, Miss Alberta, and William Asher threw in a few specialties that might have been newer, but attil were tolerably executed and seemed to make a favorable impression. The play

MATINEES TODAY.

Reservations will be made as usual. At the Baker, "Ole Olson," with

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Wright."

is mounted as usual, and the steamboat explosion is as much of a feature as ever. It will be repeated this afternoon and to-

The passing of Maclay demonstrates the wrong, and then go ahead."

At the Baker, "Ole Olson," with Ben Hendricks in the name part, will be given at the matinee, and promises to do the big business that has been the rule all capitalize one of J. P. Morgan's trusts,

> has just sold for \$75,000. The buyer could have dropped the money just as quickly through a broker

Kentucky in bunches. Only legal hangings are considered worthy of special montion by the correspondents in that

Roland Reed's greatest success, "The Wrong Mr. Wright," will be given at Cordray's Theater next week, beginning

Sunday night, with a company said to be far better than the ordinary road com-The lady who sends us the poem beginnany, and with Harry Beresford, a rising pany, and with Harry Beressoro, a rising young comedian, in the star part. The play is by George H. Broadhurst, and is perhaps his best. It is full of fun and wit, the action is rapid, and it has al-ways proved a great merry-maker. ning, "This is the forest primeval, the nurmuring places and the hemiocits"-will have to try it again. It is too long, and it sounds like something we have heard

"The Irish Pawnbrokers."

Mazie Trumbull, last seen here with "A Brass Monkey." is the comedienne who is starred in Joe W. Spears' farce, "The Irish Pawnbrokers," which will be the attraction at the Baker Theater next week, beginning with the matince Sun-day afternoon. The play has been written especially for Miss Trumbull and the two Macs, and is said to be full of life and ginger. The music is all new and the best things in the way of specialties are promised. The engagement will be for one week.

Sale of Seats for De Angelis.

There is a big sale of seats for Jeffer-son De Angelis and his company in "A Royal Rogue," which will come to the Marquam Grand Theater next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday matinee and night, and the indications are that he will be welcomed by a large audience. There is no form of entertainment more popular than comic opera and there is no one who presents it more sumptuously adequately than Joff de Angelis. His new success, "A Royal Rogue," the new success. A Royal Rogae, is the best vehicle he has ever had. It will be well produced, with handsome scenery, Henry Norman, Miss Helen Byron and Miss Gertrude Mackenzie are in the cast.

"Literary Fellers" at White House

New York Evening Post. The old resident of Washington has been remarking a certain change in the char-acter of what may be called the irregular guests at the White House. Poll waylay the President; but the chance caller, the wayfarer at luncheon, the extra plate at dinner, is very apt, un-der the present regime, to be a man known the expenses of commemorations of purefor some sort of attainment in art or for some sort of attainment in arc or science, or, particularly, literature. The master of the house is binnself author of 15 volumes—some of them, his admirers say, and we can well believe it, fairly "hurled" at a stenographer by a kind of Gatling-gun dictation, in the intervals of more pressing occupations. At all events, he has the one touch of literary nature to make him feel his kin with writers, and to render him less likely to whiters, and to render that they are fright-ened at a quotation or allusion, than some of his predecessors. He has even been observed in the unprecedented act of reading in the White House library, and it was suspected that the work in his hand was neither a Government re-port on the scal fisherles nor a volume of orations by Senator Lodge. As the most bookish President since Jefferson, Mr. Roosevelt has naturally given an especial-

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Most of us have now about recovered. The year seems to be fairly lively for ts age.

The days get longer after Christmas Also the pocketbooks.

Ben Franklin was the original wireless telegrapher. He used a kits string.

The only way for Maelay to get even s to put Roosevelt into a historical novel.

The Schley controversy promises to be losed speedily-like the war in the Trans. vanL.

We haven't seen a poem on the Oregon grape for a long time. Can'l somebody send one in?

Isn't it about time for some wild-eyed Popullat to point to copper as just the metal for standard money?

fallacy of the maxim, "He sure you are

Attractions at All the Local Theaters The framer of the bill to increase the "Fogg's Ferry" will be the matince at-traction at the Marguam this afternoon, number of legal bolidays seems to think that football players never get tired,

> Andrew Carnegie has given away \$82,-000,000, which is almost enough money to

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange

They send out feud casualties from . state

Depew will be married three times be. ore he considers his long bachelorhood at an end. The question now arises, Will it require three divorces to unhitch him, should he find marriage a failure?

before.

The boy stood on the burning deck, Whence all but him had fiel, And yet he never singed a hair Of all his curry head. You may believe this boy a dub And o'er his folly gloat, But he was standing on a sub-Marine torpedo-boat, And being a long-headed boy, He calmly turned about, Pressed on a button, sank the ship. And put the fire out.

Having got a rise out of Thomas C. Platt in the shape of a threatened suit

for libel, William Allen White is now going to say things about Tillman, We suppose he has purchased a suit of pitchfork-proof mall.

> Good-bye, Maciny, Just hie Awag Back to Some place Where you Will brace The rear-Most chair, Get clear Back there. We're glad To say You've had Your day. four an Ory Not misted Will be succe Your hist-Will you, Therefore. Adleu. Lay by Your pen Don't li-Bel men.

sage, there is as yet no hint that Con-gress will be called upon to aid it finan-cially, but there is little doubt that in time the appropriation will be called for. Two other commemorations will shortly engage the consideration of Congress.

The thriving City of Raleigh, N. C., all

when it is known that Congress can be relied upon to furnish money for them. States and cities should be willing to pay

den of avenging this affront to citizeus of the United States and enforcing the fourteenth amendment lies at the door of the especial, self-constituted, oathbound and prayer-devoted guardians of the immortal document.

We urge this matter of Constitutional enforcement upon the Democratic party, not only because of its natural affinity to the task, but also because of the ease with which it can discharge it. Out of 155 electoral votes received by Bryan, all but 10 came from the South. Out of 30 Democrats in the Secate, only 6 are from the North. Out of 152 Democrats in the House, only 45 for themselves, Auditors who can't figare from the North, The Democracy and the South, therefore, become interany money of their own. changeable terms, and the enforcement

of the fourteenth amendment resolves itself directly into a family affair.

The truth that the fit should rule, the and industry do. But this is no remedy fact that the strong will govern, is genat all, for such a system is denied by erally recognized among enlightened the very terms of representative govmen as a condition of society that exernment. In a democracy, fitness is not plains and condones, if it does not the criterion of eminence, but popularwholly justify, the disfranchisement of liv. Under self-perpetuating rule, conignorance and impecunionity-everytinuity in office, with all its advantages, where but in the Democracy-that is can be secured. But under our system to say, in the South. There this view we reserve the right to turn everybody is excluded by the intense and religious out at the close of fixed terms. The devotion to the letter of the Constitutheory is that once in so often the oftion. There, it is recognized, its every fices revert to the people. In this way mandate must be sacredly observed. we make mistakes, but we prevent the There, we take it, the fourteenth amenderection of tyrannous and encroaching hereditary rulers. We lose in skill and ment will be no sooner recognized than hurried into enforcement. No Demowisdom, but we gain in alertness to pubcrst, that is, Southerner, could sleep lic desires. The people will have their while a syllable of the Constitution is way. If they err, that is their prerogamenaced with neglect. tive. There is no higher court, -----

tini law.

WHAT IS DISCIPLINE?

The peremptory dismissal of Maclay, the historian, a civil service employe in the classified list, by order of the President, suggests some reflections upon a situation that is interesting without any reference to Maclay himself, who commands no sympathy. Insignificant persons, however, are sometimes the subject of questionable procedures. it was a breach of discipline for a civil service employe to write a history which severely reflected upon an emiment officer of the Navy, the offender should have been removed at once. He broke out at Morant Bay on October is no more guilty today than he was 11, 1865, which resulted in the killing several months ago.

Is it a breach of discipline for a civil service employe to write a book that leader of the popular political and inimpeaches the professional merit of a dustrial agitation which had preceded Naval officer? An enlisted man of the the riot was a negro named Gordon, a forbidden to publish any criticism of ber of the Legislative Assembly. Govan officer of the Army or Navy; but is ernor Eyre at once proclaimed martial a civilian employe required to surrender law in the eastern part of the island. his right of literary freedom of speech to the extent that he cannot publish a had disappeared, but Governor Eyre, in ary estimate of an officer of the Army or Navy, of whom he was not an official subordinate? If so, why so?

And if so, why cannot the President remove any officer of the civil service at his caprice on the vague, indefinite general charge that he has offended against the "discipline" of the civil service? Does a civilian employe constructively agree that he will not pubillustrate the awkwardness of the eltuation, let us suppose that Maclay and at Br th positively barbarous; that bond-secured circulation than at pres- but he wisely says nothing.

iomination of candidates for elective

declared it valid. It now devolves on the County Court-the Judge and the erative. In the City of Portland the judges of the general election and of the primary election will be the same;for the general election will officiate also at the primary which is to precede tion, is under consideration. It is an

The new schooner Minnie A, Caine and the American ships B. F. Packard and Santa Clara are reported ashore on Puget Sound, and the French bark Henriette is sunk in Astoria harbor. Similar disasters have happened before, and will happen again, so long as winds blow and waters rage. The cases now immediately before us, however, forcibly present one of the many reasons why Portland does not care to transfer her shipping interests to either Astoria or Puget Sound. We must and will improve the mouth of the Columbia so that ships will not be obliged to lie so long in jeopardy of such gales as the one just experienced. At the same time we cannot place such big fleets as lie

Democratic Stupidity in the House.

ly local events.

Kansas City Star.

With five Republicans against it and three Democrats for it the Philippines tariff bill passed the House yesterday, after a two days' debate, in which the Domocratic leaders displayed incredible stu pidity. With the Republican majority in the House it was not to have been expected that this, one of the first import. ant measures to be discussed at this ses. sion, would be defeated; but that there was so slight a break in Republican lines was due solely to the bad management of opposition

By consenting to limit the debate to two days the Democrats deliberately circum-scribed themselves and failed to recognize an exceptional opportunity, and yet the three was long enough for a merciless ex-posure of the utter inconsistency and injustice of the bill. All that was needed was Democratic concentration on the tar-iff issue pure and simple. Even two days' continuous hammering on this point would have demolished the flimsy position of the Republicans. But instead of such con-

entration the firing was so scattered that t did little or no damage. The Supreme Court has decided that un. der existing conditions no tariffs can be collected. This gives the islands free collected. This gives the Islands free trade. That is what the Democratic party wants, and that is what the islands, in all justice, should have. There was no occa. sion for any legislation. The only consist ent alternative of the proposed tariff measure was absolutely no legislation at all. But this did not occur to "Papa" Richardson and the other "leaders." No wonder that there was merrimen

on the Republican side. One of the fines oportunities the Democrats will have this session was used merely to put the party snug and safe in Portland harbor at the mercy of the gales in the harbor at only" and as against "imperialism."

Doesn't Seem to "Down."

New York Times. It is in vain that congratulations are Colonel Tully McCrea, Artillery Corps has been assigned to command of the offered to the Senate and House on their artillery district of Puget Sound, with having packed the naval committee against Schley. It is evident that the a station at Fort Flagler. Colonel Mc-Schley case will not "down." It ought not to "down" until the eternal laws of justice have been successfully invoked for the defense of a brave and capable officer against the most infamous and malignant assaults ever made upon any warrior on sea or land by his comrades in arms. It is too late now to talk about further discrediting the Navy by keep ing the controversy open. The public knows too well the source of the discredit to make any mistake in placing the responsibility. It does not rest upon Schley nor upon the friends of Schley. But the discredit will remain and harm be

one until an end be put to the detest able business by an arbitrament that will most as much in evidence in the role deserve the approval of a just nation.

Argument for Panama. Chicago Record-Herald.

number of fatal accidents have been If the Panama shareholders have finally reached the point where they realize that recorded in the past ten days as the result of the first-named weapon in the their investment is a total loss unless they can sell to the United States there is lit-tie doubt that an offer will be made that all about guns and awoke somewhere cannot fail to receive the serious con sideration of Congress. From a purely engineering point of view it seems like is no remedy for a thing of this kind. Boys must learn to handle guns, and in a piece of consummate folly to dig a canal 150 miles long, utilizing a lake learning take their chances of receiving a charge intended to bring down other whose sand bottom is shifting and uncertain, when another route only 46 miles long, in which 49 per cent of the exca-vation has been done, is offered upon General Miles accepts the reprimand terms that will insure this Government of the Secretary of War with the beabsolute ownership and control of the

water way and at a price which will keep the total cost within the estimated cost of the longer route.

doubt,

ly hearty welcome to wandering bookmen. Reviser, Spare That Hymn! The Watchman.

The revisers of the Methodist Hymnal are reported to have left out of their collection so many standard hymns, endeared to Christian hearts because of genuine merit and precious association, that we doubt whether their work will commend itself to Methodist Churches. For example, it is reported that "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "He Leadeth Me" and "Lead, Kindly Light" will be excluded. It is said that the objection to "Sweet Hour of Prayer" is based on the last stanza, which suggests that there is prayer in Heaven. As to that, the testi-mony of Scripture is ambiguous. Certainly no Scriptural principle is violated in the lines of the hymn. The other two Christian lyrics are to be excluded. It is said, because they do not specifi-cally recognize Christ. If that is so, then the truths that Christianity assumes or that it involves cannot be rightly made the theme of a Christian hymn. Professor Gilmore has often said that he wrote "He Leadeth Me" to put into verse the thought and inspiration of Psaim xxiii. We wonder whether the Methodist revis-ers propose to cut Psalm xxill out of the

He Got It, and He's a Soldier.

reports about the hymnal are entirely

It is must to be hoped that these

Rible.

misleading.

Chicago Record-Herald. No fault can be found with the spirit and justice of this reprimand. It should be a lesson and a warning, not only to General Miles buts to every officer and subaltern in the Army, that it is not conducive to discipline or the good of the service that they should publicly air their views on matters concerning that service or a co-ordinate branch of the Govern-ment. There is this much to be said of General Miles, he accepted the reprimand. both as administered personally the President and as communicated by Secretary Root, with the silent dignity of a tried soldier who, whatever may be his faults and errors-as evidenced in this as never failed in the deferen

A Catholie on Saloons.

due to his superiors in rank.

Archbishop Corrigan. This country wants no "Continental Sunday." It is a matter beyond dispute that the decay of religion in Europe has coincided with and has been furthered by lax observance of the Sunday. The Catholic Church is far from being opposed to legitimate recreation on Sunday. But in the eyes of the Church Sunday is primarily the home day, the day of rest from the material ends of life, and of introspection and consideration of man's spiritual side. The great enemy of home is the saloon, and the greatest obstacle to spiritual contem; dation is indulgence in intoxicating drink.

Try to Break rock Or do Some good Hard work You could Not shirk. You're strong, They say. So long. Maciny.

You might

The Philippine Precedent. New York Herald.

What chance is there that the high protectionist in Congress will heed the ppeal for a reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar and tobacco, when it im-poses a practically prohibitive duty upon similar products from the Philippines? Governor Wood urged that the Cubans be permitted to freely exchange their sugar nd tobacco for the necessaries of life which we produce-urged it not only on grounds of humanity, but as necessary to the preservation of peace in the island; and President Roosevelt indersed this with the statement that "we are bound by every consideration of honor and ex-pediency" to do this. Yet, in the closing argument which preceded the passage of the Philinging tariff bill in the Honse. the Philippine tariff bill in the House, Mr. Daizell, who is a member of the com-mittee on rules, declazed that so long as his party remained in power there would his party remained in power three work not be, either by provision or reclipicely, any modification of the Dingley tariff that would work injury to any American industry. The applause with which this suggestive statement was greated by the Republicans indicates that the majority is opposed to any relaxation of the "pro-tection" enjoyed by favored interests through the measures proposed by Repre-sentative Babcock or through the reci-procity treaties so strongly advocated by President McKinley, and that, in face of impending starvation and insurrection in Cuba, there will be no cessation which ould offend the domestic sugar and tobacto interests.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Something .- The Millionairs-After all, my money hasn't brought us happiness. His W -Hut it has made us objects of envy.-Life.

Mispinced Solace -- Optimist-OD, cheer up; cheer up, Spring will come scain. Pessfinist --That's fust what I am said about; I haven't got a new Winter overcoat yet. -Detroit Free

How It Happened .- Jerold -- Did you ever se such a confirmed pessimist as Van Dauber! Harrold-Oh! It's not his fault, you know. He married the first time for love and the second time for money .- Puck.

Easy Berths Preferred -Alderman (with in-fluence)-Fil do the best I can for you, Larry. What do you thick you want? Constituent-I'd like to be a fireman durin' the Sommer months and a bridge-tender in Winter.-Chicago Tribune.

engo Tribune. Foregone Conclusion -Dick Stohoy (joyfniky) Great news! Guess! Cousin May-I give up. Dick Sloboy-Nellie has promised to marry us? Cousin May-Pebaw! That's no news. She asked me a month ago if I would be her bridesmaid .- Philadelphia Press.

Bridesmapt.-Prinzdelphia Fresk. Helen.-Fra surprised to hear you talk se. I supposed you thought everything of Matilda. Ente-Ob. I used to like her well enough; but since she experienced religion and was inken into the church, there is no gettilar along with her, she's no stuck up about it.-Boston Trans-eried. seript.

First and Furlous.-Backstop-I'm glad to see that you are making a name for yourself as an author, old man. Scribbit (modesity)-Yes. Honors are being hear-of on me. Why, it was only yestenday that I learned that my intest book had been thrown out of the Boston Lib-heary.-Harper's Banz. The Heartbroken Heroins.-IWere there any pretty dresses in the play?" "Oh, yes. The poor deserted wife, who had to take in rewing for a living suffered anonies in a lovely white stilk nows, with chilfon ruffles, and a dream of a pearl-colored plush opera cloak lined with white fur."--Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Fast and Furlous .- Backstop-I'm glad to see

Crea is a graduate of West Point of the class of 1862; was brevetted for gallantry at Antietam, Gettysburg and Olustee during the Civil War, and has recently rendered excellent service in the Philippines. He was made Colonel of the Sixth Artillery in 1900. If we time stationed at Vancouver Barracks, when he was Major of the Fifth Artilmanded the Department of the Colum