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Mormon explorers tell us that the first Americans were Nephites. It may be possible, but it is more probable that they were Esquimaux, if the Garden of Eden was at the North pole, as the president of the Boston University very convincingly maintains.

The pot and the kettle are at it again. Governor Roosevelt's vigorous criticisms of Chief of Police Devery must have been a bitter pill for that gentleman to swallow, but when Tammany officially announces that he is responsible for the prevalence of vice in New York City—O, my!

It doesn't pay to be a burglar on a small scale. Portland's experienced thief, who has entered more houses in the past three years in that city than he can enumerate, has not only made a very good living for that space of time but has gotten off with the same sentence he might have expected had he entered but one house.

What an unfortunate predicament for John Bull! He finds that little Jonathan needs a spanking, but the Boers, which were long since defeated, unfortunately keep the British army busily engaged, or that part of it which is not enclosed in Boer stockpens. But then you know, John, we have a neat little job in the Philippines on our hands, so it looks like an even stand-off. But don't hesitate on our account.

An evening paper which cuts its dispatches, heads and all, from the Astorian and, occasionally, from the Oregonian, a few days ago insinuated that the Astorian is dependent upon the Evening Telegram for its telegraphic news. The Astorian receives daily more telegraphic news than it is able to print with its present mechanical facilities, requiring careful selection of the dispatches received so that only the least interesting to its readers may be omitted from its pages. At the same time, the Astorian furnishes more bona fide, up-to-date telegraphic news than any other paper in the state outside of Portland. The fact that on Christmas morning the Astorian contained more telegraphic news than usual, notwithstanding the non-appearance of the Telegram in Astoria on the preceding evening, is sufficient answer.

SCROFULA

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to the petty criticisms of the evening yarn-spinner.

ARE WE UNDER OBLIGATIONS?

San Francisco Chronicle. The London Chronicle is disposed to take the action of the United States senate in refusing to accede from the principles of the Monroe doctrine very seriously. It says: "If the United States goes out of the way to break treaty engagements, such conduct will come within the definition of an 'unfriendly act.'" It also refers to "President Cleveland's insolent and provocative speech" during the time of the Venezuela imbroglio, and assumes that the "pro-Boer element has obtained control of the present administration." These are ridiculous frothings and scarcely deserving of notice, but there is one claim urged by the Chronicle which should not be disregarded. We refer to its charge that we are taking advantage of British complications in South Africa and China to do Britons a bad turn. It intimates that this is a particularly ungrateful procedure, because Great Britain gave the United States aid during its complications with Spain. In view of this alleged fact the Chronicle says that "Great Britain can neither desire nor trust the friendship of the United States in the future."

A charge of this character raises the interesting question whether Great Britain placed the United States under a weighty obligation during its war with Spain, and, if so, in what manner. It is not possible for the British to contend that the military and naval resources of this country would not have been equal to the emergency which our difficulty with Spain created. It is true that English publicists at the opening of the conflict freely predicted that the Spanish navy would sweep our fleets from the ocean, and it was interestingly demonstrated by means of the game of "Krieg-spiel" that Admiral Dewey would have no show in the Philippines. The same class of writers also predicted that our raw volunteers would not be able to stand up before the disciplined forces of the Spaniards in Cuba. But the result showed that these articles were in error, and there is no sane person today who will contend that the Spaniard was not easy game for us.

This being the case, if we need no assistance to thrash the Spaniard, how did Great Britain help us? It is said by those who are constantly talking about the obligation we were placed under by British friendship in this instance, that Great Britain prevented the formation of a world coalition against us which would have practically tied our hands. But there is no evidence that this is true. On the contrary, the alleged prime mover in the assumed hostile movement against the United States, vigorously denied the charge and produced proof that deliberate misrepresentation had been resorted to by English journalists in order to convey the impression to Americans that the Germans were their enemies.

But that is neither here nor there. It does not matter whether Germany, Austria, or any other power sought to bring a pressure upon the United States by means of a European coalition. It is possible, even probable, that such an idea was conceived. But it is absurd to assume that it was seriously entertained or could have been carried out. Had Germany, Austria or any other country made overtures looking to the tying of the hands of the United States, their jealous rivals would have instantly seized the opportunity to make themselves solid with this country. Had Great Britain listened to a suggestion of that character it would have at once occurred to the Russians that they could strengthen the sentimental bond which is supposed to exist between Russia and the United States. Had Germany complicated herself by acting irrationally in the premises, France would not have been slow to get on the other side. If self-interest had not induced disagreements we could easily have promoted them. It would have been no trick to detach any member or members of the proposed coalition by a simple suggestion that its or their interests would be best subserved by adhering closely to a policy of non-interference with our affairs.

That these are correct inferences the paragraphs quoted from the London Chronicle clearly demonstrate. That paper speaks of British complications in South Africa and China as though it were a new experience for Great Britain to be in a position which would make it impossible for her to resent our action. It is hardly necessary to remind even the casual reader that South African complications had not ripened when President Cleveland indulged himself in what the Chronicle calls an insolent speech, but there were

other directions in which Great Britain was tied up at the time. In fact, there has been no time during a long period in which Great Britain has not had her affairs so complicated that she could not afford to quarrel with the United States, hence her ready adoption of the other role. But there is no good reason why Americans should be deceived as to the nature of the ties with which Great Britain has sought to bind us. We should be foolish to desire that she should be unfriendly, and it would be positively unwise to go to war with the British. That is an opinion to which all good Americans will assent, and, further, they will be found working to remove unfriendly feelings and to avert the possibility of a conflict. But while they will earnestly strive and hope for peace, they cannot be induced to believe they are under weighty obligations to Great Britain for the part it took in our Spanish war, or that we lacked the material resources or the diplomatic ability to carry it to a successful conclusion without her assistance.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC EAST VIA SOUTH

Land Office at Vancouver, Washington, Dec. 10, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Vancouver, Washington, on Monday, January 31, 1901, viz: John Smith, of Chinook, Wash., for the N. W. 1/4 of section 33, in township 10 north, range 10 west W. M.

He names the following witnesses upon whose continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Karl Johnson, of Chinook, Washington; Ole Reinach, of Washougal, Washington; John Wahlberg, of Chinook, Washington; Tom Lauridsen, of Chinook, Washington.

W. R. DUNBAR, Register.

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He names as witnesses: Bernard Rist, of Knappa, Washington; Hien Rist, of Naselle, Washington; Fred J. Gray, of Knappa, Washington; William Mathalon, of Knappa, Washington.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, December 15, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Clatsop county, at Astoria, Oregon, on February 3, 1901.

ALBERT SCHOENEBECK, H. E. No. 8317, for the 8 1/2 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 14, T. 8 N., R. 8 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: V. H. Coffey, of Astoria, Oregon; Peter Olson, of Svensen, Oregon; August Schoenebeck, of Svensen, Oregon; Wm. Schoenebeck, of Svensen, Oregon.

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He names as witnesses: John Finley, of Astoria, Oregon; John Chivwood, of Astoria, Oregon; Herman Albers, of Olney, Oregon; George McFarland, of Olney, Oregon.

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