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DIVULGED A CABINET SECRET

Ex-Secretary of State Sherman Tells Secret Dealings.

HE TRIED TO PREVENT WAR

Says Negotiations for the Purchase of Cuba From Spain Were Under Way When the War Sentiment Arose and Spoiled All.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

Former Secretary of State John Sherman, in an interview, tells an interesting cabinet secret, which in the days before the war was frequently suspected, but never established.

"I tried to prevent this foolish war with Spain. As a matter of fact, negotiations were in progress to purchase Cuba from Spain when the war feeling suddenly rose and swept everything before it."

"This is a matter of secret history. And now what have we got to stow for all this expense? Some islands in the Philippines, for instance, which are worth about \$200,000 per annum income; increased indebtedness of \$200,000 and a lot of islands inhabited mainly by man-eaters. And the most distressing feature of the affair is that we are now about to be called upon to pay \$20,000,000 for territory that we could have taken without expending a dollar.

DR WURTH'S OPINION

OF THE NEW DISCOVERY IN MEDICINE.

A Remarkably Successful Remedy for Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

Dr. Warth in commenting on recent discoveries in medicine said: There is none which is certain to be so valuable and far reaching in benefit as Stuart's Dyspepsia tablets, the new stomach remedy; I say far reaching, because people little realize how important a sound stomach and vigorous digestion is to every man, woman and child.

Indigestion is the starting point of consumption, heart disease, Bright's disease, diabetes, nervous prostration, liver troubles; why is this so? Simply because every nerve, muscle and tissue in our bodies is created and nourished from the food we eat.

He says further, the point to direct attention is not the nerves, nor heart, nor lungs, nor kidneys, but the stomach, the first cause of all the mischief.

The remedy to use for indigestion and weak stomachs is not some cathartic, but a remedy which will digest the food, increase the flow of gastric juice, absorb the gases, and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will accomplish exactly this result in any case of stomach trouble.

Attention Bowlers.

F. W. Weinschenck, manager of Moody's bowling alleys, will give to three persons making the highest average scores in five successive games of bowling between now and Christmas, one turkey pie.

Gold in Pike's Peak.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 19.—A strike of gold in the Strickler tunnel, being driven through Pike's Peak to increase the water supply of this city, has caused the most intense excitement in Colorado Springs.

The find is of importance to this city, as the riches will revert to the city of Colorado Springs.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity.

New Yorkers Reach Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The Third battalion of the First New York regiment, which arrived here late last night on the transport Scandia, will be landed today in time to witness the departure for home of their comrades now here.

There were 90 convalescent soldiers from Manila on the Scandia, in charge of Major Woodruff. The vessel also brought seven sailors from Dewey's fleet, three of them prisoners who will serve their sentence at Mare island, the other four being men whose terms of service had expired.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look;

if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks.

MORE RAIN IN CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Another copious rain has fallen throughout northern and central California.

In the Sacramento valley the farmers have ceased worrying over possibilities of a drouth, and are now confident that sufficient rain will fall to insure big crops of grain.

Compliment to Simon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Simon was complimented by the vice-president today, being appointed a member of the special committee on the centennial of the capitol.

Want Rev. John Watson.

New York, Dec. 20.—Prominent members of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, hope that it will be possible to induce Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) to accept the pastorate soon to be vacated by Dr. Lyman Abbott.

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