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According to a Chicago paper that keeps a record of such things, there are about 10,000 murders committed in the United States every year.

The supreme court of Idaho has decided that mining property, title to which has passed from the government to private parties, is subject to taxation in that state, exactly like other forms of property.

Fendleton in the matter of raising a fund for the establishment here of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, is going about it with her usual energy and business like vigor.

The next work that should be undertaken is to provide a public park, swimming baths and a lake with all the advantages that can accompany them.

"Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation" and unjust taxation is simply robbery. According to the secretary of the treasury there will be a surplus of \$80,000,000 between the government's revenues and its expenditures, and yet the bill, providing for a reduction of the war tax, covers only a \$40,000,000 decrease, leaving still a surplus of \$40,000,000, which will be unnecessarily drawn from the pockets of the people and put in congress' way to squander and waste, as is invariably the case with such men who compose that body, being of that class who contribute little to the federal treasury while drawing much from it.

The other day a 14-year-old boy was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary for the murder of his playmate. The boy accepted his sentence with a

smile on his face, while the judge who administered it wept tears of sympathy for the lad. The murder was such a cruel and deliberate one that it was thought best to send the boy to prison instead of to a reform school where he would have opportunity to commit other crimes. Whether the sentence of twenty years at hard labor was the best disposition that society could make of this strange lad who has a fundamental twist in his moral nature that makes him unfit to be at large is open to some doubt. An expert in such cases said of him: "He is deficient in all moral sense. He is not insane in the legal sense, but there is something radically wrong with him." The ancient Stoics would have given such a lad a painless exit from a life which holds no hope for him and is full of misery and danger for others. Surely our humaner civilization could find some better way of restraining him than as an ordinary convict, holding him fully responsible for his deed, which by his age and his condition, as certified by the expert, he clearly is not.

AN EX-PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

Ex-President Harrison delivered a lecture before the Students' Lecture Association of Michigan university upon the relation of the annexed territories and their civilized inhabitants to the United States. It was, Gen. Harrison declared, not intended to be a legal argument on questions brought into discussion by the Porto Rican bill, but rather a popular discussion of some of the views that have been expressed in relation to the status of our annexed territories.

The ex-president declared that he had done something out of the line with our historical precedents—not in the way of expansion, but in the character of it.

He said we had taken over peoples, rather than lands, as heretofore.

He held the view that the civilized inhabitants of the territories were citizens of the United States and that the revenue provisions of the constitution relating to taxation for federal purposes applied to the territories.

The occasion for the recent departure from precedents was found, he said, in the character of the inhabitants of the Philippines. As Porto Rico and Hawaii, there would probably have been no occasion for treating them otherwise than we have usually done.

The competition of our home products, and the freedom of the Philippines to settle in the states, were causes of alarm. The constitution, he said, might very appropriately have had influence when the question of taking over the Philippines was before us, but it was now too late.

He argued that the provisions of the Spanish treaty and of all treaties were subject to the constitution and could not impair it, and if these islands became part of the United States, in the sense of the constitution, their people became citizens, and the revenue clause, which was especially under discussion in the Porto Rican case, applied.

He argued that the limitations in the constitution upon the powers of congress, whether expressed in the affirmative or negative form, applied to the exercise of that power in all places; that the very object in the section requiring duties to be uniform throughout the United States—which was to prevent congress from establishing anywhere under the jurisdiction of the United States favored ports—would be thwarted if foreign goods might be admitted to Porto Rico free and thence into the United States free.

Gen. Harrison further said: "If the constitution relates only to the states and their people then all things prohibited in the states may be done in the acquired territory, and this view of the constitution is shocking. And if it could be done in Porto Rico, why could it not be done in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Alaska? A government of unlimited powers is un-American government. That the territory is one thing to tolerate a condition that already exists and another to create a wrong condition. Why should we make use of one tariff law for the states and another for the territories? There is only one door of escape. It is to deny that the territories are a part of the United States but that region which is governed for the general welfare of the United States must be a part of the United States. If the constitution relates only to the states and their people then all things prohibited in the states may be done in the acquired territory, and this view of the constitution is shocking. And if it could be done in Porto Rico, why could it not be done in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Alaska? A government of unlimited powers is un-American government. That the territory is one thing to tolerate a condition that already exists and another to create a wrong condition. Why should we make use of one tariff law for the states and another for the territories? There is only one door of escape. It is to deny that the territories are a part of the United States but that region which is governed for the general welfare of the United States must be a part of the United States.

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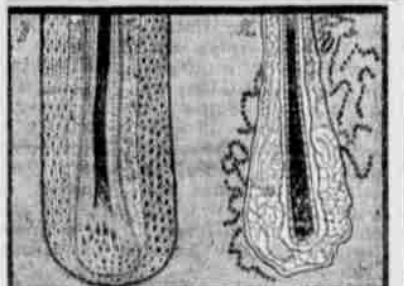
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