

Everything points to the fact that the republican party leaders are paving the way for abandoning the theory of high protection, and to return to the principle of lower taxation.

Civilization moves in a mysterious way. Its goals are reached by devious paths. We go down to Cuba and get a colonial empire and the Nicaragua canal.

The American manufacturer has been trying all along to keep himself down to the home market. The task was so difficult that he spent considerable money to secure government aid for his own suppression.

But circumstances are forcing him to the high protection track. It is to be feared he leaves it with regret, and not from intellectual conviction.

A good place to study manufacturing sentiment is in the Massachusetts club of Philadelphia. Its organ, the Philadelphia Manufacturer, has just announced its purpose of supporting a movement for tariff concessions on Canadian goods in return for similar concessions by Canada on certain of our goods.

The justification for this obvious change of front in the citadel of high protection is this: The manufacturer we have got to face them, and the situation today is such as to demand a freer trade with Canada if this nation is not to stand in the light of its own commercial progress and advancement.

When we compare statistics on this question in the United States with those of any other country, in New South Wales the percentage is the least. During the past four years there have been but thirteen murders in the colony, and in these thirteen cases persons have been hanged and five sentenced to life imprisonment.

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BIG BOND SUBSCRIPTION.

The total subscriptions offered for the war loan is shown to have been \$200,000,000 up to the first of July. As the call was for only \$200,000,000, the result shows unquestionably that the people of America have implicit confidence in the stability of the government and are anxious to invest their money in its securities.

A few people of course, offered to subscribe for bonds on a purely patriotic standpoint, believing they were coming to the relief of the government in a time of need, but the majority of the subscribers looked at the matter solely from a business standpoint.

The story of these exploits reads like fiction, but it is true, and evidences the superiority of American officers and men. The Spanish sailors were not lacking in courage or discipline, and faced death with a spirit that did them credit, though they were lacking in the art of handling machines of war and in leadership.

The ships they manned at Santiago were of the most efficient of their kind, and their armor and batteries were not much inferior to those of the best battle ships. They had the advantage of choosing the time for the battle, and every man was at his post prepared to do his duty.

The brilliant achievements of our navy in the Manila and Santiago battles, as well as in the past, cannot be attributed to luck as some writers would have it appear, but must be attributed to the superiority of our officers and men.

The Spanish officer no doubt felt his position keenly, but he had no tears shed for the Cuban women and children whom his government had started to death.

The Oregonian gives vent to another of its customary representations by asserting that the "democrats are beginning to raise a premature cry of peace," because it insists that they "see the probability of the war being popular and aiding the republicans in carrying the November election."

UNCLE SAM SUFFERS. All kinds of jobbery in army contracts are reported, from which it would seem that the systematic robbery perpetrated during the civil war, in its various phases, is being repeated.

While laws have been enacted to prevent capital crimes and every effort seems to have been exerted in this country to protect its citizens against the viciousness of the rehanding assassin, it seems that the effort has been less effective here than in most countries.

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Clearance Prices on Dry Goods, Mens Furnishings, Mens and Boys Clothing and Straw Hats.

All prices quoted during this sale hold good until the end of the sale unless the supply should become exhausted.

Dry Goods Department

DRESS GOODS

Here's a bargain. All wool fancy dress goods, 34 inches wide; 30c, 35c and 40c values. We'll let them go for 20c per yard.

Here's another. All of our 50c, 60c, 65c and 75c FANCY WOOL CHEVIOTS—it's not cost but we're willing to let you own them at 38c per yard.

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