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If the democrats accuse Mark Hanna of buying the election, they must admit that he was very extravagant in purchasing so many more votes than he needed.

Chicago computes that its drainage canal saved 494 lives in eight months, diminishing to that extent the grip of typhoid. This is a remarkable and gratifying showing for a city where life is considered very cheap.

In a dispute as to whether the Indians or the Irish were the first settlers of America, Thomas Sherman was seriously injured by John Cunningham at Jersey City, N. J., and the momentous question remains undecided.

As a result of a political argument two residents of Muskegon, Mich., made a wager of \$35 on the result of the election. One of the parties to the bet owed a coal bill of \$21. The coal dealers heard of the wager, garnished the stakeholder and recovered the amount of their claim.

An impression prevails that most of the public lands have been taken up, but the annual report of Commissioner Binger Hermann, of the general land office, shows that there is yet plenty of vacant government land subject to entry under the homestead law. A great deal of this is in the coast mountains and foothills of Yamhill county, and there are many nooks and corners that offer the advantage of an ideal orchard location, or the more valuable place for a small stock farm with plenty of outside range.

The fact that we are now building ships for foreign governments which have all Europe to seek contracts in, indicates that ships can be built as cheaply in this country as elsewhere. The demand for the privilege of buying ships in the cheapest market is thus met without repealing laws that have preserved the coastwise trade to Americans. Our free trade friends have persistently claimed that if American shippers were given the privilege of buying ships in the cheapest market the recovery of our former position as a maritime nation would speedily follow.

A few years ago the property in Portland was valued by the assessor at about \$61,000,000. Since that time the Oregonian building, the union depot, and nearly all of the largest and most costly buildings in the city have been erected, costing many millions of dollars. But notwithstanding this great addition to her wealth, the assessor can only find about \$30,000,000 of taxable property in Multnomah county at the present time. Under the Portland city charter the council is authorized to levy a tax for general municipal purposes not to exceed 8 mills on the dollar of the taxable property returned by the county assessor. Under an assessment to beat the state out of its proportion of the state tax from Multnomah county, shifting the burden upon other counties of the state, the 8-mill tax is wholly inadequate to meet the necessities of the city and the city is complainant in a suit to compel the assessor to show up a \$40,000,000 assessment, so that the city will be able to maintain the police and fire departments, and lights and street improvements.

The census will show, it is said, that the number of manufacturing establishments in the United States has increased from about 350,000 in 1890 to about 600,000 in 1900. That is an increase of more than 71 per cent, or about three and a half times as great as the increase in population. The fact is interesting and highly gratifying in itself. It is particularly significant as a comment upon much of the current clamor about trusts, their prevalence and their ruinous effects upon the industrial world. We have been told time

without number that the industries of the nation are being consolidated in the hands of great corporations, and that in consequence many factories are being closed and abolished and hosts of men are being thrown out of employment. That would be a deplorable state of affairs, if it existed. According to the census it does not exist. On the contrary, the number of individual manufacturing establishments in the country is rapidly increasing, three and a half times as rapidly as the population. Of course the number of men and the proportionate number of men thus employed must also be increasing.

The new congress will contain a republican majority of 47 in the house, and 16 in the senate, as based on the political complexion of the several legislatures which are burdened with the duty of electing U. S. senators.

During the past year 2425 men deserted the navy, which indicates that the service is not very agreeable to American youth. It will be the duty of congress to hold out to them better inducements, so that our increasing navy may be properly manned. The shortage seems to exist in the ranks of the officers.

Portland wants a world's fair in 1902. And why not? Other cities have had their "Trans-Mississippi" expositions and world's fairs, and the "Pan-American" exposition is billed for next year. Our own gateway to the Orient could successfully manage a "Pan-Pacific" exposition of her own, and will do so if she undertakes it.

A sub-committee of the house ways and means committee will meet in Washington next week to consider changes in the revenue law. It is believed that the present expenses of the government will not permit a repeal of all the war taxes, but some of them will undoubtedly be abolished, and others may be reduced at the coming session of congress.

General Joe Wheeler, who is now in his old Alabama home, has summed up the whole story in a few words. "I did not go to Decatur to hear the returns Tuesday night," he said. "I do not like to go to funerals, and I felt and knew that Mr. McKinley would be overwhelmingly re-elected. There are two things the American people reverence. First, their God, and second, their flag. A word against either will bring down their condemnation. There never was a president defeated for election who had conducted a successful war. Wars are popular in this country, and are growing more popular with the masses, and any party that opposes a successful war president will meet with defeat."

The logical conclusion to be drawn from the late emphatic manner in which the western people endorsed the present policy of the administration, is that the country is hopeful and full of good cheer. Consequently the wheels of the factories and mills are destined to continue to turn for the next four years as they have for the past four years. The railroads will be called upon to order new freight cars each and every day precisely as they have been calling for new freight cars for every day for the last three years. The farmers, finding a market in the Pacific ocean for their grain and produce, will begin to feel the benefits of a great oriental trade. The farmers who are nearest the Pacific ports will be especially benefited, and when the cities of export afford a ready market for the products of the farms we will rejoice in the proud distinction of being at the front door of the United States instead of clinging to the ragged edge, as the people "down east" fondly believe we are doing. But in order to invite the full measure of prosperity that is in store for us we want smaller farms and more people to till them. The tide of immigration bears its wealth for the farmer as well as for the merchant and real estate broker, for it calls for more and varied crops, and a great increase in the value of land. People are rushing into the north-west in search of homes, and the price of farm lands is advancing. Immigration is coming our way, and we must extend a welcoming hand.

The brilliant shower of meteors advertised to fall this week were not generally observed. A few solitary shooting stars were seen, but no general shower.

The proposals for the increase of the navy are bitterly opposed by some who insist that our navy is already big enough for all purposes and that our only need now is to extend our mercantile marine. To such the article by Captain Mahan in the November "North American Review" is to be commended. The topic of the article is not naval expansion, nor expansion of the mercantile marine, but Asian conditions and international policies. But Captain Mahan is a philosopher who sees beyond the end of his nose and who realizes that policy means more than treaties, and navies mean more than ships and guns. He sees that China is the great future market of the world, the country to whose development the chief attention of civilized nations in the opening century is to be paid, and the land in which rivalry and competition will be keenest. It is a country, moreover, in which, despite Russia's somewhat contemptuous denial, the United States has a great, increasing and vital interest. And if that interest is to be maintained and safeguarded the United States must place itself on a comparable if not fully equal terms of competition with its commercial rivals. The nation can take no more certain step toward assuring the open door and its own abundant use of that door in China than by making its navy commensurate with the commercial development it aims at in that quarter of the world.

The territory of Porto Rico voted on Nov. 6 just as did the territories of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Hawaii. The result in Porto Rico was known in the states almost as soon as that in Arizona. The vote was overwhelmingly republican, or, in other words, there was an almost unanimous indorsement of a distinctively American policy. New Mexico, it will be remembered, accepted with reluctance the American system. Utah, as a territory, resisted for years the intrusion of American ideas. Porto Rico, at the first general election ever held in the island, falls into line with a legislature as strongly republican as that of Iowa. After nearly four centuries of misrule under Spain, Porto Rico was annexed to the United States. Two years under American rule have given the people more of self-government and more progress in education and enlightenment than 390 years of Spanish rule. The island as a territory of the United States will enter upon the year 1901 with executive, judicial, and legislative branches fully organized and in successful operation. In two years a republican form of government has been substituted for a monarchial form, and the change has been made without confusion or friction.

The number of victims in Boston of the "anti-imperialism" hysteria is obtained by a simple calculation. In 1896 Boston gave McKinley a plurality of 18,108 out of a total vote of 76,161. This year Boston's total vote was \$1,160, and an application of the rule of three shows that McKinley's plurality should have been at least 20,610. But Boston has actually given Bryan a plurality of 8,466. Adding together 20,610 and 8,466, and dividing by two we have 14,538 as the number of Bostonians frightened by the "imperialism" ghost into changing their votes. All know the origin of the malady which has made 14,538 Bostonians unable to reason sanely and vote as Americans. In the summer of 1898 thousands of Boston's most prominent citizens fell into a panic as pitiable as it was amusing. They saw Spanish fleets coming in on every tide, and kept the wires to Washington hot with demands that the entire American navy be permanently stationed off Cape Cod. They sent their bonds and silver spoons to Chicago for safe keeping, feared to occupy their seashore cottages, and saw the ghost of the Spanish fleet in every white-winged fishing boat in sight. Since there is no more danger of the ships of Spain bombarding their city, their goggle-eyes have bulged out at every thought of the awful "imperialism" toward which we are drifting, until Bostonians to the number of 14,538 have become such nervous wrecks that they can no longer endure real American air and sunshine, but burrow in darkness under their beds and wait to Bryan to come and save them from an imaginary emperor. Their condition is indeed pitiable. In the forests of the west, and on the broad prairies, where the air is charged with the ozone of progress, no such nightmares come to terrify.

TALL CORN

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Chicago is a tolerant city of a tolerant commonwealth of a tolerant nation, that for thirteen years has witnessed the yearly "demonstrations" that take place without interference of the authorities at the tombs of the anarchists, who were taken, red-handed, and properly hanged for plying their vocation with bombs on a crowded thoroughfare in that city in 1897. These memorial occasions, however, are growing more tame every year, because the crop of native anarchists is not flourishing in the midst of present social environments, and the imported article is losing its power for stirring up discord. This year marked the absence of any noisy clamor that threatened the public peace.

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