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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United States has endeavored to be as humane as possible in carrying on the in the Philippine islands, so much so that the insurgents have taken advantage of it. War cannot be successfully prosecuted when the enemy fail to recognize the humane principles which actuate their opponents. War is war, and to be successful must be prosecuted with all its attending horrors. The United States has been humane with the Filipinos, and Lord Roberts was humane with the Boers, and instead of both these wars being ended, a guerrilla warfare is going on which is irritating to both countries, and the only way to terminate them is to treat the insurgents as bandits, and those who persist in continuing the fight should be shot directly they are captured. That is war for humanity sake, for the United States is losing too many valuable lives, as the appalling death roll from the Philippines every day too plainly shows.

It was high time for the silver republicans to disband their organization. In 1896 the silver states of the Rocky mountains—Colorado, Montana, Utah, Idaho and Nevada—gave Bryan a total plurality of 261,265 votes. In 1900 Utah has gone over to the republicans and the remaining states have given Bryan a total plurality of a little over 50,000 votes. It was for this handful of impotent silverite suffrages that the democrats were twice induced to abandon the principles of Jefferson, Jackson, Benton and Tilden to follow the jack-o'-lantern of 16 to 1 into the morass of defeat.

The reception accorded Kruger in France is certainly flattering to him personally and may be some consolation for the Boers as a whole. That it will result in practical intervention, however, no one for a moment believes. Europe has more troubles than it knows what to do with at present and neither France nor any other country is at all likely to take any steps which will add to the present burden.

The St. Louis Republic says that John Bull's experience with the American mule in South Africa has been on the whole so satisfactory that he proposes a permanent alliance with the animal. "Birds of a feather flock together," and the quality of stubbornness possessed alike by bull and broncho forms a first-class bond of union between those two "birds."

Mrs. Mary Lease's notoriety being on the wane she intends reviving it by applying for a divorce. We wonder what is the next fool thing she will take up with? As pugilistic encounters appears to be the drawing card for notoriety, it is not too late for her to enter the prize ring—for women—after she has procured her divorce. Here's a chance of a lifetime for some enterprising trainer.

If a bill ever deserved scuttling in congress it is the ship subsidy bill. The big ship owners are no more entitled to be subsidized than the dairymen of Tillamook. Should the bill pass and a large appropriation be made, it will be just like finding that amount of money, to say nothing about the iniquitous system of robbing the country through the legislative process.

One of those war experts finds that "the lesson of the Boer war is that marksmanship is more important than drill." To an ordinary observer, not versed in the art of war, the lesson appears to be that an invalid ought to know better than to call a professional pugilist a liar.

And now somebody jumps up with a proposition that in future all election officers must be able to read and write. Gently, gently! Let us all cool down from the heat of the conflict before we attempt to work necessary reforms for the future. We might do something rash.

"I don't believe much in wire-pulling." Democratic Governor-elect James B. Cr man of Colorado is reported to have said a few days ago. And he added: "I don't care much about politics as politics. I want to give the state an honest, square intelligent, business administration, that's all."

A New York state cow swallowed several cartridges that had been left on the grass where she was feeding, and now the hired man who milks her dares offer no violence further than "So! Boss!" when she kicks over the milk bucket or switches her tail in his face.

A Salt Lake man has been sentenced to three months in jail for stealing an empty dinner pail. A man who will steal an empty dinnerpail during these prosperous times when he might just as easily take a full one is a fit candidate for the insane asylum.

The irrigation question is peculiarly

uninteresting to Western Oregon, for the visitor who asks "How many inches of rain is there in Tillamook?" is invariably told "We measure the rainfall by the foot, not by inches."

The London school board is responsible for the education of a population more than double that of Denmark, of Greece, larger than that of Scotland and only exceeded slightly by that of Bavaria and Holland.

Charles B. Stover of St. Louis is the latest millionaire to distribute his fortune during his lifetime. He has a horror of family quarrels over wills and has divided his money chiefly among his children.

The attention of the overworked spellbinders of the recent campaign is called to the fact that the surgeons have successfully operated upon Billy West, the minstrel, for an affection of the mouth.

Religion by injunction has failed in Iowa. At Sioux Center the court refused to grant an order asked by one faction of the Reformed church to restrain the minister from preaching in Dutch.

Now's the time for people who have wheels in their heads and cannot run their own businesses successfully to become conspicuous in proposing new laws to govern the state.

The bug experts are knocking on the popular charity stunt known as the "rummage sale." They find that the garret bric-a-bac is full of microbes.

Statisticians say over half the people of the world are ruled by women, and even this calculation does not take into account the married men.

Returns from Wisconsin show that more hunters than deer were killed there during the open season, which lasts only twenty days.

While the farmers of Kansas refuse to smoke the cigar named "Flor de Rockefeller," their lamps smoke that brand.

The Chicago Inter Ocean insists that Secretary Lyman J. Gage is a democrat. What is a democrat?

Will Prosperity be Lasting?

Doubtless many capitalists and business men are asking themselves this question. A prominent eastern financier said a few days ago that the result of the national election has given everybody confidence to go ahead and he expressed the opinion that the country is going to have enlarging prosperity. He pointed to the fact that the balance of trade in favor of the United States for ten months of this year has been \$500,000,000 and that on top of an equal amount in each of the preceding two years. The money in circulation is now above \$2,000,000,000, all made secure beyond question by the election. The increase in exports, the great increase in railroad earnings and the maintenance of industrial profits have gone beyond the calculations of everybody. "This is evidence," said the financier, "of a force which must be recognized. It looks to me like a gigantic impulse, the effects of which no man can foresee."

The indications favorable to an increased prosperity are abundant. All industries have awakened together. The demand for labor in the anthracite coal regions exceeds the supply. There is lack of labor in the iron industry of western Pennsylvania. Building has revived in Chicago. New England woolen and cotton mills, interrupted in September and October, are again running on full time. New enterprises are being started and projected. Capital and labor are occupied as they have not been for over a year. The first two weeks of the second series of "McKinley prosperity," remarks the Philadelphia Press, points to records in business, product and profits, in employment for labor and return for capital, which will outdo the past three and one-half years.

What are the grounds for this confidence? In the first place the assurance of the absolute security of the currency for at least five years. Whatever monetary legislation may be enacted within that time, the gold standard is safe. In the second place the certainty that the policy of protection will not be ruthlessly assailed. The next congress may deem it expedient to modify the tariff and we think it altogether probable that this will be done, but it is needless to say that a republican congress will not sacrifice protection. Thus the capital that is going into new industrial plants and enlarging those already established is assured that for at least five years the policy under which our vast industrial system has been built up will not be abandoned. In the third place there is an abundant supply of money and it is steadily increasing. Finally, there is opening before us the possibilities of a foreign trade with indefinite limits of expansion, which will enable us to pour the surplus products of our enterprise and industry into world-wide markets, preventing overproduction and the reaction which that is liable to occasion.

Existing conditions, therefore, are as favorable and promising for an increase of prosperity as could be desired and there appears no reason to think that it will not have a long continuance.

Pension Legislation.

It is expected that there will be a good deal of pressure for private pension bills at the coming session of congress. Business was not very brisk in this last session, although much was really done. It is said that there will be an average of about three special pension bills to each senator and representative. It is thought that the demand for a service pension law will not be given a show, owing to other matters of urgent importance that will require attention.

It would seem to be time that the annual crop of private pension bills should diminish, but the outlook for the approaching session indicates that it is growing. It was during the last session of congress, if we are not mistaken, that Senator Gallinger, chairman of the senate committee on pensions, called attention to the large number of private pension bills and urged greater care on the part of senators in ascertaining the merits of claimants before introducing such bills. There is a great deal of looseness in this respect and while some of the private pension bills are meritorious, not a few of the claims presented in them are utterly unworthy, yet the latter do not always fail.

Of the prospective 1,200 or more private pension bills which it is expected will be introduced at the coming session, it is safe to say that at least one-half will be without merit. Yet the pension committees must take the same care in investigating the claims of the unworthy as of the worthy. Thus a great deal of time is consumed by these committees which could be saved if greater care in ascertaining the facts were taken by those who introduce the bills. This is a duty which both houses should insist upon, but unfortunately are not likely to. It is impossible to foresee when this sort of legislation will come to an end. It may not be for a generation yet. But some restriction may be put upon it and greater care taken to prevent unmerited demands upon the national treasury.

Don't Hurry Young Gentlemen.

There are many young men on earth who fail because they lack ambition and determination to advance, says the New York Journal. There are many more whose trouble is hasty ambition. They fail to realize their present chances in their hurried reaching out for something better. You may see in any club, pool-room or other resort for wasting time crowds of young men smoking and deploring their lack of success.

"I've been working three years at the same job and the same salary," one will say, "and I don't see what chance I have for getting ahead."

The young man who talks in this way does not realize that success depends on developing the qualities which are in him. He can develop them if he will, no matter what his place in the world. Once he is ready to do good work, once he is developed, the work will find him out.

When George M. Pullman, who did so much for human comfort, was a young man he was successful, but not as successful as he meant to be. He knew that money saved was power. Instead of smoking and bemoaning his lot, he stopped smoking entirely and decided to improve his lot. He once said to a writer that his cigars in those old days cost him only 5 cents each, but he decided that since he could do without them, and since his plans demanded more money, it was his duty to give up what could be given up. He did his duty and went plodding along contentedly, but working hard. He succeeded pretty well, as is known.

When Napoleon Bonaparte was resting from his labors at St. Helena he used to tell this story:

"One day on parade a young lieutenant stepped out of the ranks much excited and appealed to me personally. He said to me that he had been a lieutenant for five years and had not been able to advance in rank. I said to him: 'Calm yourself. I was seven years a lieutenant, and yet you see that a man may push himself forward for all that.'"

Napoleon, when he preached this lesson to the young dissatisfied officer, was the self-made emperor of the French and of a great many other nations. He had come to Paris a thin, hollow-cheeked, undersized boy from the conquered and despoiled island of Corsica. He stuck in the humble grade of lieutenant for seven years. When the time came, he blossomed out.

When he was lieutenant, he was developing himself. He studied and mastered the art of war. He wrote the history of Corsica, and no one would publish it. He wrote a drama which was never acted. He wrote a prize essay for the Academy of Lyons, and did not win the prize. On the contrary, his effort was condemned as incoherent and poor in style. These were a few failures, enough to make your ordinary young man throw up his hands and say: "I've done all I can do; now let the world look out for me."

Just as he became hopeful about the future, when he knew that he had real military genius, he was dismissed from the army and his career seemed to be ended. He made a thin soup, upon which he and his brother lived. He could not change his shirt only once a week. He said:

"I breakfasted off dry bread, but I boited the door on my poverty." He kept at it, and all the time, success.

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ful or otherwise, he was developing himself. He developed into an emperor. Young men will please notice that fact, and the fact that Napoleon worked and tried under adversity and monotony instead of grumbling.

The newspaper reporter who does not get ahead very fast, the author whose manuscripts are treated as were Napoleon's first efforts, may study with considerable profit a young American writer named Richard Harding Davis. That young man had been a reporter in Philadelphia for seven years when he went to work on a salary. He had written and was writing some of his best stories, but could not get ahead, apparently. Nevertheless he kept on trying, and developed himself. When other young men were busy talking about themselves or deploring their lot, Davis was writing and grinding away out of working hours at the effort to get out and realize what was in him. He succeeded, and now leads probably as satisfactory a life as any young man in the country.

A few cases have been mentioned for young men to think over. They are selected at random. No young man need worry about himself so long as he can honestly say that he is doing his best. Being in the same place at the same salary for seven years can do you no harm, if you are developing during that time what is in you. But you may well worry if you are drifting aimlessly, pitying yourself, making no effort. If your mind stays in the same spot for years, that is dangerous. But don't worry about anything else.

Slang.

After all, slang is a pretty good thing in its way.

Who could more expressively indicate the condition of a very destitute gentleman than by saying "He's on the bum." Of course, it might not be strictly true. The person in question may be only on the hog or on his uppers, or he may be merely up against it, but "on the bum," though a trifle slangy, means more than the other genteel expressions. The man who eschews the glass when its contents foam is "on the ice wagon" or may be "driving a sprinkler," which means the same thing. How much more impressive than "He is abstaining from the use of fermented liquors." Just think how nice it would be to go home and hear your wife say, "Harold, I am of the opinion, however you may differ from me, that the lingering odor upon your mustache arises from the absorption of spirituous beverages." Or, "Did the tin horn gambler go broke?" Aw, say! Why, you could argue it out of her in about two shakes of a tadpole's tail; but it's all up when she says, in a direct, grating tone of voice: "You've been boozin' again, have y'?" Or, "You look as though you got skinned at twenty-one last night and if you don't shake the gambling habit off the business will go to the dogs." There's all the difference in the world. You see the point right away and there's no room for debate when a woman's on the war path. We'll gamble on that.

That's why we say, and maintain, that slang is a good thing in its way. It has a great many ways, by the way, and if you dodge it coming 'round the corner it'll swat you in the back in the middle of the block. When you remark to a friendly enemy that if he doesn't shut up you'll "hand him one," he knows on the spot that what you intend to hand him isn't anything good to eat. But how on earth could he understand you if you said: "Sir, if you persist in your unseemly conduct I shall consider it my duty to visit upon you ybu personal chastisement?"

You see, the people have become so used to hearing it that slang is really a part of our language, and just as necessary to a proper understanding of the things of the "earthly earthy" as is the finished course in our highest colleges. Gee. Let's get out a dictionary of slang words and append it to Webster's. But say, let's bar golf profanity. It's too utterly utter for introduction into our homes and teaching to our children.

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