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Postal money orders issued in the last six months of 1898 were \$10,536,400, in excess of the amount issued in the same period a year before. It is a good test of growing prosperity.

The latest estimate of the cost of the war with Spain, including the \$20,000,000 paid for the Philippines, is \$500,000,000, which is scarcely half the amount generally predicted a year ago.

Foreign exports of American manufactures climb up handsomely. In March, 1898, the aggregate was \$19,000,000; in the same month in 1897, \$25,000,000; in 1908, \$28,000,000, and in the present year \$36,000,000.

Biographers of the day say the late Gov. Flower was born in poverty, and that Andrew Carnegie began business on a salary of \$2 a week. Poor boys in America are largely responsible for the supply of millionaires.

The population of the asylum for the insane cannot be kept down as long as the state regards as a pauper every unfortunate entering there; a pauper and from a family of paupers. To tax up the cost of keeping to those who are able to pay would somewhat reduce the asylum population.

Said the New York Sun a few days ago: "Bryanism seems to be a roaring blast. At the mines of Idaho its votaries have stolen a train, blown up a mill with dynamite, committing murder thereby, and it requires troops in arms to keep them from plundering the mine owners of their property and assaulting any citizens who would enter into contract to work for them. Troops have been called upon to protect men and property from assault at the hands of strikers in Buffalo. A car has been blown up with dynamite at Duluth, and murder attempted also. Police had to protect laborers from them at the Jerome Park Reservoir. Police are on duty for the same purpose at the Warren Chemical Works of Long Island City. Day before yesterday some enemies of government by injunction took to the water in the harbor of New York and assaulted the crew of a ship about to sail for San Francisco. While the colonel preaches his disciples practice."

APPROPRIATE PLACE.

It matters not where the monument for Oregon's fallen volunteers will stand, anywhere on Oregon's soil, it will teach coming generations courage and loyalty. For all future time it will be an object lesson, that in the time of need President McKinley found ready response from the Webfoot state.—Portland Evening Telegram.

No; it does not matter where. But the capitol grounds would be an appropriate place. These grounds belong to all the people of Oregon.

NOR OTHER THINGS.

An increase is reported in the Indian population of the United States. Though the red man was once considered untamable he is not beyond the reach of benevolent assimilation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Nor other things making for civilization. He is capable of being made into a useful citizen—or at least his children and children's children are. They are on the increase, and our government must care for them and look out for their future. Next year the Salem school will take care of some 600 of them. The number ought to be increased to 1000 in the next few years.

A DENIAL FROM AN OFFICIAL SOURCE.

In his speech in Boston, on the first day of May, Secretary Long made the first official or semi-official reply that has been made by or on behalf of the administration to the charges of cruelty and brutality in connection with the campaign in the Philippines. He resented with indignation the charges that "the treatment of the Cubans by Spain of the Armenians by the Turks is not to be compared with our course toward the Filipinos in wanton and deliberate cruelty." He recognizes the possibility of "unauthorized outrages committed by individuals," and also "the painful destruction and wholesale devastation which mark all wars, just and unjust, and in which

there are in all wars horrible illustrations." "But as to the massacre of women and children, which I have also heard alleged," he declares explicitly that the "cannot on inquiry learn that anything of the kind has been reported, or that, if it were, it would not be as once treated with the utmost severity." He affirms that "the wives have been kept busy with orders for conciliation and kind treatment, and with every inducement to secure peace." He holds Aguinaldo responsible for the initiation of the present campaign in the Philippines, and substantiates the charge by an official statement which ought to outweigh anonymous reports and gratuitous assumptions in the daily press. "An intercepted telegram, which I forwarded to Dewey, was brought to me by a newspaper reporter from Agoncillo here—whose later precipitate flight was confession—to Aguinaldo there, urging him to make an attack upon the American forces in Manila, and to do so before the 6th of February, which was the time set for the vote of our senate on the ratification." The attack followed this counsel.

Said Secretary Long, continuing: "One would think, from what some say, that the president had gone out of his way to begin an assault and invasion upon the Philippines. On the contrary, at the date to which I have above referred, around that great city of Manila, where life and property were congregated and entitled to protection, Aguinaldo and his followers were making their assault, shooting down our soldiers, creating riot and disturbance, endangering life and property, actually lighting the torch and attempting to burn the city. I can hardly believe that even the critics of the administration approved of this at that time, or that they approved of the Filipino firing on our flags of truce."

He is as explicit in his statement of the purposes of the administration as he is definite in his statements of facts:

"You may be sure that it has not the least idea of putting any shackle or fetter on any Filipino—not so much as a cotton-twine string around his ankles. You may be sure that it is more eager to stop bloodshed and secure peace than you are, because it has to bear the responsibility. You may be sure that it will do everything it can to carry the blessings of our own civilization to those islands of the sea, and that its highest ambition will be fulfilled if through its efforts the people there, emerging from the oppression and darkness of centuries, shall come out into the light of the new world and be set upon the way to the enjoyment of the same liberties, the same education, the same progress, the same homes, the same government, the same large, generous, happy life which is now the heritage of every American citizen in whatever part of the great American Union he lives."

It seems to us that it was unnecessary for Secretary Long to deny the miserable lies concerning the inhumanity and brutality of our representatives in the Philippines. No one but a liar and unpatriotic scoundrel would give circulation to such falsehoods. The very character of American civilization pronounces the statements false, without the necessity of official or semi-official denial.

EXPLORATION WORK IN ALASKA

An order was issued by the war department a few days ago creating the



The drummer who tried to talk a merchant into purchasing a bill of goods may be handicapped by a face rendered unsightly by pimples and blotches and made unattractive by a foul breath. Some men imagine that bad health does not handicap them in business. A bigger mistake was never made. The slightest disorder may be the biggest kind of a detriment to a business man. An unsightly skin is caused by impurities of the blood. A foul breath means a weak stomach, an impaired digestion and an inactive liver. A sweet breath means that the stomach is sweet, the digestion good, the liver active and the bowels regular. It is an indication of a thoroughly constitutional sweetness. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Sweetness strengthens the stomach, facilitates the flow of digestive juices, gives edge to the appetite, makes digestion and assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver and purifies and enriches the blood. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It makes the eye brighter, the skin clearer, the breath sweeter and the step more elastic. It imparts both mental and bodily activity. It cures all diseases resulting from impurities in the blood. Found at all medicine stores.

"I was a complete wreck; appetite gone, nervous system impaired, could not sleep; and was so weak that I could not stand on my feet ten minutes," writes Miss Ella Bartley, of No. 2134 South Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio. "I only weighed 95 pounds. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Sweetness cured me and now I have an excellent appetite, sleep soundly and my friends say they never saw me so well."

A man or woman who neglects constipation suffers from slow poisoning. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. "One little 'Pellet' is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. All medicine dealers sell them. No other pills are 'just as good.'"

military department of North Alaska, to include the portion of the territory north of the sixty-first parallel. Capt. P. H. Ray, Eighth Infantry, the well-known explorer and expert in Alaskan affairs, is to have charge of the new department, with liberty to select his headquarters on the Yukon, and with the Copper River and Cook Inlet expeditions as part of his command.

These two expeditions, it is believed, will enlarge our knowledge of Alaska. Capt. W. R. Abercrombie, Second Infantry, who commands the Copper River expedition, aided by Lieut. Fabbcock, Eighth Cavalry, landed at Valdez, on Prince William Island, about a month ago, and there established a camp and station, with a view to opening a military road from the coast to Copper Centre and thence to Eagle City. The practical character of his work is shown by his instructions to survey the whole route carefully, triangulating it and noting and marking elevations and depressions on either side, so that it may become one of public travel. At the crossings of the Upper Copper and the Tanana, at the head of Forty-Mile Creek, and at other points deemed desirable, he is to lay out military reservations. The first report which has come from him shows that he had already organized a hospital for the care of destitute miners coming out of the interior to Valdez, who had suffered much, and were in need of the timely relief thus furnished.

The Cook Inlet expedition under Capt. Glenn, Twenty-fifth Infantry, is larger in numbers, including three first lieutenants, Leonard of the Fourteenth Infantry, Van Deman of the Twenty-first, and Castner of the Fourth. The permanent camp prescribed for it was Tyoonox, after landing on the way a small detachment at Portage Bay to explore and survey the trail thence to the camp at the head of Knip Arm. From Tyoonox exploring parties were to be sent through the country northward via the Matanuska, Sushitna, Yedno and Kuskokvim rivers, for the most direct and practicable route from tidewater to the crossings of the Tanana, and thence to the posts on the Yukon at Rampart and Circle. One detachment was to examine the west bank of Cook Inlet up to the head of navigation on the Sushitna for the best overland trail. The district to be explored is bounded on the north and west by the Yukon, and Koyukuk rivers, and on the east by the Copper river.

It will be seen by a glance at the map how these expeditions supplement each other. Both are to cover as much ground as possible and to report fully on topographical features, routes of travel, feasible lines for railroads, sites for military reservations, adaptability for agriculture and stock raising, mineral resources, timber, fuel, food products, the stock best suited for food and transportation purposes, and the condition of the natives. Indians can be employed as guides.

It is clear that the active campaigning carried on in the Philippines and Cuba have not caused the government to neglect Alaska. Indeed, the foregoing does not include all its work for the territory, since the treasury department is also employing its forces in co-operative tasks.

Among other work, the navigation official declaration of our great statesmen, commencing with Thomas Jefferson, and running through almost the entire period of the first half of this century. During all that period our honored statesmen and presidents, from Jefferson to Buchanan, laid down in their messages and state documents the imperative necessity of making the Pearl of the Antilles a part of the United States.

We do believe the Cuban problem is very far from solution. In the first place, the United States government is bound to maintain order there until such time as the people are able to establish for themselves a stable government. By that time, they will desire annexation to this country. It will not require a great deal of time to bring this about, under American direction.

TALK FROM PLATT.

New York, May 24.—An evening paper prints an interview with Senator T. C. Platt in which the latter is quoted as strongly advocating the re-nomination of President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart. The interview says: "Senator Platt said that all the criticism which had been flung at McKinley cannot alter the facts and that the president has conducted in magnificent style the shortest and most decisive war of modern times, and 'simply astonished' the old world by the way in which he did it. This general satisfaction has had undoubted demonstration by the president's reception over here by the masses. Without a shadow of doubt, he will be nominated and elected to the third term." "The Vice-President Hobart is pleased with McKinley. He is my choice for vice-president, just as McKinley is for president. As for the democratic party, it has only one issue—silver—and that has been repudiated by the entire country." "He spoke of the peace conference at The Hague as 'visionary beautiful, but impracticable. Universal peace is not for this age.'"

THE PARTING OF JOSEPHINE AND NAPOLEON.

Love Stroke with Ambition, But in Vain.

The tragedies of life are played for the most part in private. The closest which holds the private skeleton is always locked. Men and women smile on friends and guests, and so hide the heartache and bitterness, which they would not have the world know of. But once in a while some typical tragedy is enacted on a high platform for all the world to gaze at. For the actors there is no privacy, no secrecy. They live in the glare of "that white light which beats upon the throne," and all their actions must be "naked and open" to the public eye.

It was so in the case of Josephine and Napoleon Bonaparte. They were childless. The Emperor desired to found a dynasty. He wished to perpetuate a race of Emperors. The future of the Empire, his boundless ambition, the advice of counselors, all



pushed him on to that final step,—divorce. Love protested, but in vain. That parting scene between the woman Josephine and the man Napoleon is historic. "Low on the border of her couch they sat, Stammering and staring. It was their last hour. A madness of farewells."

For all time these two may stand as types of the unhappiness of the married who are childless.

'THE HEART KNOWETH ITS OWN BITTERNESS.'

Behind closed doors in a hundred homes, the tragedy of childless marriage is being enacted. In most cases love forbids the breaking of the marriage bond. But the wife gazes hungry eyed from her window, on the children romping in the street. And the husband coming from his office pats some curly headed new-boy on the head, while the boy wonders why he got a dime instead of a penny for his paper. But each buries the secret, longing in the heart. Each locks the skeleton away in the closet, where no prying eye may intrude upon it.

"God pity them both And pity us all Who vainly the dreams of youth recall."

Was the dream of youth vain? Must the intense mother-longing of women go unsatisfied?

Is there no word of hope or help for childless womanhood in this age of scientific miracles?

We can only reason from what we know. We know that women craving children have tasted the joy of motherhood, when they had given up all hope of this happiness.

"I had been a sufferer from uterine trouble for about three years, having two miscarriages in that time and the doctors that I consulted said I would have to go through an operation before I could give birth to children," writes Mrs. Blanche E. Evans, of Parsons, Luzerne Co., Pa., Box 41. "When about to give up in despair I saw the advertisement of Dr. Pierce's medicine and thought I would give it a trial as a last resort. I bought a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and after taking it felt better than I had for years. Feit improved before I had taken one-half of the bottle. After taking four and a half bottles I gave birth to a bright baby girl who is now four months old and has not had a day of sickness. She is as bright as can be. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

SINGULAR BUT NOT SCIENTIFIC. The case of Mrs. Evans may be singular but it is not solitary. This is only one case out of many in which Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has proved the "one thing needful."

"For five years my wife was in an almost helpless condition, suffering from female weakness," writes J. S. Everett, Esq., of Hagerman, Washington Co., Fla. "Last September I decided to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. She took several bottles of the medicine and gave birth to a ten pound son on January 31, 1898. She is now sound and well and doing housework."

These cases are less wonderful than they seem. There is no magic or miracle about the results achieved by the use of "Favorite Prescription." Motherhood is the natural privilege of woman. When this privilege is denied it is often because of local diseases which stand in Nature's way. Cure these diseases and the obstruction is removed. The orderly processes of Nature are carried out on creation's original plan. The one thing "Favorite Prescription" does is to put the woman in harmony with Nature. It regulates the periods, dries up the debilitating drains, cures inflammation, ulceration and displacement. It puts the delicate organs of motherhood in a condition of perfect health. Nature does the rest.

IT WORKS WONDERS. Mrs. James W. Blacker, of 623 Catherine Street, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Your medicines have done wonders for me. For years my health was very poor; I had four miscarriages, but since

taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery' I have much better health, and now I have a fine healthy baby."

The way for motherhood is prepared by "Favorite Prescription," but more than this the way is cleared of all the stumbling stones of doubt and dread on which so many women fall. The time spent in preparing the tiny wardrobe is a time of happy anticipation. There is no depression, no nervousness. And when the hour of trial comes, it is so brief, and baby's advent so easy that it seems a dream instead of a reality.

"I believe I owe my life to Doctor Pierce's remedies and have long felt it my duty to express my deep heart-felt gratitude to you, and to acknowledge the benefit I received from Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Pleasant Pellets,'" writes Mrs. Maria O. Hazel, writing from Brookland, D. C. "Six years ago after the birth of one of my children I was left in a weak, run-down condition. My health seemed utterly gone. I suffered from nervousness, female weakness and rheumatism, and I suffered everything one could suffer from these complaints. Life was a burden. I doctored with three different physicians and got no relief. I tried several patent medicines, all with the same result. I began to get worse and to add to the complications I suffered terribly from constipation. I chanced

to see one of your advertisements and concluded to try the above remedies. I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Pleasant Pellets,' and began to improve right away and continued improving and gaining in strength. I cannot express the relief, it was so great. Seven months later my little daughter was born without much trouble. I feel that I would never have been able to endure my confinement only to the help due solely to Dr. Pierce's medicines. She was a fine, healthy child and the only one I ever have been able to nurse. She is now two years old and I have never had to take any medicine since, so I feel that your medicine has made a lasting cure with me. I owe so much in thanks, it would be impossible for me to express by word or pen how thankful I am to God and to Dr. Pierce."

HELP AND PROTECTION FOR MODEST WOMEN.

Any sick or ailing woman may consult Dr. Pierce by letter without fee or charge, thus avoiding the unpleasant questions, the offensive examinations and repulsive local treatments considered necessary by many local physicians. Consultation by correspondence with Doctor Pierce is under the seal of the strictest privacy. All statements are held as sacred confidence and a prompt answer is mailed in a plain envelope bearing upon it no printing whatever. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

It is well to remember that the offer of free medical advice made by Doctor Pierce, is almost without precedent:

First—Because Dr. Pierce is qualified legally and by a physician's training and experience to give the medical advice he offers. In general the offer of "free medical advice" is made by those who are not physicians and who do not even claim to be, because the law severely punishes such claims when illegally made.

Second—Because in more than thirty years of practice, in which the treatment and cure of diseases of women have been made a specialty, Dr. Pierce has gained an experience which puts him in the front of all specialists in the treatment of female disorders and diseases.

Third—Because as chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce has surrounded himself with nearly a score of assistant physicians, each man a graduate and legally qualified physician; each man a specialist in the treatment of some form of disease. These physicians are daily engaged in active practice in the Invalids' Hotel, and bring to their work an experience which every hour ripens.

Fourth—Because the record of cures by Dr. Pierce's treatment is phenomenal. In more than thirty years of practice half a million women have been treated and ninety-eight per cent of all these have been absolutely and altogether cured.

There are others who make offers of medical advice similar to that of Doctor Pierce. But no such offer has behind it a medical institution like the Invalids' Hotel and a staff of qualified physicians, or such a genuine record of cures.

Women for their own sakes should investigate offers of medical advice—otherwise they may be led to "write to a woman," supposing they are writing to a qualified physician and getting genuine medical advice. Investigation would show that behind such an offer there was no qualified medical knowledge, but probably some man, who unable to write M. D. after his name, was using a woman as a bait, to attract women into a correspondence. In any case the medical advice of an unqualified woman is just as dangerous as the medical advice of an unqualified man.

THE WARNING OF THE PRESS. Attention is being called in the public press to the growing and dangerous use of preparations of cocaine, which is an ingredient in so many medicines and compounds. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription contains neither cocaine, opium nor any other narcotic, and is also entirely free from alcohol, whisky and every other stimulant or intoxicant. Do not allow any dealer to sell you

something else in place of "Favorite Prescription." If you want the cures performed by "Favorite Prescription" you can only get them by using the only medicine which performs such cures. When you ask for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, refuse all substitutes or imitations.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

- Annual Convention to Be Held at Marion During Two Days of Next Week.
- The Marion County Sunday School association will hold a convention at Marion, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, May 31st, and closing at noon on June 1st. All Sunday School workers are invited. Those wishing entertainment are requested to please notify Robert Reid, of that town. The program is as follows:
- May 31st—Afternoon.
2:00—Devotional, Rev. B. F. Hineshaw
2:15—Address of Welcome, Robert Reid.
2:20—Response, Rev. E. G. Hens.
2:25—Object of Convention, Scott Bosworth.
Discussion.
3:00—Roll call and reports from schools.
3:30—Appointments of committees—1, nominations; 2, resolutions; 3, plans for work; 4, ways and means.
3:40—Address—Sunday School and Temperance.
4:10—Hints to Superintendents, Chas Townsend.
4:25—Best Method of Preparing a Sunday School Teacher, Jno. Tonkins.
Questions and answers.
7:30—Devotional.
7:45—Address: Synopsis of Nazarine Lectures, John Parsons, D. D.
Collection and Benediction.
June 1st—Forenoon.
9:00—Devotional, Rev. A. W. Bagley.
9:15—Reports of Committees; election of officers; and unfinished business.
10:15—Help for Teachers—Preparation of Sunday School Lesson, Miss M. Frickey; Primary Work, Mrs. C. M. Ogil; Primary Union, A member of Salem Union.
11:00—Influence of Music in the Sunday School, Prof. Francesco Seley.
11:15—Miscellaneous.
Adjournment and Benediction.

G. A. R. NOTICES.

Members of Selwick Post No. 10, G. A. R. and W. R. C., and all sejourning old soldiers are requested to meet at headquarters in this city at 10 a. m. on Sunday, May 31st, for the purpose of attending memorial services at the First Presbyterian church. J. C. Ross, commander.

The Ladies of U. S. Grant Circle No. 5, G. A. R., will gladly welcome all comrades and their families at their new hall over Steiner's grocery store, on State street, on Memorial day. Open doors all day. Come early and bring lunch with you. Lunch will also be served upon the return from the cemetery. By order of the committee.

FOR A DIVORCE.—Dr. J. L. Storey, of Woodburn, yesterday began divorce proceedings against Ellen Storey, to whom he was married in 1885. The defendant is now a resident of New York state.

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