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General Wheeler ought to be permitted to take his seat, rule or no rule.

The 9000 American troops in Cuba will shortly be reduced to 5000. Good behavior on the part of the inhabitants warrants this step toward stable civil government.

Puerto Rico pays nothing in the way of tariff duties that does not return to its schools, roads and other home interests," says an exchange; and this is the proposition now before congress.

Independence is to have a creamery. The movement is growing. We hope to see it keep up, until every town in the Willamette valley has such an institution—and Salem a half dozen or so large ones.

Prof. Schurman says the government of the Philippines will closely resemble that outlined by President Jefferson for the Louisiana purchase. Here is a point in which Bryan considers himself immeasurably superior to Jefferson.

"The tariff has not yet touched Puerto Rico except to add to the funds for its own exclusive use," says the St. Louis Republic. And it will not touch Puerto Rico, except for this purpose, under the bill passed by the lower house of congress.

The Chinese minister to the United States, Wu Ting Fang, says that the world needs a universal language, and he intimates that the English, with some few variations and modifications, would meet that want. "It is spoken in the streets of Shanghai as well as in those of Hong Kong," he remarks. "It is taught in the schools of Yokohama as well as in those of Singapore. Chinese, Japanese, Germans, Russians and Frenchmen alike use it in their business offices, in their clubs and in their family circles. In short, it may be called the commercial language of the Orient. Signs point to its ultimate adoption as an international tongue." Wu Ting Fang is not the first foreigner of intelligence and prominence who has made predictions of the eventual supremacy of the English tongue. German and French philologists many decades ago talked on this subject in the same strain as the Chinese minister does now, but they could not give quite so many reasons for the faith that was in them as this close observer can furnish. It is known to every one who has followed up the discussion of this question of a world's language that the number of persons using English as a mother tongue has increased marvellously in the past 100 or 200 years. At the beginning of the present century only about 20,000,000 people spoke this language, while to-day it is used by 120,000,000. A century ago French was spoken by more persons than English. Two centuries ago it was generally supposed that French would eventually be the universal language. It had a vogue at that time such as no other two languages could command.

THE BOERS AND AMERICAN POLITICS.

By all that is reasonable, don't let us get to quarreling among ourselves about other people's affairs. The attempt to mix the South African war with American politics is mildly characterized as impertinent. It is properly a subject of political discussion in England, for it involves questions of governmental policy that public opinion must ultimately decide. The English, while rightly united, for the time being, in desiring the success of British arms, are by no means agreed in their judgment either upon the acts that preceded the war or upon what should follow it. But we have no need to decide these questions and in the fight between Britons and Boers we are happily hot-called on to take sides.

A Happy Mother

Frolicking with her baby makes one of the prettiest spectacles ever seen in the home. But nothing is sadder to see than the unhappy mother, weak and nervous, striving in vain to hush the cries of her weak and nervous babe. There can be no happiness for either mother or child without health. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription "has done wonders" for many a woman, by restoring her health and opening for her the way to happy motherhood. This really wonderful medicine is not a cure-all. It is a preparation specially designed to cure diseases peculiar to women. It dries debilitating drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, cures female weakness, and removes the causes which generally make women nervous and sleepless. There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription" and it contains no opium, cocaine or other narcotic. Mrs. James W. Blacker, of 609 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." Use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets with "Favorite Prescription" if the bowels are inactive or irregular.

PRISON REFORM.

There is a little paper published monthly at the Oregon State Penitentiary, called "The Prison Missionary." It is published by Prisoner No. 2409. We find in the current number of the paper the following: "The Fredericktown Free Press in a recent issue says: "Prison labor and some form of legislation for the relief of discharged prisoners is being much agitated at the present time. As is the case at present, a large amount of the work done by prisoners is put upon the market at so cheap a price as to affect the labor outside. "A prisoner's family is in most cases supported by some charitable organization or by private parties. This ought not to be. The prisoner ought to receive the average wages of outside labor engaged in the same vocation. "The wages should first go to pay for his own clothes and board. Then if there is any surplus, and there ought to be, it should go to the support of his helpless wife and children outside the prison. Simply because he is a criminal is no reason for his not supporting his family. Then again some sort of legislation ought to be enacted whereby a discharged prisoner can get a new start in life. As it is now he is discharged with a poor suit of clothes and \$5. How long will this last him? In a short time he is re-arrested for vagrancy or suspicion and probably returned to prison to go through the same process again. There ought to be some enactment whereby an appropriation for the relief of prisoners who have spent three, five, ten or more years in prison on some contract from which the state derives large revenue. Of course the prisoner should be made to earn all these amounts and in this way they may be given a start in life and be able to make themselves a benefit to their community."

This is putting the matter a little strong. It would be most too much for the state to support the prisoner's family while he is confined. But a system of paying the prisoners a small amount daily for their work, or crediting them for their tasks, and charging them for their clothing, board, careless work, etc., etc.—which system has been adopted by some of the best prisons in the East (notably the Elmira, New York, Reformatory), has worked well. It gives the prisoner and well behaved prisoners each a small sum of money on leaving the institution. It teaches them thrift and economy while confined. It is the duty of the state to provide in some way for discharged prisoners. It is nothing more than right. It is in the interest of economy, in the long run. The constitution of Oregon declares (Sec. 15 Art. I) that, "Laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not vindictive justice." The laws governing the Oregon penitentiary violate the spirit of the constitution. They provide for "vindictive justice," and there is no "principle of reformation" adhered to at all. Oregon should live up to its constitution. This state should get in line with the older commonwealths in their efforts to reform men convicted of crime, and not drive them further into criminal habits and thoughts, as at present. We should have the parole system, and indeterminate sentences, and efforts during penal servitude to train and teach the unfortunates and direct them towards lives of law abiding usefulness.

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SWINBURNE WRITES A POEM OF TRIUMPH.

London, March 1.—Algeron Charles Swinburne has a poem in the Times this morning under the caption, "The Turning of the Tide," of which the last six lines are as follows: The winter day that withered hope and pride Shines now triumphant on the turning tide, That sets once more our trust in freedom free; That leaves a ruthless and a truthless foe, And all base hopes that hailed his cease laid low, And England's name a light on land and sea.

ANXIOUS TO PLEASE.

"Pat, I thought I hired you to carry bricks up that ladder by the day." "Ye did, sor." "Well, I've been watching you, and you've only done it a half a day today, the other half you spent coming down the ladder." "O'll thry to be doin' bether tomorrow, sor."—Harlem Life.

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trek into the wilderness in defense of the right of every man "to wallop his own nigger." It was over questions of slavery and the treatment of the natives that their troubles with the British began and were for a long time maintained. Later came the influx of Outlanders into their territory and the agitation for political rights that led to the present rupture. British official blunders and crimes may even up the moral account, but they cannot make the cause of Boer civilization one that appeals strongly to the spirit of American liberty.

Of course the professional Anglophobe finds this a fitting occasion to abuse perfidious Albion, and no doubt antipathy to England has much more to do with expressions of sympathy with the Boers than any consideration of their merits or demerits. Everybody is free to think and feel and sympathize as he will, but public agitation on the one side invites counteragitation until we find ourselves foolishly embroiled in matters that need not concern us, except as intelligent citizens of the world. In our politics certainly it is still essential, as Washington observed, "that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded," since the nation that indulges them "is in some degree a slave."

Ladysmith's death list from all causes during the siege was 605, or at the rate of 2420 a year in a population of 18,000. Think of the horrors of war, even to the women and children not engaged in the grim part of it!

Deafness Cannot be Cured

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PADEREWISKI'S OPINION.

In my opinion, says Paderewski in Harper's Bazar, every child should be taught the piano. I know that it is considered an open question nowadays as to whether it is worth while for a child to study music unless it shows special aptitude in that direction. It is not now unusual to find young women in society totally ignorant of the piano; but, to my mind, general culture demands that every civilized person should be acquainted with all the manifestations of culture. The only way to comprehend art is to have some knowledge of art. As the piano is the best instrument to show all species of music, every child should study it.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The enormous margin of profit in sales of typewriters has been made plain by a recent government transaction in them. Heretofore, every official of the government has been allowed to have any kind of machine he preferred. These were purchased at reduced rates, which averaged about \$72 for a \$100 machine, surely a considerable reduction. But recently the navy department called for bids for 250 machines, with the idea that still lower rates could be secured by using a uniform type in the department. The result of the bids was somewhat startling. The Remingtons offered machines from \$78 to \$101.25, dependent on style and number ordered; the Franklin offered their machines as low as \$39.50; Manhattan, Model A, \$59.75; Densmore, \$64.84; Pittsburg Visible, \$55; the Brooks, \$45; the Columbia Barlock offered to turn the 250 machines required for \$14,245, an average price of about \$57.00. People who in the past have paid \$100 for any of these machines would do well to study the above figures.

Representative Vincent Boreing of London, Ky., in the Eleventh Kentucky district, in which nearly all the Kentucky fends have taken place and from which Governor Taylor's mountaineers have come, is in this city and has entered a defense for his constituents. "London," he says, "at which the legislature has been directed to meet, has been shamefully abused in the papers of late. It is not the resort of assassins. There has not been an open saloon nor a homicide in the town for the last twenty-five years. It is just as accessible by rail as Frankfort. It is the seat of a university, has eight churches, a national bank, and two newspapers. It is not a republican stronghold but is about equally divided between democrats and republicans," although at the last election there was a large majority against Goebel.

The bill offering the thanks of congress to Miss Helen Gould for her kindness to our soldiers during the war with Spain, will almost certainly soon pass both houses of congress without any opposition, and will be the third measure of its kind in the history of the United States. The first was passed years ago, thanking "Dolly" Madison for having returned to the White House at imminent peril to herself and removed the original draft of the Declaration of Independence just before the British reached the spot and set fire to the building. Later, in 1878, a similar honor was conferred upon Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson for presenting to the nation Frank Carpenter's painting of President Lincoln signing the emancipation proclamation.

Reports from Alaska continue to give evidence of the great inconveniences arising there from the lack of courts. Recently, for instance, a party of witnesses and prisoners were brought 2,000 miles away from their homes to attend a session of court. When their testimony was taken they were forced to remain where they were until next spring, when travel opens again. By the time they get back again, many of them will have been away a year. When a man has gone to Alaska to dig gold, it seems hard that the United States government should seize him and take him away from his home and claim for a year, simply because he has perhaps witnessed a murder. Congress should at once establish some better system. Alaska now has 40,000 white inhabitants, more than the state of Nevada, and the number is likely to be doubled this year.

Few people have any idea of the enormous amount of special pension legislation that congress is asked to transact. More than half of all the bills introduced in that body are bills for pensions to people who have been released by the pension bureau. Perhaps one in ten is valid. They take up the time of the committees and of the two houses, and are a general nuisance. A bill recently introduced by Senator Mason is designed to do away with this. It provides for the creation of a court of pension appeals, to consist of five members, of which three, at least, shall be lawyers and one a member of the G. A. R. The court will determine all claims for pensions, increases, restorations, and arrearages, and all applicants for arrears which do not come within any pension law, and cannot be adjudicated by the commissioner of pensions.

The senate committee on commerce has decided to favorably report the bill for a new department, to be known as the department of commerce and industries. The bureaus which it is proposed to transfer from the old departments to the new one, are the life saving service, the lighthouse board, the marine hospital service, the bureau of steam inspection, the bureau of navigation (treasury), the United States shipping commissioner, the bureau of emigration, the coast and geodetic survey, bureau of statistics of the treasury and state departments, the department of labor, the consular bureau of the state department, and all consular offices, including consuls, general consuls, commercial agents, their deputies, and all offices of the government resident in foreign countries charged with the duty of facilitating and promoting commerce.

A strong effort is being made to open the army to dental surgeons, and a bill has been prepared for introduction in congress authorizing the appointment of dental surgeons with the rank of major, so as to allow one for each regiment.

Legal blanks, Statesman Job Office.

HAD MONEY TO INVEST.

A few days ago the Emporia (Kans.) Gazette printed his burlesque "ad," which might appear in the Rev. Mr. Sheldon's Christian Daily: "Wanted—A Christian man wants money to invest. Will guarantee twenty per cent. per month. No chance to lose, everything will be managed by Christians." Address Brother Bolton, this office. The editor had no idea that anybody would take it seriously, but a widow saw it and answered it. A reporter called on her, and found that she actually had \$1,000 to lend to a good Christian, who must have a certificate from his pastor that he attended church and prayer meeting regularly. She asked no other security.

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A NEW CHERRY. Prof. Van Deman describes in Rural New Yorker a cherry which he calls "Freedom," the place near where it originated, which "has the remarkable peculiarity of hanging on the tree and drying just where it grew." He says further: "One would naturally expect the dried product to be poor in quality, but after tasting some of the specimens in the raw state, and having the rest cooked and served on the table, they have proved to be of excellent flavor. The tree is an accidental seedling. It is not as robust in habit as some of the sweet cherries, to which type it belongs, but is said to be exceedingly productive and very regular in bearing." CHANGEABLE. Larry—Nora! Hung her Jersey jacket over the stove an' it wuz scorched. Did 'ye hear about it, Dinny? Dinny—O! did; an' O! also hur-rud that it changed th' jacket completely. Larry—How phwas that? Dinny—Well, ye see, it phwas a jersey jacket when she hung it thur, but, faith, after it wuz scorched it phwas a smoking jacket.—Chicago Daily News.

NO LONGING. "Don't you often long for the freedom of your former life?" asked the visitor at the prison. "Not much," replied the convict; "I was sent here for having four wives."—Philadelphia North American. Prunes are, without exception, the healthiest fruit known to mankind. Their medical properties act upon the nerve centers, soothing and curing all nervous disorders. One cannot eat too many prunes. Because they are inexpensive, the wealthy class have banished them from their table, giving place to rich preserves. Prunes must be washed and put to soak over night; in the morning put them to cook, covered with cold water; stew slowly for three or four hours; add a little sugar if not sweet enough. Let the children eat them twice a day.—Exchange. Words are little things, but they strike hard. We wield them so easily that we are apt to forget their hidden power. Filly spoken, they fall like sunshine, the dew, and soft summer rain; but when unilly, like the frost, the hail and the desolate tempest.

PERFECT womanhood depends on perfect health. Nature's rarest gifts of physical beauty vanish before pain. Sweet dispositions turn morbid and fretful. The possessions that win good husbands and keep their love should be guarded by women every moment of their lives. The greatest menace to woman's permanent happiness in life is the suffering that comes from derangement of the feminine organs. Many thousands of women have realized this too late to save their beauty, barely in time to save their lives. Many other thousands have availed of the generous invitation of Mrs. Pinkham to counsel all suffering women free of charge. Mrs. H. J. GARRETSON, Bound Brook, N. J., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with the best results and can say from my heart that your medicines are wonderful. My physician called my trouble chronic inflammation of the left ovary. For years I suffered very much, but thanks to Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and kind advice, I am today a well woman. I would say to all suffering women, take Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine and your sufferings will vanish." Mrs. MAGGIE PHILLIPPE, of Ladoga, Ind., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—For four years I suffered from ulceration of the womb. I became so weak I could not walk across the room without help. After giving up all hopes of recovery, I was advised to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and wrote for special information. I began to improve from the first bottle, and am now fully restored to health."