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Cuba's Problem. The correspondence between President Palma, Consul General Steinhart and Mr. Bacon, assistant secretary of state, shows very clearly that this country did not take the initiative in intervention.

Home Rule Charter Making. The Journal has heretofore followed the difficulties of framing a city charter which would please everybody.

The Man with a Political Future. President Northrop made a very suggestive statement when in concluding a contribution to the Congregationalist on the struggle for civic good in Minneapolis he said, "Today the man who does his duty in public office is the man who has a political future."

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other senator, but there are decent ways of doing it. In the first place it would perhaps be in better taste to do it in a political speech than in a paid lecture. In the second place it is disingenuous to attempt to manufacture and get the benefit of a sensational disclosure of something which is already public property.

Palma did not carry a big stick and he did not go far.

The Tribune, discussing the matter of the charter is, as usual, rather unfair to the commission. The commission does not say that the people do not want a new charter, but that they have shown already by their votes that they do not want a complete new charter thrust upon them.

The enabling act under which charters must be framed gives plenty of leeway for cities to perfect their fundamental law according to their local ideas. The principal restrictions are that cities shall form a government with a mayor and a council of one or two houses and that it shall conform to the constitution of the state.

It may interest the opponents of simplified spelling to know that the Norwegian Lutheran theological school on Twenty-first avenue S will adopt the list of 300 words recommended by President Roosevelt, and that the action of the faculty upon this matter was at the instance of Professor Ottelid, who is one of the most accomplished linguists in this part of the country.

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BOOKS

By W. P. K. (Owing to the great number of books that come from the publishers in the fall and winter months, it is impossible to give extended notices of them. The most important titles of the books received, however, will be given in this column from time to time, with brief explanatory notes, which will be of interest to book buyers and to the general reader.)

By W. P. K. Gilbert Parker's New Novel.—A new novel by Gilbert Parker, a story into which he has put the best of his maturing powers, is a literary event of much more than ordinary importance.

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Minnesota Politics

Efforts to Bring Jacobson Out Against Nelson Are Made in a Hopeless Cause.—More Votes Cast for Governor at the Last Election Than for Any Other Office.

Speeches today: A. L. Cole and J. F. Jacobson at Mountain Lake in the afternoon, at Windom in the evening; Knute Nelson at Lake Park; James E. Clapp and James A. Tawney at Winona; John A. Johnson at Bemidji.

The opposition to Senator Nelson's re-election must have a candidate before it can get anywhere, and about the only hope of stirring up a fight is to get J. F. Jacobson in the field.

When figuring on the prospects of the gubernatorial election, it has been generally assumed that about 20,000 republicans went to the polls last fall and registered to vote for Duane, being unwilling to vote for the incumbent.

The fact is, however, that there were more votes cast for governor than for any other office. The total for lieutenant governor was 286,278, for state treasurer 286,300, for secretary of state 286,300, and for state auditor 286,300.

If the voters went to the polls for anything, it was manifestly to vote for president, and yet the total cast for the first presidential election in which tickets were printed on the ballot was 292,860.

The figures ran closer together in the 1902 election. Then there were 274,071 ballots reported as "cast and counted," and there were 270,888 recorded as their choice on governor.

The second number of the semi-monthly North American Review is at hand, and it opens with the second installment of chapters from Mark Twain's autobiography.

Professor Swain Matthews, who is prominently connected with the movement for spelling reform, discusses "Reform and Reformers." John Barrett urges the adoption of measures which will bring about the most desirable results.

The "Next French Revolution." The French Revolution is the most important event in the history of the world since the beginning of the Christian era.

Atlantic for October.—Every American business man has reason to be interested in the leading article in the Atlantic for October.

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