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NOT SUCH A WONDROUS CHANGE

Many comments have been made by the American press, and by leading politicians in both the great parties, respecting the alleged wonderful change in the Utah vote, as recorded by the returns to the recent general election.

They seem to be ignorant of the fact that Utah, being then what is called a silver State, the great mass of voters, Republicans, Democrats and Populists, cast their ballots for Bryan as the representative of the silver cause.

The result this year should not, then, be set against that of four years ago, but be compared to the returns of a few months ago. We do not care to go into the question of the causes that led to the change in the popular vote in this State; they were numerous, and all contributed to the general result.

All we desire at this time to point out, is the error of taking the returns of an election in which voters of the three parties united on a special occasion, by way of contrast to the results of the recent election, when their issues were each in force and their votes were cast for their own party principles and candidates.

CONDITION OF THE FILIPINOS

The President in his message to Congress stated that the pacification of the Philippine rebels was progressing favorably, and that the opposition to our forces was mostly by scattered bands obeying no concerted strategic plan and operating only as guerrillas.

The Boston Transcript some time ago published a letter from an American now in Manila. He states that those in rebellion constitute but a small part of the population, although the great body of law-abiding citizens have no special affection for the Americans.

A TABLE OF CRIME.

In Town Topics for Nov. 29, Hon. Joseph M. Douel gives in tabulated form a review of the moral tone of 100 cities of the United States, as revealed by the police statistics. The cities selected represented all parts of the country, and every State is included except Idaho, Nevada, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The question is whether the transformation can be effected by the military forces alone. The correspondent of the Transcript says even army officers doubt this. The American soldiers do not admire the Filipinos, and the latter reciprocate the feelings to such an extent that it is doubtful whether they can ever come to an amicable understanding.

Is coming over the people. It seems there were not enough of our soldiers to guard the voluntary prisoners, and the latter were therefore told to keep away until their right to the treatment as captives of war could be established.

The Filipinos are said to be taking a lively interest in the schools established. This speaks well for their future. They show great aptitude for clerical work, and there is no doubt that with a correct educational system, they will rise to a high degree of civilization.

M. BLOCH ON WAR.

M. Bloch, the writer on military matters, who before the outbreak of the Transvaal war, published his views that the improvement of modern war machinery would go on, until war itself would be an impossibility, is again stating similar opinions, and defending them.

According to an extract from a forthcoming book of the author, reproduced in the Literary Digest, the conclusion to be drawn from the conflict with the Boers is, that if war is to bring about in a short time the results for which it is waged, it will cause such losses that no army would be able to support them.

Future wars, he argues, in which millions of men are pitted against one another, would bring indescribable confusion in our whole economic life, catastrophes in commerce and industry, the dissolution of social bonds, misery suffered not only by the combatants but by women and children, and the aged.

M. Bloch goes into further details in this chain of reasoning. The naval part of a great war would mean the interruption of all communication by sea. Prices on the necessities of life would rise beyond the resources of the common people. England and France would have to consider this result of a conflict. Germany, it is said, could not carry on a war with Russia for three weeks, if the imports of wheat were stopped.

M. Bloch's reasoning is sound. It is well illustrated by the Chinese invasion, in which the victorious forces seem to be willing to make considerable concessions from the original program, perhaps more for fear of the financial problems involved in a conquest of that magnitude, than because of any consideration of the Chinese people.

Priesthood meeting this evening in the Assembly Hall at SEVEN o'clock. The oleomargarine bill should not experience much trouble in passing.

The emergency ration is said to be a howling success, with the emphasis on the howling.

The window glass combine is to be fought. Evidently the combiners do not live in glass houses.

Because the House has passed the army reorganization bill it is no sign that the dogs of war are to be let loose.

Turkish naval authorities express themselves delighted with the Kentucky. Doubtless it is a fiend delight.

The International Board of Arbitration doesn't seem to have anything to do in times of disputes and wars.

Parliament is omnipotent but it occasionally indulges in acrimony and prodding just like ordinary human legislatures.

Denver's board of aldermen has authorized prizefights. That's nothing. In Limon they indulge in burning people at the stake.

Down in Mexico they believe in doubling the third term for their president. Diaz has just been inaugurated for the sixth time.

If Lividita bulletins are to be relied upon, the czar has improved so much the past fortnight that he should be entirely recovered by this time.

The difference between the expressions of a cultured gentleman and of his extreme antipodes may be seen in the columns of this morning's Herald.

Lord Kimberley objects to the brevity of the queen's speech. There are many members of Congress who would cheerfully swap him a copy of the President's message for it.

It is to be hoped there will be no "scare" inaugurated here sufficient to keep from our beautiful and healthful city the expected attendance at the great live stock convention in January.

England is too great, her history too glorious, her place in the front rank of nations too prominent to adopt in South Africa the Spanish policy of reconcentration. Yet a Johannesburg dispatch says that the authorities there are preparing on the race course ac-

commodations for four thousand people from farms in the vicinity of the Rand; and that the burghers will be herded in a laager and closely watched.

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Chicago is going to try the experiment of a "municipal free lodging house." This would make Chicago a Mecca for tramps and hoboes, were it not that it will be harder to pass the conditions for admittance than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

According to the Baltimore Sun a member of the faculty said that the Johns Hopkins does not require so much a man of scholarly attainments as it needs a man of financial experience to look after the welfare of the university. Such being the case why would it not be well in every way to invite Mr. John D. Rockefeller to occupy the place soon to be made vacant by the retirement of President Gilman?

GENERAL DEWEET'S EXPLOIT.

The capture of Dewetadof indicates that the Boers are not confining themselves wholly to guerrilla tactics. As usual, the ubiquitous Gen. Dewet was near the scene; and, as usual, made good his escape. Hard fighting is also reported at Krugersdorp. These engagements naturally show considerable strength on the part of the Boers. Meanwhile, Mr. Kruger is enjoying himself in France, and is being cordially received on all sides.

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It strikes us that the conditions in South Africa now are much like those after the fall of Richmond in our own Civil War. The South might have maintained the struggle and sacrificed human life and property for a long period if the different policy that is adopted by President Kruger.

New York Evening Sun.

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