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The Springfield Republican very appropriately refers to the hero of the hour as Lieut. Hobson of the Merrimack.

That little affair which started with Cuba and isn't ended yet has cost the country up to date \$250,000,000 and the end is not yet, so far as expenditures are concerned.

With Bryan hope deferred appears to make the heart light. The silver question, he says, is stronger now than it was two years ago and he is looking forward to a silver senate in 1901. They are happy who are dead and don't know it.

Speaking of practical Christianity what's the matter with the feeding of over 3000 of Boston's poor on Christmas day by the Salvation Army, with Bishop Lawrence to say grace and Mayor Quincy to give the city's benign countenance to the great work.

When we called attention last week to the prevalence of the grip we little thought that our own Senator Morrill would be the first victim. Although he died of pneumonia it was preceded by an attack of the grip, which in so many cases results in pneumonia.

The Springfield Reporter celebrated its majority last week and the editor invited all the advertisers and subscribers to call at the office on Monday and partake of light refreshments. It was a unique way to show the appreciation of a valuable constituency and we congratulate Editor Stiles upon the occasion of such hospitality.

### Let Us Build Ships.

To a resolute people possessing a land and resources like our own, all this cry of land grabbing and jingoism is like baying at the moon. Like her, full orb'd, this great nation is to shine to some purpose. And strength of purpose was never more needed or needed to be more persistent than now.

The great warm heart of the American people, when deeply moved, sets in motion live forces, with some uproar and enthusiasm it is true, and with some technical and costly mistakes, but they are forces to win in great games. To win in future great games America needs and will build powerful ships of war, and to be ready for war is to be in effective position to prevent war.

### Good Times.

Uncle Samuel, with the new year, is in a cheerful and contented frame of mind. His supply of gold beats the record, and leads the world. The markets for his crops continue excellent; while the prospects for his iron and steel is so brilliant it makes him exultant. In fair trade he can control the steel markets of the world. Europe admits it with

sorrow; and there appears to be no manner of doubt but that American rails, ship plates, and rolled steel of all descriptions, from now on, will be shipped to all lands. Orders for hundreds of thousands of tons, already at hand, mean busy days and a fat purse on pay day in the iron districts. No wonder Uncle Samuel is serene.

### Long Live the Americans!

No one need be deprived of his sleep for fear the country will not do the right thing with Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands. No game of bluff is now of the slightest use. The cry of imperialism has been tried before and doesn't work with sensible folk. People are too alert to be deluded with it. It is already stale. And the unconstitutional din will prove just as unserviceable. Mr. Bryan and his friends will have to try another tack to get on with the people. The country has done many things in the right direction, and will do more in spite of splenetic squibs from some folks who seem to be men without a country.

The country fares serenely on in a good cause.

Vivan las Americanos.

### Senator Morrill.

The year which recorded the death of Gladstone in England and Bismarck in Germany did not close without taking from our own nation our honored and beloved senator, Hon. Justin S. Morrill. He died in the harness, as he wanted to do, and he has left behind him a record as a statesman which can hardly be equalled in the annals of our history. He was an honor to the state he so long represented and a tower of strength in the national councils.

We publish elsewhere a biographical tribute of the statesman and some tributes from his colleagues and the press. They express better than any words we can write the worth of the man and his great usefulness to the nation he so long and faithfully served.

### Business, Humanity's Best Friend.

Since China, fifty years ago, was induced with a little pressure to open her ports, her foreign trade has grown from a mere pittance of two and a half millions to three hundred millions per year. With the development of her internal communications, and the exploiting of her resources there is every reason to believe her foreign trade will increase with accelerated velocity. Her population is estimated at least at three hundred millions. Other Asiatic nations to which the Philippine islands are a convenient trading center aggregate with China one-half or two-thirds of the world's population. What a wretched and imbecile idea to think of staying our hand in the work of aiding the betterment of so many millions.

### A Vermonter in Cuba.

Vermont prominence in the late unpleasantness with Spain was the occasion for frequent remark during the year 1898, but it remained for a Caledonia county boy to close the remarkable record and the year with a business transaction of mammoth proportions. Dispatches from Havana on the last day of the year state that by the formal transfer on that day made, the American syndicate formed by Col. G. B. M. Harvey acquired title to the Urban Ferro Carril lines of street railway in Havana, thus outwitting all opposition in the form of other American and English syndicates. The syndicate buys the company's stock, amounting in par value to \$1,600,000 for \$1,472,000, or ninety-two per cent of its par value, which could have been sold, immediately after the transaction, for \$150 per share more. The roads under the management of the syndicate are expected to earn five per cent on \$10,000,000. Col. Harvey, who is credited with having put through this astonishing deal, is well known in this county as a Peacemaking boy, who, by the way, made his first start in active life as a reporter on the staff of the CALEDONIAN.

### Abandoned Farms West.

A good many rather poor jokes have been perpetrated on Vermont and her efforts to solve the problem of how to redeem her abandoned farms. When the subject was first brought to public attention, ten years or so ago, it was regarded as an astonishing situation and something peculiar to the state. It soon became apparent, however, that Vermont was bravely facing a condition that existed in all the New England states and then the humorists

turned their attention from Vermont's to New England's abandoned farms.

Now farmers and political economists are confronted with the fact that the farming districts in the middle-western states are suffering from the same cause, for here is the governor of Indiana calling attention to the same movement there that has caused so much apprehension in New England. Governor Mount says that in Indiana there are large tracts of land which have been exhausted and abandoned. In one county alone he estimates that 10,000 acres, or over fifteen square miles are given over to waste. If this is true of Indiana it must be true to a greater or less extent of all the territory east of the Mississippi.

Vermont may get what comfort she can out of the fact that she is not alone in her experiences, on the principle that misery loves company, but the sooner all hands join in one grand effort to ascertain the cause and find a remedy for the evil the better. The doctors are numerous with prescriptions galore. Governor Mount thinks that the teaching of the primary principles of agriculture in the public schools will reach the seat of the difficulty, but we agree with the Boston Transcript that the trouble with our farming East, and apparently West as well, is that there is too much primary and elementary knowledge and not enough that is thorough and exhaustive. The four years' course of an agricultural college is none too much to devote to preparation for success in that industry, and even then a year or two with a skillful practical farmer is essential to the young man who hopes to make of farming something more and better than hony-handed drudgery. Our own agricultural college has done good work in this direction and has contributed to a limited degree, of course, to a wise and practical solution of the problem. There is room, however, for fresh methods and suggestions. Theorists are urged not to be bashful in coming to the front.

### Senator Morrill's Successor.

In all probability next week's CALEDONIAN will contain the name of the senator appointed by Gov. Smith to succeed the late Senator Morrill. As the treaty will soon be up for discussion it is very desirable to have every republican in his post and strong influence will be brought from Washington to have the appointment made as soon as possible.

Of the men most prominently mentioned there stand out two candidates, ex Gov. Dillingham and Congressman Grout. The former is a cultured and well-educated lawyer who has long been in training for Senator Morrill's place. He is a gentleman of wide acquaintance and it is announced that he is now on his way home from Texas to take personal charge of his canvass. We very much fear he has come home in vain.

Gen. Grout, who is still confined to his home with the grip, is making no unseemly scramble for the place. His name has frequently been mentioned in years past as the natural successor to Morrill and he is today the logical candidate. In an interview published in Monday's Free Press he says, "I shall stand respectfully upon my public record of 16 years, and take the judgment of the governor." Some of the leading men in the state are known to favor his appointment; he has always had the friendship and support of Senator Proctor in times past, and he has many friends in this district who would be glad to see him senator as they believe he would fill the place with dignity and honor.

Judge Henry C. Ide will receive warm support from St. Johnsbury people, and while he is not hustling for the place, Gov. Smith understands that he would fully appreciate the honor, should it come to him, and well knows his qualifications. He is a statesman especially well versed in foreign affairs, a trained diplomat and one who readily grasps the perplexing questions now before the United States Senate. He is without exception the ablest lawyer in Vermont and one who would make his influence felt in Washington from the start.

There are many throughout the state who think that Gov. Smith will break away from the candidates who would naturally be in the field when the legislature meets, Grout, Dillingham, Ide and Prouty, and appoint our honored townsman, Lieut. Gov. Bates. The latter made a brilliant record in the last legislature, is a warm personal friend of the governor's, and has a host of friends throughout the state who are wait-

ing to congratulate him should the honor come to him. If Gov. Smith made such an appointment he would create no disaffection in the republican ranks and leave the field open in 1900 for the hottest senatorial fight Vermont has probably ever seen.

### SENATOR MORRILL'S SUCCESSOR.

A Good Word for Gen. Grout. The name of William W. Grout looms above all others in resplendent lustre. A seat in the senate has been Gen. Grout's ambition for years, and to gratify this ambition he has directed every energy. Such an ambition is a noble one and the General has a host of friends in Vermont, both political and personal, who firmly believe that he will make a creditable senator who will serve his constituents faithfully and do honor to the state.—[Bellows Falls Times.]

### Judge Ide Well Fitted for It.

St. Johnsbury has a candidate in Hon. Henry C. Ide and will make strong effort to have Gov. Smith appoint him. Judge Ide is without doubt one of the strongest men in the state, well versed in international law and a trained diplomat. As chief justice of Samoa he won praise from all nations for the efficient manner in which he performed his responsible duties. Some express the opinion that the real contest will be between ex-Gov. Dillingham and Congressman Grout, but that remains to be seen.—[Bradford Opinion.]

### Dillingham or Grout.

The name first thought of by the mass of citizens of Vermont, for the place, beyond doubt, are ex-Gov. William P. Dillingham and Congressman W. W. Grout. The latter has been for a number of years an open candidate for the succession to Senator Morrill and he has friends enough in the state to give him a powerful backing. His legislative experience will count in his favor with many, while the fact that he has already been so amply honored by the people will count against him with others. Gov. Dillingham has never made any canvass in his own behalf; but his high personal character, eminent ability and clean record point him out, in the minds of thousands, as well fitted for the place and one who would be sure to fill it with credit to himself and honor to the state.—[Burlington Free Press.]

### Gen. Grout the Winner.

Whether the governor appoints a man now and calls a special session of the legislature later, or allows the appointment to stand for two years, when the legislature convenes Gen. Grout is regarded as a probable winner before the legislature. He has had long legislative experience, having served continuously in the house for 16 years. In that body he has taken a prominent part and as a forceful speaker, constructive legislator and a man of business has few superiors there. In recent years he has been one of the moving spirits of the house appropriation committee and has had charge of the District of Columbia bill. He not only possesses unusual discretion and tact in preparing and engineering through the house so large a measure, but his judgement of legislative matters, particularly appropriations, is much respected.—[Washington dispatch to the Boston Globe.]

### Favors Third Candidate.

As the situation now is in the Senate, with very important questions waiting for action, it is to be expected that Gov. Smith will make an appointment very soon. It remains to be seen whether he will decide to choose between the two leading candidates, Dillingham and Grout or whether he will select some suitable man who will not be a candidate for election in 1900, and thus leave a permanent choice to be made by the people through the legislature. There are strong reasons of fitness and propriety to be urged in behalf of the latter course.—[Brattleboro Phoenix.]

### Gen. Grout the Logical Candidate.

Without disparaging any of the candidates, we believe that Gen. Grout is the logical and most fitting candidate and that his appointment by the governor would be heartily endorsed by the citizens of the state.—[Bardonia Monitor.]

### The President's Position.

Of the many speeches made by the president in the South, it seems to us that he best formulated the policy of his administration and that of the American people in the one delivered at Savannah, in which he said:

There are happily now no domestic difficulties to check the progress and prosperity of the country, which our peaceful relations with the whole world will encourage and strengthen. This is fortunate, too, in another sense. It leaves the country free to consider and discuss new questions which are immediately before us, unbiased by party or past political alliances. These new questions are to be thought out and wrought out in a spirit of patriotism; not for the temporary advantage of one party or the other, but for the lasting advantage of the country. Neither prejudice nor passion nor previous condition can embarrass the free action and calm judgment of the citizen.

We have entered upon new paths. We are treading in an unexplored field, which will test our wisdom and statesmanship. The chief consideration is one of duty; our actions must be controlled by it. No settlement is admissible which will not preserve our honor and promote the best interests of all concerned. With a united country and the gathering wisdom of all the people, seeking only the right, inspired only by high purposes, moved only by duty and humanity, we cannot err. We may be baffled or deterred, and often discouraged, but final success in a cause which is altogether unselfish and humanitarian can only be deferred, not prevented.

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Shall we distrust ourselves, shall we proclaim to the world our inability to give kindly government to oppressed people whose future, by the victors of war, is confided to us? We may wish it were otherwise, but who will question our duty now?

### Bicycles as Baggage.

There has been a test case in the English courts on a question which is agitating cyclists all around the world, more or less. It was brought in the Queen's Bench division against the Great Northern Railway Company "on behalf of one Britten," seeking "to recover sixpence paid for the conveyance of a bicycle from King's Cross to East Finchley." And after hearing and argument the court decided that the plaintiff could not recover for the reason that "a bicycle cannot be ordinary luggage within the definition."

The special interest attaching to this case is found in the fact that the attorney for the plaintiff made his argument on the very lines on which similar claims are based in this country. He claimed that a bicycle came clearly within the definition of "personal luggage" for the reason that it was carried by the traveler for his own personal convenience and use in connection with his journey, and was an article such as was ordinarily carried for that purpose. But his Lordship, in rendering his decision, brushed away all such considerations by declaring that "the idea of luggage" must control; and as luggage implies something that is "packed," not taken "loose," like a bicycle, the wheelman lost his case.—[Boston Post.]

### Colebrook Bank Fails.

It is announced that the Colebrook National bank, whose cashier is under arrest for misappropriating some \$34,000, will be closed. On the date of the last report, December 1, 1898, the capital of the bank was \$75,000; surplus and undivided profits, \$39,000; due to bank, \$62,443; due to depositors, \$15,207; due for borrowed money, \$21,458. Total resources, \$184,528. Bank Examiner E. H. Carroll will be appointed temporary receiver.

### Dewey Ranking Officer.

Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navy, having reached that position without congressional action through the retirement of Admiral Buncce. He will continue to hold that distinction until the 26th of December, when he will go upon the retired list unless Congress except him from the operations of the law, and after making him admiral of the navy provides that he may hold office in active service without age limitation.

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