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chances for success. Under these circumstances it looks a little queer that Mr. McKinley should continue to make a free loan of our navy and revenue marine vessels to the Spanish government for blockade purposes. The whole arrangement smacks too much of a scheme on the part of "cherry" capitalists to turn over information at the last moment, on the theory that our naval force is not powerful enough. The novel feature of the situation is the rumor that Mr. Dwyer, of London, expects to deliver the Metropolitan Club tomorrow night in honor of Senator Canby, the gentleman who is supposed to be in the country for the purpose of inducing \$2,000,000 in Cuban bonds, and so getting aid to the Republic. Many of the invited guests have sent regrets, as was prudent. The list of those who accept and will attend the function will be published with interest by American generally. In advance of the fact, it is proper to express the hope that there is not a native public man who will disgrace himself by being present. It is unfortunate, we are being present. It is unfortunate, we are being present. It is unfortunate, we are being present.

The British troops in Northern India have met with a reverse which very probably is worse than the account of it sent out from Simla. The disaster is extremely disastrous. It tells us that three regiments and a battery under Brigadier General Westmacott, Wednesday morning, moved in the direction of Sarai-Sar, and reached the summit of the mountain with little resistance. Then, immediately they began to retreat, for what reason is not given. While retreating the tribesmen swarmed upon their front, flanks and rear, and attacked them repeatedly in the narrow defiles through which they were compelled to pass. The British loss was heavy, including a lieutenant and twelve men missing and supposed to be cut off—probably massacred. Indications are that the tribes on the border is an attempt to do more than it was a month ago, and serious considerations are involved. It will have been noted that the war started up with renewed energy, after the speech in which Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hinted that the territories of the African and Oriental would be annexed to India. Without knowing anything about it definitely we do not doubt that this British purpose would be extremely distasteful to Russia, as the scene of the present hostilities, a strip of country 700 miles long by 200 broad, has amounted to a "buffer state" between England and the East. It is probable, then, that there will be larger trouble in store for the Indian authorities before they get through with the work of their punitive expedition.

The meeting of American, English and Canadian naval experts in progress and, from the extent to which official visits are being made, and the activity of the British ambassador and the Canadian Premier, it would appear that the recent issue of great importance. Probably it is to Canada. Nothing is to be given out concerning the deliberations until a result has been arrived at. When the time comes we shall see how much of a list on colonial privileges can be made as diplomacy. What they want has not been any secret for more than many months. They would like the American Government to buy them out of the seal business, and pay their previous claims a sum sufficient to make them independent for life of the dangers of the deep. Whether our authorities will consent to anything of the kind remains to be seen. We should imagine, however, that it would be an extremely odd day when the Government could pass an appropriation for any such purpose.

Excellent Program Prepared for the Annual Convention. The board of control of the District Epworth League held its final meeting last night in Epworth Church to arrange for the seventh annual convention of the league, which will be held in Hamilton Church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 20th, 21st and 22nd inst. An unusually good program has been prepared, and the board of control expects the coming convention to be one of the best in the history of the District League. Rev. W. L. McDowell, of Baltimore, who will make the principal address at the Friday evening mass meeting, is a very able and eloquent speaker. There will also be an address by Rev. Edwin Clark, of Falmouth Church, and an inspiring musical program. Saturday afternoon will be taken up by the departmental conferences. The annual election of officers will be held at the business session Saturday evening, and Sunday evening will be devoted to a social conversation service, at which time Dr. Stricklen will preach the convention sermon.

American Societies for England. Richmond, Va., Nov. 11.—A Richmond club and third factory has received an order from London, England, for 8,000 dolls and a large quantity of soap. This is the first order of the kind ever received by a Richmond establishment. The concern is given rates by the Chesapeake and Ohio's steamship line from Newport News, of 21 cents a hundred, which enables them to compete with the London manufacturers.

So Pious! (From the Chicago Post.) "Our minister preached a sublime sermon last Sunday," observed mamma. "I did enjoy it so much. And fight in the middle of it I hit on how to save my back some fixed over. The whole scheme came like a miracle and will work out to my satisfaction. That track has been such a torment—I have had no good of it at all. It hums in the windows, a serenade and a noise of material. Sermons are so beneficial. You really ought to go to church oftener. I am ashamed that you missed that one last Sunday."

Pigtails in Carriages. (From the Richmond Dispatch.) Little Mabel and her mother were walking along a country road when a litter of pigs attracted their attention. What particularly excited Mabel's curiosity was the twist in their little tails, and after studying them for a while, she exclaimed: "Oh, ma! I wonder if the drama pig puts their tails up in paper every night!"

The Force of Habit. (From the Boston Traveler.) Husband (trusting into the room)—Come out quick. "What's the matter?" "The house is on fire and we will be burnt to death if we hesitate a moment. Run for your life!" "Yes, I'll be out in a minute; I've got to tidy up the room a little so that it will look decent when the firemen get here."

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ANNUAL FORESTRY REPORT.

The Timber Expert Should Have a Trained Assistant. The annual report of W. E. Fernow, chief of the division of forestry, has been submitted to the Department of Agriculture. The operations for the year involved three large experiments, tree planting in the plains, tree physics and biological investigation.

Five stations were authorized in addition to those already established, at College Station, Texas; Stillwater, Okla.; Logan, Utah; Crookston, Minn.; and Grand Rapids, Mich. Six conifer nurseries have been established, and a large quantity of nursery stock has been purchased for future planting. The report states that a few tests and even a few hundred tests are valueless, and must be given a reliable statement of the average strength of wood examined, on account of the variability of the material. Lats in the year a test laboratory here was rented, and the unfinished work necessary for the completion of such species as are now in course of investigation, will be done here, except the testing of the wood, which will be done at St. Louis. The laboratory not having facilities for such testing. Many of the most important timbers are still unknown as regards their quality.

Other parts of the report deal with the chemistry of food crops, standing timber, and the propagation of Siberian and other oriental grasses. He recommends that the timber expert should have the assistance of a trained vegetable anatomist. The future of timber supplies will depend more upon the action taken by the governments—State and Federal—than on individual action, since forest production involves such long periods of time that only permanent corporations, such as the State, can profitably engage in them. Hence a much more serious consideration should be given to the subject than has been done. The chief of the division of forestry, in his preliminary report of \$100,000 for this knowledge will not be misplaced. He suggests most simply that the timber investigations should not be abandoned.

He recommends, therefore, that an increase of the appropriation to \$50,000 be authorized to Congress for the purpose of work extending adequately the lines of work so far inaugurated.

FOR THE RELIEF FUND.

Benefit Concert by Lincoln Post, G. A. R., a Great Success. The second of the series of entertainments to be given by Lincoln Post, No. 9, G. A. R., for the benefit of the relief fund, was given last evening at Masonic Hall. The hall, which was tastefully decorated with the national colors and other ornaments in profusion, was filled to overflowing with the friends of the post. The entertainment consisted of a program of musical and literary selections, which were rendered by some of the most popular and accomplished of the local talent, as follows:

Recitation, "The New Home," Miss Edna Phelps; fancy dances, Mabel Thompson; recitation, "Mr. L. E. Hayward," Miss Edna Phelps; recitation, "The Boy's Boy," Miss Edna Thompson; piano solo, Mr. Floyd Robinson; recitation, "My Girl to Thee," Miss Edna Thompson; recitation, "Asking Her Papa," Miss Edna Thompson; instrumental solo, Mr. John C. Gates; recitation, "The Boy's Boy," recited from Shakespeare, Mr. Myron G. Rose. A pleasant and engaging feature of the evening's entertainment was the music by the Lincoln Corps Orchestra, composed of the Sons of Veterans. The members are A. A. R. A. E. Johnson, Fred Klumbel, and James Maynard and Fred Klumbel.

Among the distinguished guests present were National Commander McElroy, Col. Davis, post commander of Alabama, Col. Patrick, past department commander of the G. A. R. E. Johnson, Anderson, and Past Surgeon General of the G. A. R. E. Johnson. Refreshments were served, the proceeds from the sale to be devoted to the benefit fund.

What They Think of Us.

(From the Chicago Post.) The English idea of the American Will West—and that is the only part of America all interesting to the English—is most refreshing. Will West, who is mentioned in the Strand Magazine, in which two far jesters are carried off by redwood and white-eye hewed handlogs, to the plains to a cavern in rocks. One of these handlogs fastens the captives, and he helps the other to escape. In a few days he calls at the "booby's" of the cavern, and is found in the "booby's" of the cavern. This simple of absurdities then has something English added to it. "Are you sure he is a gentleman, Chile?" inquires the fastener.

"Oh, yes, indeed," the white-eye hewed handlog responds, "I have been in the hands of a red-headed captain of robbers who was suddenly transformed into a gentleman, and this enabled to pass muster with an English girl. And her uncle, appearing after a time, he had been before a judge—American circumstances drove him out of the country, and he always travels in a cage."—Chicago Tribune.

JUST FOR FUN.

Purchaser—What is so remarkable about this peacock? "Peculiar. His name ain't Fido."—New York Journal. "She! It hangs upon the life you have led."—Chicago News. "I presume the reason why the chainless bicycle isn't as well known as the other kind," remarked a Chicagoan, "is that it always travels in a cage."—Chicago Tribune.

Timkins—Policeman are of great assistance to each other at times. "Sinukins—For instance?" "Timkins—When they club together."—Chicago News. "Our president's essay on the Poles," said the literary club leader, "was entertaining, though a little stiff." "What else could you expect it to be?" promptly inquired Ashbury Peppers, "when it was on Poles."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Old Mr. Bentley (reading the paper)—I read that in the recent storm at sea a ship loaded with passengers went ashore. "Old Mr. Bentley (glancing)—How fortunate. I can imagine how glad the passengers were to get on dry land."—Tit-Bits. "I always like to have at least one boarder who is a little slow about paying." Mrs. Hascheroff admitted to her dearest friend. "A man of that kind—especially a young man—is always so handy to use, up all the chicken necks, the cold biscuits, and so on."—Pittsburgh Journal.

Mamma—Why did you strike little Esie, you naughty boy, you? "Dick—Well, what did she want to cheat for, then?" "Mamma—How did she cheat?" "Dick—Why, she was playing to tempt and Eve, and she had the apple to Adam with, and she never touched me, but went and ate it all up herself."—Tit-Bits. "Goodness, what happened to that man with the broken nose, the discolored eyes, and the fractured skull? Another football enthusiast, I suppose?" "No. Did you read in the morning papers yesterday about the man who, while passing some one's grave, heard a fellow and his wife quarreling inside?" "Yes, I believe he went inside and took the woman's part, didn't he?" "He did. This is the peacemaker."—Cleveland Leader.

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