

There is nothing new in the discovery that salt will keep people.

Contrary to expectation the horned horse has outlived the old century and is good as gold.

About the only idea the powers seem to have of getting out of China is to get out of it all they can.

Andrew Carnegie is rapidly aging in appearance. He will have to hurry, he overcomes "the crime of dying rich."

A Chicago bandit says he was driven to it by cigarettes. There seems to be no limit to the damage the nasty things may do.

Medical experiments now in progress indicate that the time is coming when the police reports will read: "Died from loss of brine."

In fact, the dead century brought in so many wonderful changes, and even the old-time institutions left are Time's scythe and hour-glass.

When folks believe the goose-bone's weather predictions, why should others make any bones about prophesying what's to happen this century.

The new century will see the exit of the train boy. And yet would it not be better if the road agent's going through trains could be stopped instead.

Women smoking cigarettes may be a growing custom, but married men would rather than have their wives show an anxiety to take to dark-colored weeds.

Upon reviewing recent occurrences in English history one cannot help wondering what would be done to a general who had won. Probably he would be made a present of the kingdom out of hand.

If a cat shocked to death by electricity can be brought to life by the application of an alternating electric current of low power, the question "Does electrocution end all?" may become an interesting one to our penologists.

Susan Anthony's sister's determination that she will not pay taxes until she is allowed to vote can be easily carried out. She has only to make her property personal and conceal it from the assessors. Men, it is said, have large sums upon which they never pay taxes, and they would not pay if they had a dozen votes.

A Washington astronomer estimates that, within three million years, the sun will cease to give out light and heat. The earth will revolve in its orbit a dark and desolate body, incapable of sustaining animal or vegetable life. This suggests great economy in the use of sunlight and a resort to meters to prevent waste.

The newly-discovered elixir of life, if salt really does turn out to be that long-sought boon, ought to be cheap enough to place longevity within the reach of all. At the same time it is well to remember that there is a salt trust which will doubtless see to it that a revival or renewal of circulation in the world may be, indeed, that the whole story is a device of the trust to boom the price of its product.

How to make the rich bear the burdens of government in proportion to their wealth and induce them to discharge obligations they owe to society is a problem that is awaiting solution. Its importance is not being overestimated by those who are calling attention to it. It is a problem that cannot be put aside. It will have to be solved, and with each year of the new century the necessity for its solution will become more imperative.

Queen Victoria's bestowal of an earldom and other honors upon Lord Roberts illustrates the practical way the English have of rewarding the generals who fight their battles. It is not a new practice, by any means. Marlborough and Wellington profited by it, and others will do so in the future. It is based on a very lucid theory that a man who does something that cannot be done by any other man, and who is a benefactor to his country should receive in return substantial and immediate recognition of the value of his services. Roberts stepped into the breach when the prestige of the British empire was in dire peril. Well over sixty years of age, he embarked upon a vigorous campaign, handicapped as he was by grief in the death of a beloved son, who was shot before he went to Africa. He turned the tide of war when his issue was in grave doubt and carried the British flag into Pretoria. The result was that he was given him a high social rank, the next will be to give him a substantial fortune in money—sufficient to maintain in honor the rank he has won with the sword. The promptness of the action taken is not its least commendable feature.

The appraisers' list of the property owned by the late Cornelius Vanderbilt discloses some novel and interesting facts. As appraised for taxation, Mr. Vanderbilt's estate amounts to about \$78,000,000, \$20,000,000 "real" and \$58,000,000 "personal." In the list of personal property were named about seventy different classes of securities. Fifty of them would sell for more than their face value. Six or eight of the holdings that are worth less than par represent shares in enterprises undertaken for the general good, which probably were never expected to pay a dividend. With possibly one exception, there is not a share of "wildcat" stock in the list. Mr. Vanderbilt bought no gold stocks. Although Mr. Vanderbilt's income from his personal estate was \$1,700,000, \$5,000 a day, it is important to remember that this represented less than 4 per cent interest on the \$38,000,000—another proof of the judicious character of his investments. The more "gift-edged" a security, the smaller the net return it makes, as a rule. Mr. Vanderbilt preferred not to sacrifice permanent value for the mere possibility of larger gains. Many people picture to themselves a millionaire who is greatly interested in railways and similar enterprises as a bold, inveterate speculator. It is true there are rich men who hazard great sums; but substantial fortunes, those that are perpetuated in a family, are built up as Mr. Vanderbilt's was, by sure and steady gains. He could afford to "take chances," yet it is impossible to concede him giving a second thought to the wild schemes which because they

promise large dividends—charm hard-earned dollars out of poor men's pockets. And these are things for poor men to ponder.

Prof. Henry C. Adams, who has made a close study of the trust problem, has pointed out what seems to his mind one of the causes of the modern trust. "Paucity of business talent," he declares, "is in some measure responsible for the unprecedented flow of capital to the control of men possessing a genius for business. The monopoly of which complaint is made is a monopoly of talent. When one remembers that the great Rogers locomotive works in Paterson, N. J., are to be closed and 2,500 men thrown out of employment because no one can be found competent to successfully direct the plant what Mr. Adams says appears to be not without reason. A few days ago the manager of one of the greatest industrial organizations in this country announced that he had open three positions carrying salaries of \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year which he was unable to fill. Administrative talent, executive ability, the kind of man that modern enterprises are so fast in their growth, the volume of business is so large, and the margin of profits in many instances is so small as to require business ability of a very high order. Our modern educational methods, somehow, do not turn out the sort of supply for a great demand. The managers of great enterprises seem to be born rather than made. The question arises in all equity, however, is a monopoly of talent to be as much deplored as a monopoly of material products? Is the tendency of modern thought to level the latter will it also level the former?"

In a noted divorce case the other day the woman excused herself for letting another man supplant her husband in her heart by saying: "He didn't care."

It never had a thought beyond business. The man didn't care for her, but it is worth thinking about. About half the divorces are caused by misanthropy and selfishness. Nothing develops that latter trait like wanting love. We have in mind a young couple who married for love and are on the road to a country that is bounded by Hate, Distrust, Suspicion and Contempt.

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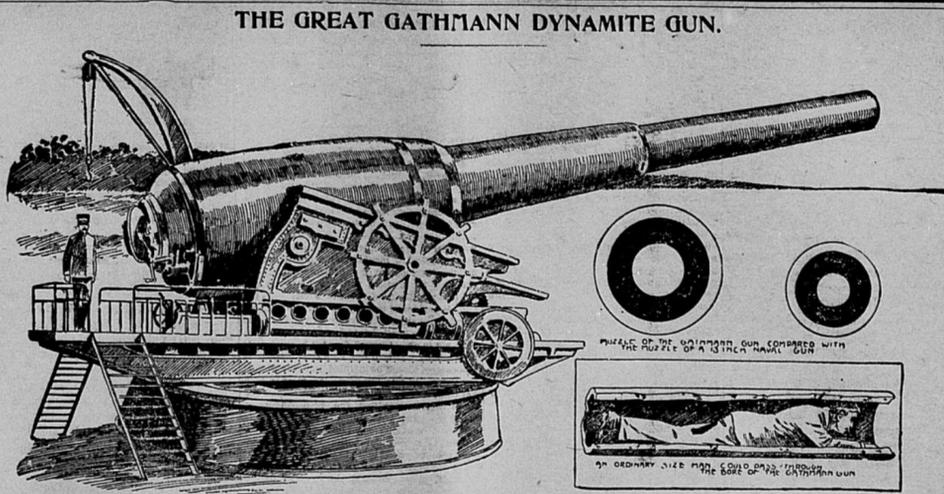
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WITH the actual introduction of the Gathmann gun into coast defense will come a new era in harbor defenses in this country. In caliber it is the largest weapon in use, having a bore of eighteen inches. What this means can be best illustrated by stating that the heavy turret guns on American battleships are mostly of twelve-inch caliber, a few being thirteen inches. Five inches in the bore of a gun is a tremendous factor indeed. But it is not in the bore or the size of the gun that the Gathmann arm marks a new departure. It is in the fact that it will fire shells loaded with gun cotton—each shell to contain 600 pounds of that dreaded substance. Six hundred pounds of gun cotton bursting aboard any and every vessel would mean the destruction of that ship. For twelve miles in any direction from the gun no enemy will be safe from the possibility of receiving such a charge.

This gun stands today the first to use powder of the ordinary service sort, brown or smokeless, and a shell filled with an explosive of higher grade than the powder itself and of far greater sensitiveness to detonation. That it will do this is practically certain. Gun cotton, though not so sensitive as dynamite, is by no means an article to be toyed with. To prevent explosion it is commonly kept saturated with water. And in a saturated condition it will be loaded into the shell and fired. Alongside of the saturated shell there is a small charge of dry gun cotton, and leading to this is a fuse with a fulminate cap, striking a

blow on explosion equal to fifty pounds. This blow detonates the dry gun cotton, and the dry gun cotton detonates the wet.

Twelve miles is a long distance. Further than the human eye can reach, except at very lofty altitudes. Further than any gunner, unless artificially aided, can train a gun or observe a target. Further than the sound of a very heavy propelling force has been compressed air and the radius of action very small. The most familiar type is that of the Vesuvius, which was in action at Santiago, and "coughed" great quantities of dynamite over the shore, under cover of night. The noise of its explosions was terrific, but it is not recorded that any damage was done. Then long before there was the Zaliaski gun, the invention of an American army officer, which finally was placed in position in one of the forts of New York bay. There were great air compressors on each side of it, and the gun itself was long, clumsy and unwieldy. But as the pioneer of a type it is entitled to remembrance. With the adoption of Gathmann guns the defense of American harbors will take a long stride toward impregnability.

By removing the candle socket and screwing in the wick holder the lantern is made ready to burn oil. Excepting railroad and other lanterns for special uses, substantially all the lanterns made nowadays are of the kind known as tubular, first introduced about thirty years ago, and now made in various modifications as to detail, the tubular part of the lantern being designed with a view to producing better combustion and a brighter light. The lanterns made for ordinary uses are produced in about forty styles.

The American lanterns are the lightest, the slightest in appearance and the best adapted to their use, and they are best cheaper than lanterns of equal quality produced elsewhere. There are large establishments in this country making lanterns only. It is probable that more lanterns are now exported from this country than from either England or Germany, and the exports of American lanterns are increasing.—New York Sun.

WHITE BRIDE OF KIOWA CHIEF.

Corra Blain's life was saved by White Wolf and his party. White Wolf, a young Kiowa chief, is to marry Miss Corra Blain, a white girl, whose life he saved.

Miss Blain had started to ford the swollen Washito River on horseback. Her father, with other members of his family, in a two-hour voyage, was crossing at the same time. There was a small trading store on the shore that the Blains were approaching.

White Wolf sprang far out into the flood, and a few strokes of his arms brought him close to the sinking girl. He grasped her long hair when she was within a few feet of the falls and struggled back to the shore and safety. That was the strange beginning of a friendship that has led to the altar.

Heating by Steam. The art of heating buildings by steam has progressed so rapidly during the past ten years that there are now three distinct systems well developed, all performing the same kind of service, but doing it under conditions that vary materially. The oldest and most widely known of these is the gravity system, so called for the reason that the steam generated in the boiler rises up to the radiators, and as it is condensed, the resulting water is returned to the boiler by gravitation, no appliances, other than the return pipe, being used for this purpose.

The next is what may be called the mechanical system, as mechanical means are frequently applied to reduce the pressure of the steam in the system from that carried in the boiler, and mechanical appliances are always used to return the water of condensation from the return pipes of the system back to the boiler. These may be in the shape of an automatic steam trap, or a pump and governor, or any best suit the conditions. The third is the

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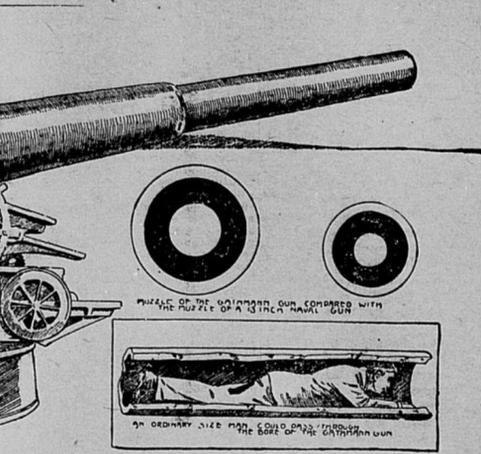
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The press bureau of the lobby that is promoting the ship subsidy grab is working overtime in sending out from Washington inaccurate news about the legislative status of the grab. The evident purpose is to create an impression that there will be subsidy legislation before the adjournment of Congress; that the pending bill will be radically amended, and that Mr. Hanna and his partners will accept the amendments. The press bureau undertakes to tell what the amendments will be and says that among others will be one which will cut out \$200,000 of the fast ships of the International Navigation Company. It says also that this has been suggested by Senators McMillan, Aldrich, Spooner and Allison.

As a matter of fact, these men are unwilling to pay another dollar to the Grisco-Rockefeller ships, which are already drawing \$2,000,000 from the United States Treasury in mail subsidies. Neither are they willing to accept the vast amount of foreign tonnage which Hanna and Grisco are trying to dump upon the Treasury. The sentiment against the bill is increasing every day, and even the friends are admitting that there is not one chance in fifty that it will be voted upon during the life of the Fifty-sixth Congress.

Good Prospect for Democrats. There can be no doubt about the overthrow of Republicanism at an early date if Democracy shall prove itself to be worthy of the confidence of the American people. With imperialism, militarism, monopoly and profligacy provoking to open resistance a very large proportion of the best elements of the Republican party, the Democrats have an open field for achieving triumphs. Democratic leadership in State and nation must arise above the conflicts of faction and the cupidities of politicians. It must be clean in organization, resolute in purpose and earnest in effort.—Philadelphia Times.

Why It Is Opposed. The opposition to the ship subsidy comes not alone from Democrats who object to this form of paternalism on principle, but from independent and unfettered Republicans, who recognized the fact that the subsidy was made for it as a patriotic measure was fraudulent and false. This public opinion so forcibly and persistently expressed has created havoc among the Hanna following, especially from the West, who even for the benefit of Hanna's favored officers, do not differ from the political standing among their own constituents by voting for such a measure.—Utica Observer.

No More Factional Differences. Let there be no more factions. Let us be content with the title "Democrat" and take by the hand every other Democrat—and hold him firm. He may wrong about some things, but God knows he is not as wrong as Republicans are. He may differ from you as to one thing, but Republicans oppose you in everything. Let there be no more qualified Democrats, whatever the term of qualification may be. Let the name of Democrat stand for the principles of justice and right be the broad platform on which we all can stand now.—Lafayette, Ind., Journal.

Punish the Planter's of Cuba. The Supreme Court at last has decided that Neely must be tried in Cuba. Now, try him as quickly as can be, and, no matter how small, high or low, civil or military, that have sought to plunder Cuba. It has been asserted often that the American people are conducting in Cuba the most gigantic philanthropic enterprise the world ever has known. All the more shocking, then, is the conduct of our agents who have betrayed our trust and robbed the object of our charitable endeavor.—Indianapolis Press.

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Quay's Badly Closed Title. The Senate will not become a playground of a fraudulent acquisition of a seat in the Senate than that of Quay's "election" in Pennsylvania. Notwithstanding that Quay has secured his seat by foul means, it is safe to say that the United States Supreme Court will inquire into his title. It is not often that a man, as in the exceptional case of Clark, takes any action to protect his much-vaunted dignity and honor from corruptionists and thieves.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Case Well Stated. Nobody supposes that Justice Harlan of the Federal Supreme Court would be influenced in his decisions by the President's appointment of the younger Harlan to a fat office, but the President should have had more delicacy than to embarrass the distinguished jurist by such a show of favoritism when the very office of importance to the administration is now pending in the Supreme Court.—Houston Post.

Rather Poor Consideration. The very best solution possible that the administration can give for the future of the Philippine problem is the statement of Senator Lodge that at the expiration of another two years we may be able to reduce the forces in the islands from 55,000 to about 25,000, but that the latter number will probably have to be kept there indefinitely. The public can extract from this statement whatever of consolation there is in it.—Houston Post.

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The statistical tables completed recently in the office of the railway commissioners, for the annual report of the board, gives evidence of the fact that 1900 was a prosperous one for the railroad companies. The tables are for the annual period ending June 30, 1900. There is an increase shown in the gross income from operations on the lines within the State of Iowa of \$4,487,107.29. The gross earnings of each road in the State from operations is shown by the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Railroad Name and Gross Earnings. Includes entries like A. & C., A. T. & S. F., B. & O. R., etc.

The tables show large sums expended in improvements to roadway and other improvements. The following are sums expended in improvements to the roadway by a few of the most important roads in Iowa: Des Moines & Western, \$1,081,230.50; C. & N. W., \$577,518.21; C. & N. W., \$705,546.01. The table shows an increase of \$3,971,722.08 in the operating expenses of the roads of Iowa. Five thousand three hundred and eleven more men were employed in 1900 than in 1890. Passenger revenues fell off to the extent of \$1,430,078.75. Total freight revenues decreased \$1,180,391.16. Total mileage in 1900 was 805.93 miles, making the total mileage in the State of Iowa, 1,018.03. The net income in 1900 was \$17,050,434.27. In the year preceding it was \$16,645,828.58.

Two hundred and twenty-two people were killed and 607 injured by the railroads of Iowa for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, according to the annual report of the railroad commissioners. More lives were lost and more people injured last year than in any other year in the history of Iowa. The number of passengers who lost their lives during the year, according to the total number of deaths was much smaller. Only nine of the 222 killed were passengers. This is about one-third of the total number killed were railroad employees. One hundred and forty-three of those killed were not connected with the railroad, but were either as employees or passengers. They were either killed while walking on the track, at crossings, etc., or else were in buses, trams or other straggling rides, and were not held responsible. Of the number injured nearly two-thirds were employees of the road, while persons who had no connection with the road suffered much more than passengers.

The maximum salary to railroad employees was reached in 1890, when the low, civil or military, that have sought to plunder Cuba. It has been asserted often that the American people are conducting in Cuba the most gigantic philanthropic enterprise the world ever has known. All the more shocking, then, is the conduct of our agents who have betrayed our trust and robbed the object of our charitable endeavor.—Indianapolis Press.

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Quay's Badly Closed Title. The Senate will not become a playground of a fraudulent acquisition of a seat in the Senate than that of Quay's "election" in Pennsylvania. Notwithstanding that Quay has secured his seat by foul means, it is safe to say that the United States Supreme Court will inquire into his title. It is not often that a man, as in the exceptional case of Clark, takes any action to protect his much-vaunted dignity and honor from corruptionists and thieves.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Case Well Stated. Nobody supposes that Justice Harlan of the Federal Supreme Court would be influenced in his decisions by the President's appointment of the younger Harlan to a fat office, but the President should have had more delicacy than to embarrass the distinguished jurist by such a show of favoritism when the very office of importance to the administration is now pending in the Supreme Court.—Houston Post.

Rather Poor Consideration. The very best solution possible that the administration can give for the future of the Philippine problem is the statement of Senator Lodge that at the expiration of another two years we may be able to reduce the forces in the islands from 55,000 to about 25,000, but that the latter number will probably have to be kept there indefinitely. The public can extract from this statement whatever of consolation there is in it.—Houston Post.

Robbing the Home Consumer. The protection now afforded by the Dingley tariff enables the trusts to sell at any figure necessary abroad to meet the competition in foreign markets and secure any possible success by putting up the prices to home consumers, who are denied the benefit of foreign competition in the United States. The home consumer is robbed in order that the foreign customer may have a bargain.—Washington Post.

Party Leaders Out of Line. With President Harrison, ex-Speaker Reed, General Lew Wallace, Senator Hoar and other prominent Republicans out of harmony with the present administration, it would seem that there may be some need of a re-organization of the Republican party.—Memphis Commercial-Appal.

A Stride Toward Imperialism. Considered from any standpoint, the army bill is a long stride in the direction of imperialism, and is calculated to seriously undermine our cherished popular institutions.—New Orleans Picayune.

Members of the State of Washington Legislature are working to secure the annexation to Washington of that part of Idaho known as the "Panhandle."