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New York has 6,000 policemen, distributed over 350 miles of territory.

The San Francisco Call intimates the California orange crop at 9,000 car loads.

The Seth Low politicians intimate that Tom Platt is tired. But is Seth so active as formerly?

Speaker Reed says that he sees no reason why the coming session of Congress should not be a short one.

It is said that Germany intends to bombard the coast towns of Hayti unless her demands are complied with.

That is a remarkable protest from the California bench and bar against the appointment of Attorney General McKenna to the Supreme bench.

And now the Virginia Legislature has lined up against football. The kicking on this subject is both general and vigorous, says the Mail and Express.

"There is an old woman," says a London paper, "who has a milk stand in St. James' park, who has stood at it for sixty-three years. How awfully tired she must be by this time.

Now that John J. Ingalls is to act as Washington correspondent for a Western paper, Tom Reed ought to get up a series of scraps for him in the House, thinks the Louisville Post.

A Washington dispatch says that "Lord Salisbury is unwilling to recognize the Monroe doctrine in terms." That will be all right so long as all the European nations recognize it in fact.

It s said that neither Du Maurier nor the publishers of "Trilby" sent a copy of the book to the author of "Ben Bolt." The latter claims that he has not read the book at all, and does not even know the story.

An Ohio postmaster who is also a saloon keeper conceived the brilliant idea of giving a two-cent stamp with every drink and a drink with every ten postage stamps purchased. The internal revenue put a stop to the scheme.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Fredericksburg, Va., has just celebrated the anniversary of the denunciation of the stamp act by the county judges in 1765. It is useless to ask a people with such recollections not to smypathize with Cuba."

Julia L. Green has obtained a verdict of $5,000 against the Ashland Water company, of Wisconsin. The cause of action, says the Charleston News and Courier, was the alleged negligence of the Water company in furnishing impure and unwholesome water containing typhoid fever germs to the plaintiff's husband, Lars G. Green, from the effects of which he died.

Great Britain without a pound of native raw cotton spins and weaves 77 per cent. of the cotton goods purchased by other nations. The United States producing over half of all the cotton grown in the world, supplies less than 5 per cent. of the manufactured cotton which other countries buy. Over 95 per cent. of the world's trade in cotton goods is in the hands of Great Britain, Germany and France, neither of which raises a pound of cotton at home. In 1896 the British consumed 4,160,000 bales of cotton and 83 per cent. of the product of this cotton was exported. This represented a consumption of about 3,412,000 bales of raw cotton, or about 200,000 bales more than the entire quantity consumed by the United States mills during the same period.

### HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS—REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG'S BILL.

The present and continually growing importance of the Norfolk harbor demands the attention of the Federal Government, and the presentation by Representative Young on the opening day of the session of a bill appropriating $400,000 to widen the channel of the Elizabeth river to 500 feet and to a depth of 28 feet, between Hampton Roads and the navy-yard, was timely and appropriate. Every assistance should be rendered and every influence brought to bear to secure the appropriation. During the past extra session the effort was made to secure the visit of the Congressional committees in charge of harbor and river improvements to inspect for themselves the advantages and the wants of the Norfolk harbor. This effort should be renewed and persisted in. The demands of our growing commerce and the necessity of a great naval dry-dock, capable of floating the largest of our battleships, are imperative reasons for the deepening of our harbor. There should be no sloth on our part to press upon the attention of Congress the importance of these improvements and to render every help to Congressman Young in his attempt to secure the passage of his bill.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Very many people are taking the advantage of the really fine weather to do their Christmas shopping, and already have many of our stores begun to put the holiday attire.

[illegible] of s[illegible] in both of these movements; it enables the buyers to avoid the rush, which is sure to come later on. And by the merchants making an early display of their wares those in search of goods are enabled to procure what they want before the holidays begin.

There are those, of course, who by reason of circumstances are compelled to delay purchasing, while the majority are those who buy during the few days just proceeding Christmas, but to those who wish to buy now the columns of The Virginian may help them. The holiday advertisements in The Virginian are not the least interesting of its contents.

### HANDS OFF HAWAII.

The Philadelphia Times is raising its voice against the annexation of Hawaii, and tells Congress very plainly to keep its hands off.

It has its doubts whether Hawaii is annexed or not, but feels that the great wrong will not be accomplished without the country being thoroughly informed as to the step and its consequences. Certainly it is offered both in and out of Congress by the right-thinking men of the country irrespective of party, and by a great majority of the press, but all the same it looks as if annexation is sure to come

In such an event, this much might be understood:

Once annex Hawaii and good bye to the Monroe doctrine.

Colonial aggrandizement will bring us anything but peace, and the lesson which the Colonial troubles of England in Africa are now teaching that nation may come to us some day because of the Hawaiian muddle, though in a different form. There has been so much written against the annexation of the islands that one would suppose that some heed would be given by Congress to the people's wishes in the matter, but it seems that the contrary is the rule, and the annexationists, backed up by President McKinley, are determined to go on with the accomplishement of this object regardless of consequence.

In addition to this fact that the people of this country do not want Hawaii, these are questions of right and wrong involved in the proposition to take the island—questions of morality and honor, of principal and the rights of others. Congress should let the matter severely alone.

### VIEW OF FOOTBALL FROM A SCIENTIFIC STANEPOINT.

The passage of the anti-football bill by the Georgia House of Representatives has called forth some remarks from the Medical Record, one of the foremost journals of its class in the country, which says that "the overwhelming vote of the lower house makes it quite probable that the Senate will endorse the action and the bill will become a law. If this be the case, Georgia will set a laudable example for every commonwealth of the country. The time certainly has come when such a general movement is necessary.

"In view of the great number of serious accidents on the football field between college teams, it is impossible to view the game any longer in the light of innocent recreative amusement with harmless and healthful athletics as its object. Although so-called slugging has been ruled out of the new game, there is still left enough of brutal muscular force to make the alleged sport productive of the greatest variety of surgical injuries to every part of the body. Only the severer injuries are noted, while the lesser ones serve as enlivening incidents to call forth the plaudits of an excited audience. Short of actual death on the field, not much account is taken of the hundreds of young men who are oftentimes injured for life as the result of the rough and tumble methods of the match. The trainers explain the number of injuries by the lack of requisite physical preparation for the contest, but, in reality, the more the footballers are trained, the more dangerous becomes the game.

"It is certainly time we should look the matter fairly in the face. If we wish to develop pluck, courage, endurance, and strength, we can do so in more healthful and safer ways. It is time that the new game, with mere weight against weight, should be abolished."

There are no doubt some people who will disagree with the Medical Record in what it has to say on this subject, but the fact remains that there is a growing sentiment throughout the country that some action should be taken to eliminate from the game of football those features which are always fraught with danger to the players. The Record treats the matter from a scientifis standpoint, and is not at all moved by sentimentalism.

### NOTES AND OPINIONS.

About two million canary birds are annually bred in Germany and sold for $3,000,000.

At Victoria Docks, London, store rooms for 250,000 carcasses of beef are provided.

From June 1 to August 20 of this year 8,720 persons went through Yellowstone Park. This was an unprecedented number.

Farmers of the West will fix up, speculate, spend money and mortgage their farms again in "Just the Same Old Way." The old farm without a mortgage does not seem like the same old farm.—New Orleans Picapune.

A German scientist recommends bromine for sterilizing water. One grain is sufficient to destroy the bacteria in a quart, and the bromine can be afterward neutralized by ammonia so as to give a clear, tasteless water.

The revised returns of the Russian census give the total population of that country at 129,000,000. This makes Russia third in rank among nations, China coming first with an estimated population of 430,000,000 and the the British Empire next with 208,000,000.

### PERSONALS.

John Swinton, an associate editor of the New York Sun for many years, has retired from the staff of that paper. Mr. Swinton hails from Haddingtonshire.

Bonaparte's house at Longwood, St. Helena, is now a barn; the room he died in is a stable; and where the Imperial body lay in state may be found a machine for grinding corn.

Col. Charles Jerome Bonaparte, a grand-nephew of Napoleon, the first Emperor, is said to be a candidate for Senator Gorman's seat. Mr. Bonaparte is a lawyer of Baltimore.

Miss Marie Audubon, a granddaughter of the naturalist, has translated from French the hitherto unpublished journals of her illustrious ancestor. The labor of translation occupied twelve years.

At a meeting of the Archaeological Society of Hawick it was resolved to erect a tablet on the house at Haggisha, in which Robert Paterson, the prototype of Sir Walter Scott's "Old Mortality," was born in 1775

### The Jubilee Collarette Made of Plush and Bordered With Fur.

Among the small wraps of fur, plush, velvet and cloth the dainty collarette is well liked, and it is certainly one of the most convenient and inexpensive of the diminutive outside garments, easily made by the most inexperienced seamstress. The collarette pictured at this figure is taken from the current number of The Delineator. It extends a short distance below the shoulders and is of

circular shaping, with a center seam. The closing is made at the front and the collarette ripples all around, but the ripples are much more conservative than those of last winter. A broad ripple ruffle flares from the top of the standing collar. A handsome collarette of black velvet bordered with chinchilla was copied from this to wear with cloth costumes as well as silk and the effect was stylish and harmonious.

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