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Now that Admiral Dewey has been cut off in the terms of the McLean will he may be doubly sorry that he gave her that house.

Mr. Bryan has overlooked the fact that no editor was ever chosen to the Presidency, and few of them ever reached a high office of any kind.

The policy of the San Francisco Examiner, which is uniformly and senselessly adverse to the interests of these Islands, can hardly have been framed with the idea of increasing that paper's Hawaiian subscription list.

The weekly Journal which Mr. Bryan is to start will doubtless be an exception to the rule that new papers do not pay. Mr. Bryan ought to get a circulation for The Commoner of at least 200,000 copies, and have all the advertising he can handle.

Several days' rain are wanted about now for growing crops. According to Professor Lyons, this island is still ten inches short of its normal precipitation. That deficit needs to be made up soon or the result, while not seriously felt, would be annoying in more ways than one.

It appears by our Washington correspondence that Congressmen lay the blame of the defeat of the Republican ticket in Hawaii to the men who scratched their ballots. This is quite proper. As the scratchers are well known, owing to their boasts and those of their "silent protest" organs, there is no trouble about placing personal responsibility where it belongs.

As compared with a year ago, Christmas trade is dull; but as compared with some preceding years, it is in a thriving state. Last year the holiday business began to boom about the middle of November, and it got such a momentum that even the plague could not stop it. Before the plague ended, however, there was a general disposition to retrench expenses which has not altogether ceased as yet.

Hawaii has loved the American flag too long not to sympathize with the protest of the Sons of the American Revolution against its use for advertising purposes. The Stars and Stripes labelled with the name of somebody's pills, or carrying the smirch of a pool-room advertisement, is not an impressive object, and doubtless aids in creating a spirit of irreverence for an emblem which is the nation's sign of authority on land and sea. A law protecting the flag from commercial defacement would be a popular and praiseworthy one.

The finding of skeletons is common almost anywhere in these Islands, and need not cause alarm nor lead to inquiries. When Captain Cook came here there were perhaps 400,000 natives in the group, and their bones and those of other hundreds of thousands of their countrymen were not all put in caves. It was common then, and not so very uncommon yet, to bury people anywhere. During the past year not a few skeletons have been exhumed in the streets, and if a person would dig near the circular plat on the Ewa side of the Capitol grounds he would probably turn up dozens of them.

The statement of an English Year Book that the United States have many able men but no one of conspicuous merit in statesmanship, is one that might be made of almost any nation not under that stress of emergency which produces men of the first rank. Take England for example. Has it any one now in official public life of "conspicuous merit," judging by the Gladstonian or Disraelian standards? Salisbury is in a commanding place, but he remains the man whom Bismarck called "A lath painted to look like iron." Chamberlain is yet on probation. Where is the statesman of conspicuous merit in France? Where is he among the subjects of the German Emperor? Does any surpassing type of greatness loom among the Russians, the Austrians or the Turks? The truth is that the convulsions which produce great men have long been lacking, but when they come they will breed commanders fit to do the duty of the hour, whether such duty may befall in England or America, France or Germany, or anywhere else on the globe.

BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

Adherents of That Creed Meet and Plan for the Future. The Baptists of Honolulu were well represented at their Christmas conference meeting yesterday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian Association, which had the atmosphere of a true family gathering. After the meeting it was suggested that regular conference meetings be held on the first Sabbath afternoon of each month, and a standing committee was appointed to this end. While many of the Baptists here are identified with the general church life of the city, still a hearty desire was expressed in favor of the proposed gatherings.

WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED

The pugilist Paddy Ryan is dead. John Redmond has been made the leader of the Irish Parliamentary party. The Santa Fe Railroad will not arbitrate. The Army blankets are alleged to be shoddy. Japan joined in the Anglo-German compact. General Kitchener has asked for more bushmen. New York's vote has been officially canvassed. Sealskins are fetching large prices in London. The designs for Lawson's yacht are nearly ready. Miss Helen Baird, a leading young actress, is dead. The Pingree tax bills passed the Michigan House. A fire in Canton, December 13, burned 500 shops. Champion Jim Jeffries has made his last offer to Fitz. All the powers are at last in harmony in regard to China. The apportionment bill fixes House membership at 357. Professor Marshall Henshaw of Amherst College is dead. Sir Alfred Milner is now Governor of the whole of South Africa. Scarcely any work was done during the open session of the House. John Addison Porter, late secretary to President McKinley, is dying. Senator Bard is not satisfied with the shipping subsidy bill as it stands. The transport Garonne on December 13 was said to be aground off Luzon. George V. Meyer of Massachusetts will be the new Ambassador to Italy. The explosion at Canton was caused by reformers who exploded dynamite. The British ship Crown of Scotland reported a murder and a suicide at sea. Senator Bard will work to save the Southern California forest reservation. Er. S. Hoppner, inventor of the electrolytic treatment of refractory ores, is dead. Berkeley may play the proposed football games against Columbia College team. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching say they have been authorized to act for China. More rumors are afloat to the effect that Secretary of State Hay has resigned. McGovern, the new lightweight champion, beat Gans to a stand still in two rounds. The corporation of Limerick has conferred the freedom of the city upon Krueger. John W. Yerkes of Kentucky has been made Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The thermometer at New York, December 15, registered fifteen degrees below zero. There is no truth in the revived report that the Huntington shares had been sold. The Jessie Morrison jury disagreed. Nine were for acquittal and three for conviction. Harcourt estimated that General Baden-Powell's police would cost \$4,000,000 a year. Count de Selier, Portuguese Minister to the Netherlands, has returned to The Hague. A traveling peddler when arrested in California had bank checks for \$1,800 on his person. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has not been elevated to the peerage, as erroneously stated. The extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain has been amended. Miss Flagler, daughter of the former Chief of Ordnance, will marry a Cape Breton physician. The agreement to the war revenue measure in the House puts a tax on express companies. Judson C. Clements of Georgia has been reappointed Commissioner of Interstate Commerce. An authenticated copy of Collis P. Huntington's will has been admitted to probate in New York. The Queen Dowager is said to have accepted peace terms. The indemnity will reach \$200,000,000. The office of second vice president of the New York Central will be permitted to lapse at present. The new directors of the Erie Railroad are: Norman B. Ream, James J. Hill and Robert Bacon. The White Rock Indian Agency reports that the troubles at the agency are believed to be over. George W. Perry, one of the best-known architects on the Coast, died suddenly, December 14. George A. Fuller of Chicago is dead. He was the originator of the modern steel skeleton buildings. Many buildings were demolished by a heavy windstorm at Vallejo, California, on the 14th instant. Mrs. Amy C. Gillig secured an absolute divorce from Mr. Gillig in New York December 14. A woman from San Francisco went suddenly insane on the steamer Dauntless, December 14. Sonoma experienced a heavy storm on the 14th instant, which will seriously handicap the seeding. The firm of Aps Brothers, of Philadelphia, have failed. Their liabilities are scheduled at \$113,000. Clara Frick is suing for a share of old man Hamilton's gold mine which sold for \$100,000 recently. The recent changes in the Erie Railroad mean that the H. Morgan syndicate has gained control. The latest rumor in regard to the health of the Czar is to the effect that he is attacked by consumption. The American Forestry Association favors the purchase of a reserve containing the California big trees. The holiday trade has increased all over the United States, according to R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review. The Indiana Society of Chosen Friends has been declared insolvent. The claims aggregate about \$300,000. Michael G. Mulhall, the famous statistician, who founded the first English newspaper in South America, is dead. A new world's record has been established by the gunners of Her Majesty's ship Terrible, on the Asiatic squadron. Herbert Stewart Stone and Miss Mary Grimsby McCormick were married in great state in Chicago on December 13. Ellenwood, the house of Thomas Skinker in the western suburbs of St. Louis, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$50,000. Three suspected bandits were arrested at New Orleans, December 14. A lively fight ensued between the officers and men. December 14, a mid-winter prairie fire swept over ten acres of grass out-died. The earnings of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the quarter ending December 31 will be about \$1,700,000. The Santa Fe depots have armed guards as no interference with the railway operators or property will be tolerated. Mrs. Mary C. Albertson of Michigan City, Ind., claims that her husband sold her for two dollars to William Dennis. Chicago collegians on December 13 brutally hazed a student of Northwestern University named Frank Lust. He may die. Eastern fruit men are taking steps to secure the free entry of raisins, which will strike a blow at California's industry.

Harold Darrington, an alleged American, has been arrested in Cape Goody charged with fomenting an Afrikaner rebellion. The new Grand Jury have been given sweeping instructions to probe criminals, especially the Police Department. Brown University is making good progress toward getting a second million dollars for the university endowment fund. Archbishop Ireland holds the canon-ical protest against its abolition and declares it to be a powerful factor for temperance. Changes in international patent regulations have been recommended by the conference which met in Brussels on the 13th instant. Two mail cars were looted by two bandits on the Cotton Belt road in Texas on the 14th instant. The postal clerk was injured. The French Government will not offer objection to any action of the United States Congress regarding the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The conservative element in the American Federation of Labor in convention December 13 at Louisville, Ky., voted American radical ideas. The American Bridge Company will build thirty bridges, using 7,000 tons of steel for the Uganda Railroad. The contracts totaled 135,000 tons. The falling overboard of a man from a Chinese boat caused a rush of passengers to the side, capsizing the vessel and drowning 200 persons. Owen E. Hotle of California divided the first prize with his opponent, Peter C. de Jong, in the senior final contest in the University of Chicago. Practical joking caused the death of two prominent Chicago men, Joseph Huffman, who killed his friend, Thomas Mehan, and then shot himself. The San Francisco Presidio invalids, 735 in all, will be remembered Christmas Day. The Red Cross Society have the Christmas tree in charge. Japanese divers at Victoria, B. C., while rescuing cargo from a wreck descended twenty-three fathoms under water and remained two minutes. A woman claims a big Seattle estate, valued at \$500,000, saying she was the fiancée of the late John Sullivan and that he intended bequeathing it to her. There is a reign of terror in Paris. The capital is overrun with criminals and the police are powerless to cope with them. There are 212,000 people out of work. The Natural Food Company of Niagara Falls, which have a mammoth factory immediately erected, capitalized at \$10,000,000. The falls will be used for water power. Two bank robbers were arrested on board train in Wheeling, W. Va., after a desperate fight with the police. The passengers were terribly frightened. Many shots were fired. Fishermen and timber men have rendered the Tulalip and Swinomish and Summi Indian reservations practically valueless. The Federal authorities will take the matter in hand. Chauncey Rathbun, leader of the Rector's Club of the University of Washington, was suspended by the faculty for the profanity in his yell. The affair has caused a big row. The University of California has accepted Mr. E. Benard's new plans. Mr. Benard drew first prize of \$10,000 for his design. The cost of the proposed new buildings will be \$10,000,000. A Seattle fire engine plunged off a trestle on the 14th instant, falling ten feet and rolling down an embankment nearly twenty feet further. Neither men nor horses were seriously injured. The Cunarder Campania is bringing back E. Parmlee Prentice of Chicago and his fiancée, Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, who went abroad to try and have new ears drilled into her forehead. The California Water & Forest Association met in convention December 14, in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. The roll call mounted into the thousands and the first practical and effective step was taken toward securing to the State a system of scientific irrigation for its arid and semi-arid lands, and the co-operation of the National Government is distinctly pledged in all future projects which the association may undertake along these lines.

OF CURRENT INTEREST. A Beastly Joke, Don't You Know. An English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chamberlain, who are traveling in the United States, were recently the victims of a heartless practical joke on the part of an American whom they met on a train in the West. He told them that if they wished to see a typical frontier town they ought to stop at Denver. Upon his advice they purchased such luxuries as would be needed in that crude village, such as a private bathtub with alcohol lamp for heating the water, etc. They were informed Mr. Chamberlain that guests at the Denver Hotel were supposed to wash in a tin basin on a bench in the back yard. When he saw Denver he was astounded, and, as he explained to the hotel man the reason why he brought along the private bathtub, he was unable to understand the mirth of that gentleman or to fathom the motives of his informant. Penny Concerts for the Children. One of the churches in Chester, Pa., has introduced what is a novelty there—a penny concert. These concerts are held in the church on each Friday evening, being chiefly designed for children. The church has always been crowded on these occasions, both little and big people attending in great numbers. They are charged one cent admission to an entertainment that is worth many times more, and which is wholesome and instructive. The smaller children are always given the center seats in front, the larger ones the side seats. It is so distinctively an affair for children that the big people who attend have to content themselves with the back seats if there are any left. A Glasgow Man's "Tree Clock" A Glasgow man has in his garden what he calls a "tree clock." Fir trees are planted in such positions that one of them will shade a portion of the house at every hour of sunlight. For example, at 9 o'clock in the morning "10 o'clock tree" shades the room ad-room, while as the sunlight changes the "10 o'clock tree" shades the room adjoining it, and so on through the day. On a sunny day this "tree clock" insures a succession of shady places around the house. Actor and Orator. "The actor," said Joe Jefferson in a speech to a Chicago audience the other night, "wonders why he does not succeed as an orator, and the orator wonders why he is not a success on the stage. It is because, while in certain things they are alike, in cardinal points they are entirely different. The orator never has to listen. No one ever talks back to him. The orator impresses. The actor is impressed."

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