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THE "LOUISE HOME."

During the lifetime of that true philanthropist, the late W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, D. C., he had erected in a fashionable centre of that great city, in our opinion the noblest charity in all the land, the "Louise Home," so named in honor of a daughter who died while the bloom and beauty of youth were still hers.

These thoughts have come to us of late while we have been reading the action of Camps of Confederates with reference to national aid. With one accord they refuse to assume the attitude of beggars, and they but add new stars to their already resplendent crowns, and yet are they to be made suppliants before their needs are to be supplied?

THE TREATY RATIFIED.

The Senate by a majority of three, confirmed the treaty of Paris on the 6th inst. Aguinaldo's rash attack on our lines around Manila no doubt contributed to the result.

Still Senators Daniel and Marlin voted against the treaty, and in so doing wisely and well represented their constituents.

If, however, fighting must be the order of the day, Virginia Senators and Virginia citizens will sustain the government.

"WHERE are the calamity shouters?" asks the Richmond Times, after having mentioned the rise in stocks, securities, &c. Here they are and over the Southside where tobacco is so low that it doesn't pay to haul it to market, as we heard a farmer say, True, the Times also mentioned that wheat and cotton had gone up too, but they are no longer in the hands of farmers, and the rise is for speculation purposes.

They are now discussing the plan of building an improved driveway from New York city to the Adirondacks, a distance of 500 miles, and the money will be forthcoming as it is to be the plaything of millionaires. If the rich won't spend money but for pleasure let them spend it for that, and no pleasure of a physical sort is superior to that of driving a good team in a good vehicle over a good road.

SENATOR DANIEL has spoken on the subject of expansion, on the right side and his speech has the ring of the true metal about it. He is satisfied with the United States of America and doesn't care to add Asia and make it read United States of America and Asia. He knows the horrors incident to the effort of making American citizens out of Africans, and wants no more of it.

GRONIOS defender of people's rights, Wm. J. Bryan, who refused to speak

in New York unless free to "speak out in meeting." Croker telling Bryan what to say! Travesty, farce, too silly to be repeated. Shameless impudence! but the people must denounce dictators or attend the burial of their hopes.

The discussion of imperialism has developed a defiance of the party lash which may be of great service to the country. There can be no question but that the new and dangerous doctrine is peculiarly Republican, and yet in the Senate and the House stalwart Democrats. We say this is a hopeful sign and propitious of better things in politics. We do not expect that the little band of Republicans who oppose imperialism will have the cheek to steal the name and banner of the G. O. P. and declare themselves the only and genuine article, but we had with delight the spirit of independence of thought in the land, and see in it at this dawn of the day when ring rules will be broken, trusts will have been slain of their power for evil and financial freedom will cover the land as "the waters cover the deep." If those things do follow the war debt will be a blessing rather than a curse.

"In many of the Southern States the Democratic party consists almost entirely of whites who have possessed themselves of the forces of Government by criminal processes which have been a reproach not only to this country but to civilization itself." The above are the words of Senator Hoar, who last year addressed the lawyers of Virginia in annual re-union assembled, and said he considered the privilege of so doing among the highest honors ever conferred upon him. Nine-tenths of the lawyers of Virginia are members of that Democratic party of which Senator Hoar says such harsh things and it is a mystery that a decent man should reckon it an honor to associate with the criminal class.

THE West Virginia legislators are to be commended for agreeing upon a compromise whereby a United States Senator could be elected and the business of the State proceeded with. Mr. Scott, the Republican, was elected by one majority, but if Gen. Wheeler is not entitled to his seat in Congress then two illegal votes were cast for Mr. Scott. These came from two West Virginia Senators, who having accepted army commissions, forfeited their seats in the State Senate. Mr. McGraw, the Democratic opponent, will contest the election, and if precedent is of value, will win. Still the West Virginia legislators did well in allowing the business of their State to go on. The contest in Washington will not so interfere with public interest and the State may yet be represented by the choice of the people.

It is said of the late Prof. Henry Drummond, "that he was graceful, well dressed, tall and lithe. He fished, skated and shot as few can. He played cricket and would go any distance to see a fire or a football match. He had a new story, puzzle or joke every time he met you." It is a mistake to think there is anything gloomy about the religion of the Bible. The Christian soul as well as body, has any right to be cheerful. If there is no peace between God and the soul of man there must be war, if no calm that comes from believing then perpetual storm.

Mr. Dewey says he will keep on making funny speeches as they are most forcible. "A little nonsense now and then is good for most men," and genuine good humor is always in order, but to play the part of mere clown is not desirable. Mr. Dewey, however, measures above that standard, and is a man of very attractive parts. It is a great gift to be able to "talk sense" and at the same time nonsense enough to keep the audience wide awake.

In estimating the number of soldiers necessary to do guard duty in our newly acquired territory, it must be remembered that on an average 99 men out of each hundred will be unfit for service by reason of sickness. Fifty thousand to be paid and fed and nursed, and only 20,000 to do duty.

A scientist says that whiskey aggravates snake bites. What excuse will be substituted?

THE Republican party has declared for a single standard notwithstanding the platform upon which Mr. McKinley was elected declared for bimetalism. There will be other platforms another election and the people will be heard from.

"There is but a step betwixt me and death." Ex-Attorney General Garland, who died recently in presence of the Supreme Court while addressing the Court, when a school boy had the ambition to be Attorney General and lived to have his ambition in this respect at least gratified.

the handsome things said of the illustrious dead this is by far the finest.

A PROFESSOR tells us that nature is building a bridge across the Pacific, and that it will be of land.

PERJURE men live hurried lives and die quick. Better go slow, but you can't go slow and keep up with the procession.

WHAT a monster that meat trust must be that in order to make money it would put "contaminated beef" on brave soldier boys. And it is no respecter of persons. What has been perpetrated on men in the army will be repeated on men in civil life.

"What was bad for the mob was good for the chosen few." That's what old man Russell Sage says in explanation of wearing an opal. It may be unlucky for the many but not for the "chosen few." And that's why he favors the single standard. It crushes the masses but helps the "chosen few."

"HUMANITY" carried us across the sea to the Philippines. They have met us not with open arms but open fire, and now more than two score of our brave boys have been buried on that foreign and hostile shore, while many scores suffer from bleeding wounds. Will the light be renewed? and is it to be followed by deadly fever? and all for "humanity"?

THE Salem Times-Register sometime made mention of a farmer of Roanoke county who actually had a bank account of \$500. Under healthy and profitable financial conditions he would no doubt have a much larger one. What is \$500 in an age when a seat in a stock exchange sells for \$30,000? Farmville Herald.

Oh, no, we didn't. We said the farmer mentioned had that day added \$500 to his bank account; that he had paid off his oom indebtedness, didn't owe a dollar, and was prosperous, though owning only an average farm. If our contemporary will read aright what we said it will have to agree to the point we made—that this farmer demonstrated that farming can be made to pay.

We beg pardon and make haste to send our congratulations to a successful cultivator of the soil. We did not intentionally misrepresent the facts. THE HERALD has never intimated that farming does not pay, on the contrary has labored in season and out of season to encourage this God-assigned and God-blessed branch of human work, but we have said and do say now and will continue to say until relief comes, that our farmers do labor under the disadvantages incident to vicious legislation. Our brother believes that, and we venture the assertion that this "two-blade grass" farmer is a single-standard advocate.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1899.

Senator Gorman knew when he began his fight against the treaty that the securing of thirty-odd votes against the ratification of the treaty, would not permanently reject the treaty, because of the certainty of its commanding more than the necessary two-thirds in the Senate of the next Congress; therefore it was unimportant whether he secured them or not. But he has accomplished the principal object for which he fought. The speeches made in the Senate have aroused the people of the country to the danger that lies in our permanent possession of the Philippines and made it certain that public opinion will prevent the carrying out of the imperial policy that has been buzzing in the heads of Mr. McKinley and some of his chief advisers.

Mr. Keegan, a representative of the International Mechanics Union, who was among those heard by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, on the eight hour bill, made some startling charges. He charged that the Cramp Shipbuilding Company and the Maxim Nordenfildt Gun Company, being unable to fill at the price specified contracts for guns and gun carriages, awarded them by the Government, had had the work performed by Government employes at the Washington Navy Yard, and received in cash, the difference between the cost of making and the contract price. He charged that under the arrangement specified, the Cramp Company had received \$17,000, as the difference between the cost of making the Gun carriages and the contract price, and that the Maxim Nordenfildt Co., had received \$2,400 each for guns which were made by government employes, at a cost of \$1,000 each, thus pocketing a profit of \$1,400 on each gun, without engaging in the work of making them. Senator Kyle was directed to personally investigate these charges.

The House Judiciary Committee has reported a resolution declaring that Gen. Wheeler, Col. Campbell, Col. Coison, and Major Robbins vacated their seats in the House when they accepted Commissions in the Army. The attempt to have the committee take the same action in the cases of Representatives who are members of several existing Government Commissions, was a failure. The Committee decided that Congressmen may serve on Civil Commissions without forfeiting their seats.

Although the Republican House Caucus decided not to try to push any financial legislation at this session, the extreme gold standard men are trying to force action on the Hill financial

bill. A resolution has been offered, fixing Feb. 14th, for voting on that bill, and pressure is being brought to bear on the Committee on Rules, to have that resolution reported back to the House.

Commissions in the cavalry branch of the regular army, are vainly sought after by many West Pointers, but James Fuller McKinley, son of Abner, and nephew of the President, whose only military experience consisted of a few weeks service as a private in the 6th Ohio Volunteers, has been nominated to be 2nd Lieut., in the Cavalry branch of the regular army. The nomination is likely to be confirmed, simply because there is nothing against the young man personally, but all the same it ought not to be.

Americans like fair play in a fight. Gen. Miles has stood up like a man and charged that contractors supplied our troops with embalmed beef, and offered to furnish proof of the charge. Secretary Alger, and his gang are skulking around trying to stab Miles in the dark, being afraid to order him court-martialed, because that would give him an opportunity to produce the proof he has of his charge. The report of the War Investigating Commission, now in Mr. McKinley's possession, is relied upon to give Miles several stabs. Mr. McKinley has been asked to remove Miles from the command of the army, but he is afraid to do so, because in that case, Miles would have a right to demand the cause, and if a cause were given to demand that a court-martial decide whether it be a just one. A sneaky way of ousting Miles has been evolved by Alger. It is proposed to amend the Hull army bill by providing for a revival of the grade of Lieutenant General and then nominating Merritt, or some other Major-General to the position. Merritt would not be much more satisfactory to Alger as Commander of the Army than Miles is, as his contempt for Alger, which dates away back to Alger's court-martial during the civil war, has never been concealed, and their relations since Alger became Secretary of War have been confined to strictly official matters. It looks as though the administration would be compelled to give Miles a chance to prove his charge, by ordering some sort of a Military inquiry. Mr. McKinley is said to have promised that much.

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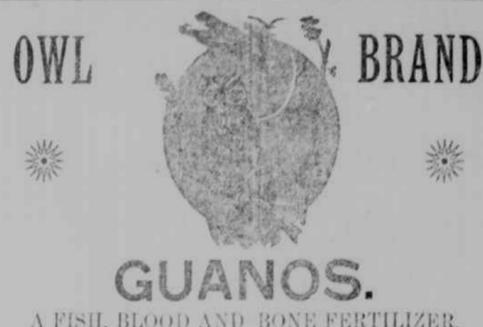


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