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The Spanish press is very bitter against General Lee for his course in the Ruiz case; but the gallant ex-Confederate can afford to be indifferent to what his enemies in Spain and Cuba may say, since he is backed by all of the American people.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, was not re-elected after all. The legislature of that State failed to elect and the governor has appointed ex-Senator H. W. Corbett, who was in office from 1896 to 1897. He is president of a national bank and a strong advocate of the gold standard. This probably winds up the political career of Senator Mitchell.

While Weyler is conducting a vigorous campaign in the eastern provinces of Cuba the insurgents are showing increased activity in the neighborhood of Havana. They entered the town of Guines the other night, and after burning several houses departed with a large amount of groceries, clothing and money. Like the Irishman's flea, they are gone as soon as Weyler puts his fingers on them.

President McKinley is already beginning to show the people of Washington what he can do in the line of pedestrianism. In this respect there is a remarkable difference between him and his predecessor. Grover knew the good things of his life and did not stint himself in the enjoyment of them while he occupied the White House; but had he been more liberal in the use of his legs as a walker he might not now be suffering from the pangs of gout and rheumatism.

In spite of the watchfulness of the Government several filibustering expeditions have lately left the ports of this country with arms, ammunition and men to aid the Cuban patriots in their struggles for freedom; but if the McKinley administration is as kindly disposed towards Spain as the Cleveland government was, all the desultory aid that may be sent from the United States will be of little avail in freeing the Queen of the Antilles from the hated rule of the Spaniards, who now oppress the people and desolate the land.

Hawaii under the rule of a president is making substantial progress. According to the report of Minister Damon, the receipts for the past year amounted to \$1,975,321, while the expenditures were \$1,904,190. A large percentage of the trade was with the United States, and the only thing needed to make the happiness of the Americans in that country complete is immediate annexation to this republic. As there would be no increase in the public debt of this country and as everything points to the eventual absorption of the islands by the United States, it does not seem that there is any necessity for much longer delay in the process of annexation.

Mexico besides its many advantages must have a climate especially favorable to longevity. Jesus Campruhe died at Guadalajara, in that Republic, the other day at the remarkable age of one hundred and fifty-four years. He was born at Valladolid, Spain, in 1742 and came to America when he was 24 years old. Notwithstanding his great age he was in complete possession of his faculties and talked of events of the last century as if they had occurred recently. With such claims to health and longevity the army of invalids in the United States will soon be moving down upon the land of the Aztecs, with the result that all of the country will in due time be annexed to the territory of Uncle Sam.

The Arkansas legislature refused to consider a motion to replace temporarily a portrait of ex-President Davis with one of William Jennings Bryan on the occasion of the proposed visit of the latter to the capital of that State, and now the question arises, would extremist in the North have blamed the Arkansas lawmakers more for putting up the picture of the champion of bimetalism, than they will for standing by the leader of the late Confederacy. The member who made the motion must have been anxious to create excitement and did not care as to how he did it, as in any event the action of the legislature was certain to call forth unfavorable comment.

The President has called an extra session of Congress on the 15th of this month to consider such communication as he may make. That this will refer chiefly to tariff legislation and financial matters has already been stated in his inaugural address, and that he will meet with no unreasonable opposition from the ranks of the silver men there is every reason to suppose. The people of the country, regardless of party, desire a return of prosperity above everything else, and whatever will tend to promote this

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most desirable end will receive the hearty support of all. For five years or more the American business depression has borne heavily upon the toilers of the land, and great indeed will be the man or party who succeeds in restoring the country once again and the ease and comforts with which it was so generally blest for many years.

Advices from London foreshadow a war between Great Britain and the Boer Republic of South Africa. The brave Dutchmen seem to be spoiling for a fight, but they will find out their mistake in the end. Man for man, or perhaps two or three to one, the British might be worsted, but when the Red Coats begin a rush upon the country the Boers will find it impossible to stand up against them, especially with a population larger than their own entirely in sympathy with the invaders. Emperor William of Germany would like to assist the Boers; but public opinion in his country would not consent to a war with Great Britain on that question, however much he might desire to take part in the conflict. As the emperor's mother is the oldest of Queen Victoria's children, according to the ordinary rules of inheritance, he, as the heir to what justly belongs to her, should become king of England after the death of his grandmother and mother. The English, however, would never accept such a proposition, as besides the legal obstacles in the way, they hate the German emperor with a cordiality that knows no bounds. This, of course, is mere speculation. No German ruler, as matters now stand, will ever be able to add the British empire to his own dominions except by conquest, which would be out of the question. With the German army, the British navy and a few millions of English soldiers thrown in, Emperor William could sweep Europe like an avalanche; but it takes two to make a bargain, and the other parties to such an arrangement would veto it at once with a most emphatic no.

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Acquired. Dyspepsia Specialist (irritably)—But, madam, you must chew your food. What were your teeth given you for? Female Patient (calmly)—They weren't given to me. I bought 'em.—London Fun.

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WASHINGTON LETTER. Productive Forces of Cuba—Her Rich Soil, Her Valuable Forests and Her Great Mineral Wealth.

[Special Correspondence.] With an area about equal to that of the state of Pennsylvania, a length of 775 miles and a width varying from 30 to 160 miles, Cuba stands in a geographical position which, together with her productive soil, mineral wealth and climatic conditions, should entitle her to rank among the foremost communities of the world, a distinction to which I believe she will soon attain whenever a stable government and cheerful obedience to the powers that be present to the home seeker and investor conditions that will make home pleasant and capital secure. Although founded and settled more than 50 years before the United States, Cuba has still 13,000,000 acres of primeval forests where the woodman's ax has never been heard. These forests are timbered, besides other woods, with mahogany, cedar, logwood, redwood, ebony, lignum vitae and caiguano, the latter being more durable in the ground than iron or steel.

Soil a Marvel of Richness. In a report to the state department Consul Pulaski F. Hyatt says that the soil is a marvel of richness, and fertilizers of any kind are seldom used unless in the case of tobacco, even though the same crops be grown on the same field for 100 years, as has already happened in some of the old sugar cane fields. If all the land suitable to the growth of sugar cane were devoted to that industry, it is estimated Cuba might supply the entire western hemisphere with sugar. The island has already produced in a single year for export 11,000,000 tons, while its capabilities have only been in the experimental stage. The adaptability of the soil for tobacco culture has long been the envy of the world, until a cigar that has not some pretension of having at least a little Cuban tobacco stands condemned without a hearing.

Cuba takes great pride in the quality of her coffee, and until the rebellion of 1868 she raised a large quantity for exports.

No Fruits to Destroy. Tropical fruits, such as oranges, lemons, pineapples, mangoes, guavas, tamarinds and many fruits with a local value, but too short lived for export, are here entirely at home and never catch the unlooked for frosts so frequent in Florida. The cereal crops never have and probably never will have a profitable cultivation on the island. Corn is raised on a small scale, while wheat and oats are never grown at all. No flour mill exists on the island. The lover of fresh vegetables, I think, is doomed to disappointment on coming to Cuba. Garden truck is always in season, but that crisp freshness which we so much relish in our northern vegetables seems to be wanting.

In mineral wealth Cuba is capable of taking high rank. Gold and silver have not been found in paying quantities. Copper was mined at Cobre by the natives before Columbus discovered the island, and there is strong proof that native copper was carried across to Florida and used by the Florida Indians hundreds of years ago. The mound builders of that state buried with their dead copper ornaments and utensils hammered from native copper. As no copper ore is found in Florida or in the United States for a long distance from there, and as that found in the United States or in Mexico does not correspond chemically with that buried with the mound builders, it occurred to Professor R. H. Sanders of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia that it was possible that these mound builders had water communication with Cuba and got their copper from there.

A Very Interesting Discovery. He therefore communicated with the writer and procured a sample of native Cuban copper, which proved upon analysis to be the identical kind used in the copper ornaments mentioned. In the early part of the present century some English capitalists purchased these mines, which are nine miles from Santiago. The books of the Santiago de Cuba consulate show that from 1828 to 1840 an average of from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of copper ore was shipped annually to the United States. These mines continued in successful operation until 1867, when a combination of circumstances and not the poverty of the mines closed them, and the various shafts, from 900 to 1,200 feet deep, filled with water, all save 300 feet being below the level of the sea. In later years considerable copper was taken from these mines by pumping the water from the shafts to tanks, into which iron scraps were thrown. The copper held in solution by the water deposited on the scrap iron, which in time was broken off and the iron used again.

The Iron Ore Output. The iron mines of Cuba, all of which are located near Santiago, overshadow in importance all other industries on the eastern end of the island, constituting the only industry that has made any pretense of standing up against the shock of the present insurrection. The Juraguá and Daiquiri iron companies (American), with a combined capital of over \$5,000,000, now operate mines in this vicinity and employ from 800 to 1,400 men, shipping to the United States from 30,000 to 50,000 tons of iron ore per month, the largest portion of which is used at Bethlehem, Steelton, Sparrow's Point and Pittsburg. The ore of these mines is among the richest in the world, yielding from 62 to 67 per cent of pure iron and is very free from sulphur and phosphorus.

In the Sierra Maestra range are found numerous deposits of manganese, an indispensable in the manufacture of steel. American capital opened a mine at Ponupo and built a railroad to it. After shipping one cargo the mines were stopped by the insurgents. CARL SCHROEDER.

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roughness, cracking and kindred disfigurements. Olive oil, by the way, is a very simple cosmetic, but a very good one, used a little at a time. It smooths the skin and softens it and is not at all unpleasant to apply, since a few drops only are necessary. These may be poured upon a bit of old linen, with which the face is to be gently rubbed. Everybody knows the cleansing property of alcohol upon the skin, from which it removes settlements of dust that soap and water will not touch. The objection to its use is that it has a burning, drying effect. If alcohol and olive oil are used together, the cleansing power of the alcohol is retained, but its evil qualities are nullified, and the skin is left cool.

Women who suffer from neuralgia should be very careful about washing the hair, selecting a fair day for the purpose and remaining in a warm room until the hair is dry. If warm water dashed with alcohol is used instead of soap and water, the moisture will evaporate much more quickly. The proportion of alcohol being small, it does the hair no injury, but makes it bright and smooth.

An illustration is given of a street costume of violin silk. The tablier of the skirt is defined by two folds simulating a redingote, ornamented with large gold buttons. The foot of the skirt is faced up with a band of Louis XIII embroidery of chamomil silk, the irregularities of the top of the band being followed by a fine gold cord. The bodice is closed by small gold buttons and adorned with large revers and bolero fronts of embroidery like that on the skirt. There is also a point of embroidery extending down the back from the shoulders. The bolero is edged with gold cord and trimmed with gold buttons. The sleeves have medallion cuffs of embroidery and short, full epaulets of velvet. The plastron and collar are like wise of velvet, the latter being adorned with embroidery. JUDIC CHOLLET.

A French physician has invented a method by which he says iron can be given in large doses. Hens, he noticed, have powerful internal organs. They can digest considerable quantities of iron and then render it back, through the albumen of their eggs, in a form which is easily digested by the weaker stomach of mankind. So he fed his hens with what he called "a very absorbent salt of iron," mingled with grains of wheat, and they lay eggs extremely rich in iron already digested.

Ceremony Followed by the Most Unique Feast of Modern Times. Max von Binzer, who served as "a page at the Berlin court" upon the occasion of the double royal wedding in 1877, graphically describes the ceremony and attendant festivities in The Ladies' Home Journal. "At 11 o'clock on the morning of the 18th of February, 1877," he writes, "the day of the wedding, we found ourselves posted again on esplanade down the White Hall. As the royal procession entered the chapel adjoining a magnificent chorus intoned one of Mendelssohn's superb psalms. The illustrious group ranged themselves before the altar, and Dr. Kogel, court chaplain, began the impressive ceremony. As the wedding rings were exchanged heavy artillery boomed forth the king's salute of 101 guns. The royal families exchanged congratulations, and the cortege returned again to the White Hall for a short reception, and at 5 o'clock we were summoned again for one great wedding banquet. Unquestionably this banquet was the most unique of modern times.

Covers for 100 persons were laid on tables arranged in the form of a horseshoe in the Hall of Knights. None but those of princely blood was to sit at these tables. The most noble and distinguished vassals of the emperor were to serve their royal master and his guests. The Count von W— and myself were detailed to Leopold, king of Belgium. However, we were but links in a chain of notables along which the vintners were passed to his majesty. Next the king and immediately back of his chair stood the commander of an entire army corps; next in the rear stood a court chamberlain, to whom we handed the various dishes. He in turn passed them to the general, who personally served King Leopold. The emperor, William I, was served by the most powerful nobles of the empire. Count von Stolberg-Wernigerode, grand master of the hunt, carved the game; Prince von Pless, the grand cup bearer, filled his imperial majesty's crystal goblet with the rarest wines of the "Vaterland." But, curiously enough, none of the recipients of this remarkable homage seemed at ease, with the exception of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who was evidently much interested in the Grand Duchess of Baden, the lady on his right. They alone talked and laughed in an unconstrained manner. The wedding ball followed this remarkable banquet."

A Dom Pedro Fete. The recent funeral of Mme. Furtado-Heine, which took place at the chateau of Requecort, recalled a pretty story of a marvelous fete given a few years ago in honor of Dom Pedro II of Brazil. In September, 1890, the emperor, then but recently exiled, after a reign of 50 years, was staying at Versailles, passing the autumn months with his daughter, the Comtesse d'Eu. One day, as he passed before the iron railings of the garden of the castle Requecort, he saw the splendid hothouses and the massive beds of flowers. Curious to know who lived there, he said he would much like to visit the estate. Mme. Furtado-Heine hurried to receive him and showed him round the garden and through the hothouses. "Madame," said Dom Pedro, "I see the vegetation of my country; the trees are the same, and I breathe and smell the same flowers. I owe to you the first joy that I have felt since my exile. Thank you, thank you." "I hope the emperor will feel at home here," said Mme. Heine. "My doors will ever be open to receive your majesty." A week after Dom Pedro returned and consented to remain to dinner. The walls of the dining room were decorated with rose leaves of every color and formed the imperial arms of Brazil. The park was illuminated, and a splendid concert was given in his honor.—San Francisco Argonaut.

General Horace Porter in the course of a recent speech said, "Boston is not a city; it is a state of mind." This declaration was greeted with laughter by unthinking New Yorkers, who failed to see General Porter's point. He meant that as much mind is found in Boston as in an average state. We thank General Porter.—Boston Transcript.

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