

Cuba and United States.

HAVANA, Jan. 5.—The Cuban constitutional convention is considering two promulgations of the future relations between Cuba and United States. One of these affirms, in the first place, an acceptance of the Monroe doctrine and the establishment of friendly relations with all nations, together with a resolution to proceed in all cases in complete accord with the United States.

In the second place it proposes to put at the disposal of the United States a portion of the shore of any bay or of the north coast, and of two bays on the south coast for naval stations, together with concessions sufficient in extent for the purposes of defense and sanitation. In the third place, it declares that Cuba will place herself on a war footing to help United States in case such assistance should be needed, with a proviso is an amplification of the first, second and third. The other promulgation contemplates:

First.—That the convention is vested with authority only to convene. Second.—Not having been granted legislative functions, the convention cannot arrange the basis of future relations. Third.—Nevertheless, should Washington desire such a discussion the convention is willing to discuss and agree upon an arrangement of mutual relations.

Fourth.—The aspirations of the convention are merely to consolidate the two countries for reconstruction. Its energies are directed toward supporting the approved policy of the United States, to which Cuba is bound by international ties of gratitude, said policy being based upon the unswerving preservation of liberty and independence throughout the American continent. The former promulgation embodies the desire of all delegates friendly to the United States. The latter is a counter check to the extremists. It is considered that the former is likely to carry.

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MASONIC.

Faithful Worker for the Craft in Missouri—Trestleboard Design. Rev. John D. Vinell, grand secretary of Missouri, was born in Virginia in 1830, removing to Missouri in 1854. In 1857 he entered the ministry and continued service for 20 years. His Masonic life began in 1854, when he was raised in Athens lodge, Albany, Mo. He entered the grand lodge in 1859 and was appointed grand chaplain, in which capacity he served until 1863, when he was elected senior grand warden. In 1864 he was elected deputy grand master and re-elected in 1865, and in 1866 he was

elected grand master and served one term, when he retired from office. After one year's rest he was recalled to the grand east in 1868. In Oct. 1877, he was chosen grand secretary, which position he has held up to the present time, discharging the duties with credit to himself and honor to the craft.

Congressman James D. Richardson of Tennessee is now sovereign grand commander of the supreme council. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, southern jurisdiction, vice Thomas Hubbard Caswell, deceased.

Masons of Vernon, N. Y., have formed an association to erect a temple to cost \$75,000.

Scottish Rite Masonry is growing in popularity and influence not only in America, but in England, France, Germany and Italy. In the two latter countries it forms a prominent part in state affairs, and its influence is ever liberal and enlightening.

There is little lesson taught by the trowel which is too often forgotten. "Work best can work and best agree." If this spirit characterized more of our Masonic work, better results would be attained.

The lodge that elects as warden a "good fellow" who is known to be incompetent is storing up trouble for the future.

While succession in office is a good thing, on general principles it is not wise to replace a good officer with a poor one.

The per capita cost of supporting 217 inmates of the North Carolina Masonic home is only about \$60 per annum.

The Masonic bodies of Louisville are making great preparations for the triennial convocation of the grand encampment to be held there next August.—Kx.

Old People Made Young.

J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermontville (Mich.) Echo, has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has avoided Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Indigestion, Heart trouble, Constipation and Rheumatism, by using Electric Bitters, and he writes: "It can't be praised too highly. It gently stimulates the kidneys, tones the stomach, aids digestion, and gives a splendid appetite. It has worked wonders for my wife and me. It's a marvelous remedy for old people's complaints." Only 50c. at City Drug Store. 1-8-1m

What Our Exchanges Say.

From Middletown Chips. The Odd Fellows had their annual oyster feast, last Thursday night and Squire Jones and Banker Vermillion filled up to the elegant proportions of poisoned pups.

Jesse Hairrell and wife, of Montgomery City, attended the Odd Fellows oyster supper last Thursday night. It is a way Jesse has of coming to Middletown when he gets hungry.

Mrs. Dr. Taylor spent last week with her parents near High Hill. Her father, who suffered a partial stroke of paralysis several weeks ago is now able to sit up and have some use of himself.

Miss Gertrude Hunt finished her term of school in the Radd district New Years Day, with a big dinner and other less interesting exercises. The directors made her a New Years present in the shape of a contract for the spring term in that district. This was a compliment to her as a teacher and was the favoring of a most worthy, christian young lady.

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Colonel Roosevelt as a Nimrod.

The vice president-elect, having laid down his official responsibilities as governor of New York, will soon put into effect the plan he formed a month or more ago for a hunt in Colorado. Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bryan are content to shoot ducks, but not so the hero of San Juan hill. He must have bigger game. So he will spend a brief period in the wilds of Colorado in quest of the mountain lion. John Goff, a famous hunter and guide of the Colorado mountains is to be the rough rider's companion and chaperon.

"If the governor can stand it, and I guess he can," said Goff to a reporter of the Denver Times; "if he can only keep his saddle during the rough riding he will get I will show him some wonders in the buffalo line that he has never dreamed of.

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I will ride him through a basin in which white men have seldom set foot, where there is likely to be a mountain lion in any tree and wildcats without number are found.

Goff expects Colonel Roosevelt to arrive at Meeker about the 10th inst, and the start for the mountains will be made at once. A Pack of dogs will aid the hunters to secure their game. The guide describes the experience in store for Colonel Roosevelt as follows:

"As soon as the dogs strike the trail the hunt is on in earnest and this will be the hard part on the governor. For a time we ride like wind over the roughest kind of a country after the park. It is necessary to keep within hearing of the dogs so that we do not lose them, and it takes some pretty fast riding to do this, especially if the lion makes long runs before taking to a tree. In a short time we hear the bounds baying and then we know the lion is ours and it is just a question of riding up on him and shooting him out of the tree."

Those who know Colonel Roosevelt better than this Western guide and hunter evidently does, will smile at the implied doubt as to the ability of the vice president-elect to "stand it" and to keep his saddle. We venture the opinion that before that hunt is ended, Goff will have hard work to maintain the pace set by the ex-colonel of the rough riders. However that may be, it is certain that Colonel Roosevelt will have a strenuous, inaugurating time.

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Tried to Cudahy Him.

Joplin Banker's Life Threatened if he Doesn't Produce a Bag of Gold. JOPLIN, Mo., Jan. 5.—Phonous Cunningham, president of the bank of Joplin yesterday received a letter through the mail demanding that he place \$1000 in gold in a sack and deposit it at a certain designated spot south of Joplin. If he should refuse to comply, the writer threatened to shoot Cunningham on sight.

President Cunningham consulted with the police department. It was finally decided to fill a bag with rocks and leave it at the place indicated, which was done. Officers concealed near by waited all night, but no one made an appearance. The police are working on the case.

The letter, which was undated, reads as follows: "Tom Cunningham, Joplin, Mo.—I, have been laying for a chance to get even with you. We have decided

now not to kill you if you will put \$1,000 in gold in a soft, white sack and take the 7:30 o'clock car at Fifth street, go one-half mile west of Lindville, and drop it off the rear end of the car as the car crosses the railroad and we will call it even with you. If you fail to do this I will blow your brains out the first chance I have in your own bank. If you should fail the next man we call on will certainly give up after he sees the fix we leave you in. If you don't consider your life worth \$1,000, we will surely have it, and if you should ever mention this to any one we will certainly kill you afterwards. We are not trying to bluff. We mean just what we say. It's revenge we want and we will have it. Return this letter with the money."

The letter was reasonably well written. It covered two sheets of large size tablet paper. It was enclosed in a common size white envelope, plainly addressed, and had been mailed at the Joplin postoffice at 8:30 a. m. January 4.

President Cunningham professes not to be worried over the affair. The chief of police says he believes the letter to be the production of cranks.

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PROPENSITY FOR LYING.

It is Not as Easy to Tell the Truth as Some People Imagine.

It is not as easy always to tell the truth as may sometimes appear. The average man does not tell an untruth deliberately or maliciously, but he is quite prone to tell untruths out of his good nature, his fear of giving offense or his vanity. It takes a man of moral courage to say "I do not know." Nine men out of ten (all of them being accounted honest as the world goes) will pretend to know rather than confess their ignorance. Some of them will do it with effrontery; others will shirk the confession and by their silence pretend to have knowledge they do not possess. During a political campaign like that upon which we are about to enter a vast amount of this kind of untruthfulness is developed. In the discussion of the issues of the day questions arise respecting constitutional provisions, the laws of the country, the history of parties, and but few of the disputants will have the honesty to say "I do not know" when cornered in a debate. They will either evade the question or invent a reply to carry them over the awkward place. They do not lie maliciously, but they are insincere. So also in social life men and women act a part and deceive or try to deceive—sometimes out of good nature—because they do not wish to give offense. It is quite common to meet otherwise honest men and women who pretend to have family connections or means or technical skill that they do not really possess. They are seeking to give themselves a degree of importance to which they are not entitled, and while they may not either tell or act an untruth they suggest a false impression and are absolutely insincere. A more common form of insincerity, because it is prescribed by the rules of ordinary politeness, is that which leads us to treat with respect and apparent interest one who is really despised. There is insincerity in this, no doubt, but it is to some extent excusable, because the opposite course is more offensive. The man is boorish who, being introduced to one whom he does not like, says so in words or manner. Such insincerity as may be involved in polite behavior is in such a case excusable, but it should not be extended beyond necessary conventionalities. The social falsehoods that are to be reprobated are the offensive utterances that have no basis of true feeling. Politeness does not require that one shall say pleasant things to a man for whom one has no regard, and the insincerity is absolute when one uses such expressions for purposes of deception, and a few minutes afterward recants them to a mutual friend. To be sincere and truthful it is not necessary that one should disclose to the world his inmost thoughts. But he should not conceal them by falsehoods. He may remain silent if he chooses in cases which do not require an expression of opinion; he may conceal his thoughts or feelings under a conventional observance of the rules of society without being justly censured for insincerity, provided he is careful not to give positive expression to false sentiments with an intention to deceive. It is well, however, to keep a close watch upon one's self to see that there is no unconscious drifting away from the habit of telling the truth. The test is one's own conscience or feeling of self-respect. What the world may say is a matter of small importance with what conscience says. Have we dealt fairly and sincerely by our fellow men, saying agreeable things only when we believed them and disagreeable things only when duty required us to do so? If so, we have been sincere, even though we may not have told the world everything we have thought or gone out of our way to tell the truth when justified in remaining silent.—Baltimore Sun.

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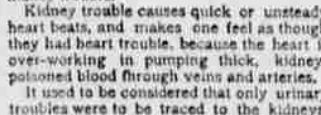
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