

THE CURRENT.
 WM. H. MULLANE
 Official Paper of Eddy County.
 Published every Saturday at Carlsbad, N. M., and entered as 2nd class mail matter.
 SATURDAY OCT. 14, 1899
 SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
 WEEKLY—By mail per annum \$2.00
 By mail per six months \$1.00

Paul Kroeger the Dutch president of the Transvaal says: "The republics are determined that if they must belong to England a price will be paid that will stagger humanity." Further on he says: "I have, however, full faith that the sun of liberty shall rise in South Africa as it rose in North America." Such eloquence can only be inspired by the justice of the cause of the Boer. No doubt the South African is very over bearing and intolerant but he is pitted against the most cruel and atrociously barbarous nation on earth, England; a nation that stops at nothing when holding the whip hand but the most whimpering, cowardly and cringing when met by forces any where near her equal. It is a grand testimonial to the American people that their sympathies are with the Boer and it is said by President Kroeger that nearly all Americans in South Africa are enlisted in the Boer army.

President McKinley will go down into history as the most self-contradictory inhabitant the white house has ever known. His silver record is known of all men. His Filipino record is equally stuffy. At the New England dinner at Philadelphia, in 1898, Mr. McKinley said: "Human rights and constitutional privileges must not be forgotten in the race for health and commercial supremacy. The government of the people must be by the people and not by a few of the people; it must rest upon the free consent of the governed, and all of the governed. Power, it must be remembered, which is secured by oppression, or usurpation, or by any form of injustice is soon dethroned. We have no right in law or morals to usurp that which belongs to another, whether it is property or power."

Another volunteer in the Philippine service has disgraced himself by ruining a young Mexican woman and then deserting her. This time the villain was an officer Captain O'Brien, of the Wyoming volunteers. The fact that he had a wife and family at home did not deter him from trifling with the affections of a poor simple Philippine woman and then deserting her. She tried to follow him on the ship but was denied passage. Yet he is now being welcomed home as a hero.

Dr. Geo. T. Gould formerly of Las Vegas has purchased the Graphic of El Paso from W. W. Bridgers. Dr. Gould is an old newspaper man and is making a good paper of the Graphic.

Stopping the Paper.

A great many people form the idea that if they will stop their paper it will work untold hardships on it, and they will expect that publication to at once end its existence. But they are always disappointed. They are like the fellow that resigned from the employ of a large city railway company and he found that trains moved along with the same regularity. Your name off the subscription list never makes a bit of difference with the paper financially or otherwise, as another one is added in your place and perhaps two or a dozen. An exchange in commenting on this subject says:

"The practice of stopping the paper when something appears in it that is objectionable is as old as time, but of late years with the spread of education and general intelligence, it is becoming almost obsolete. People do not usually discontinue a paper now-a-days with an exhibition of anger and malice, because the editor usually smiles and other people who may be apprised of the fact sometimes laugh outright.

"The newspaper that is a success never considers for a moment the possible loss of a reader as any grounds for influencing its editorial opinions or the general policy of the paper. The newspaper has its duties to perform and sometimes one of those duties is to reflect public sentiment in such a manner as may constitute a criticism of the acts of some private individual or public officer. When this is the case it dare not continually evade that duty much it would like to, if it desires to retain the esteem and respect of the general public."—Springer Stohkman.

The Brooklyn Eagle states that a clergyman recently preached a sermon in that place which he had given 14 times since last fall in other places. He gets \$50 and expenses every time he delivers it. If it was a good sermon, there is no reason why the preacher should not have delivered it 15 times in 15 different places or even more if he had an opportunity. If it was worth \$50 in one place, it would probably be worth \$50 in another place.

We are Not the Only People That Keep First-Class Goods
But We Keep What the People Want!
 Rose Valley, Canadian Club, Mt. Vernon and many other brands of first-class liquors
AT THE CENTRAL SALOON.
 KEMP & WOERNER, Proprietors.

D. W. Gerhart.
Wholesale and Retail Meats.
 ...Packing House and General Manufactory...
 All kinds of sausage and meats cured and fresh on hand at all times.

Perplexity Over the Yacht Race.

The public has at last arrived at a pretty definite idea of the dimensions of the two yachts that are to make New York the Mecca of all yachtsmen, though there is much discussion among those specially interested in yachting over which boat should win. This discussion has no reference to a difference of judgment as to the merits of the two boats. The men who indulge in it the fiercest do not know the difference between a sloop and a catamaran.

To the average landsman dimensions and spread of sail cut no figure. Sentiment is the basis upon which his forecast is made. Many of the debaters over the merits of the contesting boats are ardent Americans of Irish descent and would lose no opportunity to do honor to anything carrying the stars and stripes, but the challenger bears a name to conjure with wherever Irish blood boils and Irish traditions prevail. Her body is painted an emerald green, and above her floats the flag of yellow and green that proclaims her nationality.

There is a small body of Irishmen in New York which suspects a British plot in the visit of Sir Thomas Lipton. They resent the naming of the yacht and her convey and say the challenger sails under false colors, for she represents England and not Ireland. But there flies the green flag of the Emerald Isle, and the majority of the sons of Erin are in a sad state of perplexity as to which yacht to bet on.

In a letter to the American Bar Association Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, who was president of the organization, said: "The law's delays, which seem to be constantly on the increase, may well engage the earnest attention of the association. No opportunity should be lost to counteract the inevitable tendency to elaborate procedure and unnecessarily multiplied appeals." The tendency to "elaborate procedure and unnecessarily multiplied appeals" is one of the worst of the evils of litigation. The increasing cumbersomeness of our system of jurisprudence is not so generally appreciated outside of the profession. It is beginning to stand out, however, as the most obdurate fact about that system. Codes have simplified procedure, but the determination of their meaning has only increased adjudication and so the cumbersomeness. The decisions of the judiciary of the federal government, 45 states, and Great Britain, piling up in volumes upon volumes, year by year, are baffling as a present fact and appalling in the prospect. People feel more and more that

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS and THE CURRENT

At a Very Low Price
 The Semi-Weekly News (Galveston or Dallas) is published Tuesday and Friday. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc. We offer The Semi-Weekly News and THE CURRENT for 12 months, for the low clubbing price of \$2.50 cash. This gives you three papers a week or 136 papers a year for a ridiculously low price. Hand in your subscription at once.

they cannot tell anything about what the conclusion will be from a suit at law or when the conclusion will be reached. Lawyers and lawmakers could vastly increase the public respect for themselves and for the law by simplifying the codes and obviating in some measure the perplexities of "the law's delay."

In reading the novels of Charles Dickens one is often tempted to accuse the famous master of gross exaggeration in attributing to the lowliness of his characters—such, for instance, as Sloppy in "Our Mutual Friend"—qualities of the most heroic nature. But now and then there are incidents which give striking proof that the great novelist was not exaggerating, but was just a little more attentive to the peculiarities of the common herd than most of us are. It is said that the boys in the orphan asylum at Sparkill, N. Y., which was recently destroyed by fire, were of the type of the "tough" street walf. Yet they risked their lives to save the younger children with all the courage of one of Ouida's nonchalant guardsmen. It is wonderful what an immense amount of nobleness there is in our species if there is only the proper call to bring it out. The great problem for those who hope to elevate the lower orders is to find out what will call forth the good qualities which are latent in them.

Poor Cyrano de Bergerac! Perhaps if he had been able to peer into the future and foresee the fate in store for him he would have refrained from doing many of the things with which more or less mythical authorities have credited him. Cyrano was a pretty wild sort of chap, and it is suspected that he would have undergone untold torture for the sake of having himself talked about, but in his wildest dreams he could never have believed it possible that some day he would be the central figure of a comic opera. That is bad enough, but when the doughty duelist is to be impersonated by diminutive Francis Wilson the limit is almost reached, and when we are further informed that Mr. Wilson will play many passages seriously the limit is actually reached.

Thirty-one governments are to be represented at the trade congress to be held in connection with the National Export exposition at Philadelphia. The meeting is likely to have more results than the peace congress at The Hague. And there will be less sentiment about it all.

Don Carlos is again said to be lying in wait near the Spanish border. As a layer in wait Don Carlos is unquestionably the best in the business.

The largest straw hat ever constructed has just been made in Australia. The crown is 12 inches high, and the measurement across the brim is 6 1/2 feet. It is not stated for whom the hat was made, but we understand that the Emperor William and Mr. Hall Caine are both negotiating for it.

According to cable dispatches from Manila, many of the Kansas soldiers whose terms have expired are re-enlisting. Can it be that they are trying to defeat the purpose of those Kansas girls who have resolved never to marry any but a man who fought with Penates?

CONQUERING NATIONS.
 History's Highway Strewn With Their Wrecks.
 PERILOUS HOUR OF TEMPTATION.

Once Embarked Upon the Policy of Land Grabbing, the United States Must Maintain a Highly Standing Army—Increased Taxation Will Fall Heaviest on the Poor.

President McKinley is credited with the intention of having the people of Cuba vote on the question of annexation to the United States, an intention which if harbored is in conflict with the solemn assurance given by the congress to Cuba and the world and which, considering that the island is now under American military control, cannot be executed in fairness to the Cubans or with justice to ourselves. General Gomez doubtless echoes the sentiments of patriotic Cubans when he objects to annexation and insists upon independence now, as he did before the war.

At a recent demonstration in his honor at Havana he said: "I still demand the separation that I asked before the war, not only from Spain, but from any and all other nations. The destiny of Cuba is only independence. We should give due thanks to the Americans, whose progress and power inspire our admiration, but this does not mean that we should resign ourselves to a tutelage to be exercised over us. Let us make the same statement to the United States that the American colonies made to England when they declared in 1776 that the Americans owned North America."

In the event that the imperialists are permitted to push the work of subjugating the Philippines to completion the annexation of Cuba, with or without the consent of the people, may be expected. Let the electorate once sanction the war to subject the natives of the Philippines to American authority against their will and a precedent will have been established which will be used to justify wars of aggression. Fairly embarked upon the policy of land grabbing, we shall become England's rival in this form of robbery. The policy will necessitate a powerful navy, an alliance with Great Britain, a permanently large standing army, enormous expenditures and a continuance and an increase of high taxation that falls with heaviest weight upon the poor. What we are doing in the Philippines is not an augury of good to Cuba. It does not promise that our pledge to the Cubans will be honestly kept. Nor does it bode good to ourselves. In destroying the liberties and independence of other peoples we must inevitably foster a sentiment and develop a power and condition that in time will destroy our own liberties and independence.

Neither physical nor moral law may be violated with impunity. Sooner or later the man who transgresses must pay the penalty. This is the teaching of all experience and history, and what is true of the individual man is true of the collection of men termed a nation. One no more than the other may crush the weak, outrage justice and escape unscathed. We are confronted with the responsibility of choosing between might and right, of adhering to the principles and traditions of the republic or departing from them, of determining whether we shall remain honest or become and remain dishonest, of degrading the republic to the level of imperialistic nations or maintaining it as a high moral example to all and as a beacon of hope to the liberty loving and oppressed of every land.

Temptations come to nations as to individuals. This is the hour of our temptation as a people. Each or most of us know something about the elevation of thought and purpose, the strengthening of character and the satisfaction and pincidity of conscience that result from a battle with temptation determinedly and nobly fought and won. Shall we experience and enjoy all this by self denial and resistance, or by basely yielding shall we degrade our thought and purpose, lower our moral tone, crush our conscience and enter upon a career of degeneracy which must terminate in ruin? The highways of history are strewn with the wrecks of conquering nations. Shall this fair republic flourish perennially by remaining content with the patriotism God has bestowed and with the equitable principles adherence to which has given it a degree of peace, growth and prosperity unparalleled in human annals, or by succumbing to ignoble greed shall it, too, become a wreck, sharing the fate of Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Rome and moribund Spain?—Dubuque Telegraph.

The Situation in Ohio.
 These seem to be perilous times for Republicanism in Ohio. Nothing was ever more plainly evident in politics than the fact that Hanna and his cohorts are on the run. An indication of this is shown by the class of Republican speakers who are to be thrown into the state to apologize for the McHanna administration.

Meantime all is not harmony in the home camp. The Buckeye senators are at odds. This is notorious and there is every likelihood that their quarrel will develop into a political scandal. Foraker, who is brainy and bribe ant, has no use for Hanna, his gross colleague, and he does not hesitate to say so.—New York News.

Captain Carter's Code.
 In Captain Carter's code of criminal procedure the plea of "not guilty" is entered after conviction, but then his case has no precedent.—New York World.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.
 We have a large list of choice ranch, farm and town property.
McLenathen & Tracy.
 Carlsbad, New Mexico.

J. F. MATHESON.
 Grain-Commission Warehouse.
 And General Forwarding
 Hay, Grain, Seed, Feed, Blacksmith Coal

U. S. MEAT MARKET,
 Fresh Meats, Sausage, Game, Etc., Always on Hand.
 Free Delivery in any Part of City.
 JOHN LOWENBRUCK, Prop.

W. A. KERR.
 General Merchandise.
Fancy Groceries a Specialty.

SANTA FE ROUTE
 THE SHORT LINE TO
 Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City
 No Transfers from El Paso or Fort Worth.
 Ask for Time Cards and Maps of Your Nearest Agent, or write
 F. B. HOUGHTON, D. F. and P. A., El Paso, Texas
 J. W. BLACK, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, Topeka, Kansas.

G. F. A. Robertson
BLACKSMITH and Wagon maker.
 All kinds of new work a Specialty Farming Implements of all kinds repaired, on short notice.
 HORSE SHOEING GUARANTEED AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.
 Canon St. Op. Current Office.
 Feed and Livery Corral in connection. Accommodation and satisfaction, guaranteed.

Eddy Lodge No. 31, K. of P.
 Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All visitors are welcome.
 JOHN BOLTON, C. C.
 K. R. & N.

MASONIC.—Eddy Lodge No. 31, K. of P. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Visiting brethren invited to attend. S. I. ROBERTSON, W. M.
 A. N. PRATT, Secy.

I. O. O. F. Eddy Lodge No. 31 meets every Friday evening in Masonic hall. Visiting brothers in good standing cordially welcome.
 C. H. WRIGHT, N. G.
 Jno. B. McEwan, Secy.

Eddy (Cam.) Woodmen of the World. Meets in City Hall the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
 D. B. BATHURST, C. C. HEST ROBERTSON, C. S.
FREEMAN & CAMERON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
 EDDY, NEW MEXICO

JOHN FRANKLIN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
 EDDY, NEW MEX.
 CHAS. M. WHICHER, M. D. Physician and Surgeon, 2005, N. M. Hotel Windsor. Chief Surgeon P. V. & N. E. Ry.
 C. H. WRIGHT, M. D. Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence, Rooms 4 and 5 Windsor Hotel. Calls answered promptly day or night. Office hours 1 to 4 p. m.

Wing Lee Laundry.
 (Next to O. K. Shop.)
Work Equal to a Steam Laundry.
 No torn Clothes—No Extra Charges. All work Guaranteed Satisfactory.

a business man...
 Should have good stationery—it helps his business—and that is what the patrons of The Current know. Are you in the list?