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Encouraging Manila News. Official dispatches from General Otis received at the war department confirm the press reports and warrant the confidence in Washington, that the end of the Filipino insurrection is at hand. For the first time personal representatives from Aguinaldo are to confer with General Otis, who exhibits in his dispatches great confidence in the probability of some conclusion that will be satisfactory. Not only is the army of Aguinaldo scattered and disorganized, but the main body is so hemmed in that surrender is inevitable. It is reported from good authority that Aguinaldo personally is disheartened and is blaming himself for the condition of his people. It is believed that, in his extremity, however, he is, as usual, looking to his own personal safety and may expect an arrangement by which he and a few of his favorite officers may be permitted to live in exile. Having lost prestige with his army which is completely demoralized and suffering from hunger and disease, he is hopeless. In the meantime, it must not be supposed that General Otis will be deceived by any proposition which is not to his satisfaction sincere, final and binding beyond question. That has been his course from the beginning of negotiations, and it has found its vindication in the present situation. It is given out from Washington that any possible ruse to gain time will be carefully guarded against and no point of advantage will be yielded, so that such a move on the part of Aguinaldo will avail him nothing. There is much significance in General Otis' official statement that the great majority of the inhabitants of the provinces are anxious for peace and are supported by members of the insurgent cabinet. Let us hope for the best.

Where Are the Votes? Conservative Democratic organs are uttering warnings daily to their party not to repeat the "foolishness of 1896," but the Bryan leaders do not seem to heed. Those of the south and west continue to insist on fighting over again the campaign of 1896, on the lines of the Chicago platform, while Democrats of the north and east are urging its abandonment. Bryan and Jones, and all the leaders, who have not yet realized that three defeats of their Chicago fallacies, when made leading issues, have thoroughly tested the sense of the country, are stubbornly insisting on making them prominent in the platform of next year. There seems to be no other candidate save Bryan. On the other hand, if the anti-Bryan faction, those who desire to set aside the Chicago business and make a campaign on other issues wholly, have any candidates for the Presidency they have not been revealed to the public. Nor have they even agreed among themselves as to what sort of a platform they will be able to adopt that will conciliate the silverites and at the same time bring about satisfaction among themselves. The eastern papers representing the Democracy are beginning to inquire of the Bryan wing and the brethren of the south and west, where they are going to get the electoral votes for the Chicago platform and Bryan. The answer is not forthcoming. The New York World, among others, propounds the question and shows some figures proving that, as the matter stands, the Chicago platform Democrats can only count on 166 electoral votes from twenty southern and western states, out of a total in the Union of 47, giving the Republicans a majority of 115. The states are: Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 8; Colorado, 4; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Idaho, 3; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 8; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 17; Montana, 3; Nevada, 3; Nebraska, 8; North Carolina, 11; South Carolina, 8; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 15; Utah, 3; Virginia, 12; total 166. It will be remembered that in 1896 McKinley carried seven Democratic states, including Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey and New York, besides West Virginia, which had been carried also by the Republicans two years previous. Kentucky has since returned to the Democratic fold. New York elected a Democratic supreme judge in 1897, without the Chicago platform, and last year the Republicans carried the state. All the other states mentioned have been carried by the Republicans at every election since 1896. Of the nine former Republican states in the west, carried by Bryan on the silver question, five—Nebraska, (Bryan's home state), Kansas, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming, have since been carried by the Republicans by majorities greater than Bryan received. These nine states have forty-two elec-

toral votes, twenty-one of which have returned to the Republicans. In view of these facts, the World is asking, as are other Democratic papers, after noting that the Democrats have been beaten in the nation in three successive elections on the line drawn at Chicago, last year being beaten relatively worse than in 1896: "In this a hopeful situation for the repetition of an error? Where are the electoral votes coming from to reverse the result of 1896 on the same issue?" These are pertinent questions being asked by the eastern Democrats, and some western ones. But the Chicago platform advocates, including the leader, Colonel Bryan, will not heed the inquiry. They are running straight into a less hopeful situation than that of 1896.

Venezuela and Uncle Sam. One of the highly valued contemporaries on the Intelligencer's exchange list is the Venezuelan Herald, published at Caracas, one-fourth of it printed in Spanish and the remaining three-fourths in English. Its style is very much North American, and it is a strong advocate of the trade relations with the United States. Its advertising columns indicate that our interests are largely represented at Caracas and other important points in the South American republic, many prominent manufacturing and mercantile firms of this country being represented. A financial statement in the issue of May 10th shows that for the past ten years the balance of trade between Venezuela and the United States has been \$48,000,000 in favor of our South American neighbor, though the table shows a steady tendency each year toward a coming balance on our side of the ledger. The Herald is a progressive paper and is doing its best to advance the interests of the Venezuelan republic. Among other things, it points out that a serious draw-back to progress is the excessive number of holidays that are observed. It gives a list of eighty-three days in each year that are observed as general holidays, or nearly one-fourth of the year, nearly all of them being religious festivals. The Herald remarks on this point that it could "add many that are more or less generally observed by the people," and that, "after considering the above, we can easily understand that Venezuela should suffer for want of labor."

In the issue of the Herald of the above mentioned date, under the head of "The Height of Imagination," the paper goes for one of its rivals for a sample of its "rare diplomacy," in the following sarcastic fashion: The old daily La Religion, always well informed in diplomatic matters, has just discovered that England has made a treaty with the United States under which she transfers British Guayana to us. "It is certain," she thus expresses herself "that British Guayana will pass into the power of the Yankees; this will indeed be for Venezuela the *Alca jacta est*," and follows this news up with the following watchful remark: "Not to think seriously of organizing for defence either by diplomatic means, or by the confederation of South America, or by arms, would be a blindness similar to that with which God afflicts people as the severest chastisement." The moving spirit of this expression of opinion is gathered from the way in which this journal goes on to glorify itself, saying, "La Religion has been perhaps the only one that has not had words of complacency for the North Americans." It is fortunate that the Herald's contemporary isn't all powerful in South America—fortunate for this country, in view of its warlike expression and lack of "complacency" and appreciation toward the United States.

A Lesson for Other Sections. The coolness of Washington police officers is all that averted a lynching at the national capital Wednesday. The victim would have been a negro who had committed a murder in Maryland, and killed one Washington policeman and wounded another who were trying to arrest him. When he finally surrendered a crowd attempted to hang him. The law officers were firm at the moment and the capital city of the nation was saved from the disgrace of having mob law executed within its precincts. There is a lesson for certain other sections of the country in this incident. That a small squad of the Washington police could do so much, demonstrates that it is possible to sustain justice and order where the officers of the law do not fear to do their duty. The double murderer at Washington will be tried and convicted and meet with the punishment legally provided. Justice will be vindicated in a regular and civilized way.

The President's Health. "For some time past President McKinley has been at Hot Springs, Va., hoping to receive some benefit from nervousness caused by the excessive use of tobacco. The whole country joins in the wish that he will be speedily restored to his former good health. When that is done, if the President will confine his use of tobacco to the West Virginia product, he will find a "clean, lasting, and a Fairmont stogie" will give him a "cool, sweet smoke," which is guaranteed to be anti-nervous, antidyspeptic."—Fairmont Index. West Virginia tobacco and Fairmont stogies, like Wheeling stogies, have a reputation such as our contemporary claims, but the Index is under a misapprehension as to the cause of the President's indisposition. That tobacco-nervousness story was authoritatively denied at the time of its perpetration. The statement was made that, while the President enjoys an after-dinner cigar, he never was an excessive smoker, and that his trouble was due to the extraordinary physical strain he has been under during the past year. We have had but one other President who had such great responsibilities thrust upon him within a single year.

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abandonment of Populistic principles, and all alliances with Bryan Democracy, and his return to his first love, the Republican party. His reason for his course is that events have apparently settled many of the questions which caused the organization of the Populocracy. This frank and open confession from Senator Peffer warrants a cordial welcome back into the ranks of Republicanism. The storms which have swept over Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio during the past two days have done tremendous damage to property and brought death to many homes. Wheeling, located almost in the storm centre, though it has had a share of the thunder, lightning and rain, seems to be well guarded by the natural formations surrounding, and has suffered no damage. For which we should all be thankful.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. Some smart men are fools for revenue only. Figures may not lie, but estimates are often misleading. Blessed are they who know enough to let well enough alone. It is the heartiest welcome of the dog that tells the tail. Kissing as a theory is far less satisfactory than a practical example. Clothes do not make the man, yet a man may owe a good deal to his tailor. The top round of the ladder of fame is as difficult to reach as the north pole. Many a man who says he would rather be right than be president can't be either. The optimist who can't appear cheerful when he is in a bad humor is a counterfeit. Some men resemble rivers; when their heads are swelled you realize it from their mouths. Lots of men try to imagine they have poor health when the only thing that ails them is laziness. If a man was hurt every time he is scared he would never live to reach the three-score-and-ten limit. Our idea of a truly great man is one who has traveled extensively and neither lectures nor writes about it. A St. Louis man ran a piece of wood an inch long under his fingernail recently. He must have been scratching his head.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. The only thing on earth that doesn't care whether it is laughed at or not is Love. One of the queer things is how much unmarried men know about feminine lingerie and girls about babies. A girl can sit on the damp grass without being uncomfortable, but a man doesn't wear that sort of clothes. The harder a girl tries to marry a man the surer he is that he wants to marry some girl who won't have him. Children's questions aren't nearly so embarrassing as some of the ones that grown-up people don't ask, but only think. After a man has caught his train with several minutes to spare, he knows how the engaged fellow feels, who wonders why he chased her so fast.—New York Press.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES. Comment of a Friend.—Babbler's wedding was the culmination of a romance. He met his wife on a train. "He did? Why doesn't he sue the company?"—Indianapolis Journal. Mother—Where are you off to, Hans? Hans—To school; teacher is going to show us the eclipse of the moon tonight. Mother—Here, you stay at home; if your teacher wants to show you anything he can do it during school hours.—Tit-Bits. Mrs. Yungkrupple—You used to think it a great privilege once just to hold my hand. Mr. Yungkrupple—And don't I think just as much of you as ever? Mrs. Yungkrupple—If you did, you wouldn't be wearing every night holding other hands at the poker table.—Boston Transcript.

Unconscious Rivals. Upon his coat she pinned a rose; The deed was done with gracious pose; But round the corner, out of sight, He took it off—deceitful wight! The pledge lay hidden in his breast— Ah, well, he knew his reasons best; This other girl—the little known; That on his coat was pinned a rose.—Chicago News. THERE is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Hon John Ruhm's Sensible Deliverance on the Subject. New York Sun: The Hon. J. Ruhm, of Nashville, was asked the other day to write for the American of that city his ideas about the objections of the so-called German-American press to the policy of the United States government in the Philippines. Mr. Ruhm, who is a personal friend of Dr. Emil Pretorius, the most blatant of the professional German-Americans, defines, first of all, his allegiance. Let the Schurzses and Ottendorfers hear him: "I consider the movement of a large portion of the German-American press to bring about a concert of action and a unanimity of opinion among German-Americans, as a class, including them to take sides against the administration, as very unfortunate. 'German-Americans,' or rather, Americans of German descent or nativity, are and should be nothing more nor less than Americans. Nothing mars my ideas of patriotism and loyalty so much as to hear of a whole class of citizens, in a body and as a class, taking sides on a question political or religious. I have no use for the 'German-American,' the 'Irish-American,' the 'Black-American,' the 'Catholic-American,' the 'Labor-American,' the 'Methodist-American,' the 'Southern-American,' the 'Labor-American,' the 'Capitalist-American,' the 'Anglo-American,' as distinguished from an 'American.' It tends to degrade citizenship when any one class of a people unite upon a policy on any one question of politics or on a doctrine. "Holding these views, I regret very much that the men in control of newspapers of America, printed in the German language, should have deliberately united on a campaign of what they call 'anti-imperialism,' or 'anti-expansion.' It will be seen that the Hon. John Ruhm, of Nashville, is not a German-American in the hyphenated sense. He is not a Pretorius, a Schurz, or an Ottendorfer. He is simply an American of German birth; and honor to him for making the distinction so clearly!

On the main question concerning which his opinion was asked, this loyal and patriotic American of Nashville, writes with equal emphasis: "Our sons and brothers, now in the army of occupation in the Philippines, gladly endure hardships and subject themselves to dangers as true soldiers of the republic and true patriots. To fire at them from the rear, and to discourage them and sow dissensions among them by telling them that they are fighting, not in a righteous cause, but as oppressors and tyrants, seems to me the cardinal unpardonable sin. I am sorry, deeply sorry, that Dr. Pretorius differs from me; I regret that he should be the leader in a movement to rally 'German-Americans' as a class against the standard emblematical of that sin." This is straight writing and plain American talk. No doubt Dr. Pretorius will regard it as treason. No doubt Dr. Schurz and Herr Ottendorfer will regard Mr. Ruhm as a traitor—a traitor to the hyphen. He can afford to be so considered by the professional.

Patti's Lovely Hypocrisy. A San Francisco newspaper man tells this story about one of Patti's visits to that city: "The diva stepped from the train, and after inhaling a lungful of fog, remarked: 'Oh, this is heaven! All my troubles are paid for! Thank heaven, I breathe the air of San Francisco once again!' This was all very sweet in the high-priced canary bird, and the newspaper boys were all delighted. However, it was only a short time before I went down to the train to meet Patti at Salt Lake City. She was descending from her car, and as her feet touched the ground she exclaimed: 'Thank heaven, I breathe the air of Salt Lake City once more! All my troubles are paid for! Oh, this is heaven!' The newspaper boys were all delighted with her. As for myself, on both of these occasions I was delighted also—with the diva's lovely hypocrisy, that accused sin which the poet tells us takes the best of men. I never thought Patti much of an actress, but I changed my mind in this respect after witnessing these two exhibitions."

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