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TOWNE has shot his shaft and returned to private life bowed with the burden of his great thinks unuttered already yet.

JOHN GOODNOW has made so good a record as consul general to China that it is confidently predicted that he will succeed Minister Conger when he retires.

THERE appears to be considerable "fake" in the reports of the Indian uprising in Oklahoma. Yellow journalists were a little shy of coin after they made their Christmas offerings.

If Mr. Towne loves the Filipinos so well, why doesn't he pack his voice and travel to the land of his loved ones? Minnesota might be able to struggle along without him.

SOME of the disciples of temperance look on Mrs. Nation as the "John Brown" of their cause. The saloon men hold a different view and the temperature of their language when they describe her is slightly warmer.

TOWNE was given an opportunity to make his spiel against the administration on the Philippine question. He has been the recipient of more favors from the Republican party than has ever been shown him by his adopted party.

OIL will rise again in a few days. A robber secured the profits on several gallons by pointing a revolver at the head of the cashier of the Kansas City branch Monday. Rockefeller will call upon the consumers to make the loss good.

A GANG of quillers worked a confidence game on the State board of pardons last week and secured the release of a noted shop-lifter. The St. Paul grand jury threatens to make an investigation and sensational developments are promised.

WHILE several States are still wrestling with their senatorial elections the last ripple on the political waters of Minnesota has subsided and the representatives of the people are busily engaged with their duties. Minnesota should certainly be congratulated.

THE headline artist on the Minneapolis Journal made the telegraph editor say that Frederick William had been made "a night of the garter." This is taken as prima facie evidence of the presence of the artist at the party given by Mayor Ames the night before, when the latter "took in the town."

NEW JERSEY justice is a thing to be admired. No delays in the trial were tolerated and when the matter came before the judge he had no hesitancy in giving the wretches the limit. There was no maudlin sentimentality in the case from start to close and the murderers were given no opportunity to pose as heroes or martyrs.

THE Scottish iron industries are suffering from competition with American manufacturers. The Clyde shipbuilders have recently placed a large order for ship plates in this country at a saving of 50,000 pounds sterling. The United States under its protective policy is firmly established as a leader among the commercial nations.

THERE are still a few lamenting Jeremiahs. Debs and his cohorts predict that this country will experience troublous times before McKinley leaves office. If signs of increasing prosperity are so alarming to these calamity prophets, we advise them to change the brand of their gargle. They are on the verge of an attack of the "horror."

THE new State administration is assuming the duties of the different offices, and although it is not accompanied by the deafening blare of trumpets which heralded the change two years ago, it is safe to expect that the public affairs will be given just as conscientious attention as they were under the great reform bureau established by the Pops.

"JOURNALISTIC enterprise" has given two people an opportunity to read their own obituaries during the past week. One was a Chicago lady visiting St. Paul, whom the home papers reported dead and the other was a Minnesota man killed by these same enterprising newspapers in Washington, when he was enjoying life to its fullest several thousand miles from the scene of slaughter.

THE Albert Lea Tribune proposes to put a statue of John L. Sullivan stripped for the ring in the library at the State university. The students are now improving their minds by studying the intricacies of the manly art.

THE Women's Peace League, a Philippine organization, has asked the United States government to support them in their attempt to restore peace in the islands. The dispatch doesn't state whether they made requisition for brooms or rolling pins.

MILE DOWLING has accomplished many difficult feats in his life time. Just at present he has gained a whole some notoriety by "being made the theme of one of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems entitled "Recompense," where in the singer says that behind each disaster is a blessing. Mike will now be called upon to explain how a footless man can furnish "feet" for Ella.

BRYAN'S nose may be put out of joint by the speech delivered by Towne in the senate Monday. The Democrats seem to be planning to make another stand with imperialism as their battle cry, and the party leaders are casting about for some one to take the place of their oft defeated candidate. The next issue of the Commoner is awaited with interest.

THERE promises to be a warm time when the work of redistricting the State is begun by the legislature. There are many members who have the temerity to believe their talents call for recognition and these aspirants propose to have the new district meandered to promote their ambitions. This fight will also bring the "congressional trust," as the insurgents call our present delegation, into the fight and there will be fun along the line.

THE constitutional amendment which suffered at the hands of the voters at the last election has been reintroduced and will undoubtedly receive the sanction of the legislature. It provides for the loaning of State funds to counties, cities and school districts within the State at a rate of interest not less than 3 per cent. There are many voters who displayed their asinine qualities last fall by voting qualitates this amendment. Let us hope that it will not occur again.

A SCIENTIST has sued J. J. Hill for millions which he claims he earned by discovering certain coal mines in Montana. He claims that by putting a theory he had evolved into practice the Great Northern was able to secure thousands of acres of land at a nominal figure, the suspicions of the owners not being aroused by the sinking of shafts by prospectors. If this ambitious scientist can secure a share of the profits amounting to something like \$1,500,000 he will be satisfied.

MR. LOWRY, in a recent interview, shows that he is not one of the "doubting Thomases" who believe that the country has reached the apex of its prosperity and now there must come a decline. He says: "Bright as was the outlook toward the close of the year, all the promises and all the expectations now are of even better things. The prosperity of the country is exceptionally substantial, and, to my mind, there is no doubt of its continuance. Everywhere you go you see the signs of the times. The farmer, the artisan, the merchant, the manufacturer, the transportation men—all are doing well; all are confident."

MONDAY'S Minneapolis Journal said: "Charley Towne is singing his senatorial Populistic swan song to-day. It was entirely unnecessary for Charley to put on record as his only utterance of importance during his short senatorial career an expression of his unreconcilableness, the only possible effect of which, if it has any consequences at all, will be to give aid and comfort to those in arms against his country's flag. The day will come when Charley will not be as proud of this day's work as he seems to be now." This is a gross libel on the swan family. As the latter part of the Journal's article shows, it would have been better to compare the Monday actions of the illustrious Duluth man to those of another species of the water fowl, which is noted neither for its musical talent nor intellectual attainments.

WHAT EDITORS SAY.

Paragraphs
Collected at Our
Exchange
Table.

THE WOMEN ACT.

Members of the Women's Peace League, a Philippine organization, to the number of twenty-five, have visit-

ed General MacArthur in Manila and asked for his aid and the co-operation of American women in their laudable effort to end the insurrection in Luzon and the other recalcitrant islands in the archipelago. These are protagonists for whom the United States should be thankful and we speak in all seriousness. Civilized, semi-civilized or barbarous, the Filipinos love their women-kind, and the influence of the gentler sex, if exercised for peace, is bound to be beneficial.—Minneapolis Times.

A TAXATION SCHEME.

Missouri, like Minnesota, is preparing to revise its system of taxation. The uppermost idea with the revisers in that State appears to be that corporations operating public utilities should yield enough in taxes to pay all the expenses of the State government, thus leaving the counties and municipalities free to tax themselves as their needs require, and putting an end to frequent conflicts of interest and the juggling of the revenues to shift the burdens of taxation from one portion of the State's population to another. Missouri isn't a State to which the people of the United States are in the habit of looking for legislative models, but its lawmakers seem in this instance to be in pursuit of a good idea.—Pioneer Press.

PLAIN TRUTHS.

Mr. Burton, the newly elected senator from Kansas, struck a key-note of political truth in his speech to the legislature: "Disguise it as you may, the real issue in this State and in the nation, for the past two political campaigns, has been the conservation of property rights against spoliation. The acquisition of property is conducive to virtue rather than vice. For every wrong that is done in acquiring property, there are a hundred benefits."—Duluth News Tribune.

THE CANTEN AGAIN.

The army authorities, who have been opposed to the abolition of the canteen, pretend to believe that it will prevent enlistments. That is all moonshine. None but the professional soldier, knows or cares about the canteen. It is true that its abolition was a matter of doubtful prudence, but it will not make a fig difference in the enlistments. Like high license as a means of curtailing the liquor traffic, the canteen was a choice of the least of two evils. No one who is posted from actual observation, can be found who does not believe that the canteen reduced drunkenness in the army. It was always possible to control the canteen, to limit it to the sale of beer, and to prevent the sale to intoxicated persons. Outside the regiment, in the city or town, there is no restraint.—Le Sueur Sentinel.

DARE NOT DO IT.

Gov. Van Sant gave the rich oil inspection office to Fred Schiffman in return for the political services of the Schiffman-Reese-Vandiver-Warner ring. Then that crowd turned around and took advantage of the governor's newness in office to secure the ill-advised pardon of a notorious shoplifter. We would like to publish what the governor thinks about that outfit now if it weren't for the danger of setting the paper afire.—Minneapolis Journal.

TOWNE'S FAREWELL.

We were just going "to our doom," as a nation, yesterday (see Senator Towne's speech), when Moses Clapp was sworn in and the country seems to be quite stable and safe again, up to this noon.

The whole proceeding is an illustration of the good sense of not being too much in a hurry to reach a conclusion. While reading Mr. Towne's speech in proof, we were in despair of the nation, but when the news came hurtling over the wire that Moses Clapp was in his seat and that Mr. Towne had just taken down his coat and started for Duluth, where the ice comes from, a great weight was lifted from the national consciousness.

Mr. Towne is a good man but he does not weigh 200 pounds. He will resume his law practice under the happiest auspices, for duty done is the soul's fireside, and if ever a fireside was needed anywhere it is in Duluth, where the winter starts in first and leaves off last.—Minneapolis Journal.

THAT MANILLA EDITOR.

This fellow Rice made a libelous attack upon the customs officers of the port of Manila, and a searching official investigation declared his charge entirely unfounded. He was given an opportunity to promise a different line of conduct as editor of the Bulletin, but declined. His deportation and the notoriety consequent upon it, are no doubt just what he wants. On his arrival in this country the rabid opposi-

tion press will make much of him. We may expect that he will be at once employed on one of the sensational Hearst journals, that he will run the usual career of these cheap little upstart agitators, and then sink into the oblivion and contempt which is his natural element.—Duluth News Tribune.

William Kaliber received a note from Bart Healy last night which was short and to the point: "Give the boys a smoke." This was taken to mean that Bart had taken unto himself a wife and until this is denied his friends will believe that Miss Minerva Bliff is now Mrs. Healy. Both the contracting parties are well and favorably known in this vicinity and their numerous friends extend hearty congratulations.

WITH A SHOTGUN.

C. P. Naumann's Sensational Death at Mora.

A shocking tragedy occurred in Mora early yesterday morning. C. P. Naumann, one of the first residents of the village, committed suicide by shooting himself under the chin with a shotgun. He was found in his bed by his son, who was building the morning fires. Naumann was 78 years old, and of general good health, although he had been a sufferer from asthma of late. He leaves two sons, both of that village, Hugh Naumann, a merchant, and G. Naumann, county superintendent of schools.

GEORGIA LETTER.

The following spicy letter, intended only for private perusal, is deemed "too good to keep." It was written to a Princeton friend by a former resident, now dwelling among the pines and pickaninnies of central Georgia:

My Dear Friend: I received your nice letter a few days ago and will confess that I had a design in sending that holly, and as it came out all right, though it took time to develop, I feel that it was fully worth the trip which I took one very disagreeable day.

We are enjoying a very cold day this warm, sunny day in January. It is really cold for Georgia. We have a rousing, roaring fire of "lightwood knots" (lightwood), while the doors stand wide open. The pickaninnies come in to warm their ears "wraupped" in faded specimens of Sunday worn garments. Just now one of say, thirteen long, lazy summers is trying to find one hand by means of the other sleeveless one, the lost hand being supposedly somewhere in the plentiful sleeve of an ancient coat which once, may be, graced the figure of a gentleman planter, and still proves the ample breadth of the first wearer's shoulders, but now hangs so lovingly around the little pickaninny, pinned closely with a locust thorn. I must tell you of a typical courtship, all of which I heard with my own ears.

The "postmistress," "Mr. Jim's wife" is without a cook, and as the cotton picking is done and there is a little while of idleness before the "plow hands" will be in demand, Henrietta came to see if she could get the position and thereby save rationing herself till the busy season. So she made due inquiries and "Mr. Jim's wife" engaged her, after learning that she was unmarried and had no family to tote rations to. Now a colored "gemplem" named, as his quest for mail divulged, John Wesley Allen stood in a thoughtful attitude by the door, and said politely to Miss Henrietta Morgan Rix, "Good evnin ma'am"—time, I P. M. Henrietta bowed sedately and said: "A'm vewy well, thank you, how'm you?" John Wesley thought this a good opening to inquire, "Wha you f'm?" Henrietta said, "Houston county." John Wesley was delighted. "A'm f'm Houston county mahse'f," he said. Miss Henrietta was interested. "Wha' pawt you live at?" "Iee f'm roun' 'bout Perry," he answered. "Yuh, ah knows Perry; wha yuh lives at now?" "Iee movin' onto Mister Clem's place. All thaht cohn (corn) yuh sees haulin' by 'longs tuh me. Ah reckon yuh'll be gettin' mahried fo' yuh leaves Dooley?" This with great caution. "Ah dunno. Ah reckon ah would," said Henrietta, coyly glancing from beneath the broad ruffles of a homespun sunbonnet. At this juncture I had to look for someone's mail and when I looked again for Henrietta I saw two figures arm in arm, walking down the street and that was the last I saw of Henrietta. "Mrs. Jim" is still without a cook.

This season is very pleasant, though the trees, except the pines and water oaks, are bare of leaves—I forgot the holly, though. It is green and bright, of course. It is the season between the harvest and the planting and the tough, brown cotton stalks, stripped of leaves and soon to be "ripped up" and plowed under ready for the new crop, stand thick in the fields. The "tenants" are "hunting homes" for the year, and the robins are coming to feast on galberries till time to venture north again. I want to go north too. I love this country, but the north is home and for purely physical welfare it appeals to me.

I wish I had time to paint. Everything is good to study here—there is so little of the tinsel in the homes, things are built so slowly from the necessities of the people and their simplicity alone is sufficient to make them interesting.

I have written on till my play-time is up and I must "cook supper."

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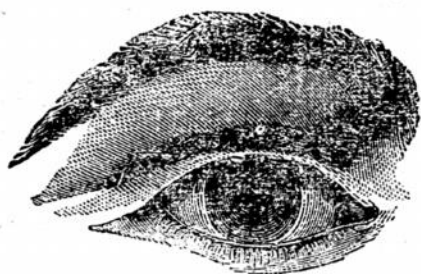
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