

Local Self-Government as a Party Issue.

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Young New York on the Harlem.

All cities should have ample playgrounds, where tired and flagging energies could be renewed at will and boy and man be made fit anew for their work.

The Virginia Case.

The action of the British government in demanding reparation for the slaughter of some of its subjects at Santiago de Cuba has forced the Washington government to insist on the payment of some indemnity to the families of the murdered Americans.

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THE PROHIBITIONISTS' NOMINATION of ex-Governor Clark is a nice little farce that is handsomely supplemented by Mr. Clark's acceptance of the nomination.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—Mr. Sawyer's vacant office seems hard to fill; but we have a rumor this morning that the place is to be given to Mr. George B. McCortee.

THE STEAMER EDGAR A. STUART is to be released to the owner on furnishing bonds for her estimated value pending the trial of the libel case.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT will not recede from the position it has long held in regard to the powers of the General of the Army.

AN ASSASSIN IN COURT.—During the proceedings in the Yonkers Court House, growing out of a family feud, one of the parties to the suit shot down the opposing lawyer in a most cowardly manner.

SUMMER TRAVEL TO EUROPE.—In the early part of this spring it seemed as if the summer exodus to Europe was to be small beyond any comparison with previous years.

OUR INDIAN PROTEGES are uneasy, and, true to their traditional policy, think that the season is propitious for their accustomed scalping, murdering and thieving raids.

THE CONDITION OF FRANCE.—We publish in another column a letter of remarkable interest on the political and social condition of France.

BOHEMIAN CHOPS.—From all parts of the country come glowing accounts of the advanced state of cereals, fruits and roots of all kinds.

THE ONLY practical thing which the democratic party can ask Congress to do in the interest of local self-government is to repeal the federal Election law.

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Cuba—A Sign of Progress.

The reactionists in Cuba seem to be gradually bending before the inevitable march of events. For the first time the Spanish flag divested of the emblem of royalty was yesterday hoisted over the palace of the Captain General.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Ruskin has refused something else. Gordon was at Gondokoro April 15. Bishop Young, of Florida, is at the Coleman House.