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The Spanish generals are said to use science in the Cuban war. It does not seem to be nearly as serviceable as the machete.

In view of the present decline in temperature, can it be that Senator Cullom has turned his face toward the Illinois senatorial contest?

It is to be hoped that developments will prove Constable Lorimer has no writ of attachment on that seat in the senate.—Chicago Journal.

The Illinois legislature is composed of 51 senators and 153 representatives. The republicans have a large majority in both house and senate. The people's party is represented in the house by four members and in the senate by one.

The ceremony characterizing the inauguration of Alva Adams as governor of Colorado, was unostentatious, democratic and cheap. The inauguration of Gov. Tanner and the ball given in his honor cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.—Freeport Bulletin.

There is one way in which the Illinois legislature can make the best hit possible in the selection of a United States senator, and in doing so it will have upheld the dignity of the office, and saved the state from the odium that is already upon it at the very mention of some of the candidates at Springfield, much less seriously considering them.

Postal Savings Banks.

The Chicago Record in giving the views of the sound money democrats, who gathered in that city recently to celebrate Andrew Jackson's birthday, on the subject of the establishment of postal savings banks in the United States, says:

"Paul Kersch, the successor of the late Judge C. A. Ewing on the executive committee of the national democratic party for Illinois, is an enthusiast on the subject, and endeavored to have a postal savings bank introduced in the Indianapolis platform. He says:

"I believe that if the system had been in operation the free silver agitation would never have been made, for the reason that the funds in the hands of the government would have enabled it to get any amount of gold it required, and the interest would have gone to the people, instead of the syndicates. The objection that postal banks would hurt the established banking interests is easily answered. They could handle deposits too small for ordinary savings banks, and thus act as feeders for them. When a sufficient amount has been accumulated, the higher rate of interest offered by the private concerns would be ample inducement to the depositor to transfer his account, and in this way the unconsidered trifles of nickels and dimes would be diverted from the tills of tobaccoists and saloonkeepers to add to the wealth and prosperity of the nation. I have just returned from Prussia, where I have been investigating the postal savings banks, and I have studied the practical working of the thing in Austria. It is helpful to the people and helpful to the government, strengthening the credit materially. Mr. Hering's idea of funding the national debt by this means, which I first noticed in an interview published in the Record, is an admirable one. There is no doubt that the system will be eventually adopted."

The Political Aspect.

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph (Rep.)

Mr. Bryan takes a very hopeful view of the prospects of his party, and it must be confessed that the situation presents many features of encouragement for him. Indeed, at present everything seems to be going his way. His main contention, that the opening of the mint to the free coinage of both gold and silver is essential to national prosperity, is virtually conceded by the republican party leaders when they resume their meddling with international bimetalism.

Then, too, tariff tinkering starts out in a way that prepares a repitulation of the defeat of 1890. The people are disgusted with the way in which the tariff has been manipulated at the instance of special interest, and are eager to have congress address itself to the settlement of the currency question. It is an act of bad faith to the people, and a demerited party policy to attempt to carry the legislation of the coming congress back to the lines of 1888 and 1892. If they persevere in this impudent enterprise they will hear from the people in a startling manner at the next election.

Literary.

McClure's Magazine for February will have a paper by H. J. W. Dam,

on "The Making of the Bible," giving a popular account of the principal manuscripts (with fac-similes) from which the bible as we now have it is derived, and a description (with numerous illustrations) of the famous Oxford University Press, where bibles are produced by the million, with the finest art ever achieved in book-making, and in every known tongue.

The Old Standard For the Yard.

The yard is the British and American standard of length. Down to 1824 the original standard of Britain (and from which ours was copied) was a rod, which had been deposited in the court of exchequer, London, in the time of Queen Elizabeth. In those days all measures intended for general use were taken to the court of exchequer to be examined by the proper officer. That official took the proposed measure and placed it parallel with the standard, and if found correct placed certain marks of identification upon it. By an act of parliament in 1824 the old Elizabethan standard was superseded by another, which had been constructed under the directions of the Royal Society 64 years previous. This act provided that "the straight line of distance between the centers of two points in the gold studs in the brass rod now in the custody of the clerk of the house of commons shall be the genuine standard of the yard measure in Great Britain." The act further provided that the measurements of the rod must be made when the temperature of the brass was at 63 degrees F.

The Golden Age of the Road.

The middle of the seventeenth century was, in fact, the golden age of the road. Not only were all highwaymen savages, but many a cavalier turned highwayman. Broken at their king's defeat, a hundred captains took pistol and vizard and revenged themselves as freebooters upon the king's enemies. And though Hind was outlaw first and royalist afterward he was the most brilliant collector of them all. True, he owed something to his master, Allen, but he added from the storehouse of his own genius a host of new precepts, and he was the first to establish an enduring tradition. Before all things he insisted upon courtesy. A guinea stolen by an awkward ruffian was a sorry theft. Levied by a gentleman of the highway, it was the tribute paid to courage by generosity.

Nothing would atone for an insult offered to a lady, and when it was Hind's duty to seize part of a gentleman's dowry on the Petersfield road he not only pleaded his necessity in eloquent excuse, but he made many promises on behalf of knight errantry and dandies in distress. Never would he extort a trinket to which association had given a sentimental value. During a long career he left none save a Roundhead penniless upon the road, nor was it his custom to strip the master without giving the man a trifle for his pains. His courage, moreover, was equal to his understanding. Since he was afraid of nothing it was not his habit to bluster when he was not determined to have his way. Once his pistol leveled, once the solemn order given, the victim must either fight or surrender, and Hind was not the man to decline a combat with any weapons or in any circumstances.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Where Cervantes Wrote Don Quixote.

The chief glory of Argamasilla is the Casa de Medrano, a solid stone house, standing probably in the same condition, but for the decay of age, as when Cervantes was kept a prisoner in its cellar. There is little doubt that this is the place where the design of the book, which was "engendered in a prison" (see prologue to the first part of "Don Quixote") was first modeled. Some 25 feet by 8 and 7 feet high, with a mere hole for a window, this unhealthy cell is so dark that when the original door, still partly standing, with its iron clamps and nails, is closed, it precludes the possibility of Cervantes having been able to write in it. But to say this would be to the Argamasillas a personal insult.—August F. Jaccazi in Scribner's.

One Kind of Business.

Bystander—Wasn't that a pretty stiff price you asked that man for those shoes?

Storekeeper—Yes; that's business. They're not good for anything, so of course he won't come again. Therefore we might as well get as much as we can out of him.—Boston Transcript.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

G. Caillouette, druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with a gripe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store, I sent for a bottle and began its use, and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Harris & Ulmeyer's drug store.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mytic Cure" for rheumatism and neuralgia cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause, and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly relieves, 75 cents. Sold by Otto Grotjan, druggist, Rock Island, and Gust Schlegel & Son, 220 West Second street, Davenport.

THE "FAIR CHILDREN" AT THE GRAY-TON GALLERIES.

Aye, they grew older, quiver and curls, And ducches and kings. They lost their innocence and curls, And put off childish things.

They lived and died. For some the lot In godly ground was theirs, And some the lot of the poor.

Young Master Hamilton's arms and legs That crimed and crawled, Port and experience changed the charms Of jovial Jacky Crew.

The baby-Johnson's thunder voice To bellow round the stairs, And Gainsborough's Georgiana broke A score of hapless hearts.

—A. Cochran.

DEPARTMENT STORES.

The Prominent Part That Profound Advertising Plays In Their Success.

Aside from departments in policy and innovations on a large scale, the originality of the department store is largely supplied by two departments, to some extent correlated. These are the advertising department and the window dressing department. One is the literature of the great store, the other its art. The shop windows are a great stimulus for the department whose goods are displayed in them. A good showing will often wonderfully increase the sale of the stock as well as attract customers to the store who are new to it. Frequently the head advertising man is the general manager of the store. Whether this is the case or not, he is a general supervisor of the establishment, with complete knowledge of its ever changing detail. Every day he holds consultations with heads of departments to find out what particular lines of articles they want boomed, and about those articles he writes alluring statements for the shopping public to read, sometimes arranging for illustrations with them.

The amount of money spent for advertising is appalling when looked upon as an expense. One great store in Philadelphia spends on an average \$1,000 every day in the year, and a good many spend \$500 a day. The advertising receives probably more of the personal attention of the head of the house than any other department. The head of the firm which expends the great sum just mentioned writes the leading lines in the daily announcement. The proprietor of a great store in Brooklyn does this invariably and thinks the time well spent which the work daily requires. The mail department tends to enlarge this expenditure, as who-store reaches out to the utmost parts of the country, and the future will no doubt see an even greater development in the effort to secure mail customers in the small towns and in country places.—Samuel Hopkins Adams in Scribner's.

Electric Railroad Statistics.

Electric railways in Europe formed the subject of some interesting statistics recently embodied in a report sent to the United States government by Vice Consul J. F. Monaghan, at Chemnitz, Germany. According to these, the number of such railways was increased during the year 1895 from 70 to 111, while the total length was raised from about 435 to 660 miles, the number of cars from 1,336 to 1,747, and the horsepower from a little over 18,000 to a little over 25,000. Of all the European countries, Germany, according to Mr. Monaghan's figures, stood at the head, with about 250 miles to her credit, and an equipment of 857 cars and 7,194 horsepower. The other countries followed in the order given below:

	Miles.	Horsepower.	Cars.
France	80	4,283	143
Austria-Hungary	44	1,949	137
Switzerland	29	1,539	89
Italy	25	1,300	64
Spain	18	600	26
Belgium	16	1,133	45
Ireland	8	440	23
Russia	5	540	19
Servia	6	240	11
Norway and Sweden	5	225	15
Bosnia	4	75	6
Romania	2	140	12
Holland	2	830	16
Portugal	2	110	8

With this showing it is suggestive to compare the position of the United States, in which, according to the latest available figures, there were 12,133 miles of road, with a total of 34,971 cars. It is not without reason evidently that the United States is considered the home of the electric railroad. Canada comes next in order, with 450 miles of road and 1,150 cars.—Cassier's Magazine.

They Love Dante.

A magnificent upper chamber of the municipal palace (the Palazzo Vecchio) in Florence is set apart in memory of the great poet, Dante. To it each of the 69 provinces and all of the larger cities and towns of united Italy have contributed a banner in his honor. There are over 300 of these banners in all, and the donors, in eager emulation, have tried to make each offering more beautiful than the others. The banners are of the differing colors of the provinces and bear their arms in exquisite embroidery or in paintings by the first living artists.

The fervor of the homage paid here to the immortal Italian poet stirs the heart of even the passing stranger. Whatever the jealousies or estrangement of these people, beside his tomb they are united.—Youth's Companion.

Reason.

"Look at that foolish Mr. Baker, out on a day like this without an umbrella. Is he crazy?"

"I'm afraid he is. Let's hurry on. I don't want to meet him."

"He may recognize this umbrella. It's his."—Pick Me Up.

Some English genealogists pretend that there is a family line of union connecting Queen Victoria with Alfred the Great.

It was formerly the custom among English cloth dealers to add the breadth of the thumb to the yard measure.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

A Union League club has been organized at St. Louis with 400 members. Massowah advises are to the effect that a body of dervishes, believed to be the advanced guard of the entire dervish forces, has entered the Kedaref district and is moving on Agordat. The Countess Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, gave birth to a son at noon Monday.

A number of women have been placed under arrest in Cuba, among them the wife of General Lope, the mother of Leader Sanchez, and Maria Aquilas, sister of the Cuban leader, Aquilas.

Professor Frederick, of Ellwag, has notified the Vienna academy of his discovery of a new kind of Roentgen ray, which will infallibly determine in a subject whether death or catalepsy has intervened.

The British Indian troop ship Warren Hastings was totally wrecked off the island of Reunion, Indian ocean. The troops and crew, numbering 1,232 men, were all saved.

It is said that Gomez, the Cuban commander-in-chief, is very indignant at the report that he was ready to negotiate with Spain for peace on any terms except independence.

The government of Dutch Guiana has granted 1,000,000 acres of selected gold lands to a British syndicate.

Senator Sherman, of Ohio, was on the floor of the senate yesterday for the first time since the announcement that he would enter the McKinley cabinet as secretary of state. He received congratulations from a number of his colleagues.

Mrs. Z. W. John, wife of a prominent citizen of West Liberty, Ia., took morphine in order to escape death from a cancer in her nose.

John Spitz, a miner, was instantly killed at the coal shaft at Moweaqua, Ill., by falling slate.

Sanford Murray, an old man, was picked up on the streets at St. Louis where he had fallen from weakness. He was taken to the city hospital and there it was learned that he had not tasted food for several days.

The bite of the mosquito would scarcely be noticed were it not for the fact that the insect injects into the wound an acrid juice, which causes the itching and painful sensation.

The myrtle plant has always been regarded as an emblem of love. Among the Greeks and Romans it was planted in cemeteries.

Edgar, the Saxon king of England, was the Peacemaker, from his dislike of war.

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All wool 10-4 Scarlet Blankets, while they last—per pair... \$1.75

Underwear and Hosiery.

Gents' Fleece Lined Wool Shirts and Drawers, always 98c, to close... 48c
Gents' Natural Gray and All Wool Shirts and Drawers, cheap at \$1.18, to close... 75c
Ladies' Black Equestrian fine quality, all wool, cheap at \$1.25, to close... 85c
Men's All Wool Socks, cheap at 20c, to close... 12c
Children's and Misses' Black All Wool Hose, 1 1/2 rib, sizes 6 to 8 1/2, to close, per pair... 15c
Infants' Black All Wool Hose, per pair... 5c
Ladies' Fancy Wool Hoods were 98c, to close... 50c

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Parlor Stand Lamps, new designs, embossed work on fount and shade, every Lamp warranted; they would be cheap at \$1, but all will go at 69c each... 69c

Parlor Stand Lamps, rich gold finish, heavy floral work on fount and shade; these Lamps were never less than \$1.50 each, but the unheard of price of 95c is named for this lot... 95c

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