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Carnegie paid the cost of cabling Senator

nest and impressive address on the Philipsome of the trustees of that county have pine situation in the United States Senate vesterday, Senator Beveridge, of Indiana

arraigned in a vigorous and even dramatic

ican honor be abandoned forever.

SOLDIER LIFE IN LUZON.

tions and Clothing of the Men.

the non-commissioned and company clerks

are well broken in. If a man gets drunk

and is absent without leave, or disorderly,

he knows just what he'll get, and gets in

without any fuss or feathers. We have

the full army ration right along, and all

the clothing and equipments we care to

put in for without delay. The men are all

altogther our affairs run like they were

Guilford S. Garber, in Madison Courier.

Hoar's anti-expansion speech to there will be some consolation in the thought that he is not a native American.

The letter sent by the Council commitdischarged policemen seems to imthe Council can only investigate board or department upon charges his is a mistake. Under the charter uncil can institute an investigaits own motion and upon common

The Washington Post goes to the trouble to enter an elaborate denial of the prepos story in the sensational press to the when the President of the states is coming in to greet his asembled guests on formal occasions his arheralded by a prolonged blast of a The newspaper readers of the "provinces," even those with the bad taste to read yellow papers, are not quite the blooming idiots the Post takes them to be

The city attorney's answer in the su by discharged policemen against does not go to the real question The gravamen of the suit the men were discharged with but without trial or reasons assigned in writing, as required by the charthis charge the answer filed by attorney assigning alleged causes dismissals is really no answer at the national wealth and resources of the alleged causes bear every appear Philippines was not "base and sordid." It being an after thought, but even was legitimate and to the point. He was if they are true they do not go to the point. The charter does not permit the of islands that did not belong to us or wholesale discharge of patrolmen without account of their natural resources, but charges filed or cause assigned, to be made favor of holding them after they have good by the assignment of cause under

cott tries to break the force of the "base and sordid" view by saying: "If we are The hyphenated American organizations to keep these islands, it is because we seem to take pleasure in declaring owe a duty growing out of the cause of that Secretary Hay "is England's reprethe war and not because we are able to sentative in an American cabinet," seem take them." Duty to what, or to forget that as John Hay, a young man, There is nothing in the cause or origin the present Secretary of State learned his of the war requiring us to hold the Phil-Americanism of Abraham Lincoln as one ippines. Whatever duty there of his private secretaries. He has always American-a simple American case grows out of the end of the war. not its beginning. On this point the Colowithout prefix or hyphen. Wherever he has rado senator shoots wide of the mark. We has been an American. As secrequote from the press report: tary of state he has achieved renown for We had taken the Philippines, Mr. Wolhis work as an American in securing "the cott said, not as a conquest, but as one open door." He has just notified the Britof the highest duties we owed the human race. We had entered into the war with ish government that its attitude regarding Spain because we could not listen to the goods that are contraband of war is not cries of distress that came from Cuba. satisfactory. Secretary Hay is an American without a prefix. It is announced that the editor of the organ of the State Liquor Dealers' League will be the principal speaker at a meeting to-night in one of the city churches, called by the Anti-saloon League. The object of the joint movement is to compel every perwho takes out a government license intoxicating liquors to take out also a county and city license as the law requires. The movement is probably directed mainly at grocers who sell "bottled goods' and drug stores who retail liquors withou ense. The curious alliance of temperance and saloon interests seems to grow ou mon desire on the part of both about a strict enforcement of the law. The motives of the two par of course, entirely different, one ing at the advancement of the temperance cause and the other at restricting the Oct. liquor traffic to open and licensed dealers The Journal is not in a position to s much the wages of miners should b for the coming year, if at al estion depends on so many fac can only be properly de on full knowledge and consid all the facts and the interall concerned. One thing, however is certain, namely, that the miners should have as high a scale of wages as the situa tion will justify. The country is now en joying almost unprecedented prosperity and the most sagacious business men lieve this condition will continue at least two or three years. In this situation min owners and operators can afford to be no only just, but generous. It is not as factories were closing and the demand for coal falling off, with a prospect of lower prices during the year. The indications are the contrary, and mine owners and operaters should recognize the fact. It is to be hoped the coming conference will marked by a spirit of fairness on both sides that will lead to satisfactory results

al repudiation and individual robbery. 'maudlin sentiment" in arguing that Colonel Bryan had no use for college men American expansion is part of God's plan then. Now when one of them suggests for civilizing the world, and with palpable social ostracism of capitalists as a cure

with

error in claiming that there was no anfor trusts the colonel hails him as a sectagonism between practical politics, as unond Daniel come to judgment. "The thing derstood in the United States, and good needed," says the colonel, "is to awaken government of the Philippines. and educate the public mind

tion of the Philippines on account of their

Senator Beveridge's argument regarding

not arguing in favor of the acquisition

come into our possession. Senator Wol-

material wealth and resources;

Readers will observe that the points on science on such matters." That is just which Senator Wolcott bases his criticisms what the college men thought and tried do not go to the essence of Senator Bevto do three years ago when the colonel eridge's speech. All that he said concernwas preaching 16 to 1. Then they were ing them might be stricken out without well-meaning but misguided fellow-citi-

detracting from its merit, while if all that zens who could not break away from the Senator Wolcott said in replying to them financial slavery which European nations were stricken out there would be very had fastened on the United States." Now, little left of his. Many other people bebecause one of them has made a suggestion sides Senator Beveridge have seen the that strikes his fancy, they are "leaders hand of God, variously termed Providence, in education," and he has "no doubt that manifest destiny, fate, etc., in our actheir researches will result in greatly helpquisition of the Philippines, and while ing to solve the problem of trusts." And is a matter of no practical consequence so the kaleidoscopic statesman continues one way or another one person's opinior to revolve, presenting a new combination at on the subject is as good as another's every turn.

Perhaps Senator Beveridge's view that the Almighty works out His plans through The shooting affray which occurred in Frankfort, Ky., yesterday was without nations is as nearly correct as Senator any extenuating circumstances. Open duel-Wolcott's that "the divine plan goes no ing is respectable compared with shooting further than to hold each individual responsible for his actions towards his felin a hotel corridor where bystanders are as apt to be killed as those who do the low-man." Speculations of this kind in senatorial discussion of a practical question shooting. If there is any or justice in Kentucky ex-Congressman Colson will reare surplusage, to say the least.

ceive the penalty for murder.

BUBBLES IN THE AIR No Room for Expression.

She sang; no soul was in her song-It was not that her heart was wrong; How could the audience guess her plight? The collar on her frock was tight.

which they regarded as equivalent to na-

and

Utah "Bobs."

"How do you suppose Roberts feels by this time?'

"I wager he wishes he was that other Roberts who has gone to fight the Boers."

"What do you consider the greatest difference between Stevenson and Kipling?" "Stevenson wrote as if all women were adies; Kipling writes as if there were no ladies."

Emergency Reminiscences Aroused. "It will be dreadful if our natural gas

gives out." "Won't it, though? Jane, did you used to get up and make the kitchen fire before we had gas, or did I?"

Hunted to Cover.

from \$25 to \$50 for their places as teachers, and that the teacher who could show up the biggest pile was always sure of a place. This, added to the higher mountains of crime of stolen court dockets, auditor's and treasurer's books, and a debt of \$125,000 saddled upon the taxpayers, now makes Shelby county one of the darkest spots on the map of Indiana .-- Edinburg Call. con-

That the feeling in Delaware county is almost unanimously in favor of the renom ination of George W. Cromer for Congress is shown by the fact that the Republican ounty central committee, as now reorganized, is, with but one exception, composed of men who are friendly to Mr. Cromer and the new officers are all his supporters • • • It can therefore be said upon the best possible authority that there is and will be no opposition to the renomination of Congressman Cromer in his own county infant Filipino republic." and as every Republican paper in the district has spoken in his favor his nomination by acclamation seems to be assured -Muncie Morning News.

Oh. Why Do They Do It?

New York Mail and Express. The committee which raised the fund to present a house to Admiral Dewey is going to make another present to the admiral in the shape of three handsomely bound volumes, containing the names of the subscribers to the fund. While the books will The Effect of the Canteen-The Racontain the name of every subscriber, they will not mention the amount of individual subscriptions, so that Admiral Dewey will never know the difference between the humblest contributor and those who sent checks for thousands. The names will be written by one of the expert clerks at the Treasury Department, and the volumes will be handsomely bound in blue levant, with the following inscription in gold let ters on each volume: "The tribute of a grateful people. The names of subscribers for the purchase of a home for Admiral Dewey, United States pavy

What One Man Can Do.

Vernon (Ind.) Journal. The \$40,000 sugar-beet factory contracted to be erected at North Judson, Starke county, is an example of what one earnest and persistent man can do. Jacob Keller, of that place, for over three years has been persistently and untiringly keeping the fact that the sugar beet was an industry of high promise and that North

Judson was in the center of the best growing belt before the public and before capitalists and sugar experts. No periodical was too big for him to tackle and no one too small for him to use. He has written hundreds of columns and thousands of letters on the subject. At last he sees the

in high, weather-tight bamboo houses, and hopes realized, and the location of the factory is an example of what an earnest clock work. man can do.

The Kentucky Situation.

Kansas City Star. It should make the judicious Democrats grieve to think of the situation. Not long ago Kentucky was, other things being of our ration we trade for delicacies, or sell, and the profit goes into the company equal, the banner Democratic State of the fund. The canteen has stopped the men, Union. There was supposed to be no limit all except a few notorious bums, from to the Democratic majority that Kentucky running away to Manila, and the men selcould give. But with everything in its dom get drunk at the canteen, as they own hands the Democratic party lost the always did when they went to Manila for State to Bradley, then lost the State, en- | their booze. We never drill or work when tirely through its own fault, to Taylor. the sun is hot, but only in the mornings The party has arrived at a point where, and evenings, when it is really cool and if ever, it should be teachable and learn the air is bracing. As a result of every something. Just at this point to say, "No. soldier knowing what things have to be we will have the offices we did not win at lone to preserve his health, and fulfill our the election or we will force a fight." looks duty on the line, and having all the equinas if the Democratic party of Kentucky ments, etc., wanted, and a good table, the was in good shape for the gods to destroy. soldiers are perfectly contented. We had kicks from morning to night in the regiMAY DIG CANAL.

(CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE.) indictment the unfaithful few whose voices in America have cheered on those here received Nov. 30. There is nothing misguided Filipinos to shoot out soldiers to indicate that any attention was atdown." charging with impressive emphasis tracted to it. The appointment was made, "that the blood of those dead and wounded and, as thousands of papers come in, it boys of ours is on their hands and the was filed away apparently without exam-ination. There is no other paper in the case flood of years can never wash that stain away." Senator Hoar had the unfortunate indicating any such allegation until Dec. temerity to undertake a reply to this scath-I, some weeks after the nomination was ing denunciation, babbling feebly over the n the Senate. As to the Provo City case, old platitudes in which he is accustomed the facts are that there is no paper in to treat the American public, and declaring he department of any date making allegathat this Nation is altogether to blame for ion of polygamy against the incumbent making war on the Filipinos; that they are but that when it became a matter of public a free and independent people defending report some time ago I wrote to the martheir just rights; that Aguinaldo is a very, shal of the territory asking him for any very good man, indeed, and the chosen nformation in his possession, and he reruler of this amiable nation of Tagal paplied that a charge had been made in triots, and that there is nothing so base in the history of the world as the attempt of our government by means of the army and the navy in Luzon to "strike down the

the State Court and the postmaster had been held over for trial, which was soon to take place. We decided that we ought not to convict in advance of trial and re-If our correserved action until the judicial determinaspondent, above referred to, or any one else can successfully defend Senator Hoar To-day's statement of the condition of the and those who stand with him from the

reasury shows: Available cash balance, charge of entertaining and expressing sen-280,925,718; gold reserve, \$224,513,283. timents which are treasonable under con ditions of actual warfare, when American

Patents were issued to Indianans to-day soldiers are being shot down on the firing ine, then the American flag might better as follows: James A. Becher, Mishawaka, be hauled down and all pretensions to screw-cutting machine; Franz Burger, Ft. maintaining American prestige and Amer-Wayne, fluid clutch; Joseph Cullen, Sitka,

> traction wheel; Louis Letz, Crown Point, cornhusking and stalkcutting machine; Charles Keele, Indianapolis, automatic computing machine; Caswell L. Leonard, Veedersburg, calendar; Thomas E. Ross and N. B. Volz, Indianapolis, gas burner; Sam Watson, Dublin, wire-fence machine; Frederick A. Wilkie, Richmond, refriger-

The Philippine Commission to-day com-

pleted its report and dispatched it to the We are having very pleasant times. The public printer. Proofs of the first section regular army officers have taught us their are expected to-morrow, and there is every ways of turning off business, and while reason to believe that the first volume at hundreds of details are observed in taking least can be laid before Congress within care of the men, everything goes by sysweek. Because of the pendency of the tem, so we don't notice the work. The Philippines question, just now before Conmen have learned that they have got to gress, it is regarded as desirable by the commission that this material be submitted keep themselves and equipments clean at the earliest possible moment. The first whether they want to or not; that they volume is devoted entirely to the political must police camp in the cool of each mornssues involved in the acquisition of the Philippines. It sets out the instructions of ing until there is not a piece of food or dirt the President to the commission and deanywhere on the ground. They have scribes the operations of the commission learned to drill and do guard duty so that under those instructions. Then follow we don't have to teach them any more, and

chapters on various subjects-government, currency, the Chinese question, naval re-. . . quisites, etc. The monthly statement of the imports and exports of the United States for December shows as follows: Merchandise, mports, \$71,547,273, of which \$31,193,614 was free of duty, an increase as compared with December, 1898, of \$16,400,000; exports, \$123,285,163, a decrease of \$14,600,000; gold imports, \$5,480,246, a decrease of \$3,300,000; exports, \$11,857,511, an increase of \$10,600,000; imports, \$3,027,271, a decrease of \$172.200; exports, \$5,723,857, a decrease of

Each battalion has a canteen, which works fine. Our company got about \$100 \$104,000. For the twelve months of the calfrom the sale of beer and tobacco last endar year the imports and exports were month, which went to buy sugar, tea, lime as follows: Merchandise, imports, \$799,834. juice, beans, and whatever the men wanted, 620, of which \$351,814,004 were free of duty. In other delicacies that are not issued, or stuff 1898 the total imports were \$634,964,448, of that they wanted in greater quantities than the government ration allows. A good deal

which \$268,384,173 was free of duty; exports, \$1 275 486 641: last year, \$1.255,546,266; gold,

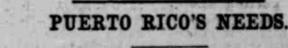
Nor." he continues, "does the church advise or encourage unlawful cohabitation on the part of any of its members. If, therefore, any member disobeys the law either as to polygamy or unlawful cohabitation he must bear his own burden; or in other words, be answerable to the tribunals of the land for his action pertaining thereto."

marriage or enter into such a relation,

The total of the Lawton fund is now . . . \$90,909

The Court of Claims has handed down a lecision in which it is held in effect that nanufacturers of beer are not entitled to a drawback on imported bottles and corks used in the manufacture of beer bottled for export, on the ground that they are not essential to the manufacture. This decision affirms that of the Treasury Department.

The President to-day sent to the Senate papers in the claim of the Eastern Extension Australian and China Telegraph Company, for compensation on acount of expenses incurred in repairing its cables between Manila and Hong-Kong and Manila and Capiz, which were cut by order of Admiral Dewey during the war with Spain. It appears that no formal claim in behalf of the company is presented by the British government, but the President recommends "that as an act of equity and comity, provision be made by Congress for reimbursement to the company of the actual expenses incurred by it in the repair of the cables." The expenses of making these repairs were about £912. These do not include loss of business which is estimated at £11,000.



Delegation in This Country to Secure Action Regarding Them.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.-The steamer Phildelphia, which arrived to-day from Porto Rican ports, brought a delegation of merchants from that island who are going to Washington to discuss provincial tariffs with President McKinley and to advocate closer relations with the United Two of the delegates, Lucas States. Amadio and Eduardo Gonzales, represent the agriculture of the island. Six others, including J. D. H. Luce, of Deford & Co., and Rigo J. Finaley, Manuel Fernando Junas, Carlos Armstrong, of Ponce; Arturo Bravo, of Mayaguez, and Dr. J. J. Henna, of New York city, were appointed by the Chamber of Commerce at San Juan and represent the mercantile interests, while Julio Larriniza and Major Azel Ames were sent by the Federal party. All of these delegates are instructed to bring to the attention of the President and Congress these needs of Porto Rico:

First-Free trade with the United States. Second-The recall of all Spanish coin and the adoption of the American currency. Third-To use every effort to effect a loan, with the government as security, of \$10,000,000 United States currency.

Mr. Luce, representative of the banking firm of Deford & Co., United States fiscal

The Point of Divergence.

There is some speculation as to whether going to hold them. Instead of dwelling Mayor Taggart will approve or veto the resolution adopted by the Council to inspeech, Senator Wolcott would better have vestigate the recent arbitrary removals in

hen we inaugurated the war no one dreamed of the Philippines, but when it so quickly and so victoriously we five million people suffering from oppression, Spain defeated and bankrupt and the Philippine islands floating derelicts. We had taken them because to have allowed them to drift helplessly into the power of another would have raised international complications. We should have been compelled to take them had they been as bleak and barren as the desert of Sahara. This is a very erroneous statement of the case. We never "found the Philippine islands floating derelicts." It is not true print. that Spain had abandoned or was ready to surrender them. Her peace commissioners at Paris protested till the last moment coop. against our acquiring them, and only yielded to the inevitable when they found peach pies there was no escape. They insisted on the Philippine question being the last one considered and came near breaking off the they would. peace negotiation on account of it. The peace negotiation began on Oct. 1, 1898 27 the American commissioners presented a demand for the Philippines which the Spanish commissioners refused to entertain. On Oct. 31 the American commissioners presented a second formal demand for the cession of the entire archipelago. Nov. 4 the Spanish commissioners flatly refused to accept the proposition. After two weeks of discussion the American commissioners, on Nov. 21, presented their ultimatum and required a master's work: reply by Nov. 28. On the last-named date the Spanish commissioners yielded, but with a protest that Spain yielded only to stress of circumstances. The record, therefore, shows that we did not "find the Philippine islands floating derelicts." We exacted them from Spain as a victorious power. Their cession carried with it American sovereignty and the duty of establishing peace and orderly government. If Senator Beveridge's argument of God's trusteeship was "maudlin sentiment," as Senator Wolcott says, the latter's argument of picking up derelict islands and incurring a duty to the people is equally so. It is enough that the islands are ours by an indefeasible title and that we are upon a few imaginary defects or inconsequential flaws in Senator Beveridge's

"As a nation, Americans don't sufficiently love their home life." "That's so; we had to go to boarding because so many relatives loved our home life better than they did their own." Footnotes. If a girl can make lovely chocolate caramels a man thinks she can cook. Job had no more boils than lots of other people, but he managed to get his case into Success is like a chicken: if you get it cooped up, it is well to keep an eye on the When some women get the blues, the family find it out by having to eat dried When the truth is told, all our good resolutions last longer than we thought After a girl has taken three French lessons she can do the French shrug better than her teacher. a half cents an hour. Two souls with but a single thought surprise everybody by finding an awful lot to talk about. Brooklyn Eagle. Birth doesn't amount to so much; indolence often presents a fine imitation of the correct aristocratic air. hands, and the flood of years can never Ibsen has written a new drama, and this is the way the ridiculous Richard Le Gallienne begins a two-column account of the In the year in which Ibsen publishes a new play all other literary events take a second place. This happens with solemn periodicity only once in two years. Once Kansas City Journal. in two years the divine plant flowers. Once in two years the prophet opens his lips. And the metaphors are not incongruous, for through all the sternness of Ibsen's various messages have always twined the star-like blossoms of that fancy which is all Ibsen now allows to escape to the surface of the tremendous poetic force lying like a central volcanic fire beneath all his work. Well, the great event of a new play by Ibsen happened in Copenhagen on Dec. Copenhagen is the capital of Scandicircumstances. navian culture, and, though Ibsen is a Norwegian, he always publishes his books in Copenhagen. By the lovely accident of having married a Danish lady, I am able Julian Ralph. to see the divine plant flower, and hear the prophet speak two or three weeks before the rest of England.

Did you ever? A Washington correspondent of a New

York paper remarks, with a wise and of the simile. South Africa looks now as

Revolt Against Mediaevalism.

Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The threatened Louisville street ca we have to cut the beef up with axes. strike will probably be indorsed by everybody in Louisville except the owners of the system. They have no conductors there a man would die of chill in them from and the motorman not only has to run the in the evening until 8 in the morning, and car, but he has to see that passengers get on and off, has to watch them for their fares, has to give change, make transfers and put the trolley on when it gets off. The Louisville motorman certainly has his hands full, and he gets only seventeen and

A Speaking Photograph.

When Senator Beveridge declared; "Those whose voices in America have cheered these misguided natives on to shoot our soldiers down, have their blood on their

wash that stain away," Senator Hoar at once recognized the necessity for trying to the sort would be tolerated. say something. But what he said was a failure. His photograph had been taken, and

the likeness is complete.

We Have an Unenforced Ordinance.

According to the Indianapolis press on of the burning needs of the time is a successful smoke consumer. A more burning need in this vicinity is some way to make smoke-consumer ordinances effective. The invention of an absolutely perfect consumer would make no diminution in the amount of thick, black smoke that pours from Kansas City chimneys under present | Cleveland Plain Dealer (Dem.)

It sounds grewsome to liken the sending out of an army to the return of "dust to candidates in accord with that platform. dust." and yet if the reader could see an army or any number of soldiers in khaki

out on the veldt he would at once think Kansas City Journal.

if it were the dustbin of creation. Its It is true that Thomas Jefferson rode to patronizing air, that, though Senator Bev- | ground is loose dust. Its air is flying dust. the White House, but not astride of either eridge was eminently successful in his Its vegetation, animals and insects are an ostrich or a silver hobby.

imports, \$51,184,964; last year, \$158,163,952; exports, \$45,379,411; last year, \$16,194,954; silver, imports, \$30,844,981; last year, \$29,131,-380; exports, \$53,484,680; last year, \$53,797,104.

Quartermaster General Ludington is informed that the transport McClellan has

left Santiago with the remains of seventyfive soldiers who died last spring from yellow fever, and 375 metallic caskets, bound for New York. All of the unclaimed dead will be brought to Washington and interred in the national cemetery at Arlington, by the side of other victims of the Spanish war in Cuba. The empty caskets are destined eventually for Manila, where they will ments at Camp Alger last year, but everybe used for bringing home the bodies of thing is lovely now. The men get all the soldiers who lost their lives in the Philipfresh beef that they can eat, two meals a pines. The transport City of Pekin has alday, fresh from Australia. It is frozen and ready left Manila for San Francisco with the bodies of 156 soldiers and others who The uniform is the regular blue fiannel died in the Philippines.

shirt and cocky trousers, campaign hat and eggings. (We have light cotton shirts, but The following expert special agents have been appointed by Director of the Census

would get chilled in them in the day time. Merriam: William G. Gray, of Philadelby reason of their getting wringing wet phia, in charge of statistics in regard to with perspiration. The flannel shirt takes the iron and steel industries. Mr. Gray up the perspiration and does not feel too

warm. Officers and men wear the same is chief clerk of the American Iron and uniform, barring signs of rank. Officers Steel Association, officials of which assowear metal shoulder straps about an inch ciation had charge of similar work in 1880 or two inches long pinned on their shirt and 1890. Mr. Shirley P. Austin, of Pittscollars, and non-commissioned officers wear burg, in charge of statistics of the glass insmall chevrons on their shirt sleeves. All dustry. Mr. Austin is editor of The Comofficers wear gilt and black twisted wire moner and Glassworker. Mr. Alexander hat cords to distinguish them from the Smith, of New York, special charge of shipbuilding inquiry. Mr. Smith The personal relations among the officers

has been interested in all movements for are very pleasant. In the old militia volthe increase and advancement of the merunteer regiments the officers took their old chant marine for many years. These genquarrels into the army with them, and tlemen will have charge of the subject meneveryone was sore at everyone else. Here tioned under the supervision of Mr. H. N. there is nothing like that, and nothing a B. North, chief of the division of manufacturers.

The arrival at New York of an accredited agent of the Danish government charged with the sale to the United States of the Danish West Indian islands has not been notified to the State Department as yet except through the newspapers. There is

visible reluctance to discussing the substandard than to give up our Eastern posject, leading to an intimation that a free discussion at this moment might very seriously prejudice any attempt the administration may have in contemplation to secure the assent of Congress to the acquisition of the islands.

It is not admitted that the matter has progressed to the point that a determination has been reached to adopt the project, for such an admission might lead to disagreeable inquiries from other nations. but there is reason to believe that the administration has given much thought to the advisability of buying the islands. The presence in the United States of an auchorzed agent of the Danish government, if he correctly represents himself, is undoubt-

The Navy Department is still in ceipt of numbers of inquiries from relatives of naval officers stationed at Manila reecting a baseless report that the depart-

agents in Porto Rico, said in discussing the aims of the delegation, that they were in no sense political. "Our whole object." said Mr. Luce, "is to try to obtain, as speedily as possible, the adoption of the United States tariff laws in Porto Rico. We shall go at once to Washington and confer with Senator Foraker, chairman of the insular commission, and with the President." In speaking of the benefits which would accrue to the Island if it were included in the present tariff laws, one of the party said that an immediate stimulus would be given to the sugar and coffee industries. "On the exports of the former." he said, "there is now a duty of \$1.60 per hundred pounds, and the island produces annually about 55,000 tons. If the duty were removed the yield would reach 80,000 tons. Of course there is no duty on coffee, but that at present is an inconsid erable product of the island, over 90 per cent. of it having been wiped out by the last hurricane, so that now, instead of a \$5,000,000 crop, there will be only one valued at \$500,000."

LI HUNG CHANG'S POWER

He Is Not Degraded, but Has a Diffcult Task on Hand.

Correspondence of the Associated Press SHANGHAI, Dec. 23.-Li Hung Ahang agent in was withdrawn from the Tsung Li Yamen in 1898 at the demand of Great Britain, but he was not degraded. He continued to hold a higher position as a member of the grand secretariat. Within a year, however, the dowager Empress has pushed her favorite forward three times. On Nov. 14, 1898, she issued an edict appointing Li a high commissioner to personally investigate the course of the tumultuous Yellow river and report on its conservation. The Empress on Nov. 24, 1899, rewarded Li in a special edict making him "high commissioner on commercial affairs," and on Dec. 19 last the Empress issued a special decree making Li Hung Chang viceroy of Kwan-Tung and hwang-Se provinces, with his capital at Canton. He is, therefore, again vested with vice regal power, but his task is a dif one. He succeeds Viceroy Kan, whom the French have forced out.

> Li has on his hands the vexatious situation due to the aggression of the French on the southern frontier of China. They have occupied an extent of Chinese territory equal to ten countles or more, and have been ceded a fine harbor in Southern China. Several scores of Chinese have been kille in engagements resisting the French. Marshal Su, who was sent to Canton as a special commissioner to settle matters, has been removed by the Empress for conceding too much territory. L. Hung Chang therefore, steps into a nest u with bayonets.

Dust in South Africa.

Philadelphia Record (Dem.) The Beveridge standard of qualifications of officials for the Philippines is utterly unattainable in existing conditions; yet it would be far better to strive toward that

essions to the control of the spoilsmen. Senator Beveridge, at least, may be depended upon to fight for his political ideals. Waste of Common Sense.

regulars.

The duty of the Democratic national convention is to frame a platform in accord with the cardinal principles of historic Democracy, but adapted to the conditions of the time-not the conditions of 1876, or of

1896, but those of 1900-and then to select

A Standard to Wish For.

ediy significant. • • •

Historical Contrast.