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To the Editor:

and that they be permitted to fly the Philippine flag. Otis, it is reported, is willing to allow this, but Dewey refused.

A dozen natves have been arrested, having been discovered manufacturing weapons in Manila, and quantities of ammunition and rifles have been seized. The Philippine telegraph office in Manila, connecting with all parts of Luzon, has been closed and the operators arrested, when it was found that the wires were being used to send Otis' se-

cret orders and despatches to the insurgent government.

EXPANSION

Spooner's Strong Speech for the Treaty--Status of Philippine Natives.

Washington, Feb. 2 .- The able and logical speech in the senate today by Spocner, of Wisconsin, upholding the constitutional right of the United States to acquire territory made a strong impression and may have a di-

rect result on the ratification of the

No vote was taken today upon the resolution to be passed and none may be until the will convince you that this of the senate has been tested as to which of the various resolutions would have the most weight with the doubting senators.

Lindsay's resolution, stating that it is against the American policy to admit as states territories not a part of this continent, and that the Philippines are accepted in the hope that the natives may merit and obtain independence, may in an amended form become the basis of a compromise. The Bacon res-

olution is still insisted on by the treaty's opponents.



held the constitutional power of the government to acquire territory by conquest and hold it as congress should held open for possible amendment, but legislate. Tillman's principal objection to the Cocke says he is entirely opposed to the

United States and compete in the labor markets. Later he appeared as a champion of Aguinaldo and the insurgent government.

TO PREPARE **GURRENCY BIL**

Grosvenor Ordered to Appoint a Committee to Draft the Measure.

Washington, Feb. 2 .- The republicans in the house caucus tonight by a vote of 81 to 4 authorized Chairman Grosvenor to appoint a committee of eleven to report, after conference with a like committee from the senate republicans, to a caucus at the beginning of the next session for reforming the banking and currency systems of the country. This action was the result of

a campaign made by Chairman Hanna, of the Indianapolis monetary commission, backed by the active support of

President McKinley.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL PASSED

Goes Through the House only Amend ed as to Brunswick Harbor.

Washington, Feb. 2.-The house passed the river and harbor bill today by a vote of 160 to 7. The house voted down all propositions to amend the bill to any material extent, and it goes to the senate practically as it came from the committee. A change was made in the provision regarding the harbor at Brunswick, Ga., so that the contractor has a chance to earn only \$90,000 instead of \$420,000, the government to take charge of the deepening and widening

tion on the Philippine question and up- night. It agreed to the first three sections of the constitutional amendment. The poll tax prerequisite, section 4, was

a great majority favor it. Sepator treaty was that the Philippine natives tax prerequisite. Senator Justice prowould have a right to come to the posed an amendment to section 5, substituting all lineal descendants instead of merely sons and grandsons of those qualified to vote in 1867. This is important as white voters may thus register indefinitely and not by a fixed year and many apporved it. It was referred to the committee. The caucus

resolved to adjourn to February 25 to meet at a certain time. This indicates an efficient session, summer or fail, to repair any damage the courts may its its work."

The caucus selected tonight trustees for the penitentiary by judicia: districts as follows: | Second district, Senator E. L. Travis, Halifax; Fourth, J. W. Jerry, Johnson county; Fifth, W. H. Osborne, Greensboro; Seventh James T. Legrand, Rockingham Ninth,(A. B. Young; Tenth, Dr. M. F. Morphew, Marion; Eleventh, J. H. Twelfth, Charlotte; Weddington, probably John Y. Jordan, Asheville. Other districts will select in the morn-

ing. The senate judiciary committee ordered an adverse report on Winston's bill, passed by the house, making miscegenation of whites and negroes a felony, and a favorable report on the bil repealing the act creating the state board of equalization vested in the railroad commission.

Smathers and Gudger argued th Madison bond bill before the senate judiciary committee, and it went over until Murray arrived.

Senator Pritchard wrote a letter stat ng that he would take no part in the matter.

Raleigh, Feb. 2 .- The feature of the house session today was the bill providing for a short form of chattel mortgage and crop lien and fixing the total fees for proving and registering at 45 cents. This bill was considered two weeks ago, but so many amendments excepting various counties passed that it was referred back to the committee

The bill to equalize the payment of state witnesses, sheriffs and clerks was tabled.

Bills passed the first reading were: To give New Hanover the road law and to allow its people to vote on the tax; to amend charter of Elizabeth City; to amend the law regarding probates and the private examination of married women; to appoint Joseph R. Hess a justice of the peace for No. township, Madison county (thirteen A resolution to raise a joint committee on election of justices of peace passed. - 1 dari off the op Bills passed: We incorporate the Winston-Salem Trust and Deposit com any; to punish the sale of adulterated or misbranded food; to amend the charter of Beautorts Tollar 100 SENATE. The committee on counties, citles and owns reported favorably bills to inrease the number of commissioners

Warren and Rowan counties A bill was introduced by Senator Skin (Continued on fifth page.)

BATTLE WITH AUK INDIANS

Several of the Latter Killed by Amer-

ican- in Alaska. Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 2.-The steamer Cutch arrived from the north today with news of a pitched battle between Auk Indians and Americans. One Indian was killed by a marshal in self-defense and fearing vengeance, a igilance committee captured the malcontents. The latter were liberated on a promise of good behavior, but they retaliated by planning to kill the vigilance committee. They attacked at night, but the Americans were ready for them. After the first volley the avages fled, leaving three dead and four wounded. Several whites were

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with a determination of directing official action that will prevent discipline in the army from going to the dogs.Assurances were received today that his decision will be announced shortly. 'Miles' last criticism through the pubic prints was in defiance of a direct warning given to him by McKinley that he must cease his newspaper war on the war department or take the consequences. Miles, however, denied today he had given out an authorized statement in New York, but it is understood some action will be taken regarding his previous attacks. The indications point to action reliev-

ng Miles in his command without the formality of a court mertial.



His Opponents Worsted on the Jury Bill Question.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 2.-Quay won wo important victories this afternoon; first in the defeat of an attempt by the anti-Quay men to bind the democrats of the house to oppose the McCarrell jury bill, and, second, in the house ju-

diciary committee, by a vote of 14 to 9, to report the measure to the house tomorrow

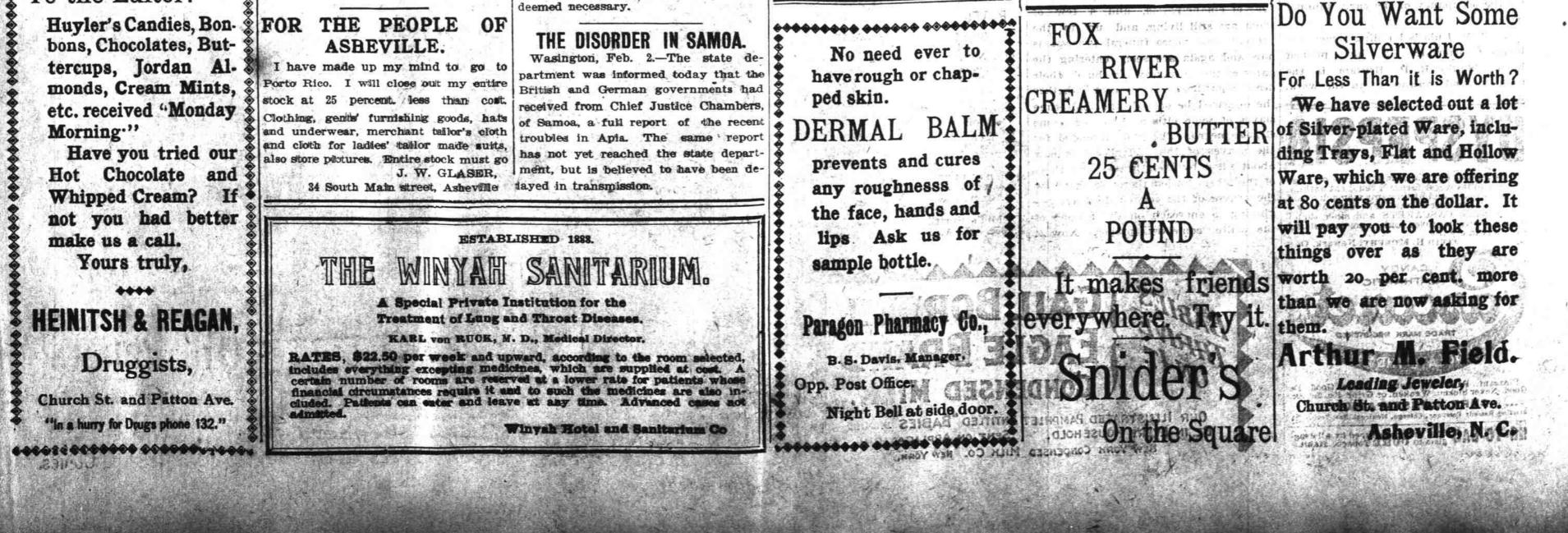
These are progressive steps and indicate that the claims of the Quay men are based on substantial grounds.

It is expected the final test of strength on the bill will come next Wednesday and meanwhile important senatorial developments are expected.



San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 2 .- A bloody duel between John Bennett, proprietor of a gambling hall, and Robert Marx, an ex-Texas ranger, was fought in a saloon early this morning. Both men are dead. Marx died firing the fifth shot and Bennett lingered till this evening. The duel was the finishing ouch of a night of debauchery.

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