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Asheville has not for years known a pleasanter December. While we read of snow storms and low temperatures in the north and west it has been like a genial spring in the Land of the Sky.

'A "scientific gentleman" has now appeared with the theory that exercise is bad for the health after middle age is reached. This is a Lort of "Weary Willie" doctrine that would speedily bring the world to a standstill.

Our petit friend Joey Daniels is certainly an "amusin' cuss," as Attemus Ward remarked of his kangaroo. Joey's latest grievance is that Senator Pritchard will not support the Crumpacker bill to cut down North Caroli. na's representation in congress.

A "professional shopper" is suggested as a new profession for women. These days, however, when the shops are crammed with holiday goods every woman prefers to be her own shopper. There is too much pleasure now to be had out of bargain hunting and sightseeing to delegate these joys to a clined to give credence to private dis-"professional."

A writer in the Tribune quotes an English critic to the effect that "In the States it is only necessary to write one book to be paragraphed, photographed and forgotten."The same might be said of our heroes. They are not good for even a magazine article a year after date. It would seem that our "populace" is about as fickle as the French.

Probably no city in the state has more narrowly restricted corporation one mile in each direction from the public square. This limit of the city's territory must be considered in considering the census figures. Including the immediate suburbs, that are in no natural way separated from the city, USE-Asheville has today a population of nearly 20,000. The township figures, as we have shown in our news columns,

Bryan and the silver cause are about to be attacked by a man who has been one of the strongest Bryanites and silwer men in the country. This is excongressman A. J. Warner of Ohio. It is Bryan's purpose to have a series of meetings soon in favor of making the fight in 1904 on the issues of 1896 and 1900. His supporters in several laces are arranging for demonstrations on this line. Warner is getting . H. C. Johnson. up a counter move for January 8, next, the Jackson battle day, and it is to take place at Columbus, Ohio.

#### FEATURES OF THE POPULAR VOTE.

It seems that the aggregate vote cast this year will be but a few thousand larger than that of 1896, which shows the greater feeling of doubt four years ago as to the result. In 1880 1884, an 1892 the increase ranged between 678,000 and 835,000. In 1888 there was an exceptional increase in the total vote of 1,335,000. The increase in 1896 was no less than 1864,000, so that to find the vote almost stationary in 1900, a year of foregone results, is no great surprise. New England was the only section in which the democrats made decided gains, and the republican pluralities there are far larger than they were before the era of Bryan. In the six New England states McKinley lost 77,211 votes and Bryan gained 92,625. But as Weekly Gazette, one year ... .. 1.00 the republican margin in New England is still 197,000, ranging from 13,000 in

Rhode Tsland to \$1,000 in Massachusetts, the so-called democratic gains in that section are an unfruitful study. The South took but a languid interest in the election. As a rule a reduced vote was cast for both candidates, Bryan losing heavily. Though McKinley los four Northern states, his percentage of gain there was enormous, amounting t 330 per cent in Idaho, 254.6 per cent in Colorado, 141.8 in Montana and 98.5 in LI HUNG CHANG AND CHING Nevada. Bryan carried only two large northern cities, New York by 27,121 and Boston by 8,965. McKinley carried Chicago by 9,301, St. Louis (Nesbit law) 66, against 15,617 in 1896; Milwaukee by 9,194, Baltimore by 6,901 and Philadelphia by 115,478. Cincinnati (county) by 15,238, Detroit (county) by 8339, Indianapolis (county) 5612 and Minneapolis (county) 12,404-St. Louis Globe

#### THE HAZING AT WEST POINT.

By reason of the recommendation made to congress by Commodore Worden, when the Superintendent of the NavalAcademy, every form of hazing at that place was made a court martial offence punishable by dismissal. The last outbreak of hazing at Annapolis was on the cruise of the Constellation, the naval practice ship, when Capt. Sampson, now Rear Admiral, was Superintendent of the Naval Academy. Capt. Sampson ordered the cruise stopped and convened a court-martial. which dismissed nine men. There has been no hazing at Annapolis since.

If similar action were taken at West Point there would be no Whittaker case or Albert case, or Booz case there every few years .- New York Sun.

#### "IMPERIALISM!"

And now it is seriously proposed to coin a special silver dollar for use in the Philippines, with a provision that it shall be redeemable in gold. And all this without asking the consent of the governed! Once more, gentlemen of the chorus, "Imperialism!" "Imperialism!"-New York Mail and Express.

If the Cuban convention can get through the winter without a revolution, it will be a splendid object lesson to the various state legislatures .-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### PANIC ON A FERRY BOAT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.-A schooner in towe on the Delaware river tonight | Four Hundred and Thirty Cease Hosstruck the ferry boat Pennsylvania, plying between Philadelphia and Camden, smashing the paddle wheel. The ferry boat swung around and there were shouts, "e are sinking," coupled with frantic efforts by the men to get life preservers. Several women fainted. One man named Ridfield is miss-It is believed he scrambled aboard the schooner. The deck hands succeeded in reassuring the passengers and telling them the vessel was not injured below the water line. Seven passengers were cut and bruised and were taken to the hospital.

#### KRUGER TRYING TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH SALISBURY

New York, Dec. 14.-A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says: In well informed circles here, persons are inpatches from London to the effect that the conclusion of peace in South Africa is much nearer than Boer reports would lead them to believe. Reports have been received here to the effect that Kruger was trying to arrange an interview with Lord Salisbury. In view of the moderation of Mr. Chamberlain's latest speech it is not considered imposible that such a meeting should take place.

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### MORE TREATY AMENDMENTS.

(Continued from first pa 'e,)

60 to 127. Mr. Bartholdt's amendment was defeated on a rising vote, 74 to

After a number of futile efforts to reduce the tax on beer the ways and means committee's proposition fixing the tax at \$1.60 a barrel was agree to. 139 to 68. The house also by a vote of 123 to 106, adopted the amendment to continue the tax on express and freight receipts. Consideration of the bill will be continued omorrow.

Chairman Hopkins of the house committee on census today called a meeting of that committee for tomorrow to consider the question re-apportionment of representation of states in the house. At the same time Mr. Hopkins consulted with a number of members of the house as to the advisability of a conference or caucus of republican members tonight to discuss the general subject of re-apportionment.

## REACY TO NEGOTIATE

Pekin, Dec. 14 .- Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent official notification to the minis ters that they have received the promised documents authorizing them to act on behalf of China in the peace negotiations, and announcing that they are ready to pro-

The fact that Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister to China has not yet received authority from his government to sign the joint note has caused astonishment here, as it is felt that the other powers having agreed, there cannot be anything in the joint note to cause Great Britain to object sufficiently to make her refuse to sign.

Conger says he believes China will immediately accept the terms imposed Jacobs and Dr. F. B. Jacobs. and that she has it in her power to comply with a majority of them before spring, while the others can walt.

On account of frost the court will not be able to return to Pekin nor will the when, if the peace conditions are complied with, it is believed all the allied forces except the legation guards will leave for Pekin to remain until the coast between Taku and Shan Hai Ku-

Chinese have been taught a lesson by

Colonel Tullock reports the discovery of the body of a man who gave the British information regarding the treasure that had been hidden, as alleged by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent fight. He had been decapitated. The British have not yet reported the discovery of the treasure, but their return is expected tomorrow.

### **INSURCENTS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE**

## tility to United States.

Manila, Dec. 14.-At Calauang, province of Laguna, yesterday 432 insurgents swore allegiance to the American government. Since the arrival of a regiment of infantry at Iloilo and the arrest of a number of the most prominent residents of the province of Iloilo natives all over the island are fleeing into the garrisoned towns and offering to swear allegiance. MSARTHUR

Washington, Dec. 14.-Maj. Gen. Mac-Arthur, governor-general, a month ago was not giving entire satisfaction, and the department was compelled to send him a despatch criticising his conduct of military operations. It is the general belief of well informed officers that Gen. MacArthur and Gen. E. A. Bates will return to the United States within a few months, and Maj.-Gen. Chaffee, now in command at Peking, will be ordered to Manilla as Gen. MacArthur's successor. It is understood that numerous staff changes in the Philippines

#### KRUGER DINES WITH THE QUEEN.

The Hague, Dec. 14.-Kruger and Dr. Leyds dined this evening at the royal palace with Queen Wilhelmina, and Dowager Queen Emma.

EX-PUGILIST RYAN DEAD. Troy, Dec 14.-Former champion pu-

gilist Patrick Ryan died here today.

A benevolent man owns stock in the happiness of all mankind

A. B. Conner, of Felton, Del., is recent arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mortant of New York are here. J. B. Smith of Atlanta arrived in

Asheville yesterday. Mrs. F. L. Walser is visiting rela-

tives at Yadkin Cottage. Dr. J. H. Williams returned yesterday from a trip to Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Trainer Trainer, Pa., are at the Battery Park. New Yorkers in the city include C. M. Gruther, H. W. Turtoy and B. T.

J. H. York and F. C. Broadwater of Roanobke, Va., are registered at the

J. C. Benson, advertising agent for the New York Tribune, spent last night

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Curtis of New Haven, Conn., are staying at the Eattery Park.

Mrs. L. B. Wheeler has returned to her home in Lexington after a week's visit in Asheville.

N. D. Robbins, advance agent of the 'When We Were Twenty-one' company, was in the city yesterday. Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers of Franklin arrived yesterday from

of the commission. The following panty from Westchester Pa., arrived in the city yesterday: T. W. Marshall, Dr. J. R. Everhant, F.

Raleigh where he attended a meeting

#### CAPTURE OF BANK ROBBERS. New Orleans, Dec. 14.-Three arrests

were made before daylight yesterday in the vicinity of the sensational holdup troops be able to leave until April, on the Elinois Central last might, but none of these suspects has been identi-

One is a tall man and the other of medium height. A black handkerchief was found on one of them. A similar article was used for a mask by one of the robbers. On the other man a fine gold watch was discovered.

Robbers in the holdup got away with two watches. It is difficult to learn what the robbers got away with, but it is said they managed to secure several registered mail pouches and a large quantity of Christmas packages.

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