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WASHINGTON LETTER.

A New Cuban Problem For Secretary Root -- Affairs in San Domingo.

A Busy Week for President McKinley-Conditions in the Philippines-Observance of Arbor Day.

Washington, D. C., April 22,-President McKinley has started on a very Washington until after the middle of June. There are lots of important matters that must be disposed of before he starts on his long trip, and in order to find the time to do his part of the work he has had to announce that he would see no callers except on important public business By special appointment he will meet the two new senators from Nebraska. Senator Dietrich he knows very well, but he will meet Senator Millard for the first time. busy week-the last he will spend in

Gen MacArthur cables that Aguinaldo's manifesto acknowledging American sovereignty, of the Philippines has been well received and that he has no doubt it will very shortly put an end to all armed resistance to our authority; also that the frauds in the commissary department a Manila are being thoroughly investigated.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SOUTH.

Judge J. W. Dimick, the Alabama member of the republican national committee, who is now in Washington, said of the political outlook: "The republican nominee for the presidency in 1904 will undoubtedly figure prominently in the congressional campaigu of next year. Thus far there have been absolutely no sentiments expressed in the south about candidates, so far as I know. I do not believe President Mc-Kinley will try in the least to influ-ence the selection of his republican successor, but inherently, whether he will or not, his administration is certain to have no small power in naming the man so far as the south is concerned. Mr. McKinley has done marvels for the south since he became president and democrats as well as republi-

ARBOR DAY.

The department of agriculture observed Arbor Day by formal exercises, including an address by Secretary Wil son and the planting of several trees in the grounds of the department, one of them an oak, named in honor of Hon Jeremiah M. Rusk, former sec-retary of agriculture. Secretary Wil-son believes this official example is the best way to encourage the general ob-servance of Arbor Day by tree plant-ing throughout the country, and he intends to repeat it annually.

A NEW CUBAN PROBLEM. Secretary Root has had a new Cuban problem presented for his consideration, and it is a knotty one, too. When the Foraker amendment prohibiting the granting of public frau-chises in Cuba during its occupancy by the United States military authorities went through congress, almost with-out opposition, there was a special enactment, intended for the benefit of the sugar plantations and other indus-tries, permitting the owners of land in Cuba to build railroads thereon without government permission. Taking advantage of that, a wealthy syndicate mostly Canadians, headed by Sir William Van Horne, bought a strip of land two hundred miles long, between San-ta Clara and Santiago, and started the construction of a railroad. There was no trouble about getting right of way across the jurisdictions of the several Cuban nunicipalities along its route, their right in that direction having been left them, but it was soon discovered that the railroad could not cross a public highway without consent of this government. Van Horne has spent several days in Washington try-ing to secure that consent. The Cub-ans are anxious that this railroad should be completed, but Secretary Root is in doubt whether giving the consent of this government to the crossing of public highways by the railroad would be a violation of the Foraker anti franchise amendment. Attorney General Knox has been called upon to assist in solving the

INCREASED PROSPERITY. The fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, promises to beat the record in the value of our exports. Last year they reached the enormous amount of \$1,-394,000,000, but the experts of the treasury bureau of statistics are certain that it will be largely exceeded this year and confident that the amount will go beyong a billion and a half dollars. At the close of March, the gain on last year was more than \$86,000,000. In this year's increase the farmers of the country are the chief beneficiaries, their products showing a greater percentage of increase than those of the manufacturers, while the last two years the manufacturers were the largest gainers. With this show-ing, added to the fact that this gov-ernment now owns more gold than it

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ever owned before and more than any other government in the world's recorded history ever owned, surely republicans have a right to feel proud of their administration, their congress and their party.

CONDITIONS IN SAN DOMINGO.

Senator Frye, who has just returned from a visit to San Domingo, where he went for a rest, said of that island: "We do not want San Domingo, not even as a gift. The natives think we do, however. They are suspicious of everything an American does. It would be a good thing for them, but a bad thing for us, if we took the country. The officials of San Domingo are They have no modern improvements and don't seem to want to advance.

Practical Education.

Editors TIMES: Most people admit the importance of education, but there is great diversity of opinion as to what education means. Ancient languages

are many business houses whose correspondence is disfigured by the most elementary errors. The bad spelling which is so common is attributable of course to the stenographer. Is it not time to realize that a stenographer who cannot spell is not fit for his pher who cannot spell is not fit for his business? Then there are grammatical mistakes which any one with the simplest kind of education ought to be able to avoid; and in addition to actual mistakes we frequently find awkward and clumsy modes of expression which spoil the general effect of a letter and sometimes obscure its mean-

Education should not be confined to the ability to spell and write a respec table letter, but at least it should include these things. It is well to know something of science, history, and modern and even ancient languages, but at any rate we should be able to speak and write our own language. There are plenty of people who will spend money learning to play footbail at a university, or travel hundreds of miles to take a six weeks course in elocution, when they would do much better to stay at home and learn to spell and write.

Attention Ex-Confederates.

A. Cannon, B. T. Morris and I have been made a committee to report all facts we have or can obtain, tending to the correction of the roster of the soldiers from North Carolina who were in the Confederate army, and by revision to perfect the same; and have been urged by a late letter from our State Auditor, Dr. Dixon, to enter

upon the work at once. We therefor appeal to each comrade from Henderson county to aid by reporting within 10 days from the 25th of April, any errors in name, rank. company or regiment in the roster; 4 volumes now on file in the clerk's of fice; also all names ommitted &c, from Henderson county. Report to any member of the committee do it in time

and in writing.

This may be the last effort made to present the whole truth and do justice to men who wore the Gray. The 14th regiment, commanded by Col. Henry, has no place in the roster as printed, except the names of a few officers and those very erroneous. If any members of the regiment, from any county, will send me names and company, so far as they remember, I will try and get it in the revision. The committee will please meet in Hendersonville at 10 a. m. May 6, 1901.

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Noted Books Written in Prison,

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John Bunyan wrote the best part of his 'Pilgrim's Progress' in Bedford jail, and Roger Bacon, while incarcerated by order of the pope, wrote his treatise on 'Tre Means of Avoiding the Infirmities of Old Age.' Daniel Defoe wrote his 'Review' in prison, and Thomas Paine wrote the first part and Thomas Paine wrote the first part of his "Age of Reason" while Robes-pierre's pris ner in Paris. Even William Penn was a prison author, for while in the tower of Loudon he wrote "No Cross, No Crown." Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Thomas Gray, Richard Lovelace, Wollett, Voltaire, Smollett, Thomas Cooper, Cobbett, Dr. Dodd, Combe, James Montgomery, Robert Taylor, Langley, Nugenius, William O'Brien and many others equally famous, wrote important works in jail.

Presbytery to Meet Here.

The Presbytery of Asheville will meet in the Presbyterian church here on next Tuesday, April 30th at 8 p. m. at which time there will be a sermon

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