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WHEN CUBA IS FREE.

In a recent press dispatch it was announced that the English government had purchased 100,000 barrels of flour in this country for delivery at an island port convenient to Cuba. Whether or not the English government is interested in this purchase, a hint is given, which, properly followed, will mean rapid profits for enterprising and bold commerce. The cessation of hostilities in Cuba will create a tremendous demand for staple food products, such as flour, corn, wheat and canned goods of many kinds. It will also mean a demand for cotton stuffs for wearing apparel. It is believed that the individuals who will be able to follow the victorious arms of the United States into Havana or Santiago with a stock of provisions and clothing will reap quick and lucrative returns.

These, however, are but temporary opportunities and are small in comparison with those of more permanent character. The commerce of Cuba under Normal conditions amounts to about \$170,000,000 annually. A large proportion of this, of course, represents exports of sugar and tobacco, but it includes also the movement of products of almost untouched natural resources. There are, for instance, 13,000,000 acres of forest of mahogany, cedar, redwood, rosewood, ebony and other fine woods, for which there is always a steady and strong demand in this country and abroad. Those forests are yet to be fully worked. Iron and manganese mines have already begun to be developed, the ore produced being some of the highest grade in the world. There are, moreover, hundreds of thousands of acres of rich soil, which for the last few years have been unworked entirely or only partially cultivated. Peace will enable the Cubans to return to agriculture and the industries dealing principally with the primary movements of manufacture, such as lumbering and mining. These undertakings will require a vast amount of new machinery, the use of which will be extended rapidly under the spur of American industrial energy. But here the opportunities will only begin. Electricity for lighting, for motive power and for manufacturing is practically an unknown quantity in Cuba. The openings for the establishment of many plants will be many, and it is not unlikely that the small railroads which have been built for plantation operations will be run in the future by electricity. For the electrical, mechanical and civil engineer there will be plenty of work. Although the island has a number of railroad lines, they are not fully efficient and are susceptible to immense improvement and extension. Bridges are to be built, highways are to be constructed, streets are to be laid upon scientific and hygienic principles and water supplies and drainage are to be constructed in mitigating, if not destroying, the diseases which now visit the larger cities. It is believed that yellow fever and smallpox may be eliminated by methods which have proved successful elsewhere, and the proper drainage and pure water supply will be efficient means to this end.

These opportunities are suffi-

cient to furnish food for far reaching thought and prompt readiness for action by enterprising engineers, merchants and capitalists as soon as peace has been declared. Cuba will not only be richer than ever before with the advent of Anglo-Saxon methods there, but those who are first on the ground with due preparation and with courage to overcome early obstacles will enjoy the certain means of acquiring wealth.—Manufacturers' Record.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

A Stokes county correspondent of the Union Republican has this to say in regard to the late Democratic State convention:

A noticeable feature of the convention was the absence of men who for a long time have been trusted and active Democratic leaders. Was it owing to the fact that they have lost interest in the party, or that the party has ceased to feel interest in them?

The fact is potent that new leaders controlled the convention and it was also apparent that the Railroad lawyers were on top. Even so prominent a Democrat as Judge Avery was hissed. We will not say such indignity was offered him because he has fought Col. Andrews and the railroads, but for some reason he was "persona non grata" to the rulers, and if his passports were not given to him, there were in that convention some who would have rejoiced at his departure. However, the Judge said he was a Calhoun Democrat and he wished to renew his allegiance to his party; but whether the convention was representative of Calhoun Democracy is a question open for debate.

Buck Kitchen who had become weary in his search for pie in the fusion movement, was also there and renewed his allegiance to Democracy in a characteristic speech which to some extent reinstated him with a certain element of the party.

Cy Watson was not there, but was reported sick. John Henderson, Kerr Craig, Armfield, Robbins, Waddell, Steadman, Kope Elias, Ransom and others were not there, and we suppose they also were sick, and are now in much worse condition than before the convention assembled.

Of course the crowd was harmonious, for Democrats in search of office are always united and clamorous; but it seems a little strange how the Charlotte Observer and Raleigh Post, gold bug journals, can be harmonious with the News and Observer and other silver bug organs, when the platform declares for free silver. Somebody is eating crow or somebody is guilty of deception.

CAN HOLD TWO POSITIONS.

The department of justice has rendered a decision that promises to affect a large number of army officers. There are many commissioned men in the volunteer service who hold military offices as well as civil ones. The revised statutes say:

"No officer of the army on the active list shall hold any civil office, whether by election or appointment," and any officer "who accepts or authorizes the functions of a civil office shall thereby cease to be an officer of the army and his commission shall thereby be vacated."

This section would seem to cut off the hopes of civilians from holding two offices and this is the view taken by the judge advocate general of the army. But the attorney general holds that the restrictions refers only to regular army officers.

This decision is made in the case of Colonel Melvin Grigsby, who is colonel of the Third cavalry, and attorney general of the state of South Dakota. The



Love's young dream is one that fills the heart with intensest joy. Sometimes the happy dream is realized. Frequently, it is not. In many cases loving young couples fall short of true married happiness because of the ill-health of the young wife. A woman who is tortured by pains due to weakness and disease of the organs that are distinctly feminine, cannot be an amiable and helpful wife. Troubles of this nature rack the nerves with pain and sap the strength. Under their malign influence the most amiable and helpful disposition will become soured. The wife that promised to be a cheerful, capable and willing helpmate surprises her husband by proving a sickly, nervous, fretful and helpless invalid. This unfortunate outcome of "Love's young dream" may be prevented or remedied by resorting to the right medicine for troubles of this nature. The right medicine is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Over 60,000 women have said so in unsolicited letters to its discoverer Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. The "Favorite Prescription" acts directly upon the organs that make wifehood and motherhood possible. It makes them strong and healthy. It allays inflammation and soothes pain. It relieves the strain upon the nerves. It prepares for motherhood and insures the health of the child. All medicine dealers sell it. "I take pleasure," writes Mrs. Jessie Fuller of Eulogy, Bosque Co., Texas, "in writing you again. I am in better health than I have been in six years. I think your medicine is the best in the world. I hope every woman who is afflicted as I was will take it. Your 'Favorite Prescription' has saved my life. I was not able to get up when I was sick until I began to take your medicine. I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for me. You can use my statement as you like."

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question as to his right to both offices was raised by the governor of South Dakota when Colonel Grigsby drew his pay as attorney general.

Upon reference the judge advocate general of the army wrote this opinion:

"If Colonel Malvin Grigsby has held or exercised the functions of the office of attorney general of South Dakota since he became an officer of the army he thereby ceased to be an officer of the army, and his commission is thereby vacated."

The decision of the attorney general is, however, that "while an officer in the volunteer army may be said to be actively engaged in military service he is not permanently so engaged. He has simply responded to a patriotic call, and expects, when the war is over to return to civil life. His term of military service is uncertain and contingent.

"He may be able to make arrangements to bridge over his absence, and on his return resume his former work. Whether he is permitted to do this and retain a civil office during a temporary absence is a matter for

Crippled by Rheumatism.

Those who have Rheumatism find themselves growing steadily worse all the while. One reason of this is that the remedies prescribed by the doctors contain mercury and potash, which ultimately intensify the disease by causing the joints to swell and stiffen, producing a severe aching of the bones. S. S. S. has been curing Rheumatism for twenty years—even the worst cases which seemed almost incurable.

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determination by those to whom he is accountable for the proper discharge of the duties of such office. It does not concern the war department or this department."

CHANCE FOR YOUNG MEN.

The Charlotte Observer is advocating a system of apprenticeship for the mills in that section. One cotton mill has made a term of apprenticeship of two years. The compensation is fifty cents a day for six months, seventy-five cents a day for the next six months, and \$1 a day for the second year. The apprentice agrees to work wherever he is placed, and to stay for the two years, and the mill agrees to give him an opportunity to work in each department. The Observer says:

"It is thought that out of the young men taking such an apprenticeship course there will be a larger percentage of successful manufacturers. The Southern Cotton Spinner's Association might do a good work for the mills and young men by formulating a contract for a term of apprenticeship in cotton mills for intelligent and energetic young men to enter into after leaving school. The parents of the young men and the young men themselves might safely assume that such a contract would cover a respectable training and the worry and trouble of finding an entrance into business would be greatly diminished, and the mills would be greatly benefitted by having a number of trained young men from whom to select best workmen, foremen and superintendents."

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The PRESS is requested by Superintendent Mebane to state for the benefit of School Superintendents that in making out reports the census of December 1897, not the census of May, 1898, is to be used in making out reports. The reports must be sent in before July the first. Negligence in this matter will be cause for removal according to Superintendent Mebane.

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