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The best recognized friends of the negro advise him to stay out of politics and the Democratic party has undertaken to do an enormous amount of missionary work in this direction, says the Durham Herald.

The owners of the Topeka Capital are so well pleased with the financial result of Rev. C. M. Sheldon's effort to run that paper as Christ would run it that they have decided to continue it as a Christian daily newspaper.

The Wilmington Messenger scores Rev. C. M. Sheldon very severely for his idea of running a paper as he thought Christ would run it. The paper was a failure as a newspaper; it may do the Christian cause no good; it has made a lot of money for somebody; but The Messenger ought not to impugn the motives of Preacher Sheldon. If Brother Kingsbury will read any of his novels we think he will conclude that Preacher Sheldon is a very good novelist and a sincere Christian.

"What McKinleyism means" is a difficult question which our amiable contemporary, the Brooklyn "Times," under takes to explain. It all depends on the day when the interpretation is madewhether before or after an interview with the party hosses; for, what McKinley means before is in flat contradiction of what he meaus afterward. | In a general way we may say that "he means well;" but you know what Byron said about good intentions as pavement in hades.-Brooklyn Citizen.

Representative Sulzer, of New York, on Tuesday made a very plain, pointed and truthful speech in the house. He spoke to the following resolution which was tabled by a vote of 94 to 88:

Resolved. That the secretary of war is hereby directed to inform the house of representatives as early as possible what fortifications Great Britain is erecting, constructing and completing along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget sound and other places on the Pacific ocean, contiguous to the state of Washington and the district of Alaska."

Mr. Sulzer charged that McKinley's administration has bowed down to Great Britain, while allowing her to fortify at our doors on the Pacific. He



A Happy Inspiration That Proved to Be a Boomerang.

The editor of a small provincial paper in Austria was in great difficulty to find a fit subject for his leading article, having been too intent upon other business or upon pleasure to provide one. The last moment had come, and the editor was in despair. He tortured his brain in vain, when he suddenly was inspired by a bappy thought and dashed off the lines:

"After carefully perusing the leading article written for the present number by one of the ablest of our contributors, we have arrived at the conclusion that it may be misinterpreted by the authorities and regarded as an attack upon the government. We ourselves consider it to be perfectly innocent; but, as we are unwilling, for our readers' sake as well as for our own, to have our newspaper confiscated, we have very unwillingly, though, as we think, prudently, resolved to withdraw the article. This must serve as the apology to our readers for the blank space in our present issue."

The journal was published in the evening, and the sly editor, after performing this little piece of stratagem. left the office in high humor. As soon as he arrived in the office the next morning a clerk came up to him with a doleful expression and said. "Herr Redaktor, the paper is confiscated by the police!" "For what reason?" asked the astonished editor. "For mallcious ridicule of the institutions of the Austrian empire by the omission of the leading article." replied the man.

A Curious Shoe Trust.

Doylestown has four odd characters who pool their issues in buying shoes. They all have the same sized foot, and each regards this fact in the nature of a libel perpetrated upon him by the other three. Every year each one of of \$72 is expended for shoes. Buying them in such quantities there is naturally a reduction in price. One would think that there would be an equal division of the shoes, but that isn't their little game.

The shoes are owned collectively, share and share alike, and when not being worn they are kept in a closet in the express office, which is the general lounging place of the quartet. If one man wants to wear new shoes, he goes to the express office and puts them on. If he wears russets in the daytime and wants to wear patent leathers in the evening, he goes to the express office and makes the change. They have been doing this for several years and claim they wouldn't wear shoes in any Seamless other way .- Philadelphia Record.



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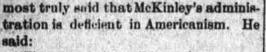
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"There is a feeling all over this country so in Alaska; it has done so in regard to the Nicaraugua canal; it has doneso now in the Orient, in the Philippines, in China. It has been done in this war in South Africa. If it had not been for what the administration did the other day, after consultation with Lord Pauncefote, after being told what to do by Lord Salisbury, there would have been a concert of European powers which would have demanded the cessation of war in South Africa. The administration here is more English than the administration in London, and it is time for some one to stand up here and talk for American rights against British interests."

are build toronting old t "Wind as a and old?" is a question that has been debated more than once. Dr. Hayan Brown, the author of "The Secret of Good Health," refuses to state any particular age, but fixes it at the time when men show themselves distinctly less capable of transacting business than they were formerly; when they go through a daily routine with less alacrity, walking stiffly, talking childishly, cating capriciously and exhibiting the wearing effects of time in countless different ways. Men who have grown fairly old so far as years indicate, but retain their physical and mental capabilities unimpaired, are advised not to relinquish their business or profession. Such action, it has been found, has frequentby a bad lutinence on the health.

A. B. De Fluent, editor of The Journal A. B. De Fluent, editor of The Journal, Doylestown. Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was sur-prised to receive relief almost immediate-ly. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine eversince and it never fails." For sale by J. E. Hood.

