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With trouble in Alaska and war in the Phillipines, Uncle Sam is apt to be a little fretful.

It is all injustice for the officials to keep down the true state of affairs in the Phillipines.

Greensboro, in this state has voted \$300,000 for public improvements, only two votes being cast against the issue.

Rudyard Kipling was bitten on his thumb by a dog and the news was telegraphed from London. Great is fame.

If it is true that a new plan of procedure in the Phillipines is on foot the people await its announcement with abated breath.

Six more men have been killed in that Baker-Howard feud in Kentucky, and seven negroes were killed in Alabama with one bottle of (supposed) wine, last Tuesday. At this rate of depopulation the new census taker will have an easy job.

If Vice-President Hobart gets left himself he will probably be sorry he induced Secretary Alger to resign. Mr. Alger has personally handed his resignation to the President which is to take effect the first of August, and already there is an effort on the part of some Republican leaders to drop Mr. Hobard for Roosevelt as a running mate for McKinley in 1900.

The law recently passed by the Connecticut Legislature for the protection of the trailing arbutus is said to be the first measure ever passed in any State of the Union to foster the growth of a wild flower. The enactment of the law in question is said to have been largely due to a newspaper article calling attention to the need of such a measurer

What with the capture of the sea serpent in Connecticut and of a sea turtle with "Anno Domina 1492" inscribed on its back, the appearance of the tarantula in Michigan and the ravages of the kissing bug everywhere, we are reminded that we are again in the midst of the silly season.

The Chicago Tribune has gathered up to July 17th, from correspondents throughout the country figures showing a loss of 141 lives resultant from the last Fourth of July celebration. Some of these died July 4 and others from injuries received then. Lockjaw caused the death of 83 out of the 141.

SEABOARD EXTENSION.

The Raleigh Post of Tuesday says: Superintendent William Moncure, of the Seaboard Air Line, who has temporary headquarters at Chester, S. C., while the Seaboards connecting link with the F. C. and P. is being constructed, has been in the city for several days visiting his family. Mr. Moncure reports that the contractors have begun work and have already graded a good distance of the new extension.

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