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SKATING.

Across yon waveless lake of light,
Studded by the silver of the snow,
The skaters, in their devious flight,
Like shadows through the moonlight go.
As swift as Arab courses fleet,
Or falcons in the fields of air,
The plain they spurn with winged feet,
As gods might spurn the ether rare.

The bird-forsaken groves are still;
In crystal cells the Naiads sleep;
But wild halloo and laughter shrill
Alive the ancient echoes keep.
The summer's leafy lips no more,
Kissed by the frolic Zephyrs, sing;
But from yon sounding crystal floor
The skates a livelier music fling.

Now right, now left the figures wheel,
Shod, as it seems, with lambent flame;
Now deftly curve, with trenchant steel,
On Nature's glass some well loved name.
Here, high in air some athlete twirls
His hickory cudgel in the van,
And there a form with streaming curls
Cries, "Come and catch me—if you can!"

Though chill the air, in gushes warm,
Through youthful veins the current flows.
Joy lends each voice a rarer charm,
Sport deepens on each cheek the rose.
Ye who in fashion's heated halls
Sigh for your vanished bloom in vain,
Leave your soft seats and gilded walls,
And join the skaters' merry train.

—W. R. Barber, in Ledger.

WITH AND POINT.

You mustn't conclude that a dentist is mad because you find him grinding his teeth.—Texas Siftings.

An autioneer cannot expect to have his own way. He must follow the bidding of another.—Texas Siftings.

What woman would be the most likely to give her husband a blowing up if he irritated her? Dinah might.

A man up a tree and a man below with a shotgun cannot agree because they see things differently.—Texas Siftings.

"John, did you find any eggs in the old hen's nest this morning?" "No, sir; if she laid any, she mislaid them."—Tit-Bits.

"Such funny names out West," said she. "Yet I would have been much pleased if they had built Wounded Knee Upon the banks of Cripple Creek!"

First Cabman—"How do you find things?" Second Cabman—"Slow! Just think! I bought that horse yesterday, and he hasn't paid for himself yet!"—Puck.

Edith—"I'm in a quandary!" Isabel—"How is that?" Edith—"Tom promises to stop drinking if I marry him, and Jack threatens to begin if I don't!"—Tit-Bits.

Miss Pert—"Is Miss Straight Lace circumspect?" Miss Caustic—"Circumspect! Why, she won't accompany a young man on the piano without a chaperon."

"Suppose I should work myself up to the interrogation point!" said a bean to his sweetheart. "I should respond with an exclamation!" was the prompt reply.

Muggins—"Miss Oldgirl is very timid, isn't she?" Buggins—"Yes, she was shy about twenty years when the last census man asked for her age."—Philadelphia Record.

Sappheadde—"I went to a mind reader the other day, and he couldn't do anything with me at all." Miss Pert—"Ain't you ashamed to tell it?"—Philadelphia Record.

Waiter (to guest who is absorbed in the menu)—"What do you wish to eat, please?" The Absent-minded Professor—"I haven't time to talk now. Ask me after dinner."—Punch.

He—"When you are asked to sing and don't wish to you always have such a convenient cold. Where do you get them?" She—"Oh, they're kept 'on draught' all over town."—Harlem Life.

A Strange Feature of Many Wills.

Many peculiar documents are filed with the Probate Clerk, some of which are afterward admitted as wills and others are rejected. Not infrequently the will is written on a sheet of note paper or a scrap of other paper. No matter how informal it may appear, if the requirements necessary to the signing and publication of the will have been complied with, it is received and generally admitted to probate. One of the strangest documents recently filed was written on several pages of a book such as is used for children's composition. One which was admitted to probate a few years ago was written on the inside cover and first blank page of a German story book. It consisted of these words:

"I leave all my money and house, No. 414 East Eighty-second street, also my half interest in butcher's business, No. 246 Avenue A, N. Y. City, and all other things that I may possess to my wife and child. My brothers, Christian and Charles Roth, to be executors. In case my wife should die, then all my property to go to my child. This is my last will and testament.

"HEINRICH ROTH."

One of the strange features in many wills is that the testator bequeaths large amounts to various relatives or to charitable institutions, and it is found at his death that he possesses almost nothing of value. Sometimes a sum of money in a certain bank is bequeathed, and the expectant heir finds on inquiry that it has all been withdrawn and used by the testator before his death.—New York Tribune.

Syria's Humming-Bird Plant.

In Syria, near Damascus, there is said to grow a humming-bird plant, the flower of which bears a close resemblance to a humming bird. The breast is red, the wings are dark green, the back yellow, the head and tail a finish black.—San Francisco Chronicle.

STATE'S EVIDENCE.

EX-GOV. GIBBS OF TEXAS LAMBASTS THE OLD PARTIES.

He Says They Are Selling Bonds and Devising New Systems of Taxation Instead of Laboring to Lighten the Burdens Already Upon the People.

Another prominent democrat has taken the witness stand and scored the democratic party. This time it is ex-Governor Gibbs of Texas. He gives the following reasons for the change. He says:

"It used to be that a democratic platform was no longer than the ten commandments, and as easy of comprehension. Now it takes Roger Q. Mills and Horace Chilton two hours each to tell a crowd what it is, and when they get through talking the oldest democrats are as badly mixed as if they had been alternating between beer and red liquor. Mills says that gold with just a little silver mixed in makes democracy. Chilton says that Mills is wrong; that democracy consists of an allopathic instead of a homeopathic dose of silver. Which is the right prescription for democrats? They differ on the size of the dose. Which will kill or cure? When it comes to the tariff, Cleveland and Mills think that it is democratic for the men, women and children who herd sheep and round-up cattle to do this in the teeth of the northern and the competition of the world, but that it is also democratic for corporations who manufacture woolen goods and shoes in big brick buildings to have 50 per cent protection.

"Old Bill Morrison of the old-line democrats was retired to a soft job on the interstate commerce commission because he thought the tariff ought to be on a strictly revenue basis, and while it was getting there that all should have the same amount of protection. He did not believe that the sheep and cattle industries of the south and west, pursued by individuals for a livelihood, should be laid out to hold the campaign fund and votes of eastern corporations. They killed old Morrison and the fact that he was choked to death on soft official butter doesn't fool a man at the forks of the creek.

"We know that republicanism stands for protective tariff and extravagant appropriations every day in the week and Sunday, too. We know that it stands for big pensions to the rich, when Texas, looking to the condition of those who had to pay pensions to its grand veterans, provided that where one of these heroes was worth more than $1,000 that he should draw no pension, and those grand veterans left out from reasons of justice and equity never complained. When the democrats had congress they never had the nerve to pass such an amendment to the pension law of the United States, but left the country to pay more than one-half of the immense pension list to men and women of wealth. Under the tariff system the poor people pay the most of this pension money. The democrats did not tackle this and other manifest abuses of government because they wanted to win with eastern votes and get appointments to foreign missions and other fat offices. In their anxiety to get and hold office they have made platforms and congressional records that look as bad and contradictory as some old woman's crazy quilt made of rags just as they come to hand. Free perfumery and taxed wool hats is a more ludicrous political sight and smells worse to an educated political nose than the oft-ridiculed populist pumpkin in the government subtreasury. A man wanting office may swallow ad nauseam all this hybrid tariff and financial policy just as a child will take sheep saffron tea when he has the bellyache. The democracy now dished out by the leaders has as many ingredients as Rio Grande hash, but the smell of official garlic is the only distinctive quality, whether it is Hogg or Clark hash or Cleveland and Mills hash. The recipe for making this hash is so complicated that even our governor understands it one way the day before and another way the day after. The uncertainty of what constitutes Simon pure democratic hash has turned the political stomachs of even Kentucky and Texas democrats.

"The result of all this democratic and republican strife for office is that we have had class legislation and special indulgencies until the people are eaten up by the office-holding, protected and pensioned classes. They are issuing bonds and devising new systems of tax levy and collection and trying to create money out of everything, instead of trying to reduce taxation and expenses and the too tempting official salaries. The national, state and county governments are on too high a horse, but their dignity won't permit them to ride a smaller one. When the people kick they give them a war commission or an agricultural commissioner to spend more money and inquire of somebody else living on government money what is the trouble with the mudsill fellows who are not on a government horse, but are walking. The mudsill people have got afraid to complain for fear they will have some more expensive commissions or special committees to use up the contingent funds, which have to be filled up again by taxation. It takes a mule to pull a copy of the United States statutes, and two mules to pull a copy of the state statutes, and still they are adding to them and every page creates more officials. Increased taxes and floating warrants don't breed democrats.

"When the people begin to kick against so much officialism, so much taxation, the democratic and republican leaders begin to levy more taxes, spend more money and create more offices. Lead put in the right place will quiet these tax producers.

"We can get money to build warships to float around the world and fire salutes and to pay big pensions to the already rich, but when it comes to doing something practical for the benefit of the masses we are as the Chinaman says: 'Alee times busted.'

"The canalization of the Trinity river at a cost of $1,000,000 would save to the producers of Texas about $2.50 per bale on their cotton freights, but our representatives won't demand it, either because it will scare eastern democrats or won't appear economical. If Texas is safely democratic, what is the use of giving them any relief? If we canalize the Trinity river it will save the producers several millions every year, but it will make the holders of railroad stocks and bonds in the east mad, and they won't put up any democratic campaign fund. Instead of canalizing the Trinity river congress will build a warship at a cost of $2,000,000 and call her Texas and let Texas girls baptize her, and this won't hurt or offend the railroads and will quiet the 'mud sillers,' who will vote ticket, although ship won't float. This is the game the democratic and republican leaders give the people, and then tell us that this is the government of the people, by the people, and for the people—but which people?

"We can build a $1,000,000 park in the middle of the Potomac river, for the official class to play hide and seek in, but we cannot get any tax money to facilitate the commerce of the state. Oh, yes, this is a government of the people, but it is the people controlling the democratic and republican rings. There is not a representative in congress from Texas but feels all he needs to do is talk tariff and silver and cuss republicans and ridicule populists to get a nomination by a convention and then be elected. As long as it is this way Texas will be in the soup.

"In return for all the racket we have raised at the forks of the creek the state administration has given us a railroad commission without power to act; higher taxes and more officials. Even the national government and monarchies limit the amount of fees an officer can pocket, but this people's democratic administration fixes no limit, and when the people talk about reforming this abuse, the leaders begin to talk tariff or silver or hunt some popular individual to put into office. In many counties the excess of fees over $2,500 per annum to each officer would put the roads in good order, but the Texas democracy is afraid to reform this system, for fear it will lose ward organizers or voters, so authorized an increase of taxes. In Kentucky the leaders thought that fool democrats could be depended on to vote the ticket forever. Now where are they? What has happened in Kentucky will happen in Texas, for the people are politically weary. They feel like killing snakes at home instead of in South America. The next democratic primaries in Texas will be slimly attended, for thousands of democrats, without changing their principles, believe that the party can never be depended on for reform, and know that it is a political impossibility to reorganize a political party in power, with the political patronage and election machinery in its hands. Democratic votes beat the party in Kentucky and will defeat it in Texas.

"There are enough democrats and republicans in Texas who hold Texas prosperity and genuine reform of more worth than party fealty, to defeat with their votes any ticket put up, and for the good of the state without yielding any convictions. They can flock together one day and argue with each other the next. Populists could not give us anything worse than the official fee system and the ornamental railroad commission in state politics; and in national politics no more extravagance and demoralization and unequal taxation than the last democratic and republican congresses. In congress they could demand in behalf of the people fair treatment in a tariff bill or an appropriation bill. They could be earnest, if not eloquent; honest, if not polished, and preach and vote against the autocratic tendencies of democratic and republican congressmen. They might reduce expenses to a basis where the money in circulation would abide more in the pockets of the people than in the government treasury or official pocketbooks. They might cause the people to find out that just as efficient officers could be obtained for one-half the present salaries, just as in the best and most honest days of the republic. They might teach the official class that being a democrat or a republican does not give them a cinch on official holding. They might teach the world that the mud-sillers of America make just as good office holders as beasts of burden. They might prove to the world that republican governments can reform themselves, and that democratic institutions can live beyond the usual age of corroding corruption. It might teach us that there is enough political vigor and independence always inherent in the people to make formation of the political rings dangerous to political safety. If they taught us this much, we can stand their mistakes in financial theories; which, after all, would not cost as much as quasi proclamations and do-nothing congressional sessions. Political opiates have ceased to lull the masses to sleep, and there has got to be a political upheaval before there is any reform or check to the arrogance of party power. If the mud-sillers of our social and political organism are ignorant, they may compensate us for their ignorance by their economy and honesty, just as old Andrew Jackson did. If he makes a good tax-producer in time of peace, and a good soldier in time of war, why not a good office-holder? It is not as brutal nor expensive to us for him to murder the queen's English as to murder the queen's subjects.

"He may have sense enough to run the government for a fair and equal toll, and return to the 'pay as you go policy.' He may not have a university education, and yet may know more than the financier who killed the goose that laid the golden egg. No matter how uncouth the mud-siller may appear, when he gets behind the pie counter with his official apron on, he will be transmogrified into a thing of wisdom and beauty, and handle the official baton and draw the official salary with the grace of a Sir Miles Crowley or a Sir Roger. If he can't shoot ducks on the Chesapeake bay, he can go over on the Virginia side and make the coons and opossums think that the world was at war. If he gave us much trouble as a living congressman, he would at least compensate us by an economical funeral. Peffer says that any good populist will be satisfied with one government paid mourner. The shrewd Yankee congressman could not get away with any more of the populist wool and hide than he has with the democratic wool and hide. If he did not prove himself a good performer and breeder we could turn him out on the commons and try a new breed, for after all government is but an experiment. Why not give the populist or mud-siller the benefit of the doubt, for we do this much for the criminal. If he can raise any more political hell, or make times any harder, or be bossed any more by corporations than the democratic and republican parties of to-day are, it will be because he gets up earlier and puts in more time at it. It will require great wisdom for him to get up a more Dolly Varden tariff or financial system.

"Some of these one-gallused fellows know as much about what constitutes good government as some of these political dudes, who pose as statesmen and teachers of democracy, and get on both sides of silver and the railroad, and every other political question, and expect democrats to make jumping-jacks of themselves in trying to follow them.

"When the democratic party is defeated it will be re-organized on a basis of honest, economical, equal government."

The Democratic party never was so demoralized as it is now. It has nothing but broken pledges upon which to make the campaign.

It is evident now that about all the present Congress will do is to pass the usual appropriation bills, draw its salary and go home.

"THE DAWN OF PROSPERITY."
(For the silver-using Nations.)

Uncle Sam's outlook for the future is anything but reassuring. How long before his children, the American people, will discover the real cause of his dejected mood and, recognizing the situation from his present point of view, resolve upon the only dignified course open to a dutiful, intelligent and patriotic people? If you are a responsible voter, take a look at the situation with your own eyes—your conscience and common sense will do the rest in November, 1896.—From the Chicago National Bimetallist.

ALL OVER THE STATE

KILLED BY DRUNKEN ROWDIES.

Brutal Treatment of an Indian in Swain County.

The other night "Bloom" Baker and one Rose White and a negro, whose name could not be learned, went to the still-house of Nelson Bros., near Whittier, in Swain county, and filled up on mean whiskey. Becoming hilarious, they beg n teasing an Indian present named Ned Will-not, taking some whiskey from him and finally running him off with rocks. They followed him and, it appears, the Indian resisted when they cut him terribly, from which he died within an hour or so.

The men fled but the negro was captured and put in jail at Bryson City. There is a reward of $200 each for Baker and Rose.

Baker was a deputy marshal under the last administration.

GENTRY SOLD AT AUCTION.

The World's Champion Pacing Stallion Brings $7,600.

At W. B. Fasig's sale of thoroughbred trotters stock at Madison Square Garden, in New York, John R. Gentry's appearance before the auctioneer's stand was greeted with a round of hand-clapping. This was the price of the day's sale. The horse has a pacing record of 2.03¾, and holds the title of champion stallion of the world. He is a bay, foaled in 1889, and stands 15.2 hands high. Frank Ellis and John Turner did the bidding, starting at $4,000, and running up $500 jumps to $7,500 when the great horse was transferred to Wm. Simpson, the well-known pawn broker of New York City for $7,600.

Cotton Mill Progress.

The cotton factory at Elizabeth City is being rapidly completed.

At Edenton all the stock for a new knitting mill has been taken and work will soon begin.

A co-operative cotton mill is to be built at Fayetteville. The large Holt mill at the same place, said to be probably the finest mill in the State, will be completed before March 1st.

The presidents of all the cotton mills in North Carolina are invited to attend the convention at Chicago Feb. 19th, at which the Chicago and Southern States Exposition will be organized.

At Henderson a new cotton mill will soon be completed.

Stock is now being raised for a twelve-thousand-spindle mill at Roanoke Rapids.

The capital of new mill in Rutherford county will be a million dollars.

Work will soon begin on a hundred-thousand dollar mill at Hillsboro.

At Laurinburg M. M. McKinnon will establish a hosiery mill.

The Stanly Creek cotton mills are adding new machinery.

At Milledgeville a new six-thousand-spindle mill will be built.

Modena mills, Gastonia, are making a large addition, and putting in seventy-two new looms.

A company is being organized at Pittsboro, with a capital of $100,000, to build a five-thousand-spindle yarn mill.

In the Interest of North Carolians.

Representative Shaw introduced bills in Congress to enable John B. Hawkins and W. H. Hawkins, of Onslow county, to prosecute their war claim for the destruction of their father's (Jonathan Hawkins') salt works in 1862; to enable John Carver, Senator from Cumberland county, to prosecute his war claim of $478 25 before the Court of Claims; and a bill to carry out the findings of that court in the war claim of Furneyfold Mercer, of Jones county, paying him $747. He also introduced a joint resolution to pay the surviving heir of Representative David Heaton, of the old Newbern district; $3,144 45 salary due at his decease. That heir is Mamie Heaton Reprig. This measure was before the last Congress. Mr. Shaw also presented a large petition of citizens of Onslow county asking for a light house at Bogue Inlet.

New Mills in North Carolina.

The contracts are made for a seven thousand spindle cotton mill at Waxhaw. The stock is all taken for a knitting mill at Edenton. Part of the cotton mill in course of construction at Elizabeth City was blown down by a storm, but its completion will be very slightly delayed. The capacity of the towel mill at Salisbury has been ordered to be doubled.

Perkins Charged With Perjury.

A special from Beaufort says a sensation has been created there by the arrest of Dr. W. L. Perkins on a charge of perjury in connection with the recent trial of the graveyard insurance cases at that place. Perkins was the examining physician, and was a witness for the prosecution in the trial.

A Boiler Explosion.

A fatal boiler explosion occurred at J. R. Plummer's saw mill, ten miles southwest of Asheboro. Three workmen were killed and three fatally wounded.

Winston shipped 300,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco last week. It is estimated that nearly one half of the leaf crop in the Piedmont section is sold.

Girl Sent to Jail for Whispering.

A fourteen-year-old girl at Portsmouth, Ohio, was sentenced the other day to a fine of $5 and ten days in jail for whispering in church. The sheriff refused to carry out the sentence, and took the girl into his own family.

Gold Reserve, $100,000,000.

Assistant Treasurer Jordan made formal announcement as the result of actual count that the gold reserve now exceeded $100,000,000.

LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

GLEANINGS FROM MANY POINTS.

Important Happenings, Both Home and Foreign, Briefly Told.

Southern News Notes.

In Columbia, S. C., Monday, a white boy aged 12 years, struck another, aged 15, over the heart with a piece of iron and killed him almost instantly.

Mrs. E. K. Nicholson, widely known as Pearl Rivers owner of the New Orleans Picayune, is dead. Her husband, George Nicholson, died last week.

Lucket & Company's tobacco factory and stemmery in Clarksville, Tenn., was destroyed by fire, consuming 1,500,000 pounds of tobacco and causing a loss of $75,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The Daily Register Company at Mobile, Ala., which made an assignment July 15th, 1895, during the panic of that year, was discharged from chancery and announces the retaking of possession by its former owners, John L. Rapier being president.

The State of Mississippi has begun its annual distribution of pensions to Confederate veterans and their widows. Twenty dollars is paid to each of 3,315 pensioners annually, a mere pittance, but the aggregate is $66,900, quite an item to the State.

A special to the Atlanta Constitution from Rome, Ga., says Rev. Wm. Bridges, county school commissioner, has decamped. He is short $5,000. Bridges was pastor of the Third Baptist church at Rome. His alleged crookedness and flight are a great surprise to the people.

A special from Centreville, Ala., says: "Col. James L. Davidson, Probate Judge of this county, was found dead in bed. He was lieutenant colonel of the 62d Alabama regiment and was captured by the Federals at Fort Gaines and again at Blakely. He was appointed Probate Judge last August."

H. M. Comer was elected president of the Central Railway of Georgia at a meeting of stockholders. Messrs. Comer, David Appler, J. S. B. Thompson and Judge R. T. Dorsey were elected directors to fill vacancies caused by resignations. The board will be reorganized in about a month. No change will be made in the employees. President Comer has been receiver for four years.

Northern News Items.

More than one-fourth of the voters living in Stoneham, Me., are pensioners.

Four men were killed, and one fatally injured by falling from an overturned skid to the bottom of a mine at Republic, Mich.

At Denver, Col., Judge Johnson in the District Court approved an order requiring ladies to remove their hats, bonnets or other paraphernalia upon their heads during performances at the Tabor Grand Opera House. The theatre is at present managed by assignees under directions from the District Court and this recent rule made by the assignors had to receive the formal consent of the court before it could be enforced.

Washington.

Senator Quay freely avows his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

Bids were opened at the Treasury in Washington for painting the new public building in Birmingham, Ala. Paine and Heiner Kopf, of Atlanta, Ga., were the low st bidders at $2,445.

Foreign.

Russia alone objects to the United States having a dispatch boat at Constantinople.

Mr. Thomas Sexton, M. P., for North Kerry, whom the anti-Parnellites vainly besought to accept the leadership of that party, has retired from Parliament.

The Hon. Thos. F. Bayard, the American ambassador, had a half hour interview at the Foreign office Monday afternoon in London with Lord Salisbury. He declines to say anything relative to the matter.

Mr. John Dillon, member of Parliament for East Mayo, was in London elected chairman of the anti-Parnellite section Irish Nationalist party by a vote of 38 to 21 to succeed Mr. Justin McCarthy, who withdraws from the leadership.

Advices from Honolulu say that Mrs. Lilioukalani Dominis, ex-Queen of Hawaii, has been granted an almost unconditional pardon for her participation in the uprising of January 1895, by President Shuford B. Dole. She is however, ordered not to leave the island of Oahu without the consent of the President or a member of the cabinet.

Miscellaneous.

Did the discovery of the North Pole produce the cold wave?

The organized painters of New York City have prepared a bill which is intended to protect the lives and limbs of men working on scaffolding suspended from buildings. They say that the present law is inefficient. They also adduce statistics showing that of late the methods of building have so changed that accidents to workmen are increasing. Unions will be requested to indorse the bill.

War Against the Coal Trust.

The New Jersey Legislature unanimously instructed a committee to prepare a bill under which the coal combine may be overthrown. The New York Legislature passed the Robbins resolution directing the Attorney-general to investigate the affairs of the alleged Coal Trust.

Rewards Offered.

Governor Carr has offered a reward of a hundred dollars for the capture of the unknown persons in Cumberland county who destroyed home rule rial "in violation of law which was to be used in accordance with Chapter 213, laws 1893."

Governor Carr has also offered $100 reward for the capture of William Hoss, alias Finley Hart, charged with arson in Yadkin county. He was to have been tried for arson sometime ago, but broke jail, and has not since been found. His companion defendant was convicted on the charge, and there is little doubt of Hoss's guilt.

The Methodists in Winston have selected a site in West Winston for a $15,000 church.

BIG STRIKES IN PRUSSIA.

Many Thousands of Tailors, Seamstresses and Others Are Out.

The strikes of the various trades unionmen throughout Prussia are spreading rapidly, and it is now estimated that 35,000 mantle makers and women in furs are out, and all of the carpenters and bar makers of Berlin are on strike. Many tailors have been very roughly treated for the sympathy of [illegible] who have been discharged pay have demanded general [illegible].

Dr. Von Boetticher, Imperial Secretary of State for the Interior, has given a promise in the Reichstag that the Government would make an inquiry into the evil wages of these seamstresses, and, inasmuch as a great part of their work is done at home, the inquiry will without doubt extend to the possibility of applying for legislation regulating the work, hours, pay, etc., of the trades whose labors are performed in home apartments.

WEYLER DISGUSTED.

The Demoralization in Cuba Provokes the Captain-General.

A dispatch from Havana gives a report of an interview with Captain-General Weyler in which he expresses with great emphasis his disgust at the condition of affairs which he found upon his arrival in Cuba.

With the enemy ever [illegible] from the capital, the courage of the Spanish troops, the army [illegible] sent [illegible] insurrection and a powerful force of rebels scattered into minute detachments, [illegible] he said, could not have been much worse. General Weyler declared that victory might meet with momentary difficulties, but would nevertheless be secured by constant work and ceaseless activity.

It was his intention, he said, to close up the infantry corps with reinforcements from Spain, and to supress all the existing small detachments. A despatch from Havana states that the Mayor of Matanzas and other residents of that place have joined the insurgents.

Spanish Boarded Her.

The schooner Navarino, Captain Warner, which arrived at the Delaware Lowes, D. C. from Manzanilla, reports that when she was coming out of Manzanilla Harbor flying the American flag she was boarded, searched and detained twenty-four hours by a Spanish cruiser.

Where Did You Get This Coffee?

Had the Ladies' Aid Society of our Church out for tea, forty of them, and all were pleased. The German Coffeberry equal to Rio! Salzer's catalogue tells you all about it! 95 packages Endless vegetable seeds $1.00 post paid.

If you will cut this out and send with 15c. stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free a package of above great coffee and our 118 page catalogue! Catalogue alone 5c. (A. O.)

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you expect to derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure to get the genuine. It is taken internally, and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

Are You Troubled? And do You Want Your Troubles to Fly Away?

You have suffered months of trouble, anxiety and pain, and you hardly know what ails you. Something your business goes wrong, and for a long time you have been feeling physically very badly. Don't know what is the matter? Of course you don't, else you would get some medicine. Your trouble is with your stomach and liver. Dana's Dyspepsia Remedy will do you a great amount of good in helping this trouble, if you will use it. Price 50 cents per bottle. For sale by all druggists.

Forty-nine per cent. of London days are wet.

Dobbins' Electric-Borax Soap is 100 per cent. pure. Shape of Lemon. It [illegible] this year same as [illegible] soaps. Worth more. If all this is true you want it. Order one cake of your grocer. You'll want a box next.

There are 410 persons governing masonry work.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are recommended for a cough or sore throat. They relieve coughs and sing[illegible] the voice. Obtain only "Brown's Bronchial Troches."

Niagara is largely interested in the manufacture of paper.

Mothers Appreciate the Good Work

of Parker's Ginger Tonic, which is now in equal. It is a boon to the public. Medium size 50 cents, large size $1.00.

FITS stopped free by Dr. KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER. No fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and $2.00 trial bottle free. Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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