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The history of the Neely Havana post-office robbery, with its far reaching ramifications, suggests the proposition that the McKinley administration has never, since its inauguration, made the slightest attempt to govern the United States for the benefit of the people.

It is a monstrous accusation to make against a man who was elected for the very purpose of being the chief executive of a nation, that he has either personally used his high office, or permitted designing persons to use it, for the purpose of so manipulating its accompanying powers that only a favored few could derive any benefits from it. Whether Mr. McKinley is a participant in the carrying out of a pernicious, destructive series of policies for which he stands sponsor or is totally blind to the duties of his office and wholly misconceives the objects for which he was thrust into the Presidential chair it is certain that his administration has become the synonym of a demoralization that runs the gamut of all sorts of thieveries, from the lowest speculating pick-pocket to the grand and magnificent bank robber and post-office highwayman.

To wreck a bank and destroy the homes and hopes of thousands of poor saving souls, laying by their scrimped pennies for the rainy day of sickness and old age, means a gracious pardon. To cast upon the wretched, weedy sea of Wall street millions upon millions of the people's money, is merely a financial easing of the money market, and to donate a few hundred millions of treasure to speculating banks and bondholders, while imposing a perpetual yoke of constantly increasing debt upon the necks of the struggling masses, is a masterpiece of financial skill, a monetary blessing.

Perhaps our ideas of morality are all wrong. It may not be either a sin or a crime to steal, and to cheat, oppress and rob the people may be a virtue. As the matter stands the stealing of a few hundred thousands by the surprising Neely, may be an act of sanctity to punish which would make him a martyr, through a misapplication of our much despised organic laws and a cruel violation of our theories of extradition.

Bulletin No. 2 of the Cuban census, just issued by the government, treating of the population by sex, age, race, nativity, conjugal conditions, and literacy, sets forth some interesting facts connected with the island. It is shown that Cuba has 57,613 more males than females, or an excess of 3.6 per cent, thereby differing from all the West Indian islands, save Trinidad, and resembling the United States. The excess is attributed to the character of the immigration. The white natives in Cuba have a perceptible excess of females, while the male foreign whites outnumber the females by 89,232. The excess of males is confined to the western half of the island, and while this excess has been a normal condition in Cuba, it has decreased rapidly in twelve years, the females increasing 2 per cent and the males decreasing 6 per cent in that time.

More than one-half of the total population of Cuba, or 57.8 per cent, are native whites, and these form a majority in every province. Mantanzas, with 50.7 per cent, has the lowest proportion of whites of the provinces. The colored element, including the negro and mixed races, range from 20 per cent in Puerto Principe up to 45 per cent in Santiago.

Seventy per cent of the population are reported as single, a

greater proportion than in any country in Europe or in the United States. Still the single population was set down at 80 per cent in 1867, and the decrease is accounted for by the fact that our census takers treated them as lawfully wedded persons living together by mutual consent. The high marriage fee of the Roman Catholic church is said to explain the large number of men and women living together without being married.

Political Potpourri.

There are a great many sane men in the United States, including distinguished Republicans in both houses of Congress and in the Republican national committee who believe Mr. Bryan's election is a good deal more than a possibility. In fact, they are regarding the situation with deep anxiety, for they perceive that there are a number of unknown quantities in the equation that is to be worked out in the next five months. As to the Populists—the body that met in South Dakota and nominated Bryan—there is little doubt of their continuance in the combine, and there is no reason to doubt that they greatly outnumber the Wharton Barker contingent.—Washington Post.

It has been reported and believed in political circles that W. F. Stevenson, of Chesterfield, who has been discovered as a rising, brilliant, and brainy statesman, wants to be elected speaker of the next house to use that office as a stepping stone to further his ambition to be elected governor or United States Senator in 1902, but the Yorkville Yeoman credits him with an ambition to be Finley's successor in Congress. In any case he aims high. He shoots at the moon, but will hit the earth. Finley need lose no sleep. A district which would swap him for Stevenson is not worth representing, and the Democrats of the fifth are too shrewd and sensible to make such a bad trade.—Columbia Record.

Sam Jones, writing to the Atlanta Journal from Baltimore, where he recently heard Senator Tillman speak, says of the South Carolinian: I have watched with some interest the career of Ben Tillman, and I believe in him because he is a man who has the courage of his convictions. We need him in the United States Senate with his pitchfork and all. Ben Tillman is a bigger man to-day than any day in his life. He is more esteemed by his friends and more feared and hated by his enemies. He and old Senator Hear say the strongest and truest things that have been said on the floor of the Senate since the days of Ben Hill and Roscoe Conkling. Ben Tillman doesn't contribute much dignity to the Senate, but he is a mixture of mule and billy goat. He kicks with one end and butts with the other. Ben Tillman has as much brains and more backbone than any man in public life to-day. Go it, Ben, you are a joy to your friends and a dose of calomel to your enemies. You made South Carolina a good governor, and since the days of John C. Calhoun she has not had your equal in the Senate.

Mr. W. R. Hearst, the new president of the national association of Democratic clubs, is planning a vigorous campaign. He wants every club in the United States to celebrate the fourth of July, on which date the Democratic national convention meets in Kansas City. He says it ought to be made a memorial day to display old-fashioned American patriotism. In some cities and towns there will be banquets, in others there will be mass meetings. The clubs of each locality will determine for themselves the form of their celebration. The national association desires to recall to the whole country the fact that this year the people of the United States must defend the Declaration of Independence or abandon it. No man who has a drop of Democratic blood in his veins can fail to assist in this great national protest against the establishment of subject colonies under the American flag. The great question to be decided at the polls this year is whether this country is to continue to be a republic, controlled by the people, or an empire, controlled by trusts. All minor questions disappear in the presence of this giant issue.

Until a few years ago mostly Christians were accredited as ambassadors from the Sultan of Turkey to Western States and in London alone there served a Christian who remained there as representative of the Sultan for forty-four years. The present ambassador in London is a Greek and a Christian.

Prohibition.

The prohibitionists will never accomplish their purpose to stamp out the whiskey business in politics. Politics and political parties can not be used for this purpose. Men can never be made sober or prohibitionists by legislation. It must have a firmer foundation than politics. Until the churches take hold of this matter and stand firm against any man who uses, sells, or handles liquor for beverage purposes we will never have prohibition. The work has got to start in the churches. Men must become convinced that the liquor traffic is antagonistic to Christianity, and they must become convinced that Christianity is worth more to this country than liquor, and they must resolve they will have more Christianity than liquor, and until this is done we will have more liquor than Christianity. So long as church members will sign petitions for a man to operate a distillery or to open a dispensary or to run a bar-room or to make and sell liquor, just so long will it be made and sold and drunk, and just so long will we not have prohibition. So long as the preachers and deacons and elders and stewards take a drink and the members do the same and wink at each other, just so long will the prohibitionists fail to accomplish their purposes even though they had the strictest kind of prohibition law upon the statute book.

Mr. Prohibitionist, let us tell you that you are following a delusion and a snare when you undertake to settle the liquor question at the ballot box. Practice speaks louder than preaching, and whenever you begin to practice and enforce prohibition in the churches, among the church members, you will have prohibition. Our advice, therefore, is to begin with prohibition in the churches.—Pickens Sentinel.

The Potato Bug.

The potato bug, it is reported from Abbeville, is giving much trouble. Paris green, either as a powder, mixed with five to nine parts of flour, with water and sprinkled on the potato vines, is used successfully by many to get rid of the bugs. The poison also kills the birds that eat the bugs, and besides is expensive, as its sale is controlled by a trust, which puts up the price when the season for using it comes round. The wood, berries, and leaves of the China berry tree, it is reported, are highly obnoxious to all other kinds of insects and may be to potato bugs also. Somebody should try the experiment of sprinkling infected potato plants with a strong decoction of the leaves of the tree. It would be cheaper than Paris green, and better on all accounts if it proved effective. Possibly, too, the ripe berries of the same germicidal tree might prevent or cure hog and chicken cholera. Or, perhaps, such a tree growing near the house will drive away mosquitoes and flies. The long despised alien may yet prove to be the most popular growth in our woods. Give it a chance to show what it can do.—News and Courier.

Will Pay \$5 for Her Address.

E. C. Wilson, Akron, Neb., sends the Kansas City Star a clipping from an unidentified newspaper and says he will pay \$5 for the address of the girl who wrote the essay therein quoted. The clipping is as follows:

Kansas has the reputation of producing people leniently styled peculiar, and one of these in the eyes of many is a recent sweet girl graduate. Others there are who consider her exceptionally level headed. At any rate, she was a refreshing change from the usual graduate, with her twenty-page essay. She had been given by her teacher the theme, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," and this is what the astonished preceptress and her other classmates heard as she came to the front of the platform:

"I do not care a cent whether Italy lies beyond the Alps, or even in Missouri. I do not expect to set the river on fire with my future career. I am glad I have a good, very good education, but I am not going to misuse it by writing poetry or essays about the future woman. It will enable me to correct the grammar of any lover I may have, should he speak of 'dorgs' in my presence, or say he went somewhere. It will also come handy when I want to figure out how many pounds of soap a woman can get for three dozen eggs at the grocery. So I do not begrudge the time I spent in acquiring it. But my ambitions do not fly so high. I just want to marry a man who can 'lick' anybody of his weight in the township, who can run an eighty acre farm and who has no female relatives to come around and try to boss the ranch. And I will agree to cook good dinners for him that will not send him to an early grave, and lavish

upon him a whole lot of wholesome affection and see that his razor has not been used to cut broom wire when he wants to shave. In view of all this, I don't care if I do get a little rusty on the rules of three and a kindred things as the years go by."

The Roar of Battle.

Richard Harding Davis.
The roar of the navy's four-point-seven's, their crash, their rush as they passed, the shrill whine of the shrapnel, the backing of the howitzers and the mechanical, regular rattle of the quick-firing Maxims, which sounded like the clicking of many mowing machines on a hot summer's day, tore the air with such hideous noises that one's skull ached from the concussion, and one could only be heard by shouting. But more impressive by far than this hot chorus of mighty thunder and petty hammering was the roar of the wind which was driven down into the valley beneath and which swept up again in enormous waves of sound. It roared like a great hurricane at sea. The illusion was so complete that you expected, by looking down, to see the Tugela lashing at her banks, tossing the spray hundreds of feet in air and battling with her sides of rock. It was like the roar of Niagara in a gale, and yet when you did look below not a leaf was stirring, and the Tugela was slipping forward, flat and sluggish, and in peace.

Fort Mill, S. C., May 26, 1900.
Headquarters York Co. Regt., U. C. V. (Order No. 7.)

Capt. L. M. Davis is hereby appointed commander of the York County Regiment at the Louisville Reunion. He will be respected accordingly.
By order of the Colonel,
SAML. E. WHITE,
W. H. STEWART, Adjutant.

NOTICE.—A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Mill Public School will be held on Friday, June 8, 1900, for the purpose of electing a principal and two assistant teachers to conduct said school from September 1, 1900, to January 1, 1901. All applications must be submitted on or before June 7, 1900.
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Secretary of Board.

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- "The Anchor" hose supporters, 25c
- Nursing Corsets, in white and drab 75c and \$1
- Summer Corsets 50c
- Long and short waisted Corsets, \$1
- Dress Shields 10 and 15c
- Lawn Ties 25 and 50c
- Silk Ties 50, 90 and \$1.25c
- Fans 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50c
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- One-fourth gross Toilet Soap 20c
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