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Stand by the Navy.

The conferrees on the Naval Appropriation bill have the opportunity to do work of supreme importance for the benefit of the navy, and therefore for the national defence.

The Senate cut down the price of armor plate from \$445 to \$300 per ton and appropriated \$3,500,000 for the manufacture of armor in a Government plant. The two things go together. Two years ago Congress tried the experiment of limiting the price of armor to \$300 per ton without providing for a Government plant, and it turned out a complete failure.

Try to imagine what we should be paying for guns now if we had no Government factories at Washington and Watervliet.

The Senate's reduction in the number of new ships should not be tolerated by the conferrees for an instant. The explanations of their action given by the members of Senator Hale's Committee on Naval Affairs display a degree of ignorant levity that makes the proceeding really beneath criticism.

In the case of most of the Senators simple ignorance is at the bottom of their pitiful exhibition, but there is another explanation for Hanna's proceedings. He is backing the Hanna-Payne subsidy scheme, and of course he would rather see our shipyards filled with vessels to be subsidized for the profit of himself and his partners than with those that could serve for nothing but the national defence.

It looks, too, as if the Senate amendment cutting down the number of men in the service of 18

1000 to 15,000 would be rejected. On the whole the conferrees seem to agree with the Journal that the country needs

A MIGHTY NAVY.

SAVING THE BABIES.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment is considering a proposition to construct suitable booths in the parks for the distribution of sterilized milk by Mr. Nathan Straus.

Last year Mr. Straus put in a sterilizing plant at the Infants' Hospital on Randall's Island. A few weeks ago Superintendent Dunphy reported that the number of deaths in the hospital had been reduced from 524 in 1897 to 255 in 1898, and the percentage of deaths to cases treated from 44.44 to 19.86.

Mr. Straus began his distribution of milk in New York in the summer of 1893. In that year the death rate of children under one year old was 225.62 per thousand. In 1897 it had fallen to 179.67 per thousand. The mortality among children under two declined in the same time from 173.5 to 136.99, and that among children under five from 89.42 to 68.

PINGREE AND HIS PARTY.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, made a speech at Toledo recently to further the interests of Mayor Jones, who is seeking a re-election.

I have no hesitation in saying that the leadership of the Republican party is now within the control of the bondholders. This does not mean that the Republican party is the party of monopolists, by any means.

Governor Pingree, as Mayor of Detroit, fought the street car monopoly and secured the building of rival lines and a reduction of fare to three cents. He was the unrelenting foe of every form of corporate oppression.

A MAN THIS TIME.

William Plumer, of Brooklyn, is under arrest charged with brutal treatment of his five-year-old child. It is alleged that he lashed the boy with a horsewhip, beat him with an iron bar, and otherwise cruelly punished him.

The law does not provide a punishment that would meet the deserts of this savage brute. Unless the child's injuries result in death Plumer will escape with a term in prison. The electric chair would be too good for him, and solitary confinement for life is the very lowest penalty he ought to suffer.

HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED?

Smallpox at Princeton, the death of a patient from this dreaded disease at Roosevelt Hospital, and Dr. Roberts's report of three other cases, are not in themselves a cause of panic or alarm.

ment is always possible in spite of careful treatment. Sometimes blindness occurs. Unmodified smallpox is invariably attended with much danger to life.

There is a lesson for every one in the death that has just occurred, and in the wise measures adopted by the authorities at Princeton.

The mass meeting at the Lenox Lyceum Wednesday evening showed the temper of the people of this city toward the Amsterdam avenue outrage and the taxation of public franchises.

NO DEMOCRATIC HELP FOR QUAY.

The report that Senator Quay expects to be re-elected by Democratic votes is again current.

The retirement of Quay would be such a distinct gain for decency that all parties should join in the effort to dislodge him.

No Democrat worthy of the name can lend himself to so disreputable a proceeding. A single Democratic vote cast for Quay would dishonor the Democracy of Pennsylvania.

Dewey Not a Politician.

Admiral Dewey has given another proof of that strong common sense and wisdom that have dictated his every action heretofore.

Dewey stands out a hero of an entire nation, and is as popular on the plains of Texas as among the hills of his native Vermont.

The War on Rascality.

Permit me, a constant reader of your paper, a small space in your columns. I notice in to-day's paper a new item mentioned—a book trust, and school book at that.

A Canadian View.

The New York Journal is strenuously advocating the concentration of American war resources on the building of a great navy.

It Rings True.

Editor of the New York Journal: "An American Internal Policy" I would suggest that you make that a permanent fixture at the head of your editorial column.

"THE CITY BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE." MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

By James D. Phelan, Mayor of San Francisco.

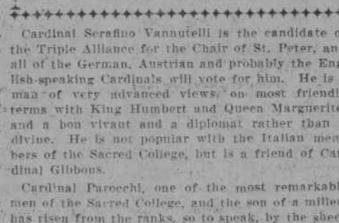


I BELIEVE in municipal ownership of public utilities under the merit system of employment.

The benefits of public ownership are these: That commodities can be served at the lowest cost; that the people are not robbed by corporations, who invariably charge all the traffic will bear.

ONE OF THESE MAY BE THE NEXT POPE.

THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE TRIPLE TIARA.



CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER'S CHATTER.

THE "Africaine" is no doubt a very heavy opera, although with a cast of stars it is just what the public requires.

It is true the dancer did nothing out of the ordinary. But many of the club thought it was proper to be shocked, and were shocked.

Perhaps after a few years these ladies will be able to affect the sang-froid of the "exclusives" and absolutely have divorced husbands and wifely dancing in the same set of jolting hands in a collision figure.

No sooner than one has become reconciled to going as a Phillina or Phillipino to the Conables than one has to think of what one will wear at the Breeses on the following week.

The Mills dinner was a very delightful affair, and the last in a series of charming entertainments which Mrs. Mills has given this Winter.

DEWEY AND THE PRESIDENCY. THE COUNTRY ON HIS RESOLUTION.

One of the Greatest Americans.

These utterances are characteristic of the man. Brief, concise, pointed, emphatic, and at the same time philosophical to the highest degree.

"I would not accept a nomination for the Presidency of the United States," says the Admiral. There are not many men who have reached high honors in the service of their country who would make such a statement.

Caught the Jury.

The lawyer for the prosecution had made a lousy, labored and tiresome plea for his client, and the defendant's counsel arose.

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Embalmed Beef.

"Upon what most does this our Caesar feed, that he has grown so great?" asked the lean and hungry Cassius.

Do not know of any other public person in America who does not think himself qualified by education and training to fill any office he can manage to scramble into.

An All-Round Man Is Dewey.

Admiral Dewey tells a newspaper correspondent that "I wouldn't accept the nomination for the Presidency. I desire no political office, because I am untrained by education and training. I am grateful for the sentiment of the American people and desire to retire in peace in old age."

The names of this conspirator is withheld for obvious reasons.—De rot Journal.