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Our County authorities have received word from the bond purchasers that the bonds are ready for use as soon as the bonds are signed and delivered.

Henry Watterson nominates George Dewey and Pitzhugh Lee for President and Vice President, to run on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Watterson is growing real funny these latter days.

Has France stepped in and claimed all the glory and all the benefits of our victory over England in the war for independence, like the United States has done in Cuba, what would our forefathers have thought of it?

A Republican Government, run on the idea of the power of the people being derived from the governed, is not in a fortunate business when it takes on foreign islands by force of arms and puts military rule in force. Think on these things.

Our first editor on Monday morning was Mr. Lonnie Mann, to make the usual New Year call, and drop the prints of the Mercury for another year into the mail box. Mr. Mann has been a subscriber for about twenty years and has in and all over subscribed to have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Assistant Secretary Gorman, Fortune has begun the publication of a new Sunday paper at Chicago, called the Free Press, and the first number is as hot as a lava bed. Fortune is now a editor, so that he tells us many true things. He says he don't like to be always telling the truth, or he would not do it.

The Cubans have been holding meetings to protest against what they call a plan of depositing the money collected on importations in Cuba. When we get through with the Cubans they will have better ideas of how a country is being run. To the Philippines we will say that we are not in the business in order to make them poor.

Gen. Wagner Evans, formerly defeated for Congress by Hon. Oscar Turner of Jessamine, has died of cancer of the lung, and wears astonished at a man of Col. Evans' ability and popularity to suddenly succumb. He charges Turner of having used his political influence to secure the nomination of Evans' opponent, and that of three and a half years ago, and that of three and a half years ago, and that of three and a half years ago