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In view of a Sunday edition The Tribune on Saturdays now prints a special two-page edition, with contents selected especially for the people.

THE FIGHT AGAINST VICE.

At a recent session of the Presbyterian Social Union of New York, Rev. Dr. Joseph Strong of New York—who, it may be interesting to note, is passing, is a nephew of Judge Strong of Starbuck and a first cousin of Dr. Daniel B. Strong, one of THE TRIBUNE'S valued contributors—spoke in such glowing terms of the "Institutional Church" that a reporter, who was present, was induced to seek for explanatory light in a subsequent interview.

Continuing, Dr. Strong said that the greatest institutional church in the United States is Dr. Rainford's. When he took charge it was an immense broken down church, with no attendance to speak of. He simply turned it into an institutional church, the first in the country, for the people of all sorts and doctrines, and now it is the biggest and most active in New York.

That they have a great mission to fulfill, who can doubt? In the current number of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, through the medium of an ingenious story, T. C. Crawford depicts the daily labors of a bonneted lassie of the Salvation Army, in the squalid by-places of vice-begrimed London.

PESSION BLASPHAMY AS A METHOD OF DEBT AVOIDANCE IS A DISTINCTIVE DEMOCRATIC EXPEDIENT.

COMMODORE SINGLER declares that the only thing he "really desires is the securing of a Democratic party in this state." Then the commodore should hasten to get the straggling remnant that masquerades under that title in honest touch with the people, divest its mind of the un-American mania for free trade, purge its emaciated ranks of Grover Cleveland cuckoos and nurture in those ranks, with all the energies of his able mind, individual, political manhood, virility and independence as taught by that honored apostle of true Democracy, Samuel J. Randall.

BOGUS REFORM.

Faced by a treasury deficit which its free trade statesmanship has been either unable or unwilling to adjust upon a basis of increased federal revenue, the Cleveland administration has instituted rigid retrenchments, often at the sacrifice of the civil service. Its policy, at times, has been painfully parsimonious, but this could be endured, in the general interest of economy, were there visible a manifest disposition to retrench fairly, and not to make this necessary curtailment a pretext for malicious and unpatriotic stabs.

were \$14,700,000 as against \$14,300,000 for the corresponding month of 1892. In August of 1893 there was a reduction of over \$2,000,000. In September \$2,000,000 less was expended than for the corresponding month of the year previous. In October there was a reduction of one and a quarter millions.

At this rate of curtailment the end of the year will have seen a saving of \$20,000,000 effectual in the matter of pensions, under the policy of Secretary Hoke Smith whereby veterans are suspended from the rolls, pending a mock examination, and then re-instated with no recompense for the unobserved suspension. An extra internal tax of a few cents per gallon on beer and whiskey would have more than made up for this unpatriotic "economy," and would not have been felt, or if felt, begrudged, by the consumers of these liquors.

ALL THAT THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILWAY CORPORATION APPARENTLY NEEDS TO DO, UNDER THIS DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION, IS TO DROP A RECOMMENDATION INTO THE LAP OF POSTMASTER GENERAL BISSSEL AND PULL OUT A BRAND NEW POSTMASTER.

LYNCH LAW IS NEVER EXCUSABLE UNTIL THE ORDERLY PROCESSES OF THE REGULAR COURTS HAVE FAILED. THEY HAVE NOT YET FAILED IN MONROE COUNTY.

IN MARCH, CLEAN UP.

It is timely, at the very beginning of spring, to direct attention anew to the need of a very general and thorough cleansing of the city as soon as possible after the disappearance of snow. During the period when the soil has been locked together in a compact mass by frost and ice, and when the snow has formed a porous coating that absorbs all kinds of dirt and filth, there has been accumulating a dangerous quantity of refuse, in lawns, on sidewalks, and wherever traffic or travel has left its trail of dust and waste.

Another fruitful source of sickness at this season is the unclean cellar and the defective plumbing that is a lingering evidence of winter's severity. It is commonplace, but it is nevertheless true to say, that even in an intelligent city like Scranton, with its schools constantly impressing lessons in sanitation, a very large proportion of property owners each year neglect their cellars and drainage ways until warned by reeling nature that grave consequences are impending.

It would be interesting to catalogue the many ways in which winter carelessness leaves big and little heaps of menial waste all about the home; it is enough for present purposes to call attention to the general need of a complete cleansing, followed by a thorough fumigation and freshening of cellars, stables, drainage ways, gardens and lawns.

BOOKS And Authors.

"Ships that Pass in the Night" is a charming little novel, and a real addition to our literature. The author, Beatrice Harraden, has a wonderful genius and a quaint and remarkable originality. The work has had a wonderful sale on both sides of the ocean. The book is profusely illustrated by the following beautiful lines which significantly express the sentiment of the work:

"Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing, Only a signal shown, and a distant voice in the darkness; So, on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another, Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence."

Dr. A. Conan Doyle is one of the most popular novelists in London today. The two works which have helped most largely to make his name famous are "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" and "The Refugees," both of which are strong literary productions. His friends on this side of the Atlantic will be pleased to learn that he will make a lecturing tour here next season.

On last Monday evening New York had the pleasure of listening to two of America's favorite authors. On that occasion Mark Twain and James Whitcomb Riley gave readings from their works at Madison Square Concert Hall.

Probably no other university in the country contributes as largely toward contemporaneous literature as does Columbia college of New York city. Among those whose essays, criticisms and books are always in demand are Brander Matthews and H. H. Boyesen.

Madame Sarah Grand, author of the well known and widely popular "The Way to Welland," has written a volume of short stories, soon to be published by the Appletons.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the genial "Autocrat," although advancing into the eighties, is still enjoying unusually fine health and spirits. He is found almost daily on the busy streets of Boston among his friends, the book-sellers and publishers.

Ellamy's famous "Looking Backward" has been translated into nearly every modern language. The author is a native of Massachusetts where he still resides. He is now 81 years of age.

thousands than in the number of men thrown idle in single congress districts in that state under the Democratic dispensation of soap-hone tariff reform. The election of Mr. Quing to congress in the Fourteenth district alone showed a popular reversal of more than 19,000 votes. The same ratio of reversal throughout the state would not only undo the 59,000 plurality by which Flower was elected governor over Fawcett, but furthermore roll up a Republican plurality greater by 100,000 than that Democratic tidal wave which in 1882, made Governor Grover Cleveland a foregone presidential conclusion. The adverse plurality of 100,000 against Maynard, last fall, applies also as a warning of what Governor Flower himself may expect, should the beneficiary of Maynard's crime and its persistent and audacious apologist come a second time before the votes of the indignant citizenship of New York state.

In view, then, of these plain indications, it requires no extraordinary penetration to unravel Mr. Morton's willingness to be the Republican standard bearer in the gubernatorial battle of next November. But there remains an even greater reason for this willingness and that is the fact that he, alone, of the candidates thus far suggested enjoys the cordial esteem of both the Platt and anti Platt Republican factions, as well as of hundreds of Democratic business men who would vote for him because of their faith in his fairness, firmness and arduous, practical sense. In the sympathy, too, of those Republicans who think that in the substitution of Whitelaw Reid for the able and affable presiding officer of the senate of the Fifty-first and Fifty-second congresses, the Minneapolis convention made an inexcusable mistake, Levi P. Morton would have a considerable political resource.

THE CONCESSION by Sullivan county Republicans of the judicial nomination, in the Forty-fourth judicial district to Wyoming county, has naturally caused more or less discussion of possible Republican candidates against Judge Sizer. One gentleman prominently mentioned, S. Leroy Tiffany, of Nicholson, asserts that he will make little, if any, effort to secure the nomination, but would presumably accept, if chosen. Mr. Tiffany studied Latin in the Montross Normal school under Hon. Alfred Hand, of this city; and later, at Franklin academy, was a classmate of Supreme Court Justice McCallum and Williams. While it is probable that the present nomination will go to either Henry Harding or B. W. Lewis, of Tankhannock, the selection of Mr. Tiffany would be an equally strong one, calculated to bring out the best support of the best citizens of the district.

IN GRANTING only four of the 196 new applications for liquor licenses in Luzerne county this year, Judge Rice has proceeded with commendable conservatism. But the logic of his moderation in this direction points clearly to a more relentless prosecution than ever of the unlicensed groggeries. No other county in the state exhibits in more glaring hideousness the many and varied crimes that grow out of the illegal sale of intoxicants than does Luzerne. The growth of its court costs and the crowded condition of its court dockets, already occasioning talk of radical reforms, testify to the far-reaching effects of this common form of law-evasion. Until it can be shown that the rejection of an applicant for license means something more than a new "speak easy," any curtailment of the license list will be of doubtful advantage to the community.

It is scarcely necessary for friends of General Hastings to deny the transparent story that he has been endeavoring to prevent the instruction of delegates with reference to the lieutenant governorship. General Hastings is far too old a campaigner, as well as too fair a one, to mix up unnecessary in other people's business.

MONROE AND QUINCY avenues just now are beautiful illustrations of how city streets ought not to be paved.

a species of popular education that promises to be wonderfully successful and practical in its results. The many American admirers of the celebrated German novelist, Dr. George Ebers, will be pleased to learn that his new novel entitled "Cleopatra" will soon be published in this country by D. Appleton & Co.

Every lover of good literature should be interested in "The Life and Letters of James Russell Lowell," edited by Mr. Lowell's literary executor, Professor Charles Eliot Norton, and published by the Harpers during the late holiday season. Americans will always be proud of Lowell as one of their greatest authors.

In addition to Henry Irving's manifold gifts, his admirers will be glad to know that he is of an exceedingly literary turn of mind and possesses no mean ability as a dramatist.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the famous author of "Robert Elsmere" and "David Greave," will soon have ready for publication her third novel.

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