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THE EXPRESSED FEEL of certain contemporaries that Sunday ball playing may be indulged in by State league clubs can be dismissed at once as without foundation.

The Income Tax Once More. The announcement that if the income tax becomes a law a test case as to its constitutionality will be prepared by Pennsylvania's noted constitutional lawyer, John G. Johnson, acquires additional interest to Scrantonites by reason of Mr. Johnson's recent presence in this city as one of the counsel in the Spencer suit.

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With the enactment of the income tax will end the theory that this is a democracy. Are we ready for this?

REARD'S COUNCILMANIC scandal has apparently simmered down to a point where one side is afraid to say anything and the other "blatant."

BY RUNNING opportunely away, Croker hopes to be able to live and fight another day.

BECKENRIDGE a Brazen Blasphemer. Notwithstanding the strong opposition of the Louisville Courier-Journal to his renomination—an opposition made all the stronger by the fact that this is the first time in its history which this almost sacred oracle of blue grass Bourbonism has transgressed its rule of strict neutrality toward candidates prior to the nominating convention—Colonel Beckenridge is pushing his "campaign for a vindication" with extraordinary energy and audacity.

My friends, are you to choose your own representative, or shall resolutions adopted by meetings in Boston and Philadelphia or editorials in the Courier-Journal decide for you?

This, to be sure, is blasphemy, naked and bold. But among a certain class of Kentuckians, blasphemy ranks as an exceedingly mild offense, if not really an accomplishment.

ship. In a sense the entire state is in the balance. It will be weighed, the whole lineage-proud southern aristocracy will be weighed, in accordance with the measure that it will itself put in the scale when it passes upon W. C. P. Beckenridge.

RICHARD CROKER is the latest convert to the belief that this is not a Democratic year.

MRS. LEASE has been heard from again. She is once more in the middle of the arena, and the object of her quest is to get into congress.

ONE GOOD, rousing Republican broadside would turn the Tammany confusion into a panic. It is New York's great chance.

The Bridge Question. In view of the continued interest attaching to the location of the West Side bridge, THE TRIBUNE elsewhere begins a series of additional interviews with Scrantonians who have been prominent in its advocacy of this needed improvement.

At the same time, it must be said in frankness that the agitation for a changed location appears to have been tediously begun. There can be little doubt, it seems to us, that the improvement recently given to the polls by the bridge project by the responsible tax payers of Scranton was conditioned at that time upon what was supposed to be almost the equivalent of a fixed price, namely, that the West Side bridge, if authorized at all, would span the Lackawanna from Linden to Sweetland streets.

With GENERAL HARRISON and Governor McKinley both fiercely determined to have "nothing to say," this becomes Tom Reed's great chance.

As to Sunday Closing. One general principle may be affirmed with substantiating emphasis: The great majority of intelligent American citizens favor a reasonable Sunday observance and are opposed to a wantonly desecrated Sabbath.

It becomes, then, purely a question of methods. Has there been a sufficient education of the masses up to a point where a rigid administration of the so-called blue law standard in this community would be desirable, if possible, or possible, if desirable?

THERE WILL be no soreheads at Harborside on the evening of May 30. This is not a year for soreheads, at least not for Harborside soreheads.

An Excellent Charity. The appeal which is elsewhere published in behalf of the free homes for sick women and children established last summer at Dalton by charity inclined Scrantonians, deserves to meet with a generous and immediate response.

short sojourn in the country are privileged to have as many guests entertained at this home as there are means to provide for such entertainment.

Another meritorious feature connected with this practical charity is the entire absence of red tape which in many instances strangles or cripples a charity's practical power for good.

In this connection, although the two beneficiaries are separate and distinct, a word of praise would seem to be in place for the free summer excursions conducted each year by the Men's Guild of the St. Luke's church.

AN IMPRESSION seems to prevail among certain base ball enthusiasts in this city that so long as an umpire presides a fair balance, and palpable errors how many gross, and palpable errors he may make.

ELI QUINN, as usual, bit the nail plainly and fairly on the head when he said, apropos of Croker: "Any man who retires under fire, confesses." Or, again, of Beckenridge, he says: "Croker's defeat, but his rich profits can be seriously curtailed if this present advantage on the side of honest government be resolutely followed up."

IN ITS LATEST form there are said to be 400 items in the "Wilson" bill which have been changed from a free trade to a protective basis, at the appeal of interested constituents.

The next plan in such movements as that for Sunday closing is not to get too far ahead of the majority and not to be too earnest in the swinging of positive clubs.

LIVE DOTTINGS OF POLITICS.

A number of the types yesterday carried The Tribune to reproduce the republican state convention on the day. The report was obvious, however, if anything too obvious.

Representative Sibber's generosity in yielding to the objection to public life, when tearfully besought by Crawford county Populists to accept a renomination, will thunder down the corridors of time as one of the most striking instances of pure altruism in politics.

That delegation of Harleton expectants which the other day waited on Congressman William Hines with the announcement that if he would "tip one and leave the rest" it would be better far than for all to hunger for the postal plan that doesn't grow adopted a cruel method of reminding the member, son, Legislature that Hines, and not himself, is the one whose choosing "goes."

If current rumor is to be believed, the story of John Leonard's late congressional campaign has had a disturbing effect on the calculations of a good many old timers. It was charged by Democratic organs that Mr. Leonard was young and inexperienced, and that he was set up by the managers of his boom party to be knocked down as soon as his purse ran dry.

An Indecent Heroine.

Farmer Hodge (reading novelette)—I'm out of all patience with that Gladys Firalyva in the story—the way she's abusing my beautiful eyes. She doesn't deserve to have any.

Mrs. Hodge—What's she been doing now?

Farmer Hodge—This book is full of it. First she throws her eyes up to the ceiling and then she drops on the floor, then she darts them down on a long corridor and rested them on the cool waters of the fountain. Then she must have called them back somehow, for it says she bathed them in sad, salt tears, wiped them and swept them with long lashes. Once she was fool enough to rivet them on the d-m, and, when I left off, she was fixing them on a mantel.

In a Judicious Investment.

An important item in the management of any modern business establishment dependent on success on the patronage of the public is that of Advertising. Merchants lay out money in advertising for the purpose of getting returns by attracting the attention of the public to the goods they have to sell.

Jolly Plans for Commonwealers. Boston Transcript. The challenge to the fate of previous cooperative, socialist and various other tendencies to be Utopian communities is held by thrown down by General Booth in his plan to form a Salvation Army colony in Western Australia.

Base Ball on Sunday. Allegheny Leader. The Eastern base ball team has started to vary the monotony of the day of rest by

inaugurating a series of sacred ball games. Just how they will be patronized by the populace of the wicked city we can't say, but one thing we know: The people of this region—Allentown, Catawago and the Bethlehem—are not going to tolerate Sunday ball playing.

When His Mission Ends. Philad. Inq. Times. The profession of the walking delegate as a mischief maker is always at an end when the striker consults home interests and home ties first.

BLUE RIDGE.

For THE TRIBUNE. My hills of blue, my hills of blue, My heart in love goes out to you; Goes out as soft, fold on fold, Your downy lines are distance-told, Till wedded with the sky's own hue, Calm, curving, hills of blue.

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