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A Lame Defence.

An oracle of the administration, in "England has given no pretext matic world that Great Britain is always | constables. careful in her dealings with American

ent emergency. A powerful nation has pounced, bully fashion, on a little counthis government in declaring to Engdition. It is pretty generally believed, despite contrary "understandings in the ness, and sit complacent under a sysdiplomatic world," that England will try to keep what she has piratically grabbed, a case is made out, Monroe doctrine or no Monroe doctrine, which calls for something more positive at Washington than languid idleness and stupid self-content.

The Next Secretary of State.

We are fully prepared to credit the assertion of Mr. C. W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, one of ex-President Harrison's warmest personal friends, that General Harrison is not a candidate for renomination and that he will make no effort to influence the choice of the next Republican national convention. Mr. Fairbanks adds that the ex-president would much perfer to see som other eminent member of the party honored with the nomination, and would gladly co-operate to secure his election. All of the three most prominent candidates are his friends, of many years' standing. Senator Allison and Speaker Reed command his admiraelevation of any one of these gentlemen to the presidency would incite General Harrison's cordial pleasure.

No doubt contrary reports will ap pear in print; but there are substantial reasons for believing that General he should have it. To them it would bring influence and possibly public it would bring new work and worry and responsibility without new honors. he left the White house, the country had been general and well-defined. President Cleveland's abrupt reversal on the part of Mr. Cleveland's suc- to this defect; the press has spoken of cessor, simply a restoration of the es- it repeatedly and everybody freely consential features of the Harrison admin- cedes that something should be done istration; and any good Republican of to correct the matter. But the net reexperience in public affairs could, as suit of all this discussion is absolutely president, accomplish that.

We imagine that General Harrison in the days when this was Slocum Holwould rather be secretary of state low; and the fact that our fire losses under & friendly Republican presi- are not much larger than they are is

dent than to return to the White due more to good luck than to system as chief executive. importance of this office is growing in direct proportion to the demonstrated unfitness of its present occupant. As Secretary Gresham's successor, General Harrison could exert an uplifting influence upon our foreign policy not to be exerted by any other living American. He possesses the experience, the learning and the wholesome patriotism to make of our now invertebrate state department a model of logical firmness and enlightened sagacity In that capacity he could, out of his experience, both assist the president in questions of domestic administration. and win the high honor, happily sur plementing that already won by him. of giving to his solicitous countrymen a really American policy in foreign

Civil Service Reform. During the first week of his term as

mayor of Chicago, Mr. George B. Swift was, as he half-humorously confesses in a public speech, occupied for twelve hours a day with nebody but office seekers. Upon an average, 600 visitors called daily to see him privately in behalf either of themselves or of some friendly aspirant for appointment to municipal position. In that whole week Mr. Swift found only fifteen minhead of the department of public works, who represents the most impor an inspired dispatch from Washington, Finally his patience gave out, and he issued public notice that he would whatever for interference on the part henceforth reserve at least half his time of this government. As matters look for the consideration of more momennow, she does not intend to give any. tous public affairs than the naming of It is the understanding in the diplo- policemen, cuspidors cleaners and dog

A civil service law will soon go into states to avoid stirring up the angry effect in Chicago, and under its propassions of Uncle Samuel, and that visions the mayor will have more lelsneither Nicaragua nor Venezuala is like- ure for the consideration of really ly to prove an exception to the rule, important municipal problems. No The British have the right to take pos- candidate can be selected for any subsession of as much of Nicaragua as they sidiary position in the city government please without any fear of protest on without first giving clear proof of fitour part. They may, if they like, de- ness for such position; and the deterclare war and overrun the country, mination of this fitness will hinge not levying heavy tribute upon the un- upon what ticket he votes or what fortunate little nation. Still it would "pull" he wields, but upon what qualbe none of our business. Having Eng- ity of honest labor he can do for the land's assurance that as soon as she public which pays him his salary. Only shall have finished her little affair she in the selection of chiefs of depart will get out, and seek neither to acquire | ments will the mayor have any voice; territory nor to overrun the existing and he is permitted to have a voice in form of government, the Monroe doc- such appointments only for the reason trine is not involved and we have no that they are advisory positions, in which it is desirable that he and they

"Understandings in the diplomatic should be in thorough accord. world" are not to the point in the pres- It is a curious fact that the American people, so intensely practical in most of their affairs, should so long try less than one-hundredth its size; have failed to perceive the great ecohas trumped up a largely fictitious bill nomic advantage of employing skilled of damages and is proceeding, in de- labor in their public offices, instead of fiance of American sentiment, Ameri- the raw labor dumped in those offices can tradition and American tairness, to at every new turn of the partisan choke its little opponent into submis- weather vane. It is an interesting sion to its outrageous claims. That, of chapter in the history of delusions that ought to be enough to warrant for upward of a century the most bustness-like nation on earth, in private afland: "Hands off!" And when, in ad- fairs, should, with reference to its public offices, permit "pull" to displace fit-

> behalf of crudé volunteers. But indications are not wanting that in our large cities, at least, there is likely soon to be an awakening; an awakening which will give the chief executive of a city like Chicago, with nearly as many persons to govern and almost as large problems to solve as were to be found

in the entire United States at the time of Washington's first inauguration. something more than fifteen minutes per week respite from the clamors of place hunters and the importunities of illiterate ward heelers and party

American Insurance Rates.

It appears from a table in the North American Review that Americans pay nearly twice as high a rate for fire in surance as do Russians; nearly thre habitants of Austria and Australia; exactly four times as much as are paid by those of England; more than six times Major McKinley are particularly close as much as Germans pay, and more to him; and many qualities in ex- than twelve times as much as is paid in France. The compiler of these statis tion. It is easy to believe that the tics, Mr. George U. Crocker, uses them in an argument against the employment of middlemen, or agents, in the fire in

surance business. To be strictly fair, however, he should make allowance for the difference in the quality of buildings in this coun-Harrison is much less anxious for a try and in European countries; and second term than his friends are that also, the difference in the carefulness manifested in guarding against fire American buildings, as a rule, are comoffice, whereas to the general himself paratively new and flimslly construct ed: whereas, the buildings of Europe are old and solid in materials and in The years which have followed General | construction. Again, the American, in Harrison's defeat for a re-election have all matters pertaining to the safety of been years of signal vindication. When property, is admittedly the most careless individual on the face of the earth had enjoyed four years of clean and He neglects both that individual causuccessful administration; the public tion needed to insure a small percentage revenues were adequate to the payment of fire losses and also that exacting of all necessary public expenditures; legislative cognizance of this subject and throughout the country prosperity common in older and poorer countries. Let us, for example, take our own city. For years it has been known that of his politics, both in domestic and the fire limits established a decade or foreign affairs, was characterized by, more ago had become obsolete; that the a series of public misfortunes not paral- spread of the business district of the leled since the civil war; and it is to- city pointed to the necessity of revising day believed by easily three-fourths of these limits so as to forbid the erection the American people that these mis- in the central portion of the city of tinfortunes were in large part due to the der-box one and two-story frame buildfact that General Harrison's policies ings alongside costly structures of stone were thus reversed. To restore things or brick. Message after message from to their normal basis will necessitate, mayor to councils has called attention

nothing. The old fire limits remain as

atic precautions.

Again, in the matter of a paid fire department, we remain content with the methods of a decade ago, although nobody has yet expressed dissent from the assertion that a thoroughly orthic assertio would each year save to the city considerably more than its extra cost. These local conditions are to some extent duplicated in nearly every populous nsurance rates are higher in the United States than in any other country. Whenever the American people tire of paying those rates they can materially

Walter Wellman, the Washington correspondent, declares that Judge Gresham knows just how unpopular his been, but adds that Mr. Cleveland will not permit him to change it. Why, then, does not the judge promptly resign? He is not compelled to sacrifice

A bill was recently introduced at wide tires. Considering the enthusiasm with which the present legislature has benoved road reform. It seems safe o predict that this bill will die a vio

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Fali that at the expiration of a year of have such a panic as this country has never known in its history," Mr. Fair child evidently knows how to incite

that this growing country will not long ord bids its contemporary welcome. It is be content with a stationary or a declining volume of currency. The number of persons is growing who believe that the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase act was, after all, a mistake.

The testimony of Commissioner of Labor Wright that business is rapidly mproving is fortunately corroborated by personal experience. The back-bone of the depression has been broken for everal months; and convalescence is low reaching the rapid stage.

One reason why we hope to see Ben amin Harrison the next secretary of state is that he may officially welcome Hawaii into the American union and estore at Honolulu the lowered Stars and Stripes.

The Wilkes-Barre Record has passed the ten thousand mark in its steads race for an increased circulation; a fact which speaks eloquently for its man agement. The Record is a credit to Pennsylvania journalism.

Both the New York and the Chleage Heralds have Senator Quay beaten be yond recognition in his alleged war with vid Martin, For a dead man the senator looks surprisingly alive.

It is rumored in Chicago that Mr. Cleveland hopes to nominate Secretary Gresham for president in 1896. For licking purposes, he could not make a wiser choice.

It will unquestionable grieve a large percentage of the idiot population of the United States to learn that the Mar quis de Castellane does not approve of

Governor Budd's suggeston that Uncle Sam ought to kick John Bull out of Nicaragua is one of the buds that will evidently not bloom this spring,

The foreign policy of Cleveland's second reign will live in our history as a vivid example of what an American foreign policy ought not to be.

ness." Our namesake evidently has a vivid imagination. The opinion that the United Staes

government has acted the coward in the Corinto matter is not confined to

Oscar Wilde's attempted assumption of the role of patient martyrdom is decidedly eleverer than it is convincing.

WHEN CUBA'S FREE.

When the patriots capture Cuba, free dom's friends will hold a jubilee, and troubadowrs of Yuba will touch their Eight guitars; Yet profounder exultation will prevait with annexation to our Yankee fed-

When this radiant southern Phyllis, blooming queen of the Antilles, shall be ours, the fact will thrill us with a tremor of delight; hough upon that distant river, placidflowing Guadalquiver, they'll experience a shiver of different nature

eration, beneath the stars and bars!

After such a happy crisis, there will coma drop in prices of molasses, rum and spices from Maine to Mexico; And a fragrant flor Cubana may be purchased in Savannah quite as well a at Havana, and equally as low.

Sugar shipped at Santiago by the earm for Chicago will proceed without em bargo of tariffs low or high, While the mild Italiana "sella flerca Yan kee mana de beautiful banana" even more than "tree for fi'!"

But, avaunt, reflections sordid! They're as naught, be it recorded, to the graver thoughts afforded by this war for Liberty; Faircat Cuba, may thy sadness turn to lasting forms of gladness, through relief from Spanish madness and

coulless tyranny. Land of temperature's equation, of lux-uriant vegetation, of oppression and taxation, fight on! thy cause is just! Till Castillian aggressors, like their Moor-ish predecessors, meet the fate due all transgressors and are humbled in

AS TO MR. MORTON.

From the Rochester Post-Express.

Mr. Cleveland has announced that he ganized, paid force of regular firemen clares that "the time for straddlers has passed." There are many assinine thing in his interview; but nothing that quite comes up to the peroration of his ar-ticle on the same subject in the February number of the North American Review, in which he quotes the description of Trilby's American community, and they afford a convincing explanation of why fire "So the harmonies of civilization, the multifold tones of Trade, all the great choruses and melodies of Commerce-the murmuring stream that turns the mil wheel, the hissing engine on the rail, the plash of the paddle wheel on inland lakes, the monotonous pulsation of great hearts of steamships on all the oceans of the globe, the singing wires of telegraph lines welfers. Welfrey Welfrey the Washington tric cars—every movement of a sentient commerce, transporting from north to south, from south to north, from east to Gresham knows just how unpopular his conduct of the state department has been, but adds that Mr. Cleveland will west and from west to east, with all its myriad sounds of contented industry, are merely the economic orchestra of Civilization obeying the motions of the magic baton of Demand wielded by the will power of the civilized world. These are the marvelous melodies of modern comrce. But the inspiration which give voice to value, and energizes the many tongued industries of modern life, ad vancements and improvements, is ex-changeably based upon demand, which is founded upon desire." There is no desire Harrisburg offering a rebate of 25 on the part of any body, and above all or per cent, on his road tax to the farmer the part of the president, for Mr. Mor ton's opinions on this topic, and no ex-changeability based upon demand; why, then, this many-tongued industry on his part? Why does he add his philharmon bray to the economic orchestra of civiliza-tion? Who put him on the programme for a solo to the choruses of commerce? Let him contract the currency, if he can; but for heaven's sake let him stop trying to

cabulary is swelling to possible destruc tion—that our native speech is being blown up like a bladder, and may burst at the next effort of the Trilby of the Cleve

ntiate the English language. We never

rend over the sentences quoted above without trembling at the thought that the

Wilkes-Barre Record: The Scrantor Tribune has reopened its Wilkes-Barre office, which is now in charge of the veterar journalist, Colonel J. D. Laciar. The Reca clean, bright, up to date newspaper and its politics, aside from the silver question, just right.

APPRECIATED COMPLIMENTS.

Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer: The Scranton Tribune has added a Wilkes-Barre department to its news service. The first let-ter appeared yesterday. It was full of The new department will, no

Scranton Truth: Our enterprising con temporary, the Scranton Tribune, has added a Wilkes-Barre department to its many other attractions, with the veteran journalist, Colonel J. D. Laciar, in charge of it. The Tribune is to be congratulated on securing the valuable services of Colonal Laciar for this resultion. The Tribu onel Laciar for this position. The Trib-une has also added another column to ach of its pages, making them eight colmns wide. These substantial improve ents cannot fail to give increased inter est and value to our excellent contemporary rary. Colonel Laciar has long been known as one of the ablest political writers in the state, and we are glad to know that his graceful and forceful pen is to remain active in Scranton journalism.

Why Don't You Explain Why? from the Chicago Times-Herald. International bimetallism, on the conrary, would represent an agreement between the great industrial and commer-cial nations of the globe as to the use of silver and gold, and would, therefore, be possible without danger to the industrial and commercial interests of this country. Undoubtedly there is a growing sentiment in Europe and in this country in favor of such an international agree free silver idea once enacted into law in the United States, international bimetallism would remain but an iridescent dream, and the United States become once more the packhorse of the world as regards silver. The free silver notions now being so widely disseminated are the greatest obstacle to international bimet-

Many Others Have the Same Habit. rom the Washington Post. Phoebe Couzins continues to show an inclination to let the public in on the ground floor of her grief.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

RHYMES OF THE TIME: In judgment now I daily err, As cycles pass me whirl; I gayly call, "Good morning, sir! Then find it was a girl. —Jud

A nosegay rising to majestic height; A feather with a masterdonic curl; wilderness of bows and laces light And somewhere 'neath the fluffy heap -Washington Star. a girl.

The Altoona Tribune "assumes that Behold the felicitous father, His daughter's wedding when at. Secretary Gresham knows his bust-Supporting the bride to the altar, And the bride and the groom after that. -Rogersville (Tenn.) Review.

> They sat together in the shade, His arm about her waist; "Kiss me good-bye," he softly said, "I must away in haste." "Oh, can't your let your duty wait?" She said in sweet distress; "Oh, say you were engaged till late

On-er-pressing business."
-Brooklyn Life. AN UTILITARIAN MAID: She's a scientific maiden, And her head with schemes is laden Far more than Edison has ever dreamed.

And her plan of transportation For the female population Makes them angels, even though they're

She has found for these enormous Sleeves that often so alarm us

A use more elevating than the fashions plan: For she pumps them full of gas, And she floats aloft—alas!

And serencly looketh down upon poor man! —Chicago Record. LITTLE GLINTS: It doesn't make any difference how good the theatrical business may be, the ballet girls always have to kick for their pay.— Philadelphia Record.

Tippie-Had you known your husband very long when you married him? Sibyl— What a foolish question! Do you think I'd have married him if I had?—Truth. A Cincinnati firm exhibits a chicken with two pairs of eyes. The chicken with four pairs of drumsticks and no liver is

familiar in every boarding house,-New York Recorder. "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "hab er way ob makin' yer think dat yoh lacks in comprehension, when de real fack is dat dey is concealin' dah own ighunce

It is going the rounds of the press that the sultan's expenses are \$30,000,000 per annum. The press seem to forget that the gentleman has more than one wife living with him.—Houston Daily Post. Uncle Philander (standing before chewing gum slot machine)-This here thing's

a cheat. I put my ponny in all right, pushed the little bizness an' thet piece of gum come down inter sight, but here I've been watchin' an' wattin' half a hour an' the gol darn ligrer basn't because to chem

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2.48 a. m. for Wednesday, May 1, 1895.

Moon rises 9.23 a. m.
A child that's born upon this day.
Will dote on base ball features,
And yell at every "double play"
In chorus with the "bleachers."
He will be of the opinion that the sympons thus far displayed by the "Too Much oms thus far displayed by the "Too Much Johnson club" are favorable. The man who is most anxious to air a grievance in the newspapers usually closes ip like a clam, when approached for in formation concerning an item of rea

Ajacchus' Advice. Scranton postmen in uniform will do well to look out for the electric cars when striking a messenger boy's galt on the street, and avoid indulgence in gin fizz unless the government sleuth is invited to share the canteen. Buy real estate today. You cannot miss t if the land boomers speak the truth, Enter not into business arrangements in which it will be necessary for a stranger

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