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"We ought to realize by this time that we should not do our work nor make our laws in Europe. Let us place what options we have with our own capitalists, and our orders with our own manufacturers, who, in the past, have been always abundantly able to meet every need and demand of the government and of the people."—Governor William McKinley, at Hartford.

Send Boodlers to the Rear.

It may be doubted if at any prior time there has been as much complaint among the people at the prevalence of bribery in legislative assemblies as there is today. The recent Harrisburg session was not free from it; the recent New York session was notorious in this respect; and the importunities of lobbyists became so bold and offensive in Connecticut that the senate of that state has just passed a bill providing penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and from five to ten years' imprisonment for anyone wilfully interfering with the passage of any legislative business, or for attempting to unduly influence legislation, or any legislator in the performance of his duty.

Not less offensive is the impudence of the paid agents of certain corporations in issuing orders to members of city councils, and in otherwise usurping the functions of local legislation. An instance may be cited in our own municipality, in the case of the man who is paid a considerable salary by the Scranton Traction company and allowed a considerable latitude with that corporation's cash box chiefly, it is believed, for the purpose of superintending the proceedings of the two branches of our city councils. We do not blame him for earning his salary in this way; nor do we attach much blame to his employers, who have to all appearances become hardened beyond the reach of fine qualms of conscience. Both accept an existing condition, and naturally proceed to make the most of it. But it is at times a trifling disquieting to reflect that the 100,000 citizens of Scranton must suffer their affairs to be passed upon by emissaries of a greedy corporation, which has never by any vote of the people been entrusted with the government of Scranton.

There are, of course, more subtle forms of mischief than this. One stationing at state capitals by secret or other organizations of legislative committees and agents with power, not perhaps to bribe members with cash, but certainly to cajole them with promises of support or to intimidate them by means of threatened vengeance at the polls is just as vicious a custom as is the outright bribe and sale in votes, and stands in just as urgent need of correction. The various legislative assemblies, state and municipal, which are afflicted with such vermin owe it first to themselves and next to the people to institute sweeping renovations and reforms.

The boodler and the bulldozer need to be kicked to the rear. A Drastic Temperance Measure. The recent refusal of ex-President Harrison to accept a fee of \$10,000 from the Indiana Liquor Dealers' league conditional upon his taking charge of the legal fight which the league proposes to make upon the Nicholson temperance law in that state newly directs attention to this interesting measure. Several months ago we briefly indicated its nature, but it may be worth while to repeat the summary.

Under the new law all slot machines, the throwing of dice, and the playing of cards or other games of chance in the saloons are interdicted. Billiard and pool rooms cannot be run in connection with the retailing of intoxicants, save in separate rooms, the same to be particularly stipulated in the granting of the license. Games for checks or for anything else calculated to increase the business of the bar are prohibited. Restaurants connected with saloons are subject to the same restrictions as the saloons, and when the saloon closes the restaurant must do the same. No partitions will be permitted in the bar-rooms, and the gazing must be done in plain view of the street. At all times must a view of the interior of the saloon be unobstructed from the outside. This means the removal of the stained glass window fronts and the customary screens which shut off the bar from the passing public. Minors cannot buy intoxicants for themselves or for others, nor can they be employed as bartenders or serve in any capacity in the saloon. Another strong feature of the law is its local option feature,

which makes it possible for any neighborhood opposed to retailing intoxicants to bar out the saloon, and prevent the issuance of a license either by county or city authority. The law is safeguarded by the enactment of stringent penalties.

Naturally, such a law is not relished by the liquor dealers of Indiana. Advances from Indianapolis are to the effect that the wholesale liquor and the brewery interests of the state are preparing for a struggle to overthrow this law. The State Liquor league, dominated by the wholesale and brewery influence, has levied an assessment upon every saloon-keeper in the state, and officials of that organization boast that \$75,000 is already in hand with which to open the battle. The programme is to meet the law on the eve of its enforcement and push through a test case to the court of last resort. It was the conduct before the Supreme court of this test case that General Harrison refused to undertake; but his refusal simply opened the way for Senator Voorhees to earn a nice fee.

An American Silver Policy.

We recently reproduced on this page some salient points in a strong ditty by Archbishop Ireland against the independent free coinage by this country of the world's silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1. In the New York Freeman's Journal Rev. Dr. Lambert, a noted clergyman of the American Catholic church, takes issue with the archbishop to the extent that the latter regards international concurrence as essential to the solution of this currency problem. Says Dr. Lambert:

A country like ours, possessed of boundless resources, with unlimited capacity of production, unhampered by artificial restraints, and with a population that is growing so rapidly that it is difficult to find room for it, should not be dependent for its prosperity on what the monopolists of Europe may or may not do. According to the statisticians, Muhlall, we are today the leading nation of the world. We are abundantly able and authorized by law to charge a maximum fare of more than 2 cents per mile and not more than 3 cents per mile, shall issue mileage books entitling the holder thereof to travel 1,000 miles on the line or lines of such railroad, for which the corporation may charge a sum not to exceed 2 cents per mile. A law to the same effect, with proper penalties, would be a good one for Pennsylvania also.

The refusal of the Philadelphia court to grant the Times of that city a rehearing in the ex-Mayor Smith libel suit seems at this distance unnecessarily drastic. Even conceding all that the plaintiff claims, it is difficult to believe that his character was injured to the extent of \$45,000 by libelous publications made after he had been impeached for the misappropriation of public funds and dishonorably dismissed from the military service for irregularities as colonel of the Third regiment. If upon the heels of these misdoings his remnant of character was worth \$45,000, what would Mayor Smith's character have been worth at its best?

The Chicago Times-Herald is to be congratulated upon its good judgment in selecting as its special London correspondent so worthy a journalist as Elwyn A. Barron, long time Chicago's foremost dramatic critic. The Times-Herald is the only paper outside of New York, with the exception of the Boston Herald, which maintains a special London correspondent, writing exclusively for its columns. Indeed, it is a matter of note that the United States is represented in London by at least six of these journalistic ambassadors, whereas English journalism has but one in this country.

Says the Wilkes-Barre Record: "It will be either Rice or Willard, of course, for they are the only candidates for the anthracite regions. That it will be Rice is very evident from the very nature of things. The new court, to justify its creation, must be an able one and win the confidence of the people." Does the Record mean to intimate that if it were Willard, the new court would not be an able one and would fail to win the confidence of the people? Come, neighbor, fight honorably and fairly.

When asked whom he favored for the Republican presidential nomination, Senator Porter, of Philadelphia, replied: "I am for city and state." The senator should now forward a diagram of this interview.

"Senator Quay would make an excellent state chairman; but it seems to us that this year's game is scarcely worth such valuable ammunition."

POLEITICAL GOSSIP.

Congressman Jack Robinson is evidently spoiling for another fight. Talking to a Philadelphia interviewer the other day he predicted a break between Senator Quay's friends and the friends of Martha, Maspe, Porter and Hastings in the next state convention, and when asked where he would be in such a contingency said: "Young man, it pays a politician not to think of old scenes sometimes when he's in a new political interview. You know, my string bed fellows, and you need not be dumfounded if you would find me lining up beside Mr. Quay at the convention. Mind, I do not say I will. I have not decided yet. But when the convention meets I'll show where I stand and so will my friends."

"Do you think the fight will hurt the Republican party in this state?" "Not a bit," said Mr. Robinson, without hesitation. "Not a bit of it. We need something of the kind to stir up the party. The state conventions for several years have been too tame. Take the six judgeships that we will fill. I want to see a fight on every one of them. A man who cannot go before the convention and win after a fight has no business on the bench. I do not believe it would be good policy for the convention to endorse the men that Hastings appoints by nominating them quietly and without giving new men a chance. A fair and square scrap for honors, leveller on memories, is what I want to see."

The Media congressman must have a queer conception of the requirements of a successful judge, and of the properties of the judicial office.

The next Republican state convention will consist of 20 delegates, a gain of twenty-five over the last gubernatorial election. The representation is based on the vote cast at the gubernatorial election last fall, one delegate being allotted to each legislative district for every 2,000 Republican votes and an additional delegate for a fraction exceeding 1,000 votes, each district being entitled to at least one delegate. Philadelphia is entitled to seven additional delegates and Allegheny county to three on the basis of representation.

The First legislative district of Allegheny gains a delegate and the Fourth district two. In Philadelphia the Eighteenth and Twenty-seventh districts each get two additional delegates and the First, Twenty-second and Twenty-third one each. Schuylkill, Westmoreland, Lawrence, Fayette, Indiana, Northampton, Beaver, Delaware, Clarion, Clearfield and Cumberland are each entitled to an additional delegate. Luzerne and Lackawanna gain three delegates each and Bradford and Butler each lose one.

The Patriot says concerning the Superior court judges of Allegheny county and Bank Commissioner Gilkeson and other members of Governor Harrison's cabinet were closed with David Martin and the governor's "Friday" cabinet. The executive mansion. It is said on the highest authority that the purpose of the meeting was to select six Republican judges on the Superior court bench. It is claimed the appointees will be Judge Wickham, of Beaver; ex-Judge Reeder, of Easton; Samuel A. Davenport, of Erie; E. N. Willard, of Scranton; George B. Ordway, of Huntington; and likely Judge McPherson of this city. It is believed the minority representative will either be ex-Judge Thompson or Henry J. McCarthy, of Philadelphia.

The Harrisburg Patriot is kind enough to reprint the Scranton Republican's recent article on Governor Hastings with the addition that "this comes from Congressman Scranton's newspaper, which is significant. Mr. Scranton is a political force in the northeast and his newspaper has wide circulation and influence," which is somewhat in the nature of news.

It is reported at Harrisburg that Senator Quay will himself be a candidate for state chairman this fall. The administration, it is said, is inclined to support Judge Gilkeson; but since he has been appointed superintendent of banking it is thought that he will not be a candidate for a second term.

The Wilkes-Barre Record perceives the drift of things when it says: "While your uncle Joe Scranton aims at Hastings with one barrel, he is trying to bring down Willard with the other."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaacubus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 2:10 a. m. for Thursday, June 20, 1895.

Moon rises 1:16 a. m. The stars will beam brightly upon a child born on this day. His mission in life will be noble and mankind will be better and happier for his existence.

Enemies will swarm about him in early life, and jealous politicians will scatter dust in his eyes.

But his course will ever be onward and upward and success will crown his efforts throughout an honorable career. The Tribune was born this day four years ago.

Ajaacubus' Advice. Read The Tribune.

THE STRAW PARLOR.

Way up at the top of a big stack of straw Was the cunningest parlor that ever you saw! And there you could lie when weary of play; And gossip or laze in the coziest way; No matter how careworn or surly one's mood No worldly distraction presumed to intrude. As a refuge from onerous mundane ado I think I approve of straw parlors, don't you?

A swallow with jewels aflame on her breast On that straw parlor's ceiling had built her nest; And she flew in and out all the happy day long. And twittered the soothingest lullaby song. Now some might suppose that that beautiful bird Performed for her babies the music they heard; I reckon she twittered her repertoire through For the folk in the little straw parlor, don't you?

And down from a raft a spider had hung Some swags upon which he incessantly swung. He cut up such dices—such antics he played. Way up in the air, and was never afraid! He never made use of his lordly old string; But was just upon earth for the fun of the thing! I deeply regret to observe that so few Of good-natured insects are met with, don't you?

And, down in the strawstack, a wee little mouse Of a cricket went chirping by day and by night; And further down, still, a cunning blue mouse In a snug little nook of that strawstack kept house! When the cricket went "chirp," Miss Mouse would squeak "Come in and a bluish would enkindle her cheek! She thought—'ally girl! 'twas a beau come to woo, But I guess it was only the cricket, don't you?"

So the cricket, the mouse and the motherly bird Made as soothing music as ever you heard; And, meanwhile, that spider by means of his swags Achieved most astounding gyrations and things! No wonder the little folk liked what they saw And longed to hear that cricket with rags promptitude. And she tucked him away where he'd do the most good; And, lo! he was sliding down to the nethermost house. She dotedly expatiated little Miss Mouse! And, as for the Swallow, she shrieked and "spoke!" I rather admire her discretion, don't you?

Now listen: That evening a cyclone orb flared And the mortgage was all on that farm that remained! Barn, strawstack and spider—they all blew away. And nobody knows where they're at to this day! And, as for the little straw parlor, I fear It was wafted clean off this subsidiary sphere! I really incline to a hearty "boo-hoo" When I think of this tragical ending. Don't you?

—Eugene Field in Chicago Record.

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