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The Scranton Tribune is a Republican paper and it will support the nominees of the next Republican city convention.

An Instructive Precedent. If the president has not yet phrased to his satisfaction that part of his annual message which will treat of the relations of our government with foreign governments, he could not do better than to reproduce the spirit of the patriotic letter in which Daniel Webster, as secretary of state, communicated under date of Dec. 21, 1850, his reply to Mr. Hulsemann, Austrian charge d'affaires, who had, by direction of the Vienna government, protested against the steps taken by President Taylor to ascertain the progress and probable result of the revolutionary movements, previously rife in Hungary.

The United States may be pardoned even by those who profess adherence to the principles of absolute government if they entertain an ardent affection for those popular forms of government which have so amply advanced their own property and happiness and enabled them in so short a period to bring the country and the hemisphere to which it belongs to the notice and respectful regard of the civilized world.

Before he goes to Washington to misrepresent this district the ingrate should state whether or not he will support the next Republican city ticket. The party which has so long supported him at the official crib has a plain right to know his intentions.

An Unprofitable Weapon. The first number of the bi-monthly bulletin provided for by the last congress has been issued by the federal department, under the direction of Labor Commissioner Wright.

The largest number of strikes was in 1890, when the total reached 1,833; the lowest number was in 1884, when the total was only 443. In 1885, however, the number of establishments involved in strikes was smaller than any previous or succeeding year.

The political condition which elicited this spirited letter was in one material point different from that which confronts the present executive. The battle of Hungary for freedom was fought and lost 3,000 miles from these shores, by a people in whom we had no more than a sympathetic interest.

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Railroads and the State. In an address delivered recently before the Wharton school of finance, Simon Sterne, of New York, made an impressive point in connection with the problem of state regulation of railroads.

It is probable that if those who spend their energies making the futile argument for state ownership would instead cooperate with other citizens who desire the more stringent and equitable legislative safeguarding of public interests in transportation under private auspices, the results would justify the change of base.

the theory that the state is the normal road builder, and that its highways should be in its own possession, be compelled to deal with railway systems larger than those of the whole of Europe combined, and with an amount of capitalization considerably upward of \$11,000,000,000.

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Under his dictation individual enterprise and individualism had been oppressed, and the energy of discovery and invention debilitated and discouraged. He had unhesitatingly allied himself with every policy which tended to commercial isolation, and sapped the popular conscience by schemes of corrupting favor and largesse to special classes.

Either this country is in a very bad way or Mr. Bayard's mind needs treatment. The latter is the more probable, because of inequality of fortune, and he says this in England where free trade has been in operation for generations and where the inequalities of fortune are greater than in any civilized country in the world.

During the period named we find the largest number of establishments affected by strikes to have been: In New York, 18,787; Illinois, 12,828; Pennsylvania, 10,661. Industries most largely affected were: Building trades, 26,860; coal and coke, 8,018; tobacco, 4,645; clothing, 4,454; transportation, 2,805; furniture, 2,600; brick, 2,844; printing, 2,811; cooperage, 765.

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11.22 per cent. were men and 8.78 per cent. women. While it may do no particular good to call attention to the fact that for every dollar gained by strikes labor in this country has lost, on an average, \$3, without mentioning the loss to employers and to the community in general, yet this is the truth, and it needs to be clearly comprehended.

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Captain Molt ought to be too good a Republican to seek for office bearing an "Independent" label. Independence is all right as a personal virtue, but the American people have very little confidence in it as a political pretense.

The "endless chain" concerning which the president is said to be so seriously worried will not cause trouble when the revenues of the nation are again made to exceed its expenses.

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great men are so stupid? I can only attribute it to education. La Rochefoucauld says that we have all of us strength enough to bear the misfortune of others. He ought to have added that few of us have strength enough to bear the good fortune of others.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS. Grand Opera and Trade. Philadelphia Inquirer: "To that part of Pennsylvania which will welcome the Grand Opera and Trade."

Life Tenure Not Popular. Chicago Times-Herald: "There is no written constitutional barrier against President Cleveland remaining president of the United States for as many terms as he can manage to get through the office."

Take Them at Their Own Estimate. Washington Star: "In excuse for members of the vast public who do not have much confidence in politicians it may be noted that politicians do not show much confidence in one another."

For Example, Look at Joe. Chicago Times-Herald: "The great trouble with the disappointed politician is that he is disposed to take too many people into his confidence for the purpose of sharing his grief."

Cheaper and More Numerous. Chicago Times-Herald: "There is no doubt a demand that they be less expensive and more frequent."

Two Extinguishers. Chicago Times-Herald: "The deadly danger of the fire is not the fire itself, but the two institutions that are holding down the population."

IN A JOCLER MOOD. A Question of Punctation. "The coming session of congress," said the man who is always thinking about the nation's destiny, "will represent a very remarkable period in the history of the country."

One Exception. "Your life shall be a poem if you heed my warning me." "Good sir, your poem is declined. With many thanks, quoth she." —Washington Star.

Mean Way of Putting It. Ethel—I believe firmly in having out only. Label—Poor girl, how you must suffer from insomnia!—Chicago Record.

Declined with Thanks. He (at 11 p. m.)—Well, misery loves company, you know. She (responding to a yawn)—Not at this hour, I think.—Detroit Free Press.

A Discovery. There are bacilli in a kiss. I've heard it once and twice. I really didn't know—did you?—That germs could be so nice. —Washington Star.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaacush, The Tribune Astrologer.

To a child born this day it will be apparent that there was a little Thanksgiving as well as foot ball yesterday.

If any long-haired youth with a chrysanthemum in his buttonhole forgot to yell last evening, the public will no doubt tolerate a little exasperation today.

It is a pleasure to note that Fanny Davenport's repertoire does not include "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley."

While Christian Endeavor people are praying for Bob Ingersoll, it would not be a bad idea for them to also remember the individuals who shoot at live pigeons.

Ajaacush's Advice. If you feel melancholy today, take pepsin. It is now in order for those who so desire to have their hair cut.

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