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honds; and it politely trusts that that rather ostentatiously proclaimed happiness may indefinitely continue.

The chairman of the house committee on territories, whose absence from duty at the beginning of the session seriously embarrassed Speaker Reed and led to the placing of the committee in an obscure room in the basement of the capitol, has it seems, again deserted his post of duty at Washington.

Anniversary of Kosciusko's Birth. The history of patriots contains no more illustrious name, and none more worthy of honor by all men who admire bravery, appreciate devotion to country and applaud personal manliness, than that of Thaddeus Kosciusko, whose one hundred and fiftieth anniversary will be celebrated on Wednesday next.

While it seems to be McKinley's victory now, we must remember that a presidential nomination is a mighty elusive thing.

Hoist with its Own Petard. The Democratic editor of the Scranton Anti-Republican is again indulging in falsehoods as to the condition of the Republican campaign.

The West Side editorial writer of the esteemed Times is trying hard to round up the Welsh-American voters of Hyde Park in the Democratic circle.

Spain's bad habit of trying to edit the Cuban war correspondence is getting the best of the fight.

Of all quarrels, that of a family is the most unamiable. When members of the same household throw mud, it sticks most tenaciously to the hands of the throwers.

And what is the result of these men? Well, they have dared to differ from the autocrat. No other offense is theirs, than the unpardonable one of thinking for themselves and working for the best interests of the prosperous city of Scranton.

The election of the municipality of Scranton will not be hood-winked by these degrading methods of warfare.

Resolved, by the senate (the house of representatives concurring), that in the opinion of congress a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed, and by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers and accord to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

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Success of the Popular Loan. The fact that the Morgan syndicate, which last year offered \$10,000,000 for 4 per cent. government bonds, has now offered \$10,000,000 for more bonds of the same character except that they have one year less to run, condemns with an emphasis not to be increased by further words, the secret deal of last February.

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