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It is needless for The Tribune to say that it is actuated by no hostility to Hon. John R. Farr in declining to support him for speaker.

Brass Before Brains.

One of the pathetic features of the present canvass for the next United States senatorship in this state is the appearance of the gifted editor of the Philadelphia Press in the attitude of spokesman for his own inferior as an impossibility for that office.

How much it may go counter to Mr. Smith's inclination to be drawn into a discussion of this character we cannot refrain from directing attention to the immense distance which intervenes between the level which Mr. Wannamaker would necessarily occupy as a senator of the United States and that to which Mr. Smith's own varied and exceptional talents and acquisitions would lift him were he to be elected to that exalted position instead.

Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, in a private conversation is reported to have said a war between his country and the United States was "possible."

Good Advice.

In his letter to the 125th annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce President Cleveland gave the following good advice to business men generally: "Recent events may well cause those who represent business interests to rejoice in their escape from threatened peril.

Closely as a teacher in the high school subsequently changed his mind before a formal and air-tight contract had been executed and put on file.

That Taylor Street Car War.

The legal aspects of the recent Taylor street car war need not be touched upon, since they will doubtless be fully and fairly adjudicated in court.

Here was a quasi-public corporation which agreed to perform certain services for the borough of Taylor in exchange for the right to run cars through that borough's principal street.

People sometimes wonder why there is so much prejudice against corporations. Corporations admittedly are good things when wisely and honorably and generously conducted.

It is suggested, and with wisdom, that the ballot law should be amended so that the secretary of the commonwealth must certify a list of the candidates to the county commissioners not later than thirty days before election.

Taxation of Church Property.

The fact that one of the commissioners of Allegheny county, Mr. Mercer, favors taxing church property just as any other property and is talking of getting up a bill embodying this idea for presentation before the next legislature calls to mind that several of the clergymen of New York city are also on record in favor of such taxation.

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The roster of the Spanish legation at Washington includes twelve names, being second in size only to Great Britain's.

A Prophecy.

"The day may come in the United States when a multitude of people oppressed by hard times will be called upon to choose rulers. On the one side will stand a statesman preaching patience, respect for vested rights and strict observance of public faith.

This is not a campaign speech. It is a passage from a private letter written in 1857 by Lord Macaulay, the eminent English historian.

Out in Indiana the Republican congressmen-elect have decided to make applicants for postmasterships submit their claims to a popular vote, the highest man to win.

usually ignorant as to the after effects of hypnotic phenomena. It is to the interest of science to make a more authoritative and exact explanation than has yet been vouchsafed.

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Mr. Wannamaker's great ability, his public experience, his practical knowledge of affairs, his broad grasp of public issues and his brilliant and original ideas.

Did you ever read a verbatim report of one of his speeches?

The war lord of Germany is finding it very difficult these days to suppress free speech even in a land accustomed to bend to high authority.

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention.

Bill Nye would be laughing yet if he happened upon the latest and more recent in Taylor borough Tuesday evening when the traction company removed the obstruction from the car tracks.

An interpreter explained that the explosion meant "not by a reservoir site" or something similar.

When the pistol was drawn by Deputy Price and was pointed at the saloon-keeper the way the actor assumed the sword was extraordinarily funny.

"What do you want to mix in this line to?" explained Mr. McGill.

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"Well, I am," said Charlie, modestly yet earnestly, "I was better though before I had my front teeth knocked out."

The Monroe doctrine, in view of Lord Salisbury's final consenting to do for the United States what he persistently refused to do for Venezuela, although he began by declining to admit that the United States had any business to meddle with the boundary of a British colony.

Jack—She doesn't; I heard her—London Pick-Me-Up.

Frank Daniels, the popular opera comedian, has a peculiar superstition. He will not enter the theatre unless he is dressed in a suit of black.

But weeks passed and he was not heard from, and Daniels was glad. Then the company opened its season in Wilkes-Barre, and when, next day, the company reached Scranton, Daniels was greeted by a telegram, C. O. D., 25 cents, which was the manager of the Academy had paid for him.

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"Yes, I'll go you, Nat," said I. "Then buy me a drink," said he. But I got even with a fellow who played a villain in the show.

Marriage is a game of chance. Nor know we who shall win. But most of us quite seldom lose a chance to sit therein.

A certain Lackawanna avenue business man has a little daughter, who has the making of a great financier in her. One day her father called her to him.

Guest (pushing them away from him)—I don't like the way you cook eggs at this restaurant.

A former Scranton minister, now settled in the west, tells a good story of his experience with a choir which had frequent quarrels.

New Collector—What can I say when a woman jumps on me about the amount of her tax bill?

Old Collector—Tell her the woman next door burns over twice as much—Pack.

Base ball fans will be interested in the announcement that Arlie Latham, the spavin-armed third baseman who honored Scranton with his presence for the first season, and made the things that he did along the coach line, has decided to divorce himself from the ball field in future and employ his joshing talents as a drummer for a sporting goods house.

William Young, author of "The Rajah," is writing a new play.

Olga Netherole has a historical play based on incidents of a French period. If it is successful on the first production, she will make a feature of it.

Henry Irving and Charles Wyndham will close their theaters on the evening of the 21st day when the annual dinner in London in aid of the Actors' Benevolent Fund takes place, that they may be present.

A Montreal critic pronounces the Hamlet of James O'Neill the best seen in that city since the days of Booth.

Julia Marlowe, who won her suit against Frank Howe, Jr., manager of the Philadelphia Walnut Street theater, for breach of contract in not paying the full amount of her salary, although he began by declining to admit that the United States had any business to meddle with the boundary of a British colony.

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