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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 7, 1896. The short session of congress which will convene today will do all that is seriously required of it if it shall pass the necessary appropriation bills, wind up the deferred business of the last session and adjourn.

For Reform in Politics. In view of the nearness of the next legislature it is timely to recall the resolutions adopted last year by the Republicans of Pennsylvania in state convention assembled, upon motion of Senator Quay:

We deny the growing use of money in politics, and corporate control of legislatures, municipal councils, political primaries and elections, and favor the enactment of legislation and the enforcement of laws to correct such abuses. We earnestly insist upon a form of civil service which will prevent the enslavement of public officers and employees to the will of those who elect them.

By adopting these resolutions in August, 1895, and by reaffirming them this year, the Republican party in this state has committed itself to the entire program of reforms outlined in them and must keep its faith.

Mr. Pollock, the Philadelphia business man who is blooming John Wanamaker, admits that he insulted Senator Quay at Erie, but thinks Quay shouldn't mind it. Pollock is evidently a good man for the honorable John to shake.

Restrict Immigration. The Immigration Restriction league, which is working for the passage by congress of the Lodge literary test, is taking pains to rectify the impression left by many newspapers since election of the so-called foreign vote is what saved the cause of sound money.

The Lodge bill, it may be pertinent to note, especially in view of the fact that it has right of way in the senate this week, aims to accomplish not the exclusion of foreigners generally, but only of those who are ignorant alike of their own language, of an occupation and of the standards of living and character which distinguish the American people.

Under an act of the legislature passed two years ago it is possible to raise in this county by special tax for road improvement a sum not exceeding \$60,000 per annum.

When Mr. Cleveland on Saturday was introduced for the first time to Mark Hanna, we wonder if he did not intuitively regret the turn of fate which took from him at a critical moment the Democratic Hanna, Daniel Manning—a loss from which he can truthfully date his own political decline.

There is very little doubt among those whose business calls them frequently among the local courts that if quiet steps were to be taken by the proper authorities to ascertain whether jury-fixing has yet assumed a place among the lost arts, it would be an inquiry productive of good results.

The Wisconsin state Republican committee has audited its accounts and thrown open its books. The Pennsylvania committee could do the same but there would be little to show.

It is announced that Toronto labor organizations will urge the enactment by the Canadian parliament of legislation which will prevent Americans from working in Canada.

Under in a public place to signify by eloquence, poetry, song and prayer their sense of loss, their departed brethren coupled with their sense of that hope of immortality which is inherent in each human breast and which alone reconciles the living to the dead, is so clearly an occasion for sympathetic interest that we make no excuse for describing it elsewhere in detail.

Our Duty and Spain's Peril with Reference to Cuba. The Washington Post is a journal which has been a consistent and aggressive friend of Cuba, but it presents from official sources a forecast of the probable consequences of American recognition of Cuban belligerency which tends to shake one's confidence in the wisdom of such a step.

The Spanish government, it points out, now insists that peace reigns in Cuba, in the sense that no constituted government exists in opposition to the sovereignty of Spain.

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Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

Select Councilman Lansing is an enthusiastic believer in Scranton's future, and yet he is not blind to certain difficulties in the way of its complete realization.

The annual meeting of the steel rail pool in New York on the 19th is of greater interest to Scranton than most persons imagine, since it will have not a little to do with determining the course of industry next year in the local mills and furnaces of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company.

This is a specimen of what we receive almost daily, remarked Assistant Postmaster Osthans to a Tribune man the other day, as he showed the contents of a letter just opened without revealing the signature.

A Hyde Park husband has devised a novel way in which to outwit his wife. She had formed the habit of smelling his breath when he came in late, to see if he had been indulging in the bottle.

The University of Pennsylvania desired to honor a clergyman of Pittsburgh by the name of Fiddle with the degree of doctor of divinity, and a letter of nomination to that effect was sent to him.

EMINENTLY FITTING. From the Times-Herald. It is eminently fitting that when the campaign button of politics comes off it shall be replaced by the shingle nail of industry.

GREAT REWARD. From the Times-Herald. Another folding-bed fatality is reported, same and fortune await the inventive genius who comes to the relief of the dwellers with a roller-iron nightshirt.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaecus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological Cast: 2:15 a. m., for Monday, Dec. 7, 1896.

A child born on this day will learn from history that the annual Sunday School Christmas tree boom began yesterday.

It isn't so much the fear of results of investigation that makes the average official flinch as it is the prospect of having one's picture drawn by some of the local artists.

Billy Bryan is determined to have revenge on his enemies. He has written a book. The man who never opens his mouth without putting his foot in it of course has small feet.

Ajaecus' Advice. Be sure that the enemy is not choking with bottled mirth which will explode later if you feel like laughing last.

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