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Mr. Dolan is by repute an able man, but he will know better in future than to cross pens with Senator Quay.

Denied Fair Play.

After permitting at a recent meeting Mrs. Lucy Booth to make under its auspices a public attack of great bitterness and virulence upon the superintendent of the schools, the Scranton board of control last evening, by a vote of 14 to 7, decided to give the superintendent the right of public defense.

With 254 for the Democrats, but the Democratic lead in the popular vote was but a little more than 200,000. A change of a few thousand votes in a small number of states would have made Scott president instead of Pierce and have altered the current of the country's history.

"Jack" Robinson, whose picture we print elsewhere, is still nominally a senatorial candidate, and for that reason a proper subject for our senatorial gallery; but actually he seems to have abandoned hope, since a Washington dispatch credits him with being a candidate for assistant secretary of the navy.

"Into the Barricade."

The terse observations of Senator Quay with reference to the Business Men's League, printed yesterday, were in response to a statement submitted on the preceding day by Thomas Dolan, of Philadelphia.

Immediately after the election steps were taken to form an organization to continue the work for good government, not in one, but in all directions practically.

Mr. McKinley is likely to listen to the friends who helped through his nomination an election. The movement is a practical organization that will continue in business for some years to come.

This statement clearly fails to disclose a sufficient warrant for the league's existence. The plea that there has been any belittling of business men will not stand before the conspicuous facts as to the high places which they have in recent years readily attained in politics and in public life.

As Spain's Indorser.

Delegate Palma's reply for Cuba to the president's message is adroit, particularly in its emphasizing of Cuba's loneliness "in the center of free America with a hand outstretched."

In such an event, though, how could an American guarantee be made and kept? On this point the president's message leaves much to be desired. We are, it is true, committed by the Monroe doctrine to the primary of sovereignty in the Americas, and could, with justice use that as the basis of a covenant with Spain binding the latter to fulfillment of its Cuban agreements.

There is another point fit for consideration. In what light would it place Spain to have it compelled to seek American endorsement of its promises to Cuba? Would its pride ever acquiesce in such a humiliating arrangement? We cannot think so.

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The after thought that a change of only about 26,000 votes in the closest McKinley states would have elected Bryan looks portentous enough at first glance, but after one sees how easily the St. Louis Globe-Democrat lays the blame, one wonders it ever attracted notice.

from anarchy. The president's testimony as to the efficacy of legal measures in this direction is far from encouraging. "Though congress," says he, "has attempted to deal with this matter by legislation, the laws passed for that purpose thus far have proved ineffective, not because of any lack of disposition or attempt to enforce them, but simply because the laws themselves as interpreted by the courts do not reach the difficulty. If the insufficiency of existing laws can be remedied by further legislation, it should be done. The fact must be recognized, however, that all federal legislation on this subject may fall short of its purpose because of inherent obstacles, and also because of the complex character of our governmental system, which, while making the federal authority supreme within its sphere, has carefully limited that sphere by powers and bounds which can not be transgressed.

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The reported death of Maceo, the commander-in-chief of the Cuban insurgents, requires confirmation. But even if it shall prove true, it need not alter the situation. A cause founded in justice is not wholly dependent on any one man.

If the free silver Republican senators wish to remain outside their party, that is their privilege. The party has learned enough since last they met to prevent it from coaxing them to return.

We guess nobody will be inconsolable over the demise of the Dingley bill. When the tariff is next amended it needs to be "done for keeps."

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

According to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, a Journalist, his tastes are friendly to what is known in Philadelphia politics as the anti-combine crowd, of which Senator Penrose is the leader.

The patience and self-restraint which Penrose showed, with no small degree of dignity, after he lost the party by a majority when it was almost within his reach, gave considerable evidence of strength and maturity of character.

Mr. Penrose's character, when he was a young man, was not less than a new "machine" to back against the old one—the difference being that whereas the old one has been built up on a basis largely of brains and sagacity the new one hopes to win and hold power mainly by the lavish use of boodle.

A great writer was lost to literature when Matthew Stanley Quay entered politics. Mr. Cleveland's whack at trusts will find a general response. "When these are defended," says he, "it is usually on the ground that though they increase profits they also reduce prices and thus may benefit the public.

Attorney John P. McAskie is being boomed for burgess of Dunmore and there is every likelihood he will be elected to the office he can have it. He would be acceptable to the people, being one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the borough and he deserves any recognition the party can accord him, as he is always to be found in the front of the fray in local and county battles.

PENNSYLVANIA'S SENATORS.

From Chambersburg. Political Opinion. It has been the misfortune of Pennsylvania never to be represented in the United States senate by the best men at the command of the state. Our first senators were Robert Morris and William Maclay. Morris was a man of moderate abilities who took to the councils of the senate the views and principles of the counting room. He made no mark as a senator.

The senators from Pennsylvania during the first half of the century, with the exception of Buchanan, belonged to the "Whiggish" class. Logan was succeeded by Andrew Gregg and Maclay by Michael LeBoeuf.

Dallas served only two years and was succeeded by Samuel McKean, and Williams served three years and was succeeded by James Buchanan. The names of the Pennsylvania senators since 1829 have been Daniel Sturgeon, Simon Cameron, James Cooper, Richard Brodhead, William Miller, David Wilmot, Edgar Cowan, Charles R. Buckalew, John Scott, William A. Wallace, J. Donald Cameron, John Mitchell and Matthew Stanley Quay.

NAME.

"Did you make a name for yourself in the west?" "Oh, no, I wasn't there long enough to need an alias."—Detroit Tribune.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxeus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 3.23 a. m. for Thursday, Dec. 10, 1896.

A child born on this day will notice that plus Mr. Wannamaker shows a reckless decision to monkey with the seal-ring.

It would not be a bad idea to set to music special newspaper articles that are interesting or refer to in the Sunday papers in connection with salacious crime, in the "Wont-do-ast-to-ye" sort.

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