Published at Scranton, Pa., by The Tribune Publishing Company.

New York Office: Tribune Ballding, Frank Gray, Manager.

ANTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE AT SCRANTON, PA. AS SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER SCRANTON, DECEMBER 11, 1896.

"We've got a great many school children and others to think of besides the parties immediately interested," said and magazines would be, if not self-sus-School Controller Wormser Wednesday night, in relation to the Booth-Howell matter. It is too bad this wise thought did not appear to strike the school board earlier in the game.

#### Explanatory.

The Tribune regrets an error on this page in yesterday's issue whereby Mr. Scharer's name was used in place of Mr. Schriefer's as that of one of the controllers who voted against the admission, as part of Superintendent Howell's statement of the evidence in the Booth secret investigation. The error grose through a confusion of the names. Mr. Schriefer was willing to give the superintendent a fair hearing. but wanted the reading of the testimony postponed until tonight. Fortunately the error was corrected in our local report.

Concerning tonight's hearing. The Tribune will not retail filth; but in justice to Superintendent Howell, who was publicly attacked for unpleasant duty courageously performed, it will print in tomorrow's issue as much of the essential evidence as can be admitted to the columns of a respectable paper without violence to its readers Duty to the public now demands that this whole case shall go before the public for its fair and open judgment, with malice toward none and charity for all.

We cannot agree with the Truth that the desire of Superintendent Howell for a complete public hearing in response to a premeditated and impassloned public arraignment of himself by a subordinate involves any spirit of vindictiveness. As we view it, it involves nothing more nor less than justice. His character is not less valuable to him, his professional reputation is not less of a resource to him and to his farzily than are the character and resoutation of his accuser to her. Justice knows no sex.

The written er orsement of Senator Penrose by a majority of the members of the legislature from Philadelphia would see f to dispose of the claim that Mr Penrose is persona non grata to the city of his birth.

#### The Mckinley Programme.

Mr. William E. Curtis, formerly American republics and now Washcorrespondent of the Chi-Record, has codified the Curtis has visited Canton, is in close touch with the real Republican leaders in Washington and his forecast may be accepted as authentic so far as any

"There is no doubt," says he, "of an extra session of the LVth congress, to be called immediately after the inauguration of President McKinley. There is no doubt that Mr. Dingley, at the suggestion of the president-elect, will begin at once the preparation of a tarin bill, to be submitted to the house of representatives immediately upon the organization of that body at the special session. There is no doubt of an understanding between Mr. Dingley and the president-elect that the executive branch of the government will not attempt to prevent the re-election of Mr. Reed as speaker of the house of representatives and the retention of Mr. Dingley at the head of the committee on ways and means, with practically the same members that now compose the majority of that committee. There is no doubt that the president-elect and Mr. Dingley concur in the opinion that low duties should prevail so far as is possible, and that the rates imposed by the existing law will be generally preserved, with the exception of wools, woolens, lumber, coal and some forms of agricultural produce. There is no doubt that the same understanding includes a general reciprocity provision. under which the president will be authorized to negotiate with countries whose products are admitted free or at low rates of duty into the United States for similar concessions in favor of the exports from the United States. There is no prospect of an additional tax on beer, nor of any duty on tea or coffee, except for reciprocity purposes. There is no doubt that specific duties will be provided in place of the ad valorem duties now imposed by the existing law wherever it is possible. There is no doubt that Representative Dingley will have the new bill ready to submit to the president-elect before the inauguration. There is no doubt that the next president will be very slow in making appointments to office until the new tariff bill has been disposed of."

In every particular the foregoing programme seems likely to prove satisfactory to the conservative sentiment of the country.

Senator Mills laughs at the idea of

## Abuses of the Mails.

The postmaster general in his annual report to congress certainly makes out a strong case against the present postage rate of one cent a pound on bogus It of the transportation was 8 cents a pound, or \$27,920,000; and the difference is a loss of nearly \$25,000,000.

The profits accruing from first-class postage-for it is estimated that third and fourth-class matter is just about class privilege is the one thing which postage. The latter could be adopted with comparative confidence if there were not this continual and growing deficit in the second-class column.

It is clearly proper for legitimate

periodicals with bona fide subscription lists to receive the benefits of a mail rate of one cent a pound. These benefits in the main diffuse among the people and to their existence no objection is entered by the postal authorities. At one cent a pound it is believed that the mail carriage of most newspapers taining, at least so nearly so as to impose small burden on the department. The trouble all arises from fake "libraries" whereby under the nominal claim of periodical issuance, books, catalogues and a vast mass of other bulky printed matter are thrown as dead weight on the postal system. It is time this evil were remedied by congress.

Professor Coles, the ordinarily amiable philosopher of Kingston, has declared grim war on hypnotism. He pronounces it the crowning curse of the century and wants legislatures to pass laws that shall "both fine and confine any and all persons who shall dare attempt the awful practice." We shall pass the right of defense along to Private Secretary Beamish.

#### Col. Alexander McClure.

The completion this week by Colonel Alexander McClure of fifty years of active service in journalism was fittingly seized upon by his professional assoclates as an occasion for honoring him. The felicitations voiced on that occasion are cordially re-iterated by the larger circle of Colonel McClure's admirers which was not present in person at the dinner given in Philadelphia in his honor. Men of the younger generation are but dimly acquainted with those activities of this veteran editor which won for him his chief measure of distinction. In court or camp, during ante-bellum, war-time and reconstruction days, he was a maker and a wielder of men, and only in late years has he rested to some extent from those stirring intrigues and fasproperly dressed up, make history.

The one who, however, cursorily studies the character and achievements nalists, will find much to admire. He will find a master satirist, a convincing controversialist, a wit of high degree, gifts of eloquence, a politician adroit in the mangement of men. a thinker intellectually equipped for the weightlest mental engagements, and a philosepher saved from dryness by an unctuous humor. He will find courtliness and polish and bon hommie, and, above all, a striking exemplification of the ton. The cost of this trip will not exceed magnetic quality, which somehow \$12, and I feel that it is worth three times secretary of the bureau of South magnetic quality, which somehow nearly always differentiates great from commonplace men. If one were minded, one might also doubtless point out political probabilities of the early part | faults-the inevitable and reconciling of the McKinley administration. Mr. shortcomings which characterize all men of strength and character. One does not, however, feel called

upon at such a time to play the censor, even if one had the license to do so: programme can yet be definitely ar- consequently this brief annotation on he characteristics of an eminent contemporary may well be brought to a close with the admission that, whatever the colonel's failings, his service for journalism, in giving it breadth and independence and vigor; and above all in lifting it up to a plane where it can, when wisely directed, be of maximum usefulness to the public, entitles him to the unbounded respect, not only of the craft, but also of that large area dependence and vigor; and above all the craft, but also of that large area of miscellaneous humanity to which never-say-die specimen of Electric City American journalism daily ministers.

> Amidst the clash of empires and the that the Hon, Senator Butler is a llar, trickster and traitor. And thus does to build even a hen coop. Populism breed peace.

## Better Go Slow.

republic of Cuba has no doubt been roof, but it is intimated by some impelled by the most praiseworthy mo- many of them were cast as practical jok s. tives. It arises from a sentiment of sympathy which in itself does credit steady patron of Davis' theater and can to American manhood, and for that reato American manhood, and for that reason one can the more readily trust that when such a step as is contem-He abhors the tank drama and the heavy plated in these resolutions shall be tak- villian. en, it can be defended, not only by might if necessary but also by indisputable considerations of right, which will appear to the calm judgment of the civilized world.

If we were to recognize at this tim the independence of the republic of Cuba we should, unless apparently trust worthy testimony is utterly false, pronounce as fact that which is as yet board now. only an iridescent fiction. We do not know what better authority American senators and representatives can hope to command upon a subject of this character than the American department of state. Both the president and the state secretary have testified that there | ta Claus. is no organized and actual civil government in the so-called republic of Cuba. The president's words on this point are fresh in the public's memory; here is what Secretary Olney says on the subject:

So far as our information shows, ther a war with Spain. And yet, war is not is not only no effective local government a laughable matter. overrun, but there is not even a tangibi pretense to establish administration any where. Their organization, confined t the shifting exigencies of the military operations of the hour, is nomadic, with-out definite centers and lacking the most elementary features of municipal govern-ment. There nowhere appears the nu-cleus of statehood. The machinery for extity, possessing and exercising the func-tions of administration and capable, if left ful practice. And let the public despi to itself, of maintaining normal relation with the external family of governments.

Under these circumstances, how can the United States with propriety give official recognition to a dream? If it self-sustaining-reduce the net deficit were simply a question of measuring self-sustaining—reduce the net deficit of the postoffice department to \$3,127,088, strength with Spain, we might do this applicants for the vacant post was the dis-

The Scranfon Tribune class privilege is the one thing which such is not the role which Christian another like your product. To be twing the states manship marks out for this peo- you see."

"Yes," replied the boy, "but though w such is not the role which Christian ple. Much as they may sympathize with the grievances of the Cuban insurgents and firmly as they may believe that Spain, in morals, has lost title to Cuba, they must not take any action in the premises which will compremise their own honor or cause future historians to adopt the apologetic

> The correspondents at Washington are having fun with Secretary Olney because in his official documents he exhibits a truly Bostonian fondness for big words. So long, however, as he makes his polysyllables count like they did in the Venezuela affair, the coun try will pardon the folble.

Senator Cullom's argument for Cuban independence is unanswerable on moral grounds, but it still remains true that the United States cannot recognize a republic in Cuba until one exist

Congress has passed the bill prohibit ing the sale of intoxicants in the capitol; but it is the consumption of intoxicants in the capital that mos needs to be checked. Senator Mills' proposition that Uncle

Sam sieze Cuba and hold it against Spain until the Cubans themselves or ganize and establish a stable government of their own is virile, at least. It will not perhaps be in the nature of a surprise to know that Hon. Chris

Whether Maceo has been killed or not, Cuba's cause will win, for it is just, and justice is not dependent on

any one man.

Magee does not subscribe to all the

propositions in Senator Quay's reply to

## Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

A novel pilgrimage is being arranged by Professor J. P. Welsh, principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal school. "I am arranging," he writes, "to take a party of students of the school to Washington. D. C. It is my object to conduct their through the different departments of our from those stirring intrigues and fas-cinating adjustments which, when a better insight into governmental affairs We shall see congress and the Suprem court in session. The capitol, the new Congressional Library building, (probably the finest in the world, being finished of this foremost of Pennsylvania jour- in pure onyx and chiseled marble), the botanical gardens, the national museum the state, war, navy, postoffice, agricul-tural, and treasury departments, the patcontroversialist, a wit of high degree, ent office, pension bureau, together with an orator armed with well-nigh all the many monuments, works of art, and gifts of eloquence, a politician adroit other objects of interest throughout the ity, will claim our attention. We shall cen in process of construction all the interesting equipment of our ships of war, including the immense guns that shoot thirteen miles. We shall, if time permits, run down to Mt. Vernon, to see the home and tomb of George Washinghis amount to every student. I will be ssisted in the conduct of the party by eachers and others well posted on all oints, so that every student will get al the possible benefits. The excursion will be open to all students, graduates, and speal friends of the school, and will le last Stroudsburg at 8.47 a. m., Dec. 15, on Pennsylvania railroad. Those expecting to go should notify me at once."

Saxaphone soles will ere long be among he numbers on the local entertainment frogrammes. A. E. Morse, the young manius of the West Side, has last a cived one of this rare and costly instruments and proposes to master it, as he as a score of other instruments Morse's saxaphono is one of the best made, coeting an even \$90.

go-aheadativeness that we have

The first direct and immediate beneficial Amidst the clash of empires and the din of worlds, the Hon. Tom Watson rises to remark in his Georgia paper tion of a large and expensive hotel at the southwestern intersection of these streets where no one heretofore could be induced

The chief topic of conversation in teranton Bicycle club circles at present The introduction in congress this membership at Wednesday night's meet-week of a number of resolutions calling ing. One of the rejected applicants is a for the immediate recognition by this government of the independence of the balls fell into the box like hall on a tin

School Controller John Gibbons is a

## TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 1.44 a. m., for Friday, Dec.

6 A child born on this day will wonder what the dear pupils think of the school

The editor whose efforts bring in unpleasant callers has one consolation. The man with a club is indisputable evidence that some one is reading the paper. It begins to look as though the fellow who remarks "Is it hot enough for you?" will be in town before the arrival of San

Speaking of hypnotism, there seems no cason why Mr. Wormser should not make some of the other school controllers pick cherries from the air at any time. The school board muddle, like sauerkraut, appears to gather strength with

Ajnechus' Advice. Never put off until tomorrow that which enn be done next week.

## "DOWN WITH HYPNOTISM!"

Professor Coles, in Wilkes-Barre Leader It is high time that the press, the pulpit and the public in general begin to crush out this damnable hypnotic monster that class mail privilege. Last year, as he shows, the mails carried 349,600,000 pounds of second-class matter. Its net receipts for transporting this was 6½ mills a pound, or \$2,965,403; the cost to it of the transportation was a homogeneous political entries. Will soon bring shame and disgrace upon our fair land, if left to roam at will. Out with this monster! We believe that if it is allowed to go unmolested it will prove a greater curse to the 20th century, than all the immoralities combined have to this present century. Let legislatures need to the contract of the cost to its of the transportation was a few and disgrace upon our fair land, if left to roam at will. Out with this monster! We believe that if it is allowed to go unmolested it will prove a greater curse to the 20th century, than all the immoralities combined have to this present century. Let legislatures need to the cost to its conspicuously lacking. present century. Let legislatures pass laws that shall both fine and confine any and all persons who dare attempt the awand shun it as they would a venomous rep-tile.

## STRONG RECOMMENDATION.

A Glassgow grocer had to dismiss his which sum has to be made up by congress by special appropriation. Thus it appears that abuse of the second-

another like your brother. You're twins are twins, I'm mair active than my brith-er, for I wis born first." He got the post. —Scottlish Nights.

#### LUZERNE PHILOSOPHY,

Professor Coles, in Storms and Signs. Knowledge is power; but very few mer

Knowledge is power; but very rew men know how to use it.

Progress is the child of struggle, and struggle is the child of difficulty.

The majority of the farmers only make just about enough money in the days to get the hay fever.

Many young children are "brought up" on a bottle white many older children are "brought days" by the bottle. "brought down" by the bottle.

Heathen parents throw their children to
the crockodiles. And many civilized parents let their's go to the devil.

Some men are troubled with impediments in their speech, but the most of men are troubled with impediments in their thoughts.

#### HIS WISH.

The foot ball player was struggling over his examination paper. He passed his hand over his brow and gaze; at the coll-

"I wish," he call mourn'ully, as the pen ropped from 6's hands.
"What do you wish?" inquired the pro-essor, who happened to be passing. "I wish," was the answer in tones of dull-blue melancholy, "that my memory were as long as my hair."—Washington

#### REAL ART.

"Pa, what is dramatic ability?"
"Dramatic ability? Well, it is a type-writer girl's gift of looking sorry when she hears that her employer will have to stay at home a week with a bad cold." Chicago Record.

#### THEIR MOTIVE.

From the Chicago Times-Herald. The Philadelphia papers are a unit in recognizing Uncle John Wanamaker's ad-vertising fitness for any office to which he may aspire.

### A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE.

Thou, too, sail on, oh, Ship of State, Our hope when troubles vex us, But, prythes, no not emulals. The manners of the Texas -Washington Star.

## HOW THE BOY GETS EVEN.

Windy town, Crowded hall; Dem's are there. Pop's and all. Tillman talks, Hill shows fight-"Let's adjourn!" Nother night.

Altgeld speaks, Gold men shrink, Chaos wins!-Silver chink, Many cheer, Others pray-"Let's adjourn!"

'Nother day. Little boy, From the Plette, Goes on stage, Doff's bis hat.

Opens mouth, Swivel tongue; Takes the cake-Leather lung!

Special car. 'Round the land; Greasy torch, Rotten band. Talk all day.

"Twouldn't do! Lose the fight. Votes and votes,

By the peck. Little boy Won't be shook;

Will get square-Writes a book!

but come and select your gifts before the rush.

Fine China, Bric-a-Brac, Silverware,

Lamps,

### DINNER, TEA AND TOILET SETS All Make Nice Presents.

O'Malley Co.,

THE Clemons, Ferber,

422 LICKAWANNA AVE OPEN EVENINGS.

Trousers for.....



Even Santa Claus would do it, if he had to tussic with the shirts that some men wear.

Be a sensible little Santa Claus, Buy your husband wear.

Be a sensible little Santa Claus. Buy your husband something that he really needs. For instance, a half-dozen good shirts, and a really pretty tie, instead of the monstrosity he wears. Zero prices.

OUR LINE OF

Holiday Books Booklets Cale dars and Fiaries is the Largest, Pinest and Most Complete ever shown in this city. Our

## FORTY-SIX CENT

Leaders now in the windows are simply wonderful. POSTER SHOW AND HOLIDAY BRANCH

BEIDLEMAN, THE BOOKMAN

# GOLDSMITH'S SP BAZAAR.



# Holiday Merchandise And Holiday

Are in complete possession of the store. Wonderful Activity and delighted patrons are the result. The potent factors creating it run from Handkerchiefs to Cloaks---from Dolls to Dress Goods---from Carpets to the richest creations of the publisher's art--- and so on through the long, varied and interesting category of goods that find a fitting representation in each of our twenty-four departments-all marked at prices that cause wonderment by reason of their extreme lowness.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Every Street Car Stops at the Door.

## THERE ARE OTHERS

BUT NONE IN SCRANTON which can compare in any way with our mammoth tailoring establishment. Our line in Suitings, Trouserings and Overcoatings is as complete as you will find in any city. Our patterns and fashions are up-to-date and the very latest-only. Should our prices be too low let us know and we will make the necessary correction. Our work and fit we guarantee. We don't allow a garment to leave our place except perfectly satisfactory. Buying facilities enable us to sell at much lower than lowest prices, hence here, like everywhere else, our immense success.

D. LOWENSTEIN Proprietor. Branch 11.

Our Line of

**Holiday Goods** 

Are now ready for your

inspection.

Frang's, Dutton's, Tuck's lines of

Calendars and Booklets

Gold Pens and Pencils, Book

Stands, Celluloid Goods, Leather

Traveling Cases, Mounted Card

Reynolds Bros.,

Stationers and Engravars,

Philadelphia Manufacturers of

Cloaks and Suits

431 Lackawanna Avenus.

**OUR WIDE-AWAKE STORE** 

Where new and attractive goods are of.

fered every day at prices exceptionally

low. If you want to buy a good, sensible

BEAVER AND BOUCLE JACKETS, well tailored: % silk lined, latest effects, equalled to the best \$7.50 coat ever retailed; marked by us ... \$3.98

FINE ASTRACHAN CLOTH JACKETS—dresslest effects, new shield fronts; % silk lined; splendid 39 value; \$4.98

ASTRACHAN BOUCLE AND KERSEY CLOTH JACKETS, best tailoring, silk lined throughout, most correct styles, equal to the regular \$15 coats sold elsewhere; we mark these \$7.98

EXTRA FINE SILK PLUSH CAPES, full sweep, trimmed with Thibet, 33-inch

Christmas gift you can find it here.

HAVE YOU VISITED

139 WYOMING AVENUE.

Cases, Etc.

If you have a good pair of skates, the we will give a ticket . . next most important thing is to be able to keep them sharpened and in good condition. Any one can use the Eureka and Chaser to one . . . . it is impossible to round the edges or do anything but a good job. It contains a Do not wait until the last minute four-sided file which can be turned when one side becomes worn out or dull. Full line of skates. No better present for boy or girl. Also Carvers, Pocket Knives Cutlery, etc., wholesale and retail. Retail department open evenings from 7 to daring holidays.

ELLAND KOLDWIHSTON ST.

SPECIAL Offer for December. Our prices

already the lowest in Scranton, greatly reduced. Take advantage of this, our greatest offer, and make yourself a Xmas present of

Made to Order Suit or \$14.00 Sewing Or at Least a Pair of

We show whole ralls of cloth. Not shor: length samples.

GREAT ATLANTIC PANTS CO. Branch 3 319 Lacka Ave. Branch

CALL UP 3682:

MALONEY OIL AND MANUFACTURING CO.

> 41 TO ISI MERIDIAN STREET. M. W. COLLINS, Manager.

DR. C. W. GREEN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

SCRANTON, PA. The most complete equipment of Electrical machines and appliances for medical use to be found in a paysican's office outside of New York, Medical and electrical treatment for all cases amenable to either or both.

C. W. GREEN, M. D. 607, 608 and 609 Mears Building, Scranton. Hours-9 a.m. to 12. 1 p.m.to5; 7.30 to 9

With every pair of Skates

Chance on a Spalding Bicycle, 1897 Model.

We have a full line of indoor Games for the Holidays.

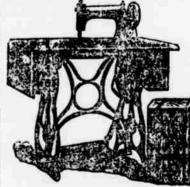
Florey's, Wyoming

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

CONNELL,

131 & 133 Washington Ava.

Machines.



Why pay Fancy Prices for Sewing Machines when you can buy our

"ANTHRACITE"

-FOR-\$19.50

with all the attachments. Fully guaranteed as hav-

WOLF & WENZEL, 831 Linden., Opp. Court House,

ing no superior.

PRACTICAL TINNERS and PLUMBERS Sole Agents for Richardson Boynton's Furnaces and Ranges.

sweep, trimmed with Thibet, 33-inch length, lined with Rhadam silk; \$7.98 good value at \$15; our price ... Very fine curl Astrachan Cape, lined throughout, trimmed with Thiset fur, cheap at \$12, our \$5.98

No Charge for Alterations Z. WEINGART, Proprietor.