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"We've got a great many school children and others to think of besides the parties immediately interested," said School Controller Wormser Wednesday night, in relation to the Booth-Howell matter.

Explanatory.

The Tribune regrets an error on this page in yesterday's issue whereby Mr. Schrier'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.

Concerning tonight's hearing, The Tribune will not retail fifth; 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.

We cannot agree with the Truth that the desire of Superintendent Howell for a complete public hearing in response to a premeditated and impassioned public arraignment of himself by a subordinate involves any spirit of vindictiveness. As we view it, it involves nothing more nor less than justice.

The written endorsement of Senator Penrose by a majority of the members of the legislature from Philadelphia would seem 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 secretary of the bureau of South American republics and now Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, has codified the political probabilities of the early part of the McKinley administration.

"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 tariff bill, to be submitted to the house of representatives immediately upon the organization of that body at the special session.

Amidst the clash of empires and the din of worlds, the Hon. Tom Watson rises to remark in his Georgia paper that the Hon. Senator Butler is a liar, trickster and traitor. And thus does Populism breed peace.

Better Go Slow.

The introduction in congress this week of a number of resolutions calling for the immediate recognition by the government of the independence of the republic of Cuba has no doubt been impelled by the most praiseworthy motives.

It arises from a sentiment of sympathy which in itself does credit to American manhood, and for that reason one can more readily trust that when such a step as is contemplated in these resolutions shall be taken, it can be defended, not only by might if necessary but also by indisputable considerations of right, which will appeal to the calm judgment of the civilized world.

If we were to recognize at this time the independence of the republic of Cuba, we should, unless apparently trustworthy testimony is utterly false, pronounce as fact that which is as yet 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.

Under these circumstances, how can the United States with propriety give official recognition to a dream? If it were simply a question of measuring strength with Spain, we might do this or do anything else which fancy might suggest and trust to our superior resources to enforce our action. But

class privilege is the one thing which now stands in way of one-cent letter 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.

Col. Alexander McClure.

The completion this week by Colonel Alexander McClure of fifty years of active service in journalism was fittingly honored by his professional associates 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.

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Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

A novel pilgrimage is being arranged by Professor J. P. Welch, 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 them through the different departments of our national government, and thus give them a better insight into governmental affairs.

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such is not the role which Christian statesmanship marks out for this people. Much as they may sympathize with the grievances of the Cuban insurgents and firmly as they may love the Spain, in morals, has lost title to Cuba, they must not take any action in the premises which will compromise their own honor or cause future historians to adopt the apologetic tone.

The correspondents at Washington are having fun with Secretary Olney because in his official documents he exhibits a truly Bostonian fastidiousness for big words.

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another like your brother. You're twins, you see." "Yes," replied the boy, "but though we are twins, I'm more active than any brother I've ever had." "He got the past,"—Scottish Nights.

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