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As the time for the convening of th legislature draws nigh, there is a renewal of the disposition of the people of Hazleton to seek county seat honors But have they any assurance that a new county bill would not again en-

Take Things Coolly.

counter an executive veto?

There were introduced in congres yesterday the expected number of declamatory resolutions calling for accurate information concerning the death of Maceo, and some speeches were made that probably did not soothe the temper of the Syanish minister; but on the whole congress rose admirably to the seriousness of its position and earned increased public confidence. It goes without saying that in an emergency such as Maceo's death has occasioned in the Cuban situation nothing should be done in haste. A fortnight at least will be likely to clapse before official intelligence will flow through regular channels from our representatives in Cuba to the government at Washington. In the meantime prudence should check sympathy and discretion from the larger part of valor.

We do not for an instant believe that a confirmation of the damaging reports now current as to the manner of Maceo's death would fail to inspire effective American intervention against Spain and in Cuba's interest. Public sentiment in this country would so imperiously demand it that even were congress lonth, instead of eager, to act, both it and the executive would be forced along by the tide of popular opinion. Therefore, there is no possible excuse for haste now. The case for Cuba is irresistible if it can be verified. Until the arrival of corrorative or contradictory authoritative testimeny,congress and the public will do well to compose themselves. Strength husbanded now by the avoidance of undue excitement may soon be needed for more serious purposes.

During the war for American inde pendence the British force in the thirteen colonies at no time exceeded 50,-000 and rarely went above 30,000. In Cuba today, within an area scarcely a hundredth part of that which constituted the theater of our own revolution, Spain has stationed nearly 200,000 picked soldiers, or seven against one, and in addition maintains a complete naval espicnage of the whole island. That the Cubans have kept their ground or slowly gained for nearly two years in the face of such odds as these is remarkable and proves conclusively that they are not mere brigands fighting in hope of plunder. It also proves that unless we aid them they will eventually fail. We cannot afford to aid them as a government without distinct and unchallengeable provocation; but once let such provocation appear, as it seems to have done in the manner of Maceo's killing, and there is no reason to doubt the character of our response.

The probability is that Mr. Thomas Dolan and his associates in the Wanamaker league will have the honor of extinguishing for some years to come Pennsylvania's pre-eminence as a state of great Republican majorities.

Practical Christianity.

It is conservatively estimated that during this happy season of preparation for the year's incomparable holiday, when throughout Christendom varents and children in uncounted millions are Planning mutual surprises in the form of Christmas gifts, 100,000 orphans are homeless, naked and hungry in Armenia-the innocent victims of the Turk.

Writes Frances E. Willard: "Anything more piteous than their condition it would be impossible to conceive, and I pray with all my soul that our good and true people may give their Christmas money not to fill the stocking of a child tenderly sheltered in a Christian home, but to put stockings on the bleeding little feet of pitiful Christian children who have no roof but the sky, no bed but the ground, and no food but the ground roots, except as we, who are surrounded by every comfort, reach out hands of help toward them and their heart-broken mothers. Let us ennoble and enlarge the hearts of our little ones by showing them how they can on this loved day carry out the Christ spirit. What we do must be done quickly. One dollar will feed, shelter and care for an orphan for a month; twelve dollars for a whole

The National Armenian Relief committee, of which Hon. David J. Brewer, justice of the supreme court, is president, and whose membership comprises many of the foremost citizens of the republic, will, through its treasurer, acknowledge and forward all contributions. Those who give should address Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York. Their offerings will be distributed among the Armenian sufferers by American missionaries working without pay. The opportunity is a magnificent test of practical Christianity.

Coxey wants a new party. Coxey should confer with Bynum.

Concerning Overhead Wires.

The decision of the Metropolitan Traction company of New York to adopt the underground trolley system on all its lines beginning next spring answers in the affirmative the question whether it is practicable to do away, in American cities, with the dangerous and unsightly overhead trolley wire. The Metropolitan company has found a system which will enable it to bury all its wires in conduits at less than half

cities now require telephone and telepanies a reasonable time in which to confidence. make the substitution. A third form of procedure is to provide by ordinance that while present franchises are not to be disturbed, all new ordinances and all renewals of old ones must provide for underground wires. Those cities chises in perpetuity without reserving deserve none.

we suggest that it instruct a joint committee to make inquiry, by correspondence, concerning what has been done in other cities and to incorporate this information in a public report. It will then be possible for the pub- tion, Protection cannot stand alone, lic to co-operate with councils and never will be able to sustain itself in the framing of a measure whenever the country gets a crack at which shall deal fairly with present it." it is easy to see that Colonel Watvested interests and yet not unfairly torson is rusty in his memory. with the community itself. The overhead wire nulsance must come down, some day, and it is worth while trying to hasten its descent.

A baker's dozen of Quay-haters met an architectural prod. in a Pottsville hotel the other da- and drew up a set of resolutions pledging their support to John Wanamaker for United States senator, "to the end that this government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." The patriotism with which Mr. Wanamaker's agents are distributing means to keep the government alive ought to give these

Quay's Ultimate Ambition.

A Harrisburg letter in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a journal specially friendly to Senator Quay, hints at a s to the effect that the senator contemplates retiring from the senate at the expiration of his present term in 1899 and proposes then to use his influence to have Governor Hastings suceed him. Should a Philadelphian be chosen for Cameron's place this winter, the governor's location, as well as his qualifications, would be strongly in his favor. In that event, the Inquirer intimates that Colonel Quay would offer himself as a candidate for governor. It adds:

This may be a surprising statement to some people, but it is known very well among his more intimate friends that Senator Quay has expressed a desire to round out his career as governor of Pennsylvania. It is his thought that having filled about all the offices worth filling except president he would like to retire after being elected governor of his na-tive state. Such an election after his reirement from the senate, would mean the indorsement of his state at the close of his career. In certain quarters the idea of Quay getting out of the swim of active politics is treated with scorn, but just the same he has been thinking seriously of jutting public life. Senator Quay is tired of fighting and would like to live peace-ably with all factions of his party, but he is the last man to cry for quarter.

Those who are Quay-haters will no doubt scoff at this suggestion, but among his friends it will be received with general credence. As governor of Pennsylvania Colonel Quay would un- All I got was chocolate eclairs and pie undoubtedly give an administration conspicuous for its effective safeguarding of the people's interests. This is said with due memory of past charges of irregularity against him. Whatever the senator's faults may have been in earlier years there has never been a successful challenge of his ability, his sagacity or his thorough command of po-litical situations. The struggle to every now and then during the week premaintain himself against desperate and often unscrupulous opposition has no of his own invention. He is an electrician doubt at times carried him beyond the as well as a machinist, and will back himdoubt at times carried him beyond the bounds of prudence, but as chief executive of Pennsylvania, with the purpose of rounding out his public career in a started in a like event in 1892. way to cause earlier mistakes to be forgotten, he would be not only incomparably able but also safe. We believe, too, that his candidacy for governor would command a large majority of the sat down to dinner. He will return to popular vote.

There will be 215 Republicans in the next senatorial caucus, and while the latest Wanamaker claim was only 60 the Penrose claim is now 175.

College Athletics.

Much of the outery against college Much of the outery against college a critical thoroughness and effectiveness athletics is founded flatly on ignorance, that left little to be desired. It is his be-President Harver, of the University of lief that one of the clergyman's chief du-Chicago, puts the case tersely when he says: "Our theory is that by empha-sizing physical culture we accomplish with most clergymen because of the fact that for many years he has at leisure motwo things: First, prevent that immorality and rowdyism among students which fifteen years ago was common, and for which excuses were inand women strong physical bodies, and produced within the past ten years, in which there has been a clergyman among its characters, has there been an effort to but for the struggle of life."

duced intemperance, and for the very simple reason that college teams will not admit to membership young men | inary literature. given to alcoholic or other excesses, Another strong point in this connection

The fact seems to be lost sight of that many young men today must develop health and strength by athletic training. health and strength by athletic training, or not at all. Their regular work is not of a kind that furnishes incidentally healthful exercise. Many young men are graduated from college every year with constitutions that will be as valuable to them in later life as the information they have received from Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of Mayesville, S. C., and published last year in November. Our friends will remember that he said he was informed, etc., but he had no accurate knowledge of the situation of affairs. The have acquired, who would have been physical weaklings but for the opportunities for development that the football field and the gymnasium afford. Athletic training is of great importance to college students, and to all other young persons students, and to all other young persons whose daily occupations are not such as to furnish healthful exercise for the body. In order that this training may remain effective in accomplishing the object desired every effort shauld be made, of course, to keep it free from the taint of professionalism, or any other abuses that professionalism, or any other abuses that may creep in.

Those who decry physical training. whether in or out of college, decry ficial and not at all injurious. Consequently they are in the wrong and should instead try to be the consequence of the consequ

It does. Is it to the advantage of any graph wires to be buried; others have honest citizen of Illinois to be taxed for adopted ordinances requiring the burial the support of convicts kept idle? The of such wires within a certain future honest workman who fears the compaperiod, thus giving the electrical com- tition of a convict evidently lacks self-

The new congressional library building at Washington, in which Mark Hanna wants to hold the inauguration ball, is pronounced by experts not only the handsomest modern edifice in the which have given away their fran- United States but also in the world. its cost is \$6,000,000, or 60 cents a cubic the right to lay down conditions of foot; the cost of Philadelphia's city hall operation-and there are many such- is \$1.56 per cubic foot and the capital have, of course, no relief and probably at Albany, which isn't done yet, \$1.80. But the Philadelphia and Albany struc-When the councils of Scranton get tures were built on a political foundaready to take action in this matter. tion, while the congressional library is strictly a business production-which makes a difference.

Says Brother Watterson: "The Republican party cannot stand on protec-

Representative Leisenring is to be congratulated upon the probability that his \$150,000 Wilkes-Barre public building bill will pass. Wilkes-Barre needs

The latest proposition is that a Pan-American electrical exposition shall be held at Niagara Falls in 1899. Why not tap our cuim banks and have one in Scranton?

Twenty out of Kansas' 105 counties now have women county superintendents. Women overseers of instruction Pottsville enthusiasts a great deal of are women within their proper sphere

> Governor Pingree, of Michigan, is accused of harboring a presidential bec. A race between Pingree and Bryan would be a spectacle for the nations.

of Casual Mention

The New York Herald of yesterday contained the following concerning Rice, the plucky Wilkes-Barre boy who won second place in the six-day bicycle race in Madison Square garden:

"Rice's headquarters were at the Put-nam House. He was sitting at a table with a pound and a half sirioin steak in front of him. I feel like a fighting cock. said Rice. There is nothing the matter with me except my right knee and ankle are sore, but they were both weak before I started. I wouldn't mind taking a 50-mile run this afternoon if there was a purse at the other end."

"He Campbell, who came on from Wilkes arrie to look after Rice on Thursday, said he was disappointed because Rice had not won. From the time 'Mike' Breslin took him in hand on Wednesday Rice began to improve. He did not lose a pound during the race, and has gained two pounds since the race was Campbell, who came on from finished. He tipped the scale at 141 pounds when he left Wilkes-Barre, and that was his weight when he was taken to the bath

his weight when he was taken to the bath on Saturday night.

"I feel sure," said Campbell, "that Rice can beat Hale, and we will match him for \$10,000 a side if Hale is willing."

"Rice then chimed in and offered to bet \$5,000 that he can ride 2,000 miles in 142

hours. "I know I can,' said he, 'for the reason that I know how I felt at the end and how I was hampered at the commence-ment of the race. They did not feed me. chickens.

"Breslin sald he never saw a man eat like Rice. On Saturday he consumed three chickens, three bottles of ginger ale, two cups of beef tea, a bowl of oatmeal and three lamb chops, with coffee, "Great credit is due to Rice. He paid his

own entrance fee in the race and worked in his machine shop until Saturday, some-times as late as midnight. His only train-

"Rice slept less than ten hours during the week, and awoke yesterday morning after sleeping four hours and a half, arissat down to dinner. He will return to Wilkes-Barre after he receives his check for \$800 today." -0-

An interesting feature of the Methodist ministers' meeting at Elm Park church yesterday morning was the reading of a paper by Rev. Dr. Giffin reviewing Harold Frederic's strong novel, "The Damnation of Theron Ware," Dr. Galla dissected this alleged portraiture of Methodism with ties is to keep abreast of the fanciful as well as the solid literature of the times. ments pursued the avocation of the book reviewer for leading religious and secular papers. One point brought out yesterday mon, and for which excuses were in-the, that in no prominent work of fiction College athletics have certainly reduced intemperance, and for the very as the decent women who certainly exist in real life should get some show in imag-

Professor W. M. Boley, the founder of Another strong point in this connection is cited by the Chicago Record when it says:

The fact seems to be lost sight of that With reference to the institute Mr. Boley yesterday made the following statement: "There is no trouble now in regard to

-0-Alderman C. C. Donovan, of the Twelfth ward, stopped at a fruit stand the other night and bought a bag of apples to take home to the young ones. When the Stone the cost of the cable system and with no loss of efficiency.

If the trolley wire can be put underground it seems reasonable to conclude wire which cannot also be lowered beneath the surface without sacrifice of usefulness. A number of American

sistance of the motorman the passenger was soon bounced off. When the bag of apples was emptied at home the alderman found the time, which the passenger thought he had given to the conductor.

The city of Boston is about to establish at public expense the finest public baths since the days of ancient Roma. There will, at first, be fifty bath rooms, or sui fletent to accommodate 15) persons every hour. There baths are to be absolutely free, and if it is found that the public respends to the new tilea, it is intended to establish similar bath houses in other parts of the city. A time may come when measures of this kind will receive municipal attention in Scranton, but the proba-bility of its early arrival is not bright, in view of the fact that we apparently car not even get money enough to equip a city

The University of Pennsylvania Glee, Mandelin and Guitar clubs, numbering sixty persons, are to be at the Academy of Mesic on Dec. 29. A committee of alumni, restling in Scranton, has the mat-ter in charge. They are niged Saturday ter in charge. They organized Saturday night in the office of Dr. Logan, with Rev. F. S. Ballentine chairman, and Dr. Blanchard, secretary. Other members of the committee are: Dr. Logan, Dr. Dean, Russell Dimmick and George B. Davidson,

"Captain Dick" as Captain Edwards is called by his brethren on the force, has a remarkable memory for faces and he can pretty nearly tell when a person is ar-raigned in police court whether that was the first offence or not. Intimate acquaintances of the captain say he is a diamond in the rough, and that his chief fault is the gruff way, or catching-the-bull-by-the-horns style he has of going at things.

Miss Marle Donovan, the soprano whose magnificent singing with Gilmore's band will be remembered with pleasure, will be a guest of Mrs. R. D. Brown, at 419 Jefferson avenue, during the holidays.

SHORTSIGHTED.

From the Pittston Gazette. If the Business Men's league recently or-ganized in Wilkes-Barre to help down Quay really had an eye to business, in Quay reary and an eye to business ac-stead of taking sides in a Philadelphia fac-tional fight, they would cultivate the sen-ator's favor, in view of the fact that Con-gressman Leisenring's bill appropriating \$155,000 for a Federal building at the county seat, which is likely to soon pass the house, will then be in Quay's hands, and cannot be expected to pass the senate without his active and vigorous support.

GETTING EVEN.

Artist (just completing a portrait of his wife)-I do hate that Mr. Shelby so much, Clara; is there no way of getting even Clara (thoughtfully)-I don't know; you might paint a portrait of him - Truth.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 1,33 a. m., for Tuesday,

Dec. 15, 1896. 6 88 A child born on this day will observe that those who are most anxious to reform the civil service, or in fact any other service, are generally the fellows who are

not in it. Notwithstanding hornets are out of season an ominous buzzing sound continues to reach the ears of some of our school controllers.

It is to be regretted that the public does not always share the opinion of men who believe that no subject of current interest

has been thoroughly aired until they have had a hand in the discussion. It will evidently be a waste of time for Mr. Boland to hang up his stocking in the school board apartments of the Muni-cipal building.

Mrs. Sparham's vindication by the school board last night reminds one of the applause near the close of a very ength literary entertainment by home

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