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The Tribune has no wish to discount the enterprise of any of its contemporaries, but speaking for itself alone it again assures the public that it will not inflict upon advertisers or readers a chucked-together, heavy-weight Christmas edition.

The Senatorship. An estimable Archibald subscriber, Mr. W. A. Beecher, has addressed us the following letter:

As a long time subscriber of your estimable paper, I must earnestly protest against such "dings" as religion and good men are contained in your editorial of Monday morning against John Wanamaker.

In denouncing him an "arrested hypocrite" without giving a single tangible instance to prove the charge, but simply calumniating him by mean, subtle, underhand insinuation, you not only do gross injustice to the man himself, but you outrage the Christian sentiment of the whole country.

Let us see whether Mr. Beecher's statement of the case is a correct one. Can he point to any place in his files where The Tribune has indulged in "flings at religion?" The editorial in question certainly admits of no such construction.

We ask Mr. Beecher to read the following affidavit by Hon. Clark T. Baldwin, of Fayette county, a member-elect of the next legislature, and then inform us whether its revelations sustain the moral pretensions of Mr. Wanamaker:

"On or about Oct. 26, 1896, while canvassing in Connettsville, I was introduced to Captain Edmund Dunn, and in the course of his conversation with me he said it would be my interest to be at Connettsville at the Wanamaker meeting on the 28th of October. I told him I would be there.

"At the appointed time I met Mr. Dunn, who was accompanied by W. Howard Thomas, in a room in the Smith House, Mr. Van Valkenburg being in the room when we entered and on entering the room I saw Mr. George Hopwood and Dunn in the back part of the store at the desk.

I turned and went out shortly after I returned to the store and met Mr. Dunn, who gave me the balance of the \$200 agreed upon, which was \$200. He said: 'Now, take this money; keep it quiet, and vote for John Wanamaker; that's all I ask you to do.' The \$200 I received on the night of Oct. 25 placed in the hands of a gentleman at Uniontown within three hours after having received it, and after receiving the other \$200 I placed it in the

hands of the same gentleman, and on each occasion made a full statement of what took place and said that the matter should at once be exposed, but after further consideration I concluded to let the matter drop and at the proper time return the money. Overtures were made to me by other persons, having reference to my support of Mr. Wanamaker, long before I was approached by the persons named in this statement, and it was only after numerous invitations that I concluded to see what their purpose was.

An affidavit is in evidence from the Captain Edmund Dunn above referred to in which the substance of the foregoing testimony is corroborated, with the qualification that Dunn claims he and some friends, instead of Wanamaker, furnished the money. That that qualification is unimportant will be doubted by few who have had practical experience in politics, and who therefore know that rarely does a candidate himself superintend the detailed disbursement of his "fund."

Our point with reference to Mr. Wanamaker is simply this. In our judgment he pretends to be better than he is. We are not disposed to take him at his own valuation when we believe that that greatly overrates his real worth.

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Senator Quay's remarks in the senate Monday upon the Mitchell joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution so as to provide for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people possesses significance. He said: "I do not know that I shall desire to discuss the resolution at any period of its progress through the chamber, and I rise merely to suggest to the senator from Oregon that he shall not be hasty in calling it up and putting it upon final passage, because it is possible that there may be a few occurrences in my own state, that may be developed before the senate, which will reinforce his theory."

The Philadelphia Press in its Harrisburg correspondence, upon the authority of Congressman John C. Delaney, announces the withdrawal of ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres from the senatorial race, and adds: "Senator Vaughan, who was instructed to vote for Watres, can vote as he pleases now, and it is said that he is for Penrose. The members of the house from Lackawanna will vote for Wanamaker, and the Luzerne members, who were for Watres first and Hastings second, will also vote for Wanamaker."

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Washington Letter, Pittsburg Dispatch. The arrest of a perjurating preacher by Hon. Giles Penrose on a charge of libel has excited a great deal of attention here, and one cannot mix among politicians and members of congress for a moment with-

out hearing a discussion in some form of the senatorial contest. A member of congress who visited President-elect McKinley within the last few weeks volunteered a great deal of information to the correspondent of the Dispatch today which may be of interest without interest, attesting that his identity shall in no way be indicated. He says that while conversing with the president-elect the subject of the Pennsylvania senatorial election was mentioned, and Mr. McKinley expressed a earnest hope that the contest will not involve any lack of harmony between Senator Quay and the successor of Senator Cameron, whosever the latter might be. He intimated that such infamy between senators would be inevitably very undesirable to the executive in making necessary appointments, and hoped the relations between an eminent leader as Quay and the new senator might be thoroughly friendly, and that the president-elect well understood the impossibility of the growth of any profound sentiment of affection between Senator Quay and Senator Cameron.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. There is some absurd talk about repealing the act of the last legislature establishing the Superior court of Pennsylvania. It is not stated who will have the temerity among legislators to introduce such a bill, but that the rash and senseless impulse will meet with the strong disapprobation of the great majority can easily be prophesied. This court has taken away about half the cases from the Superior court, and the business has been thrown with a surprising degree of acceptance. Very little grumbling is heard on the part of litigants. There was at first, naturally, some indisposition to take the Superior court's decisions as final, but this has melted away with the observation that these were based upon adequate and just conceptions. The general public takes it as a blessing of great value that the prompt dispatch of legal business is thus assured, and also that the more thorough consideration which the removal of pressure cases enables the Supreme court to strike at some evils disclosed by the operation of our laws with more force and certainty.

QUAY AND HANNA.

The day after Mr. Quay's manifesto against rich men appeared in the papers Mark Hanna met him. "Blasphemy, blasphemy," exclaimed Mr. Hanna. "I see you are against men who have a little money. You would keep me out of the senate, would you, you old Pecksniff?" Mr. Quay only laughed and winked that peculiar wink of his. It is needless to add that there is no quarrel between Messrs. Hanna and Quay. They are so friendly they can talk to one another just as they please.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaecchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 2:28 a. m., for Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1896.

A child born on this day will notice that in modern times those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make "hot in the collar."

Scranton has not, like Wilkes-Barre, a champion bicycle rider, but the city can nevertheless boast of some very rapid young men.

It is barely possible that Uncle John Wanamaker may yet escape from the hands of his friends who are pressing responsibilities upon him.

A man's ignorance of a matter of public interest can sometimes be gauged by his anxiety to enlighten the rest of mankind upon the subject.

Hazleton wants a cavalry troop. Hazleton will do well to beware of General Gobin.

Speaking of the party pursuing the school boys, it is hoped that she will Sparhawk further trouble.

Ajaecchus' Advice. Do not attempt to pick a quarrel with your best girl before the 25th instant. After that date, however, it will probably be an easy matter.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

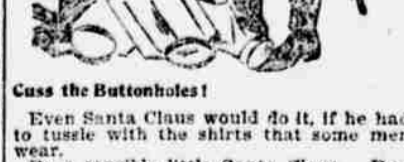
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