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Mr. Olney's case simply points anew to the perils of a head swelled by a little brief authority.

The Problem of the Trusts.

In a number of places the suggestion by the president in his recent message that the several states provide supplemental legislation against trusts is bearing fruit at least in a vigorous and in the main wholesome discussion of ways and means.

It is out of the power of legislators, as it would also be contrary to wisdom, to stop the co-operation of capital working under laws of partnership or incorporation. No rational man who gives heed to the truths about him would wish to see society turned back to the period of individualism.

There would probably be less sting in this criticism if it did not have some measure of truth in it. The Washington Post is mean enough to suggest the need of a literacy test for admission to congress.

Good Roads the Cheapest. As supplementary to very instructive address of General Roy Stone before the board of trade last Monday evening, a pamphlet prepared by Professor John Hamilton, deputy secretary of agriculture, and published by the commonwealth, comes opportunely to hand.

During all this war talk it must strike the country as singular that it has not been treated to a series of staccato peace shrieks from the president of Harvard.

Secretary Carlisle's Report. The press of more important matters has kept us from giving earlier attention to the annual report which Secretary Carlisle made public on Monday.

endless chain will cease. That reserve dry and then the whole trouble about which Messrs. Cleveland and Carlisle make so much ado will be at an end.

The city of Boston, having grown weary of footing the inordinate expense accounts of its councilmen, has decided to give each of them a salary—\$1,500 a year apiece to the members of the upper chamber and \$300 a year apiece to the members of common council.

Altgeld Once More.

Governor Altgeld of Illinois has not been chastened by adversity. When asked what he thought of Olney's ruling on the Cameron resolution he replied: "The secretary and the president are simply standing by their friends, as usual."

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Unfair to McKinley. The Tribune would be the last paper in the country to wish in any way to put needless embarrassment in the pathway of the president-elect.

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over the will of an overwhelming majority of his fellow-citizens. We think better of him than to believe that he desires congress to shirk its duty in order that he may officially guide its performance of it later on.

The Chicago Journal is defiantly purgatorial. "War," it boldly affirms, "would unite this people. It would chase away the vapors of discontent. It would exalt patriotism. It would burn away the cancerous tissues of anarchy that threaten to extend deeper into the body politic. It would scorch, but it would heal. In the end we should be better off. War would stimulate art, poetry, music, manufactures, commerce, trade, civilization. We should come through it rejuvenated and rehabilitated."

The foreign press credits our minister at Madrid with intimating to Spain that the United States may yet help her to subjugate Cuba. We guess this is a fake.

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We do not know what the actual attendance at the Sieveking-Bishop concert was; but at a rough guess we should say that there were not more than 50 persons in the theater. If there were that many, in other words, out of a population of more than 200,000 it appears that only about six auditors could be mustered to hear what without any doubt was the finest concert of its kind ever given in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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who have plenty of money to hire spies to keep track of whatever is done by the junta, admit that the money raised by the cigarmakers is honestly and effectively spent.

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Low on the hearth my good gramma's lies, His supple, glossy limbs outstretched along; Now gently sleeps with softly closed eyes, Now half-awakened purrs his even-song.

Near to the fire, touched by its gentle glow, A silent, welcome friend, my armchair stands. Its cushioned depths invite me to its rest.

And promise rest for weary head and hands, Within its depths mine eyes unheeded close, And come to me a vision wondrous sweet. Such sights and sounds no wakeful hours As then my resting, dreaming senses greet.

I am here gentle shepherds on the plain Keep sleepless, faithful watch o'er resting sheep; I hear them chant the Psalmist's sweet refrain, That Israel's God will sure his promise keep.

Then quick the air is full of heav'nly tones, And radiant light illumines all the ground, While angel voices shine the strain prolong, And angel faces shine in glory round.

I see the shepherds' faces pale with fear, Then glow with joy and glad surprise, For then "Glory to God!" from angel lips they hear, And "Peace on earth, good will to men."

And then the light marks out a shining way, And swift the shepherds are the path to take. I long to go! Oh, laggard feet, why stay? Alas! the vision fades, and I awake.

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