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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 29, 1896. Presumably Mr. Thomas Dolan thinks it quite as "legitimate" to attempt to buy state legislators as to purchase city councilmen and rush through franchise jobs in the interests of the favored few.

Senator Penrose's Strength. The following alignment of Republican members of the next state house of representatives on the United States senatorial issue is believed from present information to be very nearly correct:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Party/Status. Includes Adams, Algheney, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Chester, Clearfield, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming.

In addition, Senator Penrose will have the support of not less than 36 out of the 44 Republican senators, making a total strength in the senatorial caucus of 155. We consider that this estimate is conservative.

The New York Journal has undertaken to overthrow Senator Quay by ridiculing his war record. That needs no defense; but even had it been inconspicuous for bravery, the senator has fully established fighting qualities since.

Untrue. The National League of Business Men, an organization established on a permanent basis to preserve the honor and integrity of state and nation, and imbued by President-elect McKinley in language of unqualified approval, has come to stay, and will in the future take an active part in public affairs.

Similar statements are made by Mr. Thomas Dolan, who goes further and says this new corporation machine will, regardless of Wanamaker's fate, continue to fight for a grip on the state government.

It is untrue that this factional distortion of the league's original purpose as a national Republican auxiliary has received President-elect McKinley's unqualified approval. He approved its declaration of principles, and they merit approval; but to say he endorsed the league's ulterior purpose of overthrowing Quay and turning the commonwealth into a corporation property is to insult his manhood and give color to the Bryan insinuations as to the character of the recent Republican campaign.

Under Quay's leadership Pennsylvania's Republicanism rose to the 300,000 mark. Is it Dolan's purpose to make the state Democratic? Mayor Strong, of New York, says he regards Mr. Choate as a fit man for senator, but he doesn't see the use of setting him up against Platt after Platt has captured an impregnable majority in the legislature.

A Successful Newspaper. With its issue of last Saturday the Troy Times distributed a sixteen-page supplement describing in detail its various and excellent facilities for producing one of the most enterprising and trustworthy newspapers in the country.

Dispatches from a number of places tell how indignant Americans have burned General Weyler in effigy. That doesn't hurt the real Weyler a particle and only looks childish. The best way for the individual citizen of this free republic to show his displeasure at Weylerism is to petition congress to recognize Cuba's independence and then to subscribe what money he can to aid the Cubans in their heroic struggle.

With horror the Manufacturer exclaims: "The very fact that the foreign relations committee agreed to report the Cameron resolution favorably sent stocks shooting downward several points." Well, what of it? Is the government at Washington to be run for the exclusive accommodation of the Stock exchange?

The news that Minister Ransom agrees with Secretary Olney in his stand on the Cuban question does not produce a sensation of shock. Office-holders seldom do differ radically in published opinions from the appointing power.

According to the state dairy and food commissioner, the artificial yellow color imparted to dairy butter in winter is caused in many cases by a preparation of coal tar, a substance unfit to enter the human stomach. If that be true, we do not see why the law should

uplifting public influences; and the present is a good opportunity to acknowledge some part of the public's manifest indebtedness.

It is of public interest to note in this connection, that John M. Francis, the founder and present editor-in-chief of the Times, was the first American editor to classify news into separate departments; and his son, Colonel Charles S. Francis, who is the half-owner and general manager of the Times, was the first journalist to employ half-tone illustrations as a regular feature of daily newspaper production.

It is announced by Walter Wellman that Major McKinley has at no time considered more than two names in connection with the next state secretaryship—those of Senators Sherman and Allison. The former is first choice and Mr. Wellman thinks he will accept. How true this is we do not know. But we do know that John Sherman at the head of the state department would command very general confidence and respect, and would bring to the office the most ripened and varied experience. As he is now the leading member of the senate committee on foreign relations, the appointment would come in the line of natural promotion.

Interesting, if True or False.

That certainly is an interesting story which James Creelman cables from Madrid with reference to an intended alliance of European powers to prevent Americans from interfering in Cuba. It probably is the basis of M. le Blowitz's sensational dispatch from Paris to the London Times, printed Saturday and denied Sunday. This is the Creelman version, abridged: Last July the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, the Duke of Tetuan, held conferences at San Sebastian with six European ambassadors and told them it was the purpose of the Queen Regent to send an identical note to the six first-class powers, asking them to address a note of advice and warning to the United States on the subject of American interference in Cuban affairs. This was to be done quietly and was to strike the Washington authorities like a lightning stroke from a clear sky. The note was written and ready for transmission when Minister Taylor, by accident, learned of the purpose. He charged one of the six ambassadors with the plot, said he proposed at once to cable news of the matter to Washington, and intimated that he expected an immediate recall, with war on Spain to follow. The ambassador, so Mr. Creelman says, begged for an hour's delay, rushed to the Duke of Tetuan, told him how matters stood, and presently the duke sent for Minister Taylor, and gave him the most solemn assurances that the project had been precipitately abandoned.

This is the story, interesting, if true; in fact, interesting anyhow. Mr. Creelman ordinarily would not take a prize for accuracy; but he declares with impressive earnestness that this time at least he is not fibbing a little bit. And probably he is not. It would be like Spanish diplomacy to attempt a trick of that kind. There is small likelihood, however, that any power save possibly Germany would give heed to such a request or take needless chances of incurring our ill will. Germany might, because Germany, since Bismarck retired, has been very much in the minds of amateurs; but England, France and Russia at least surely would not. However, all's well that ends well. The United States, in Monroe's time, with only 12,000,000 inhabitants, successfully withstood the formidable Holy Alliance; it needn't fear newspaper "combinations" now, when it has a navy, Jack Robinson and 69,999,999 other vigorous inhabitants.

Ex-Minister Phelps says: "The rebels in Cuba have no organized government, and not even an abiding place which they can call their own. They are merely a guerrilla force, which would speedily be annihilated if drawn into a general engagement with the much superior Spanish army. It proves its existence by its dexterity in averting such an engagement. It would be absurd to say that such a force constitutes a government, or that the Spanish government in Cuba has been overthrown, or that any diplomatic relations could exist between these rebels and the government of the United States." What a fine old Tory Mr. Phelps would have been had he lived 129 years ago.

Readers of that interesting little publication for advertisers called Brains will be glad to learn that Manly M. Gillam, the man whose skill as a writer and placer of advertisements did so much to build up John Wanamaker's business, has been secured to conduct for that paper a weekly department of answers to business questions. His experience, in other words, is put at the public's command. It would doubtless pay the advertisers of Scranton to bear this fact in mind.

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not forbid artificial coloring. Even where the pigment is harmless it is odious to healthy palettes, and no possible good results from its intermixture with pure butter. We should like to see the legislature put a heavy penalty on all doctored butter.

Opponents of the American navy would have felt nice if a war with Spain should have come and we should have had no battleships with which to hold our own.

Mr. Wanamaker was too ill to speak at Erie last evening, but we dare say his money will do a good bit of quiet talking at Harrisburg ere many days have passed.

Wilkes-Barreans are still jeering at Scranton for its small support of the Stevick-Bispham concert; and the worst of it is, we have no adequate defence.

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

Mayor Bailey receives some very funny anonymous letters from persons not only in Scranton, but even as far west as San Francisco. One that came to him the day before Christmas was from a little girl who urged him to appoint her only 29 the police force. The reason she made the request was that her father promised to buy her a piano if the mayor should see fit to appoint her. Here is a letter to his honor received yesterday:

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 29, 1896. Mayor of Scranton and Board of Aldermen. Gentlemen: We appeal to you to help expose these blackguards against our people. They charge us \$5.25 a ton for coal. It is an outrage on our people. You gentlemen know the real price of coal. These men sit in an office and want to rob us. They do no work at all, but want to make \$1.25 a ton, while your miner gets only 29 cents a ton. It is a shame. Now, help us expose the D. L. & W. R. R. gang, also their friends here who are in league with them to rob the hundreds of people who have not a pound of coal to burn. I say again, expose them. The D. L. & W., the C. R. of N. J., the Lehigh Valley and other companies receive as freight \$2 a ton on a car of thirty tons. This makes \$60. Expose Shan, McTombly, Maxwell, Williams, Baker, Wilbur, Harris & Son. The people of Jersey City call on you to help against this railroad coal trust. Let our people raise up and drive this gang of railroad presidents off the earth. They are robbing the people and the railroads and the stockholders. Help us! Yours for justice and the people.

Laura Burt, the talented young woman who does such clever "In Old Kentucky," which was produced at the Frothingham Saturday, is very well known in this city and has a large following of admirers. Her personal appearance is a very young woman of about twenty years, first attracting marked attention by her work in "Blue Bird" and "The Two Brothers" who reside in this city. One is the Rev. Floyd Roberts and the other is employed as a car decorator by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. Miss Burt is usually accompanied on her travels by her mother, who has been in the city for a week past visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. J. of Madison avenue. She left the city with her daughter Sunday for Trenton, N. J. Miss Burt is pretty and a very entertaining conversationalist, but she is a young woman of strong common sense and withal her success behind the footlights has in no way turned her pretty head.

Although workmen—an army of them seemingly—are hustling and bustling about the court house every day it is not likely that the new rooms will be in condition that will admit of their occupancy for at least another month. The work has at this time progressed so far, however, that a fair idea can be obtained of the appearance of the rooms when completed. The main court room will be the most lavishly decorated but the room that will be occupied by the Superior court will also present a very inviting appearance. Old No. 2 court room, which will hereafter be known as No. 3, will be severely plain but complete. The other two rooms. The interest the taxpayers take in the improvements that are going on is shown by the large number of men who daily visit the temple of justice to observe the progress that is being made.

A case is mentioned in the Medical Record which ought to have interest for all dwellers in cities. It happened in New York. A music teacher and a sewer inspector occupied adjoining flats. The sewer inspector, in an appreciative ear for the sounds propelled by music pipes straining for high notes, and as a bane he fired a hand organ chorus, also beating time with a hammer on a coil of pipes. This led to litigation. The music teacher sued the sewer inspector in the criminal courts, where the case was thrown out. He then sued him in the civil courts, and there the action is still pending. We suspect there are several Scrantonians living near music studios who will await with eagerness the court's decision.

Recently a report got abroad that Dr. Dannel was engaged in recruiting a company of soldiers to go to Cuba to aid the patriots, and that the sure sign was since that one or more men have not called at his office to enlist. The doctor says that there is no truth in the report concerning his intended departure to Cuba, but he is firmly of the opinion that he could gather up enough men for two companies inside of two weeks right in this city. He is, notwithstanding, excited, and he says he will do it if he is free to act as he would do this very thing and do it willingly.

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WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO. From the New York Sun. As President Monroe pointed out in his first annual message, the United States, through every channel of the commerce between Spain and her American colonies, had maintained an imperial neutrality between the combatants, regarding the contest as a "struggle of the moment" and the revolutionists as belligerents. Mr. Cleveland might have given like recogni-

tion to the Cubans a year ago and not a word of protest would have been uttered by any European power. No word of protest could be uttered, in view of the fact that at the outset of our own civil war, before the first battle of Bull Run was fought, when it was as yet undetermined whether the civil war then threatened, would not be over in ninety days, England, France, and Spain recognized the Confederates as belligerents. In the light of the law of nations and of the precedents made by our treatment of other Spanish-American revolutionists, no possible objection can be made to the recognition of Cubans as belligerents except upon the score of our own selfish interests. It being true, of course, that a declaration of neutrality would expose our vessels to the exercise of the right of search by Spain. This was as true a year ago as it is now, but seeing that for a twelve-month longer the Cubans have proved their ability to withstand the whole might of Spain, it seems that equity requires us to go one step further, and formally recognize the independence which the Cubans have shown themselves qualified to maintain.

WANAMAKERISM EXPLAINED.

"Penn." in Philadelphia Bulletin. The canvass which the Independents made for Grow in 1881 does not compare in thoroughness and resources with the canvass which has been made this year in the Interior for Wanamaker. No point has been left uncovered, no man who could possibly be pulled away from his allegiance to Quay's leadership has been neglected, and no large amount of money has ever been expended in a senatorial contest in the memory of this generation. The men who are most active in supporting the Philadelphia merchants are either rich or old stagers in politics, and not infrequently both. Thomas Dolan, with his large knowledge of the springs of action in Pennsylvania politics, his sagacious diplomacy and his persuasive power as an organizer and provoker, has been a potent force in organizing business men, while young Frank Willing Leach, who knows something of every wheel and cog in the state organization from stem to stern, has ever since last summer given up his days and nights to the Wanamaker cause. These two men alone, with a candidate like Wanamaker, would make a pretty formidable team to back against, and to them are to be added not only an array of millionaires and mercantile magnates, but an assortment of veterans in politics like Magee, Martin and Leach. Some of these members, or their agents, spent money liberally early last spring in the canvass for nominating members of the legislature, and it is now charged, although with much exaggeration, that fully \$75,000 has been expended in the interest of the Philadelphia.

The Wanamaker canvass, which virtually began nearly a year ago, was much ridiculed at the start; but it has developed into a movement which Quay men confidently admit will tax all their resources to crush. Minus Governor Hastings, it embodies all the elements of the combine in city and state in its first flight on Quay; men who have since become disgraced and over Quay; the mercantile forces of Philadelphia, some old-time anti-Quay reformers; strong moneyed interests; and not a few unscrupulous persons who regard Wanamaker as a being who falls hardly short of divine inspiration. The combination, if a motley one, is stronger than the one Quay has in his direct fight against Quay, and has been conducted with extraordinary skill and energy as regards the circulation of money, literature and scandal. The effects of its work are not so visible as those of the other interior. The majority of the Philadelphia delegation will be against Wanamaker; only one of the dozen daily papers here, notwithstanding the fact that they derive a quarter of a million dollars in advertising revenue from him, is openly and unreservedly supporting him, and that one is owned by his son-in-law, and even some of the regulation anti-Quay forces of former years are now passive or lukewarm. Outside of the city there is considerable popular sentiment for the Independent on the part of honest, homely folk; there are plenty of editorials in the country press which ring with tributes and honors to the great New York raking fire which he was expected to receive from the guerrillas and sharpshooters of papers like the World, Sun and Post has been indefinitely postponed since his advent into New York as one of the most desirable of their advertisers in his magnificent revival of the A. T. Stewart business.

THE BRIGIT LITTLE GIRL.

Her blue eyes they beam and they twinkle. Her lips have made smiling more fair; On cheek and on brow there's no wrinkle, But thousands of curls in her hair. She's little—you don't wish her taller; Just half through the teens in her age; And baby or lady to call her. Were something to puzzle a sage! Her walk is far better than dancing; She speaks as another might sing; And all by an innocent chancing. Like lambskins and birds in the spring. Unskilled in the arts of the city, She's perfect in natural grace; She's gentle, and thoughtful, and witty, And ne'er spends a thought on her face. Her face, with the fine glow that's in it, As fresh as an apple tree bloom—And, oh! when she comes, in a minute, Like sunbeams, she brightens the room. As taking in mind as in feature, How many will sigh for her sake! I wonder, what little creature has she? What sort of a wife she would make?—William Allingham, in Philadelphia Bulletin.

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