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The course of Mr. E. B. Sturges and other owners in refusing to allow the opening of the Frothingham theater to Sunday evening concerts will doubtless be generally approved in this city. As a rule the theatrical "sacred concert" is not an improvement upon the orthodox observance of the Sabbath, and it is not believed that there is pressing demand for this sort of entertainment in Scran-

At Albany This Week.

Albany will soon divide honors with darrisburg as a center of interest. In Its construction the New York legislature, which assembles tomorrow, is Interesting. There are, in the senate. 6 Republicans to 14 Democrats; and in the house, 115 Republicans to 35 Demotrats-a Republican plurality on joint ballot of more than twice as many totes as the Democrats have members. This is a division entirely without pre tedent in New York state politics.

Among the measures which will come up at Albany for consideration are several of widespread interest Chief of these, in importance, is the Greater New York charter bill, a bill to establish a basis of government for a new municipal empire which has been erected by the bringing together of New York city, Brooklyn and the principal other populous centers within a radius of 50 miles. Upon this question of a proper charter for what will be the second or third largest city in the world the ablest minds of both hemispheres have been for some time at work and it remains to be seen how fairly and thoroughly the legislature will utilize their suggestions

The second subject in rank of interest will undoubtedly be the Raines bill, to which a flood of amendments is threatened. It is understood that only three modifications have the approval of Thomas C. Platt, the real author of the original law. One aims to dispose of the numerous fake hotels which have sprung Into existence since the law went into effect; the second gives increased power to the enforcing authorities and makes heavier the penalties; and the third endeavors to reach the liquor-drinking clubs. The debates upon these amendments and the legislature's general treatment of the drink problem ought to be interesting.

Some new legislation against trusts is among the possibilities, but from what is known of the dominating influ ences at Albany it is hardly to be expected that radical measures will prevail. The senatorial problem seems to be settled upon the basis that Mr. Platt can succeed Mr. Hill if he wants to or delegate that honor to another, who will not be Mr. Choate. It is the general opinion, notwithstanding Mr Platt's recent statement of qualified denial, that he will be the next senator himself. But his attitude at Saratoga last summer teaches that he may possibly mean to keep out of office in person. The one weak spot in Mr. Platt's record as a politician, considered from the standpoint of politicians is his fear of submitting a candidacy of his own to the people. As has been said before, he lacks Senator Quay's courage at critical times, . But a senatorship of course is different,

At least one thing may be said in favor of ex-Queen Lilly of Hawnii. She has made no contracts with the lecture bureaus.

The Passing of Ar. Bryan

The Springfield Union thus reviews the closing scenes of the career of William Jennings Bryan, who is pass ing into obscurity almost as rapidly as he came into prominence:

"It required almost a week for William Jennings Bryan to admit that he had been defeated for the presidency. He coupled that admission with statement that he had consecrated himself anew to the cause of free sil- stables and forest commissioners. The ver and that in the coming four years state fish and game association which he would be active in the interest of assembles in this city this month will the great cause. Within a few days produce some statistics on the latter thereafter Mr. Bryan signed a contract subject which should engage the attenfor fifty lectures at one thousand dol- tion of every man who knows how to lars each. It looked then as if prosperity would come to him and there were fears that he might develop into a plutocrat. Naturally there was some sad reflection at the evil influence a de- same token, what will happen to the sire for money had on the people's ad- vanishing birds if the earth is not rid vocate, but the blow was borne with of the not-hunter. One of these ratparlence.

ture field angered some of his supporters, who wanted him to talk for noth- and three hundred. How long are we ing, and there were some criticisms of likely to have ruffed grouse if that is his grasping tendencies. Finally the allowed to continue. It is bad enough time came for Mr. Bryan to give his first lecture. He selected Atlanta, private control, but it is a thousand where his friends were numerous. He had a good audience and everything to be destroyed or given up to such friends in Georgia rejuctantly admit that his lecture was not up to his reputation and he himself felt that lecturing was not his forte. As a result he compelled to extend the field of operadecided to lecture no more, and the tions in order to furnish an adequate with some severity. It was a sad busireputation for eloquence which the speech that nominated him had given him. He could not live up to it.

In the midst of this disappointment comes the announcement that already schemes are being laid to prevent his lakes. renomination. Silver leaders are not altogether satisfied with him. They feel that had he been more amenable to discipline during the late canvass he would have had a better chance for be so self-willed. Consequently the plays an important part in this econ-Chicago convention. The plan of and are usually allowed to stand in or-

probably be unable to do so for the people are beginning to forget him already. Well may be charge them with

The Dead of 1896.

The list of distinguished persons who assed to the great beyond during the year 1896 is an extensive one, and nearly all professions have been affected by the hand of the grim destroyer.

In the field of letters there were many notable deaths, both in this country and Europe. America lost Kate Field. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Edgar W. Nye, Gail Hamilton, Colonel T. W. Knox. Joseph W. Harper, Eugene Field and Henry C. Bowen. England mourns the death of George du Maurier, Thomas Hughes, Sir John Millais and William

American art has lost Gillam and Grimm, the noted caricaturists, William Hamilton Gibson and Alfred Willlam Hunt.

A list of men conspicuous in political life includes ex-Speaker Crisp, of Georgia: ex-Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, and Governor Greenhalge of the same state; ex-Secretary Benjamin F. Bristow and ex-Senators Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois; Ferry, of Michigan, and Scott of Pennsylvania; ex-Congressman Horr, of Michigan; English of Indiana: Hatch, of Michigan; Fellows, of New York, and H. Clay Bascom, the Prihibitionist leader.

The dramatic and musical stage has lost Louis Ambrose Thomas, Mrs. Scott Siddons, Katherine Klafsky, Henry E. Abbey, Italo Campanini, Alexander Salvini, Alexander Herrmann, Frank Mayo, James Lewis and others of lesser

Among the more prominent clergy who have died this year are Bishop Coxe, ex-Archbishop Kendrick, Bishop Ryan and Bishop Haywood. The busiiess world has lost Austin Corbin, Robert Garrett, William Steinway, Enoch Pratt and Henry L. Pierce, all of whom

made a most conspicuous mark in life. The list of distinguished foreigners who have passed away includes the Shah of Persia, who lost his life by assassination; the Sultan of Zanzibar and President Hippolyte of Hayti, Russia lost an able diplomat in the person of Prince Lobanoff, and France lest a number of most distinguished statesmen, including Leon Say, Jules Simor and ex-Premier Fliquet.

Among other prominent persons who passed away in Europe were Baron Hirsch, Colonel North, the nitrate king, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Henry Prince of Battenberg.

The suggestion that the Congressional Record be abolished will not emmend itself to many people. What the Record really needs is a colored supplement embellished with pictures of the character of the Hogan's alley 'Yellow Kid.'

Our Fertile Forests.

The inevitable result of the destruction of American forests seems to be plain to every one except those engaged in this species of vandalism and the law-makers of various states who are dilatory in enacting measures for the protection of our woodlands. The Syrause Journal in a timely article calls attention to the fertility of the forests that are fast disappearing under the axe of the grasping lumberman, "There is more fertility and possible

wealth in our forests," says the Jour-

nal, "than we can account for without stopping to consider and figuring a little. In the first place we have an endless variety of delicious nuts which make up one of the most attractive side dishes for the holidays. There are the squirrels which are reared on the same food and when brought to, the table give us the nutty flavor of the woods. The wild game of the forest preserve is all that is left us now as far as the open markers are concerned and its extravagant price is sufficient evidence of the demand which rules at this season of the year. Ruffed grouse would be a luxury of the past were it not for the care exercised by game conuse a fowling-piece and is fond of taking a bird-dog into the woods. What would become of the sport if the forests were not protected and, by that cals has killed a thousand grouse with Mr. Bryan's consecration to the lec- in three months-most of which went straight to the metropolis in lots of two to have the game preserves pass into times better than allowing the forests required for a successful lecture, but slaughter hunting as this. Our forthe ability to deliver it. Even his best estry system is still in its infancy, but sufficient attention has been given to the subject to warrant the assertion that within another decade we shall be newspapers of Georgia criticised him supply of water to the canal. Actual experiment has demonstrated the fact ness, but Mr. Bryan was undone by the that forests are indispensible adjuncts

"Helibronn forests are cut every twenty years with the inevitable result that denudation dries up the springs and water courses, but as soon as the trees become luxuriant again the election. Devoted though these silver springs bubble up anew and the water leaders may be to the silver cause, they courses resume their music and fertiwant a man to lead them who will not lizing beneficence. Inland navigation path to the next nomination is ob- omy of nature, not only by cheapening structed. The most recently announced transportation, but also by sending litcandidate for the nomination in 1906 is the rivulets of water through the low-Arthur Pue Gorman, of Maryland, lands, here and there, adjoining the whose conversion to silver followed the canals where trees start spontaneously

of making it practically beneficial to

some of the silver leaders is to nomi- der to prevent any washing away of vate owners of public franchises can eve nate Mr. Gorman and to shelve Mr. the soil. After awhile these trees will overcome the inherent individualism of American life is a doubtful question a long way until 1900, but Gorman moisture of the soil and grass grown nate Mr. Gorman and to shelve Mr. the soll. After awhile these trees will would be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. Mean-with rank fuxuriance even where bare to be a very wenk candidate. while Mr. Bryan will devote himself pastures are baked with drouth. Ento his new book, dream of the future gineers easily demonstrate the fact and try to recover ground lost. He will "that eight pounds or traction are required to move a ton by rail, and that less than one-fourth of that amount of traction is necessary to move a ton affoat, in still water.' Of course it can be floated more cheaply on water ways in which currents flow in the desired direction. The Susquehanna and other once abundant rivers can be made inexpensive natural canals for floating argosics more valuable than those of antiquity, capable, indeed, of bearing to market all of the freight that naturally seeks the consumer in the direction of their several courses. Eng-

> length to her lines of railway." The advance of the after-dinner dancer over the after-dinner orator in Getham would make it seem advisable for Hon, Chauncey Depew to practice a few steps.

land has a system of inland, or slack

water, navigation almost equal in

If Maceo is resurrected a few more times in the press dispatches the average reader will begin to doubt that the Cuban general ever existed.

KIND WORDS FOR BAYARD.

Sarron in the Times-Herald.

Mr. Hayard's successor will have a try ing position to occupy. There are many ardent Americans, no doubt, who think it treason for an American to speak or write of Mr. Bayard in other terms than hose of execuation. It is, nevertheless, a act that no representative of the United States in England has ever done more to reate a sentiment of esteem for America the minds of intelligent Englishmen , James. Sir Francis Lockwood, in a cent speech, said he was told in America that it was due to the calm and judi-cial attitude of the English press that there was so pacific a settlement of the recent differences between the United States and England, While this is unloubtelly true, it is equally certain that he dispassionate, unpartisan but sereney patriotic attitude of Mr. Bayard had a creat deal to do with the moderation of inglish editorials and gave the cue for a iscussion of the question in a way to pro roke the least antagonism and promotthe largest harmony. When it is remem-bered how often hot-headed, unintelligent zeal on the part of people who imagine themselves to be the only patriots has mperiled the welfare of nations it may e regarded as an inestimable blessing that a government has a fair-minded, cool-headed, wise representative at a oreign court where he is thoroughly re

Mr. Bayard has stood for America upon the polished platform of the highest and most dignified diplomacy, and he has paralleled the achievement of Lowell in inning esteem for himself while steadil winning esteem for dimself while steadily enhancing and broadening the respect for his country. Now that his mission is practically ended these things may be said for him. Not a few Americans who were disappointed in their efforts to use Mr. Bayard, and were made to understand that an ambassador is not the lackey of his tourist countrymen, feel a ersonal hostility to Mr. Bayard which they would gladly explain as an honest in-dignation because of his "damnable and unpatriotic toadying to English preju-dice," the one thing precisely that Mr. Bayard has never done. The simple fact is that Mr. Bayard is a learned, scholarman, a skilled lawyer, a commanding orator, clean-witted and sagacious, with a sufficient power of mental detachment to examine and determine the respective merits of a case and the courage to aftial qualities of a great diplomat; and there is no place in the world where Amer-ica so needs the ablest possible representative diplomat as here in London, the gathering point of the earth's greatness

It behooves President-elect McKinley to e well if he would have maintain the standard set before the English min-by our first ambassador, for the Bayar tamp is even deeper than the Lowell im-cression. I was in Germany when Low il died, and when I got the English pa ers of the following morning, there was column editorial in the Times and he Daily Telegraph had stopped its resses to print a half-page, excellen wood cut of the poet-statesman. I aron all sides heard things that made an American heart throb with a gratefu sense that large-mindelness overleaps na-tional barriers and finds affection and admiration everywhere. We all know how America mourned the loss of her gifted on; but who does not remember how priously Minister Lowell was critised by some of his countrymen becau felt that it was the business of a min ster to promote and establish national felendships, to the doing away with those that should have nothing to do with th grand movement of human destiny. Mr. Hayard has held this view just a little more fearlessly, that is all. It seems a thousand pities that America's foreign orps of diplomats and representative should be at the mercy of the mutations of domestic politics. Yet, after all, it may be one of the bastions of republicanism

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

From the Times-Herald. One section of the draft of the "Greate New York" bill will attract attention no in New York alone but in every city is America as well. It runs as follows Thereafter no franchise or right to u the streets, avenues, parkways or high ways of the city shall be granted by the nunicipal assembly to any person or poration for a longer period than twenty live years, but such grant may give i the grantee the right, on a fair revalua tion, to not more than one renewal for further period of not exceeding twenty ive years. Upon the termination of th ranchise or right granted by the mudeipal assembly the plant or property of ways or highways, with its appurtenance tion to the grantes, and the city may by provide for the operation there of by itself or by lessees.

This is by far the most important ster toward municipal ownership of street railways and gasworks and other imrovements that has been taken in Amer The Glasgow, Birmingham and Mar ester experiments are familiar reading of high level springs, and if the canal to Americans, but although they hav system is to be improved with an idea been offered for our emulation by most ingistent reformers they have not beviewed with very great enthusiasm i the American public. The fear of every the consumer, forestry must be looked thing socialistic or partaking of the muture of socialism is so strong amon after all along the lines of interior Americans of all classes that it has be almost impossible to gain a hearing for the government ownership of rallway and telegraphs, while the governme ownerships of postoffices is regarded essential or to convince a city which ably own its gasworks. In England n such superstition prevails. Mr. Cham berlain is the patron of municipal owner ship, and as strong in the faith now that he has become the toriest of tories as ho was when he lod the radicals, while no statesman, whatever his connections may be, takes any shame to limself for all ministering an income bax

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reformers" but of sober business men and it is untainted by socialism, or wha the average man takes for socialism.

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SPAIN'S UNWORTHINESS.

From the New York Tribune.

Spain has shown her unworthiness to ontrol colonies since she began to posthem. One by one they have revolted rule, only a handbrendth besides her Caribbean possessions and the Phillipine emaining to her. Her pride is intereste in the retention of these, but so it ha been, without avail, in the case of other possessions, and so it is sure sooner of later to be with these. She will fin enough to do at some if she sets dil gently about it. Only about half her per ple can read and write, and it would the wisest possible stroke of police teach these arts to the remaining She would thus be better qualified nome rule; but for authority abroad sh has had nearly four centuries of trial, an has been found a fatture. She will have to give it up altogether. Europe is of that mind and politely declines to take up her ause against us, which, indeed, she could not do with effect without an effort much stly for the occasion. Spain wil really feel a great deal better when she l ischarged of all responsibility for Cuba She will then, but not before, have a lit-le lessure for recreation, and perhaps a ittle money to spend on herself.

NO FAITH IN ECKELS.

From the Salt Lake Tribune. We hope that Comptroller Eckels right in teeling that the bank failures are not evidence of a general weakness among the banks, but only show local bad management. Certainly the banks of the east ought to be very strong, for they have had everything their own way for now these many years. At the same tim, we cannot forget Eckel's general unreliability and bad judgment on financial matters, and would feel easier if I had been some better man and higher au thority that had said it.

THIS IS REAL MEAN.

Don Cameron's anxiety to have the United States take possession of Cuba said to be based upon the fact that th Pennsylvania senator is a large owner of Cuban iron ore mines. The disinterest dness of some of these Pennsylvania pa triots is truly touching.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 1.38 a. m., for Monday Jan. 4, 1897.

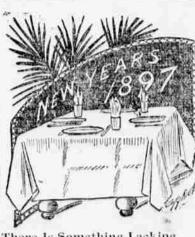
W. Sa A child born on this day will notice that good deal of the happiness of the Nev

Year has already coxed out. It is intimated that the Montrose Demerat favors the candidacy of Wanamaker This certainly ought to put Uncle John ematerial boom into a cataleptic state. In politics it is often better to be ab! o cover one's tracks than to display unisual agility as a sprinter.

Scranton does not seem to be progressly nough to appreciate up-to-date "Sacred oncert enterprises. The coolest man will generally "tha

out" when he has an axe to grind. And there will be no year potpte for D Ajacchus' Advice.

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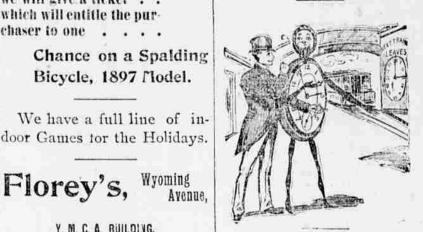
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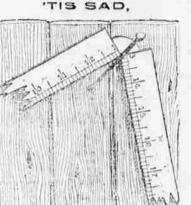
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