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The course of Mr. E. L. Sturges and other owners refusing to allow the opening of the Frothingham theater to Sunday evening concerts will doubtless be generally approved in this city.

At Albany This Week. Albany will soon divide honors with Harrisburg as a center of interest. In its construction the New York legislature, which assembles tomorrow, is interesting.

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Some of the silver leaders is to nominate Mr. Gorman and to shove Mr. Bryan. It may succeed, and yet it is a long way until 1900, but Gorman would be a very weak candidate. Meanwhile Mr. Bryan will devote himself to his new book, dream of the future and try to recover ground lost. He will probably be unable to do so for the people are beginning to forget him already. Well may he charge them with fickleness.

The Dead of 1896. The list of distinguished persons who passed 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, Edward 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 Lubbock and William Morris.

American art has lost Gillam and Grimm, the noted caricaturists, William Hamilton Gibson and Alfred William Hunt. A list of men conspicuous in political life includes ex-Speaker Crisp, of Georgia; ex-Governor Russell, of Massachusetts; and Governor Greenhalgh, of the same state; ex-Secretary Benjamin F. Bristol and ex-Senators Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois; Perry, of Michigan; and Scott of Pennsylvania; ex-Congressman Horr, of Michigan; English of Indiana; Hatch, of Michigan; Fellows, of New York; and H. Clay Thason, the Philibustian leader.

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der to prevent any washing away of the soil. After awhile these trees will be found to have induced a general moisture of the soil and grass grows with rank luxuriance even where bare pastures are baked with drought. Engineers easily demonstrate the fact that eight pounds of 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 afloat, 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 cargoes 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 mouths.

The advance of the after-dinner dancer over the after-dinner orator in Gotham would make it seem advisable for Hon. Chauncey Depew to practice a few steps.

If Maceo is reintroduced 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.

Harron in the Times-Herald. Mr. Bayard's successor will have a trying position to occupy. There are many ardent Americans, no doubt, who think it treason for him to have written the article of Mr. Bayard in other terms than those of execration. It is, nevertheless, a fact that no representative of the United States in England has ever done more to create a sentiment of esteem for America in the minds of intelligent Englishmen than our first ambassador to the court of St. James, Sir Francis Pickens.

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 winning esteem for his country 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 see Mr. Bayard, and were made to understand that an ambassador is not the lackey of his tourist countrymen, feel a personal hostility to Mr. Bayard which they would gladly explain as an honest indignation because of his "damnable and unparagoned" conduct.

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vate owners of public franchises can ever overcome the inherent individualism of American life. It is a double question. The New York experiment will go a long way toward proving or disproving the acceptability of municipal ownership, for it is not the project of "well-to-do social reformers" but of sober business men, and it is untainted by socialism, or what the average man takes for socialism.

TRIBUNE'S POLITICAL HANDBOOK.

Best Yet Received. Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. Of the many almanacs that have come to this office the best that has yet put in appearance is that of the Scranton Tribune. It is a regular encyclopedia and discards anything issued by the metropolitan press.

Handsome of Annuals. Wilkes-Barre Leader. The Scranton Tribune's annual for 1897 is issued under the title of Political Handbook and Household Encyclopedia and is the best of its name in the country. It is a book of over 200 pages and contains a good deal of general as well as local information, with a number of local illustrations. It is one of the largest and handsomest annuals that come to the Leader office.

Finest of Its Kind. Elmira Telegram. The Tribune's political handbook is the finest of the kind published in this city. It is a compilation and publication that reflects credit upon the Scranton Tribune.

Creditable Work. Hazleton Plain-Speaker. The Plain-Speaker acknowledges the receipt of well compiled almanacs from the Wilkes-Barre Record and the Scranton Tribune. Both are valuable compilations of every day information, the work being very creditable for two of Pennsylvania's foremost interior newspapers.

SPAIN'S UNWORTHINESS.

From the New York Tribune. Spain has shown her unworthiness to control colonies since she began to possess them. One of her first acts in regard to Cuba was to oppress and throw off her rule, only a handful of her Caribbean possessions and the Philippines remaining to her. But she has not been content with this, but she has been without avail, in the case of other possessions, and so it is sure sooner or later to do with Cuba. She will have to give up at some time if she sets diligently about it. Only about half her people can read and write, and it would be the wisest possible stroke of policy to touch the hearts of the remaining half. She would thus be better qualified for home rule; but for authority abroad she has had nearly four centuries of trial, and has been found a failure. She will have to give up at some time if she sets diligently about it. Only about half her people can read and write, and it would be the wisest possible stroke of policy to touch the hearts of the remaining half. She would thus be better qualified for home rule; but for authority abroad she has had nearly four centuries of trial, and has been found a failure. She will have to give up at some time if she sets diligently about it.

NO FAITH IN ECKELS.

From the Salt Lake Tribune. We hope that Comptroller Eckels is right in feeling 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 over these many years. At the same time, we cannot forget Eckels' general unreliability and bad judgment on financial matters, and would feel safer if it had been some better man and higher authority that had said it.

THIS IS REAL MEAN.

Syracuse Courier. Don Cameron's anxiety to have the United States take possession of Cuba is well known. Upon the fact that the Pennsylvania senator is a large owner of Cuban iron ore mines. The disinterestedness of some of these Pennsylvania patriots is truly touching.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus the Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 1:30 a. m., for Monday, Jan. 4, 1897.

A child born on this day will notice that a good deal of the holidays of the New Year has already passed out.

It is intimated that the Montrose Democrat favors the candidacy of Wanamaker. This certainly ought to net Uncle John's senatorial boom into a catastrophic state.

In politics it is often better to be able to cover one's tracks than to display unusual agility as a sprinter.

Scranton does not seem to be progressive enough to appreciate up-to-date "sacred" concert enterprises.

The concert man will generally "throw out" when he has an axe to grind.

And there will be no vocal putup for Dr. Mackey.

Ajacchus' Advice. If tired of life do not commit suicide in an untidy and hasty manner. Smoke cigarettes.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. From the Times-Herald. One section of the draft of the "Greater New York" bill will attract attention not in New York alone but in every city in America as well. It runs as follows: "If created no franchise or right to use the streets, avenues, parkways or highways of the city shall be granted by the municipal assembly to any person or corporation for a longer period than twenty-five years, but such grant may give to the grantee the right, on a fair revaluation, to not more than one renewal for a further period of not exceeding twenty-five years. Upon the termination of the franchise or right granted by the municipal assembly the plant or property of the grantee in the streets, avenues, parkways or highways, with its appurtenances, shall become the property of the city without further or other compensation to the grantee, and the city may by ordinance provide for the operation thereof by itself or by lessees."

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