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We bespeak for Governor Hastings message, of which an abstract is printed elsewhere, a caceful reading. It is a paper of exceptional interest and i embodies much wise and timely nd vice. We shall take future occasion to consider separate portions of it as

### The Senatorial Battle.

Deplorable as have been some of the features of the senatorial contest, which was practically settled at last night's caucus, the commonwealth is to be congratulated upon securing for its service in the national senate at Wash-Ington, as a colleague of Senator Quay, a young man whose public record is clean, who possesses well-matured legislative experience, who is in thorough touch with his party upon all pub-He questions, and who has never played the hypocrite, With no wish to carry further the acerbities of the campaign just closed, we are convinced that the best Interests of Pennsylvania as a whole-the interests of her multitudes no less than of her special classes-will be safer in the hands of Senator Pentest than they would have been in the hands of Mr. Wanamaker, as the progress of the latter's campaign has reweated him to the people.

Mr. Penrose will enter his new sphere of uncludness with every incentive to homorable service. He has the vigor of youth, the pride of uncestry, the spur of a vindention rarely exampled in American politics and the full confidence of his friends. He has demonstrated his ability as a practical force in the starting and championship of Terislation, he has acquired in active political warfare a breadth of philosophy not possible without rips experience, and he will have in his sagnelous colleague a strong resource in emergenries. Time will approve the wisdom of selecting as Senator Quay's asreceints in Washington a man with whom he can freely work in harmony.

Mr. Wannmaker can no doubt "earry" on the war as long as he is willing to can principles. There is however nothsupply the sinews; but it is another ing to warrant any alarm with the most thing to carry the whole Republican party with him.

### The Czar's Threat. It is reported that the exar of Russia

has again warned the sultan of Turkey that trouble will follow his refusal to seriously consider the remonstrances of the powers and accept their advice concerning reforms in the Turkish government, does not create muce more or a sensation on the world at large than upon the ruler of the Ottoman empire. A few years ago such a threat would have caused a ripple of excitement everywhere as an Indication that the so-called civilized nations of Europe had decided to interfere in behalf of the down-trodden wretches who have buts but death. Today, however, the threat is regarded simply as another mild protest from a powerful ruler who could single-handed crush the remnants of barbarity of the dark ages as represented by the government of Turkey. It must have been as apparent to the representatives of the powors a year ago as it is to the world today that good advice unaccompanied by shot and shell will never be appreclated by the sublime porte. The sultan of Turkey probably cares less for public opinion than any man upon earth. He is shrewd enough to note the Jealousy of the powers that long to divide his kingdom, and will probably in future, as in the past, continue to profit by the cupidity of the nations that clamor for reform, and remain ruler while his subjects continue the work of oppression in defiance to the protest of Christianity all over the

Until the powers of Europe offer something besides talk, no one need look for a solution of the Turkish problem at any date prior to the day of judgment.

General Weyler's future career will probably be brief. Mary Elizabeth Lease is studying the Cuban question.

# The Bloomsburg Dynamiters.

The startling and highly sensational story recently published in the telegraphic columns of the newspapers. implicating two of the best known families of Bloomsburg, Pa., in the infamous attempt to blow up with dynamilte the house of Levi Waller, a prominent citizen of that place, and an exmember of the legislature and son-inlaw of Hon, Charles R. Buckalew, has shaken that erstwhile pastoral village to its very circumference, and because of the social and political prominence of the persons involved in the affair has attracted widespread attention

throughout the state. Clifton Knorr, who by his confession of guilt, has implicated himself and Lloyd Wintersteen, esq., in the conspiracy, is a young man about 26 years of age and a graduate of Lehigh university. He is a son of the late Colonel Knorr, who was one of the best known lawyers of central Pennsylvania, Mr. Wintersteen is a prominent attorney of the Columbia county bar, and is the ex- in use aggregate fully a million horse ecutor of the Knorr estate. He was formerly the colonel's law partner.

Public opinion is divided as to the guilt of Mr. Wintersteen, whose character was never impeached until young element of the townspeople are reserving their judgment in the case and Mr. Wintersteen will hold their sympathy and respect until the evidence of the far from prosperous. plot is all set forth and his innoceace or guilt clearly shown. Knorr has led a dissolute life for a number of years and the very character of any evidence he might give en-

By for the satisfaction of a difference.

with one particular member. The epidemic of crime which has been prevalent in the middle West for several mouths past seems to be moving castward and has first cropped out in a strata of society, which by its environment and growth, one might suppose would be proof against crime of the barbarte order.

A Chicago alderman has been locked up for merely murdering a man! The next thing we know Chicago will pass

### Heredity in Politics.

Heredity in American politics appears to be a very tangible reality, for more than twenty years has held his able size instened on the Keystone state, is about to withdraw from the EFORE.

Charles Crisp, jr., of Georgia, seems to have been preparing to step into his father's shoes, ludging by the alacrity and apparent ease with which he occupied the vacant seat at Washington. Young Mr. Crisp as yet has had no opportunity to prove his metal in the field of national legislation but on the score of personal ambility, which after all counts much more at Washington than might be supposed it is reported he has made a hit. He has already developed a decided penchant for fishing which undoubtedly would speedily have floated him into the innermost secrets of a Gray Gable regime, but unfortunately (for Mr. Crisp) the reign of the prophet is fast drawing to a close.

James R. Carneld, the son of the martyred president, also seems to have been making commendable headway in Buckeye polities, although it is generally understood by those best acquainted with the young man that he is lacking in-those qualities which made his father the greatest exponent of his time of liberal American statesmanship.

Mr. Carfield already represents his father's old district in the state senate, but aspires to have the Carfield name again entered on the rolls of the lower house.

Mr. Garneld and Mr. Crisp are only two of the most conspicuous instances of a custom on numerous occasions observed in this country and which probably seems a triffe stronger than mere coincidence to many persons ultra zealous for the preservation of Ameriintensely american in these examples of political heredity, in any country like our own, where, despite all pessimistic atterances to the contrary, brains, grit and personal honor form the foundation upon which political success must be builded.

In the self-imposed task of vindicating Dr. Mackey, Van Valkenburg, Hon. Johnny Farr and others who support Mr. Wanamaker "without fear or favor," the Wilkes-Barre Times has a job on hand that is liable to last all

### Winter Sunshine.

Of course the pleasant springlike ceather of these days is abnormal; it mable: but probably the orst calamity attending the glimps f midwinter sunshing is the croak o he restless individual who can discern germs of disease in every passing reeze and feel the approach of disaster that threatens to annihilate the human race in blocks of hundreds as the case may demand. These melancholy people scan the papers and seem to take ghoulish delight in reading accounts of some new microbe of greater or less degree that is ready to feast upon the tissues of helpless humanity. In the imagination of the weather dervishes the wings of the winter microbes on a warm day become larger than the sails of Professor Langley's flying machine, and the ills to which the flesh is help seem liable to increase in a manner sufficient to exhaust the visible stock of drugs in the land.

While we are not disposed to scoff at the labors of scientists who are continually discovering some new terror of minute proportions, there seems no reason for unusual alarm at an occasional mild day at the season of the year when the ice crop should be flourishing. It is believed that people who obey the laws of health and take care of themselves at all times are no more liable to disease and death on a day like yesterday, for instance, than they would be if the thermometer was hovering about zero with a brisk breeze blowing from the north. Let us cheer up and get all of the enjoyment possible out of the sunny days and balmy breezes of winter, even if they are, as our melancholy and scientific friends claim, charged with invisible germs that are preparing to devour us at the proper moment.

When legislative excitement begins the rusty newspapers of Harrisburg brighten up and take on the airs of a rural tipstaff during court week.

Growth of Electric Roads. Dr. Louis Bell contributes to a recent number of the Engineering Magazine an excellent article on the marvelous growth of electric power during the last decade. In perusing the article we find that in place of the little group of struggling electric roads of ten years ago, we have today very nearly 13,000 miles of track equipped with not less than \$0,000 motor cars. The railway motors power, and the generating plants close

to 500,000, During the year Just passed about 1,900 falles of electric railway track have been built, and nearly 5,000 motor Knorr's arrest and confession drew him | cars have been added to the equipment into the affair. The more thoughtful list. This increase means an aggregate investment of something like \$25,000,000 -a prodigious sum to be added to a single industry in a year that has been

Of stationary electric motors, the number defies exact calculation, in so many directions and from so many sources has the growth extended. A single plant in New York city carries titles Wintersteen to the full benefit of | nearly 100,000 horse power in motors upon its circuits, and the aggregate of The nature of the conspiracy, to those thus operated from central stawhich by his own confession Knorr was tions primarily intended for lighting such as to send a thrill certainly reaches 190,000 horse power. sets from American ports has become a

of horror to the most hardened indiv- These operated by scattered stations idual. It was nothing more nor less than the total annihilation of an entire familiation of an e probable total amount of power to 250,000 horse power. Including rallway
work, it is safe to say that the gross
power of the electric motors used in the
United States is at present not less

ment by windrawing their orders, in pursuance of, which Cheveland seems to have
been acting, that everything possible, legal or illegal, most be done to prevent the
salling of "fillbusterers" from United
States ports, under penalty of Spain's
severe displeasure. than 1,250,000 horse power. Of power transmission plants proper, inaugurated mainly for minor purposes, there are | Phiston Item. now probably 150-about 100 of them using the modern polyphase systems, which by simplifying the question of distribution, have made power transmission practicable. A score of these plants transmit power ten miles or more and half a dozen over twenty miles.

The secret of this astonishing growth lies in the simple fact that capital will be invested to effect certain retrencheven if our own Donald Cameron who | ment, even when it cannot be obtained for any other purpose. In prosperity with more of less success the grip which | men will work harder to make a dollar than to save one: In adversity this tendency is reversed.

The Salt Lake Tribune Issued a thirty-six-page edition on New Year's day, which contained a complete history of the mining and other interests of Utah. It was a creditable piece of newspaper work worthy of the enterprising Journal of the west,

The Wilkes-Barre Record rejoices that the Luzerne members of the legislature have not attracted much attention at Harrisburg. Taking this view of Luzerne county ability and enterprise the Record ought to be in a state of hilarity most of the time.

After the selection of United States senator has been made and It has been definitely ascertained that Bonner will sign with the Scranton base ball club, things in general ought to resume their normal condition hereabouts. "Who's in the saddle at Harrisburg?"

say positively, but Uncle John Wanamaker seems to be at present under the hoofs politically speaking. President-elect McKinley evinces a disposition to saw the wood for his own

inquires the Bethlehem Times. Cannot

# BUSINESS AT EXTRA SESSION.

The length of time the Fifty-fifth congress is likely to remain in extra session is an interesting question with the politicians. Some of them fix the limit at two months, while others are expecting the session to last entil July 1.

When discussion of an extra session first began, the popular idea was that no log-islation outside of a taulif bill would be attempted. The programme suggested was that a tariff bill should be ready for the ouse upon its organization, that ouse should take this up, briefly lise it and promptly pass it, and then rest or its ears until the senate could complet the work. Upon examination, however, it is discovered that by this plan the scant. would be kept lille while the house was debating and passing the tariff bill, and the house lille while the senate was rethe noise life while the senate was for-viewing its labors. This, of course, is out of the question. A majority of the house could not be kept here for weeks for no other purpose but to pass on the compro-mise report on the tariff bill, nor would the senate care to sit with folded hands for several weeks pending the receipt of the bill from the house in the first place. The extra session of the new congres therefore, is likely to take up and pur upon other important measures beside tariff measure. Just what other measure is a problem. Other important question are pressing. Mr. oWleott will be back ary with information bearing e hought, that will be reserved for use ition for an international monetary c while the house was disposing of the tariff question, leaving the house to dispose of the financial question while it, the senate,

ne manicial question while it, the senair ompleted the work on the tariff. Much, however, will necessarily depend in the actual situation when the new con-gress meets, and on the ability of the Re-sublicans to muster a majority vote in the enate. If matters are safely within Rean control, by combination or other in the senate, expedition of businessise possible. But if they lose the conin North Carolina and Kentucky the be left very much to the mercy of the osition. But whatever is done, whether uch or little, at the extra session will i much deducted from the work of ti egular session next winter, and will ena ble the party in power to bring about a early adjournment in the spring of 1898,

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# Hand Book of Reference.

Scranton Times. We have received an advance conthe Scranton Tribune Political Hand-Bool for 1897. It is the most elaborate publication of the kind ever attempted in this containing in its 204 pages a greaty of information and making it handy book of reference for the politi rian and the seeker after statistics. The nake this compilation valuable, and it ha

# In Every Way Creditable.

eranton Truth. The Scranton Tribune has issued a "Po litical Handbook" for 1897, of exceptional merit. It is a volume of more than 130 pages, and contains a valuable array of political and general information. The work is in every way creditable to its publishers, and there can be no doubt that it will be generally appreciated as a cor prehensive and meritorious publication,

# SUDDEN CHANGE OF POLICY. ALSO

Rochester Democrat-Chroniele The administration seems to have, a ast, under pressure, abandoned its pirat cal policy of hampering and harassing ic citimate traffic between parts of the Unit of States and Cuba, in the interests of the panish government.

An American cargo steamer sailed las hursday from Jacksonville for a Cuba with a cargo of arms and ammur and with regular clearance pape to the United States government cover, she sailed under escort of United States revenue cutter, which, we presume, would have prevented any interference with this American vessel in American waters by a Spanish force instead of assisting the Spanish to piratically seize her as United States officers have heretofore been compelled by produce for Warth 1981. lers from Washington to do, in similar

o long persisted toward American viblockade of the Cuban co. \*1 so effective that the departure of 'fillbustering' ves

The Thirteenth regiment National Guer-of Pennsylvania, is to be shut out from participation in the inauguration exerises at a Wishington, and also from par dicipation in the military display pro-posed in connection with the unveiling of the Washington monument at Phila elphia, and the Grant monument at Ner ork. Only the First regiment of Phila

### SLIGHTLY ORFUSCATED.

From the Times-Herald. When Minister Taylor over in Madrid begins to discuss the possibility of the United States adding Spain to crush out the Cuban rebellion it is evident that he has mistaken his but for a telephone.

SMOKELESS POWDER. From the Times-Heraid. The inaugural ball will be held in the pension building. The powder for that ball will be smokeless and worn on the

### THE SCIENTIFIC SLUGGARD.

face and coat sleeves.

Tis the voice of the scientist, hear him 'Don't get up too soon, it is bad for the bruin; The mind it unhinges," he ruthlessly said;
"If you use in the morning too soon from your bed."

"Go early to bed and be early to rise, But how about those agricultural hands, Who do all the year round what the pre-

passed by his garden quite early on And saw him appropring the thistle and His limbs are rheumatic, his energy flags And as for his trousers and shirt, they Were rags.

spoke to the yokel, still hoping to find That rising so early was good for hi He doddered and drivelled, alas, it was The worthy bucolic was three parts in

Said I in my heart: Here's a lesson for That man is a picture of what I might be; Then thanks be to Science, for teaching so clearly,

It's quite a delusion to get up too early, -Pall Mall Gazette.



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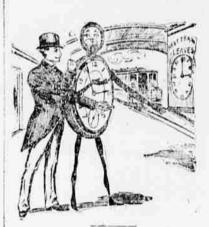
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