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Senator Penrose is in a position to appreciate the observation that nothing succeeds like success.

Highly Improbable. One of the assumptions that is frequently encountered these days, in fact, one which was lately put in circulation for a particular purpose, is to the effect that when President McKinley begins to give out the federal patronage in Pennsylvania he will ignore the regular Republican organization, with its representation of two votes in the United States senate, and place the executive favors mainly in the hands of those who are arrayed in arms against the existing party leadership.

Auditor General Mylin is said to have gubernatorial aspirations. The commonwealth could search further and fare worse.

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The question to impartial observation presents itself in this light: Does the public gain sufficient advantage from the carriage, by the government, at a loss, of books and advertising matter bound as bonus periodical publications, to warrant it in reaching into its pocket every year for money to bridge over the deficiency? This is the whole question in a nutshell.

Since Editor Flick, of the Wilkes-Barre Times, set up as the new boss of Luzerne county Republican politics, there has been consternation in the office of the Record. But Flick at least knows where he is at.

An Educational Service. The Tribune today prints the final installment in the series of letters in which Mr. J. E. Richmond, of Honesdale, has recorded facts and impressions acquired during a journey of nearly 12,000 miles across North America's Wonderland—namely, Yellowstone park; the fabulously fertile and thriving Pacific coast; snow-capped and ice-crowned Alaska, and the substantial Canadian Northwest.

An Economizer of Human Life. Some interesting statistics appear in this week's Medical Record with reference to the efficiency of the antitoxin treatment for diphtheria. In 1890, out of 71 cases at the New York Foundling asylum, there were 36 deaths; in 1891, there were 67 cases and 35 deaths; in 1892, 69 cases, 23 deaths; in 1893, 123 cases, 34 deaths; in 1894, 123 cases, 32 deaths; in 1895, 94 cases, 43 deaths; in 1896, during five months of 1896, under antitoxin treatment, there have been: July, 10 cases, 9 recoveries; August, 6 cases, 6 recoveries; September, 5 cases, 5 recoveries; October, 19 cases, 15 recoveries; November, 25 cases, 24 recoveries.

Of 169 severe cases treated by Dr. Roenthal of Philadelphia only 4 have died; before the introduction of antitoxin he had lost as many as 88 out of 109 cases. Dr. Biggs of New York offers in evidence tables showing the total number of deaths from diphtheria for the successive years since 1859 in Paris, Berlin and New York. In Berlin the total average death rate from diphtheria for six months for these years up to 1895 was 668. For 1895, after antitoxin had been partially introduced, it was 429; and in 1896, after more general introduction, it was only 294, or less than one-half the absolute number of deaths which had occurred on the average for the preceding six years.

The past few years which have revolutionized the practice of medicine, not only many once-dreaded diseases of most of their terrors and rendered it possible for the ensuing generation, if it will manifest ordinary prudence, to surpass all prior generations of mankind in its low mortality rate from causes other than accident and old age.

It is announced that Senator Magee has perfected a permanent treaty with Mr. Wanamaker to fight Quay. This will be reassuring news to Quay.

A Picture with Two Sides.

The Chicago Tribune each year on New Year's day prints a record by states of the bright and sunny sides of the year just ended. Its table of the sums represented by the embezzlements, defalcations, forgeries and bank looting of 1896 foots up to \$9,468,921, or an average of about \$78,826 per month.

THE SENATORSHIP.

A Brilliant Victory. Syracuse, N. Y., Post: When the senatorial campaign began Mr. Penrose appeared to be the leading candidate. He was early in the field with powerful influences and resources behind him.

An Admirable Opportunity. Reading Herald: As public attention is attracted to Mr. Penrose by his unique triumph, even his enemies must appreciate what a remarkable career and personality he is.

Will Measure Up. Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin: In the person of Boies Penrose the state is assured of wise, capable and intelligent public service in the senate of the United States.

A Satirical View. Washington Post: Brother Wanamaker, all in his best suit of clothes, goes to the bottom of the sea—of course we mean the sea upon which once floated the radiant galleon of his political aspirations.

Is Well Qualified. Chicago Times-Herald: The triumph of Boies Penrose in Pennsylvania was a victory for Senator Quay after one of the most phenomenal contests in the history of Quaker politics.

Fully Qualified. Reading Times: Senator Penrose, the news of whose great victory is ringing up down the state, will be the youngest United States senator from this state in a generation.

Able, Bright and Brilliant. Pawtucket, R. I. Post: Boies Penrose is a young man and must be considered as the best representative of modern day machine politics.

Will Make a Record. Rochester Post-Express: All that can be learned of Mr. Penrose is that he is entirely to his credit.

was an attempt to dodge. There is no more courageous or conscientious member of the Pennsylvania legislature than E. A. Coray. He objected to Penrose on "grounds that seemed to him good and out of self respect he refused to be herded with the fruits of the Hon. Sol Bacharach's activity for Wanamaker in Luzerne.

The latest cabinet speculation up to going-to-press time adjusted Senator Sherman in the state secretaryship, made Judge Goff of West Virginia attorney general, gave Cornelius N. Illies the navy portfolio and awarded to Judge McKenna of California the secretaryship of the interior.

The discussion as to whether Hon. Boies Penrose will or will not take his seat in the United States senate as soon as his duty there will begin is entirely unnecessary. Of course he will.

aplomb ability. The assurance is given by his friends that he will make a distinguished record for himself in the senate.

To Cure Bossism. Springfield, Mass. Union: If the boss is to be put down, the people must fight continually, and not intermittently; must unite and be ever watchful. This is the only way to overcome bossism, to quell corruption, and meanwhile the country may console itself with the thought that the boss is not quite so bad as he is painted.

Beats Cameron's Record. Washington Star: Pennsylvania, it is true, has for years been the theater of boss rule, but General Simon Cameron in his palmy days never scored anything more notable than this performance of Mr. Quay.

They Have Changed. Philadelphia Bulletin: It is surprising to find the large number of persons who are now eagerly pushing forward with their testimonials that Senator Penrose is a great statesman, and who not long ago were describing him as a peanut politician.

A Prophecy. Washington Post: Mr. Wanamaker's talk of keeping up the fight sounds all right, but he will soon ascertain that the defeated rag has a very small following on the return trip to the barn.

REPLETE WITH INFORMATION. Towanda Reporter-Journal.

The handbook and annual issued by the Scranton Tribune for the current year is among the very best of such publications. Its pages are replete with valuable information on many subjects, not only of a local but general character.

NO RIGHT TO GROWL. From the Lancaster Examiner.

The citizen who goes home to put on comfortable gown and slippers and sits down to read the evening paper, while others do the voting at the polling place, has no right to growl at the drift of things.



Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week.

Sunday, Jan. 10.—First Sunday after Epiphany. Weather fair. A child born on this day will be unfortunate and of a restless disposition.

Monday, Jan. 11.—Mercury parallel to Saturn. Weather unsettled. A child born this day will have a quiet career.

Tuesday, Jan. 12.—Saturn a morning star. A child born on this day will be fortunate and rise in life.

Wednesday, Jan. 13.—Jupiter a morning star. Weather fair. A child born on this day will be careless and unfortunate.

Thursday, Jan. 14.—Jupiter in opposition to Saturn. Weather changeable. A child born on this day will be rash and headstrong.

Friday, Jan. 15.—Venus in opposition to Mars. Weather changeable. A child born on this day will be fond of women and spend his money foolishly.

Saturday, Jan. 16.—Venus square to Mars. Weather changeable. A child born on this day will be of women and spend his money foolishly.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacechus The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe cast: 3:28 a. m., for Saturday, Jan. 9, 1897.

A child born on this day will notice that in politics, as well as in theatricals, many aspirants who start out to do Shakespeare finish as the hind legs of the stage elephant.

It is to be hoped that the anxiety of our Democratic and mugwump friends over the success of Senator Penrose will not have the effect of resurrecting the Times "Forum of the People."

Billy Bryan's present talk would seem to indicate that he has not heard of the election of November last.

Wilkes-Barre has no "yellow kid," but it is the home of several very yellow editors.

Ajacechus' Advice. Do not look for good men in politics. The good men are just over the fence and will be recognized by the earnestness of their criticism.



There is Something Lacking. In the feast that provide for the inner man—the eye should be pleased, too.

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