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becoming alarmed at the d a n g e r s that

lurk in the saliva of one afflicted with

catarrh, Some un-casy individual not long ago made the statement that hun-

dreds about us were afflicted with con-sumption and did not know it. These people spit on the

streets and the

sundry places.

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# ENTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE AT BURANTON, PA. AS EECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER SCRANTON, JANUARY 23, 1897.

Can anybody inform us why the law of Pennsylvania should prohibit the sale of oleomargarine when it permits the sale of arsenic, strychnine, cigarettes and rum?

## That Telephone Franchise.

Select council acted wisely Thursday night when it resolved to take time to consider the ordinance granting cer tain important and valuable privileges to the Lackawanna Telephone company. For aught we know to the contrary, this new concern is what it purports trymen than he is today. And the mos to be-namely, a bona fide company willing to do in good faith all that it ngrees to do in return for the privileges. it seeks. But if this be true, it ought to court ample investigation and be

glad to have its ordinance held open for public consideration and discussion.

In many places where competitive facts as to the natural fertility and protelephone franchises have been granted ductiveness of the island of Cuba. We on similar representations, the result now invite attention to the presentment has been disastrous to the public. We of facts, in another place, concerning could cite a number of citles where the Spain's extortions from Cuba during experiment of cheap telephone service, the past 100 years. It shows, from the official records, that in a century Spain after being conducted for a time at a loss, had finally to be abandoned. There, has withdrawn from the treasury of Cuthe public in the long run raid for the ba for purposes wholly foreign to Cuban failure, either through demoralization interests, a total of \$127,000,000, no saying anything about the thefts and of its service or through subsequently increased rates. In other places where extortions of individual Spaniards in such franchises have been secured as a Cuba, which would doubtless aggregate speculation, the public also has been half as much more. This means that muleted, after the fashion of its exper- Spain has officially stolen \$1 a year from fence in this city in the case of the each inhabitant of Cuba, white and Valley Passenger street railway or- black, over and above the costs of the dinance. We think we voice the opin- provincial government.

The per capita tax in Cuba just prior ion of nine Scrantonians out of every ten when we say that councils should to the outbreak of the present revolu not again lend themselves to private tion was \$16.38, and this was exclusive speculation in public privileges. We of municipal dues. At that time the antrust that that kind of swindling is nual "budget," or amount of taxes colplayed out in this neighborhood. lected from Cubans, was \$26,733,322, of If, however, careful inquiry shall dis-

which only \$771,125 went for internal close that the Lackawanna Telephone improvement, while the whole balance company is a genuine and an honest of \$25,962,197 went to pay interest on the business enterprise, holding out the inordinate debts accumulated during promise of cheapened rates in good Spanish overlordship; to support the faith and prepared to give the city suf- army and navy and to pay the salaries ficient guarantee that it is not the vic- of Spanish officials. As a sample of the tim of an iridescent dream, then it latter it may be worth while to remark ought to be possible so to frame the or- that General Weyler receives a direct dinance that the public's interests will income from the Cuban treasury larger in any event receive ample protection. than the pay of our president, and if all stories are true, probably pockets as

Will it be possible, we wonder, for much more on the side, railroad influences at Washington to At the present time the Cuban debt defeat the proposition to authorize def- represents a mortgage of \$201 upon the inite surveys and estimates for a syscorning capacity of every inhabitant of tem of ship communication through the Cuba, with a yearly interest charge of great lakes and to the Atlantic? This \$11, to say nothing about repaying the is a subject in which all Americans principal. That in face of such villainshould be interested. It is big with ous financiering Spain should squeeze Cuba for home needs whenever tightly future significance. pressed amounts simply to international

## The Nicaragua Canal Job Again.

Speaker Reed puts his arbitrary power to most excellent use when he decides that the present Nicaragua canal bill shall not run the gauntlet of the against Spain, but it is a mild one in present house. As the bill stands it is

to affect the situation for several generations to come. thousand. We favor the Olney treaty and do not underestimate its moral significance. vet there need not be any raising of false hopes in the premises. Its chief practical merit is that it affords a dignified way to the settlement of minor wardness.

disputes concerning the ownership of property. In time this may so lesser international asperitles growing out of such disputes as to induce the arbitration of more weighty issues and thereby reduce by a considerable percentage the chances of war. When this is said, though, all is said.

In the meantime, congress will de well to go right on with navy building on the part of the American nation is. and with the fortification of our coasts. therefore, unnecessary. We can have As an insurance against loss, a good the glory of being an American counbattleship and a first-rate mortar gun try that can win its freedom without are worth several gross of peace treatany aid from abroad. What we have a les as human nature now stands. right to demand from America is fair

neutrality. If America would permit The time will come when J. Donald our friends to send us supplies without Cameron will be better appreciated by molestation, just as the capitaln general the dispassionate judgment of his councould do for his army, within a few months not an inch of Cuban soil would creditable of all his public actions wil e under the flag of the king of Castile." be his determined but unsuccessful of The general's point is a fair one and fort to aid the cause of the republic the rebuke which he administers to us of Cuba.

More Facts About Cuba.

by inference is every syllable deserved. An excellent illustration of the right We gave in vesterday's Tribune som man in the right place is shown these days in the pages of Leslie's Weekly since it passed under the editorial control of John Gilmer Speed, Mr. Speed has infused a degree of vivacity and uptodateness in its text and pictures which is rapidly carrying it to the front of

American illustrated journalism. It is now a journal well worth reading. In the opinion of the Olyphant

Record, "no one could be nominated for governor who would command more universal support" than William Connell. The knowledge of such a fact would be worth more than any office.

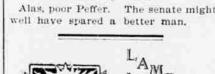
Judging from some recent court deliverances, we infer that in the eye of the law a man's fitness for jury service increases in exact proportion

with his inability to comprehend evidence. Mr. Bryan says he expects to stand or

fall in public estimation according to his ideas, not according to his oratory In that case he had better get ready to do some more falling. When "Billy" Mason, Illinois' new

senator, was in the house, he was its foremost comedian. Can the stald senate tolerate a wit?

Titled foreigners who want American heiresses like the Princess Chimay can have 'em, and good riddance.





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the filthiness of the habit; men who, person of yore was one among ten aps, do their share in this line by ej His wit had an Attic flavor and his humor a Lincolnian O.O.F pungency and directness that were worth any quantity of ponderous seriousness. The United States senate would be all the better for a little of his cheery sunshine and straightfor-

There is a fine tone to the language of General Calixto Garcia when he says: "I am more convinced than ever that we Cubans do not need help from any other country to achieve our independence. We can fight the Spaniards alone and drive them out of the island. notwithstanding their superiority in numbers and resources. Interference

streets and the germs are ground to atoms and are car-ried upon the breeze, and are absorbed by others and thus disease and death have an easy time securing victims. Of course, a germ can never die. They may be ground, baked and frozen, but they still live, according to the man of mystery and science. and science. . . . The most severe blow that the microbe alarmist has ever received was the state-ment made recently that a germ aided man's digestion. Some of the sorrow-ful have never entirely recovered from the shock. The majority, nevertheless, have rallied and are ready to aver that the germ of digestion is of small consequence

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when compared to the awful specimens that are daily consuming us. I am beginning to believe that we are but on the eve of the germ revela-

tions; that it may yet be demonstrated 000 that there is a mi-crobe escaping from the think tanks of many of our restless citizens that bids

fair to increase the army of cranks to an alarming degree in the near future. It is possible also that the musical the 17 ORATORY.

aratorical, and the terpsichorean microba may exist and flourish unseen about us It may be that men will be forced to be-come politicians, and seek for appoint-ments against their will, all through the invisible germ contracted by association with the ambitious or from minute partides that float on the breeze. The miser ly man may become generous; the inter-ly man may become generous; the slan-derer may speak well of his neighbor, and the landlord be brought to a realization that his tenant's house needs new paper

on the walls without asking. Who knows' If we can only keep off the present ter-rors what possibilities are before us What triumphs for surviving men' of cience! But let us pause for breath,

## AN EXCELLENT PRECEDENT.

From the Pittsburg Times.

The Republican members of the Illi nois legislature established a precedent the other evening in caucusing for a nomnee for United States senate which, it followed, will have an important influence upon future bodies that assemble togeth er to deliberate upon similar matters. They refused to permit any nominating speeches, This, if it should become a general practice, will be hard on the ora-tors, but it will minister greatly to the comfort of all who attend political con-ventions. We all know the nominating orator. We have endured him many a

ime. Assembled after an exciting cam onign, and anxious to ascertain the result ie steps between the impatient audience and the decision and sometimes there are

dozen of him and every word is torture He usually begins back somewhere about the time of the Trojan war. After a chapter of ancient history, he drops into biography, and followed by a detail of the achievements of all the great men he has had time to read up about, he delivers an invocation to the ghosts of dead party leaders. Here he lightens the gloom a little by throwing in an Irish dialect story and then goes into the statistics and history of the commonwealth dr nation. Upon concluding this he begins to swell and to pull out the loud stops, he enlarges on the momentous character of the occa-sion and shows how the fate of the coustry is trembling in the balance. It is a crisis that demands the services of a man



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# Weather and Other Predictions for

Sunday, Jan. 24-Third Sunday after Epiphany, Weather mild, A child born on this day will be clever yet rash and im-Monday, Jan v25.-Mercury sextile to Saturn, Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be clever but not success-

ful in a business way, Avoid superiors and keep quiet. Tuesday, Jan. 35-Mercury sesquiquad rate to Mars. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be successful if born early in the morning, and will be of an inventive nature. Sell. Wednesday, Jan. 27.-Moon in conjunc-tion with Saturn. Weather stormy, A child born on this day will have a checkered career. Sell.

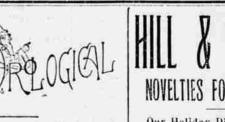






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nothing less than an attempted gigantl steal. It provides that the government shall subscribe for \$70,000,000 of the stock and guarantee the bonds of the existing company to the amount of \$100,000,000. The company figures that the canal can be built for \$125,000,000 at the most; but the government's own engineers, after a careful examination, say it will cost \$175,000,000 additional, at the least. In its practical aspect, therefore, the bill now before congress means that the United States in return for the privilege of naming five of the company's eleven directors, shall by its indorsement make marketable a private corporation's now almost worth-

less stock and involve itself so far that if the canal is ever built, it will have to build it. It would be cheaper for Uncle Sam to buy these speculators off with a lump sum and then go to work on the canal on his own terms.

We agree with Senator Turple, of ing parties shall have rights against the Indiana, that the abstract question of other." The Monroe doctrine is not : the desirability of a transisthmian ship canal between the Americas, and under our peculiar environment; it is some the control of the United States, is thing touching our general security and entirely different from the proposition affecting that instinct of self-protection which now confronts congress to use which is the paramount law. We would the credit of this nation to pull a lot of not arbitrate it any more than a man stranded speculators out of a hole. We would arbitrate whether a burglar believe in the wisdom of a canal under might take his life or a tramp do vio-American control and at a suitable lence to his wife or daughter. No time would favor the direct appropriatreaty and no nation could enforce an tion of money to this end. There is, arbitration of such a principle, and it however, no immediate hurry. Under is idle to conjecture such a contingency the Monroe doctrine no foreign power

So far as the main point is concerned can step in ahead of us. And in the meantime it would be far wiser for It makes very little difference what has occurred in the past with reference to congress to save the public funds for the management of the state treasury application on the new national debt The past in any event is beyond recall. which is inherited from Democratic What is needed now is a law providing administration and to other pressing domestic purposes than to think of tapfor the future; one which will make it compulsory for the state treasurer to ping its depleted bill for the benefit of a down-at-the-heel, speculative corporation. At least that is how the matter seems to us,

The Elmhurst Signal suggests that to avoid complications the proposed soldiers' and sailors' monument be located in Elmhurst. Walt until Scranton annexes Elmhurst.

### The Outlook for Peace.

The man who thinks that an arbitration treaty with the United States will cause Great Britain to discontinue the fortification of her Canadian frontier and inspire her to have no further hankerings after good coaling stations in the North Atlantic takes a great deal for granted.

So does the man who thinks that when the pending negotiation is finally ratified, it will no longer be necessary for this government to invest in armo plate, to plan additional warships or to buy cannon, shot and shell for use in emergency along our exposed coasts.

There has been some figuring on the great economies of arbitration, but it has been chiefly speculative. It is true that several of the foremost powers of Europe are spending at present about ten dollars on standing armies to every dollar spent on education. Such a condition, of course, is indefensible in theory, yet it seems to be indispensable in practice, and we must confess that we tions.

Spain's chapter of abuses of power That the fairest island in all the world should be kept for four hundred years by Spanish rule in the shadow of mediaevalism, head over heels in ignorance superstition and debt, and ever and anon turned by Spanish brutality into a shambles or into a theater of unspeakable brutalities practiced by Spanish soldiers on inoffensive native women constitutes an emphatic reproach on civilization and a blistering shame on the authorities at Washington who are reported to be negotiating to prolong Spains' infamous sway in Cuba.

highway robbery. Our own forefathers

rebelled from the domination of Great

Britain because they were taxed with-

out being represented in the tax-levying

assembly. Cuba has this grievance

omparison with the other items in

The opinion of ex-Senator Edmunds on the arbitration treaty in our judgment disposes of the one point of pos sible objection to an early ratification of that instrument. He shows that the treaty covers differences "in respect of which either of the high contract-"right" but a "policy" growing out of

MAY BE. without first dusting off the microbes with his pocket handkerchief. It has become hazardous to accept money ount of the dangers that may lurk on

UNCLASSIFIED SALIVA.

keep the funds of the state in safe dethe face of the note or coin. Most of us however, are still willing to take some risks, in spite of warnings. Some time positaries and turn over to the state reasonable interest thereon. There can be no factional advantage in such a ago the man of convivint nabies thought himself secure, as whiskey was regarded as a sure agent of death to microbes. Now it has been discovered by Professor Coles that bill and politics should not hinder its

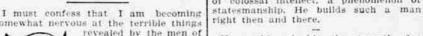
way through the legislature. From the Sun we learn that the government printing office at Washington

0000 last year used 5,457 tons of paper, which THE REAL PROPERTY went into 1,255,454 bound volumes, 6,461,-063 pamphlets and speeches and 11,175. 105 copies of bills and resolutions. What a pity that so much of this good white paper was daubed with ink to no conceivable purpose. weak man.

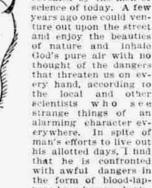
If the authority of this nation is to be asserted at all in the war between Spain and Cuba, how much better it would be to make one clean job of it by annexing the stricken island to the United States and thus affording its impoverished inhabitants the one possible assurance of better times to come By all accounts Governor Tanner of

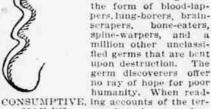
Illinois has, in the triumph of "Billy" Mason, received his first public lesson concerning the difference between a governor and a boss. Let Governor Bushnell of Ohio profit by his example. It is to be hoped that the new sen-

spit ator from Illinois will make no effort to adapt himself to senatorial tradithorities who have had no ap "Billy" Mason as the froliccannot exactly see how arbitration is some, good-natured, warm-hearted parent objection to spitting on account of



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rors it makes one often marvel at his own ex-istence. It is stated that a prominent citizen of New York has become so thorough ly agitated by the germ craze that he will not touch even a knob with his bare hands



world a nation calling itself civilized can

countenance the taking of human life without justification or even the form of

handbook," as the publishers call it, will be especially valuable. But there are other things besides politics treated, and this will make it welcome in the house holds of all The Tribune's readers,

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heart and brain, But no valet needs to tell him when to

And in sizing up a statesman who would measure from the floor?

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Our "Billy" isn't very rich, so far as dol-

But he owns a mine of useful things .

statesman ought to know. He has a host of loyal friends, and calls

them all by name. And though he's now a senator he is "Billy" just the same.

They say he isn't "dignified." That

-Chicago Times.Herald.

lose our faith in "Billy,"

smashed the old "machine.

statesmen gone to seed.

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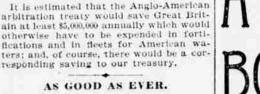
. . . Not only are there many natural terror.

affoat in the air, but we are also informed that there are numerous diseased persons who unwittingly or otherwise dis seminate germs with every TAK breath; person

who look harm-2 less enough but who are me be feared than a 10-pound can of 200 dynamite in the ----hands of a small boy. These peo-ple not only

0000 A graveyard may be dignified, but a tombstone doesn't think. Those fossils in Washington may be a breathe, but they 0> on the treets and in street cars. Au-Pa SESIS. who

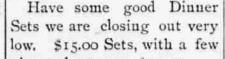
triffe chilly. But if he doesn't warm them up we'll



From the New York Sun. Actually there has been no decadence in the United States senate. The charac ter of the senate was never better than it is now, its stability never greater, and it was never more deserving of consideration as a deliberative and conservative body.

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