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By all accounts there is one element In Cuba as to whose getting the worst of it there is no possible doubt. We refer to the American owners of Cuban premises. property.

Dr. Depew Taken to Task.

In his speech at the Platt dinner Mr. Depew took a position with reference to the currency question somewhat different from that of the New York senator-elect. The latter had defended the greenback and intimated that when the tariff had been properly re-adjusted. the "money question" would cense to seem formidable, but Mr. Depew, warming to his peroration, used these words: "Let us not fear the currency question, but take the government out of the banking business and adopt a system so elastic that in every community the national banks locally there can, upon a liberal system, be able to issue currency as the needs of the community require." Commenting upon this, the New York Commercial Advertiser, although a strong admirer of Dr. Depew, takes him thus to task:

As the executive head of a great railway and one of the foremost orators of the Republican party Mr. Depew should weigh his words more carefully. The govern-ment is not in "the banking business," in the legitimate meaning of that much abused term. Mr. Depew says that he wants an "elastic"system which will en-able local banks in each community to able local banks in each commonly to expend or contract currency according to the needs of their customers. No such system has ever yet been devised by the wit of man. The wheel financiers of all the ages have not been able to solve the problem of creating a currency which was at once safe and "elastic." The proposi-tion to take the credit and power of the government from behind our currency and place the guardianship of its stability in the hands of a multitude of banks scattered all over this country will never be manctioned by Republican statesmanship Dr. Depew should not allow himself to be imposed upon by doctrinaire nonsense What this nation needs is not a "local" what this inition needs is not a bollar of surrency, but a currency every dollar of which is worth 100 cents from Maine to California. That is the kind of money which the people voted for last November when they indersed the gold standard With plenty of revenue flowing into the treasury under a sound tariff there will be no difficulty in maintaining every form of government notes at par.

There is no doubt that the New York newspaper more accurately than the New York orntor states the position of Republican sentiment on this subject. It should not be forgotten by any Republican that the war for currency re form was instituted purely for political purposes by those who had made a fallure of tariff reform and who thus sought to dodge responsibility. If our present monetary system is not ideal. it has at least this one advantage-it is a national institution, resting squarely on the honor and good faith of the government, and not dependent for the safety of its notes of issue upon the fidelity to duty of bank directors or

strict law against the killing of in- counting of the electoral vote on the sectivorous birds. However, no proinauguration; but in that case the vice vision was ever made for the enforcepresident-elect would very clearly sucment of the law. No commissioner has had the matter in charge and the act ceed to the presidency. Thus it will be has been violated. Fine plumaged seen that while there is no law on this birds are killed irrespective of their subject there is no need whatever for confusion should any of these improbspecies. Hunters send them to the east, where the feathers are used able contingencies ever arise, In the large millinery stores for the iecoration of hats." The wanton Congressman Dolliver, of Iowa, the originator of the phrase, "the advance slaughter of fine plumaged birds on the altar of feminine vanity has often been agent of prosperity," as applied to Malebated on the score of sentiment; buf jor McKinley, was asked the other day seldom has it received so complete a by a Democratic constituent when the castigation from the standpoint of dol- show itself might be expected to arrive. lars and cents. We hope to see the leg-He replied: "Not until we can find islature take prompt action in these enough Republican dry ground to hold

It is announced via Washington that Great Britain has no wish to build or to control the Nicaragua canal. We should say not; not while the Monroe doctrine lasts.

Common Council Takes a Brace.

godly; in fact, it cannot be wholly good

There will be ten years in which to

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat does away in few words with the argument

for the election of United States senators by direct popular vote. After

pointing out that this method would

simply substitute nomination by a state

convention for nomination by a caucus

of members of a state legislature, it

adds: "Governors are furnished by the

convention plan. Are governors, tak-

ing the country as a whole, superior in

intellect or character to the senators?

Is Governor Leedy, of Kansas, a better

man intellectually or morally than

Senator Peffer? In what respect was

Governor Stone, of Missouri, superior

to Senator Vest, or Governor Hill, of

Our western contemporary strikes the

very nub of the whole question when

it calls attention to the fact that "the

cause of the election of improper men

for senators lies deeper than the meth

ods employed in choosing them. It is

in the civic indolence and inertia of

government is to have anything to do

with the Nicaragua canal it ought to

If the President-Elect Should Die.

Attention has recently been newly

alled to what is pronounced a curlou

mission in our written scheme of gov

ernment-an omission stated in the fol-

lowing question; "Suppose that the

accessful candidate for the presidency

general election and the meetings of

eral state capitals on the second Mon-

the next president of the United

This question was asked a few weeks

ago in the British National Review and

It has since received very general con-

sideration in the American press. The

contingency in question has never

arisen nor is there any special law to

decide procedure should arise; but on

January and the second Wednesday

in February, the electoral vote would

have to be counted just the same and

the result announced. Then, on March

as vice president, and no one appear-

build and boss it outright.

New York, to Senator Hill?"

ecure them."

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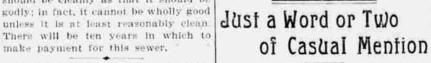
make payment for this sewer.

elbow exercise at the sideboard is a fit Common council last night could not subject for the judicial lash. He is do otherwise than pass finally the orright. dinance creating a sewer district in the The bill of Representative Camp-Eleventh, Twelfth and Ninetcenth bell providing a tax on employers of wards. In the face of the weighty foreign-born and unnaturalized male testimony of the admittedly represenworkmen over 21 years of age is nothtative citizens of the three wards it ing if not aggressive. The present sesquestion, councils would have been sion at Harrisburg is certainly opening open to a charge of dereliction of duty If they had taken any action other with a rush. than in the affirmative. For years th

The fact that Gotham's Four Hundred localities contained in the now Sevenare redoubling their preparations to teenth sewer district have formed a make a swell function of the Bradly disease-breeding watershed which Martin ball does not disprove Dr. might better be described as nasty, and Rainsford's arguments; it simply conit has been due only to good luck that firms them. that region has not been visited by ex-

which party caused the mischlef.

tensive and highly fatal epidemics o While Weyler reports that Cuba is ontagious disease. Scranton is to low practically pacified, Consul Genbroad and too progressive to permit eral Lee declares it is almost destroyed. any one section of its confines to re-But, then, pacification in the Spanish main in a state of coma. There is vocabulary is evidently a synonym for just as much reason that the city destruction should be cleanly as that it should b



Should an extra session of congress There is no more indefatigable worker in the interest of good roads in Fennsylbe called early in March, the new tariff law which it will pass might easily ania than ex-County Surveyor A, B, Dam ing, of this city. He is one of the fore-nost members of the highways committee go into effect on July 1. That would make July 4, 1897, a day doubly comf the Pennsylvania division of the League f American Wheelmen and is taking an memorative of American independence. active interest in the effort to have Good Western Sense. ood roads bill passed by the present leg



slature. He has made a practical study

second Wednesday in February and the STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Mr. Farr is understood to be at work on a measure requiring a comparison of county and federal liquor licenses, with a view to the squelching of the speak-easie

The proposed bill requiring the sele-The proposed bill requiring the select-tion of mine inspectors to be made by popular vote of all coal workers wearing a lamp in the production of an-thracite coal, which bears the in-dorsement of the United Mine Workers, has not yet made its appearance at Har-tichers has been by the construction of a so some risburg, but it is expected to do so soon the main tent." When a Democrat

gets impatient, he ought to ask himself Two bills for the protection of trolley notormen are now before the house r Harrisburg; one introduced by Mr. Croth ers, of Philadelphia, which would impo-According to Judge White, of Allea fine of \$25 a day for each car not en closed within five months after the ac goes into effect; and one by Alex. T. Con gheny, the social club which secures a charter for athletic or other innocent nell making the penalty \$199 % day. purposes and then limits its pastime to

> Instead of recommending a criminal in same prison exclusively for the relief of western Pennsylvania, the state board of charities will probably consider plans for the establishment of an institution that will benefit all the prisons of the state. The board will probably consider this matter at its meeting to be held hext week.

The new game law which is being con-sidered by the state game commission, with a view to its enactment at Harrig-

ourg, will provide a uniform season for unting extending from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15 It is believed that this, if strictly enforce will give wild turkey, quail, partridges prairie chickens, ruffled grouse, pheasants woodcocks, squirrels and rabbits a chance to multiply in the land. At present they are rapidly becoming extinct.

For the henefit of theater-goors, a bill has been introduced by Representative Plicairn, of Allegheny, which makes it un-lawful for any owner, lessee or manager of a theater, opera house or mosic hall or other place of amusement, to permit any person to wear during the performance any hat or bonnet which will obstruct the view of others. It makes it the duty of the manager of the theater to eject the person wearing the offending hat or bon-net, if it is not removed. The manager who refuses to enforce the provisions of the act is made liable to a fine of \$5 for

each offense, or five days'imprisonment.

The "municipal league" bills now on fil-The municipal league bills how on his at Harriaburg are six in number. They relate primarily to Philadelphia, but con-tain suggestions of general interest. For instance, it is proposed to limit city franchises to 20-year periods, and require com-constition for the benefit of the city not exceeding 5 per cent, of the annual gross receipts; to prevent councilmen from holding any other public office, city, county, state or federal; to introduce the civil service principle in municipal affairs and give every city employe a fair public trial when charged with wrong-doing; and, finally, to do away with the employment of the city's pay roll in politics.

A sensible amendment to the ballot law has been prepared by Representative Kea. tor, of Philadelphia. Its purpose is to do away with the printing of cannuases names on columns headed with the politi-cal titles. It provides that the cannutates names shall be printed in groups under the itle of the office they are running for with the party appellation mongside, it a candidate receive more than one neml ation his name can appear only once out the titles of all the parties which nem inated him shall be printed alongside o his name. The voter is required to place a cross opposite the name of each cand) late he desires to vote for except for pres idential electors.

Another anti-trust bill has made its ap of scientific road making and some of his carance at Harrisburg. It declare igainst public policy, unlawful and vold, ideas are found in the construction of that





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prohibited as a preservative. Coloring various food products is not prohibite various food products is not prohibited, provided the material used is not injuri-ous, or used for the purpose of deception, and inferiority is not concealed. Only vinegar, which is the legitimate product of pure apple juice, known as apple cider, can be sold as elder vinegar. It must con-tain not less than 2 per cent, of solids and a more cost active. Each head of the 4 per cent. acidity. Each head of the package must be branded with the name and address of the manufacturer, and date of manufacture. Lard not wholly derived from the fat of swine must be plainly branded "Compound Lard." The addi-

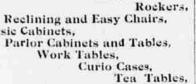
tion of coloring matter or preservatives to milk, is prohibited. Preserves, jellies, crushed fruits, fruit juices, and whole fruits sold as pure, or not marked compound, must contain nothing but pure fruit and sugar. Preserves, jollies, and similar articles that contain starch, glucose, etc., must be labeled "Compound" or "Mixture." Spices do not admit of the addition of any foreign matter, and there-fore cannot be sold as "Combounds," or placed upon the market in an adulterated condition. When coloring matter is used in cauned vegetables, the package must be distinctly and plainly marked or labeled, "Artificially colored," No substance la-beled "Substitute for Cream of Tartar," or with any similar label, can be law; utly old. It is proposed to enforce these de isions vigorously,

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cashiers. Before we discard a system

The first three weeks in January, the new year's present to Uncle Sam is deficit of \$8,000,000. It is evident Mc Kinley was elected none too soon.

The Wanton Slaughter of Birds.

Dr. B. H. Warren, the state zoologist strongly urges the legislature to take measures to prevent the wanton killing of insectivorous birds, and in this con nection he presents some figures that merit close attention. Says he:

"During recent years there has been a very great increase both in number and virulence of the parasitic fungi and insect pests with which the farmer and horticulturist have to contend! Besides these enemies, the cultivator of the soll has to combat certain species of birds and mammals which annually do much damage to his cultivated crops. The destruction of forests, both by lumbermen and devastating forest fires-especially the latter-has caused many

Insects to abandon their habitations in the forests and take up their abodes in the cultivated lands. Eminent ento mological authorities assure us that at least one-tenth of all the cultivated crops of this country are annually de stroyed by insects, and that the aggre gate amount of damage done is upwards of \$300,000,000 every year in the United States. Of this immense sum it is a very conservative estimate to Pennsylvania's share state that through insect ravages alone is about \$5,000,000 annually.

"Some three years ago the pine bark should die in the interval between the beetle committed depredations in the pine forests of southwestern Pennsylthe presidential electors in their sevvania and in West Virginia amounting to fully \$1,000,000, and during the presday in January, or even after that, but ent year, according to the estimate of our correspondents, the army worm should be formally declared in the damaged crops, chiefly cereals, to the extent of at least \$300,000. In 1895 'rose Wednesday of February, who would be bugs' and English sparrows caused, acstates?" cording to the testimony of our Erie county correspondents, fully \$50,000 loss to vineyards in the famous Erie grape belt. In North Carolina, the insect hosts annually, it is said, destroy over \$1.500,000 worth of agricultural products. In 1893, the loss from granary insects to the corn crop alone in the state of Alabama was claimed to be \$1.671,882, the whole we think the Chicago Timesand in the Lone Star state grain weevils, according to a well known writer, caused an annual loss in store cereals of over \$1,000,000. In 1874 the western states were visited by grasshoppers, which played such havoc with the crops that their depredations amounted to \$45,000,000. The chinch bugs were so numerous in Illinois in 1864 that they cost the people of that state over \$73,000,000. and in Missouri in 1874 the same voracious pests devoured agricultural products to the amount of \$19,000,000. In the cotton raising states the annual is, ~ darough the cotton worm from 1864 4, the vice president-elect would qualify to 1850 ."We estimated at about \$15,000,-

"It is manifest, therefore, that the succeed to that office. birds of prey shocld not be molested. Upon their existence depends the comgency; that is, the possible death of the bat with the insect ravages. There is a president-elect between the formal

of education and standing of roads, the Elmhu bouleva: Mr. Dunning has frequently lectured on the subject of "Good Roads" before farmlack among them of the public spiri which would show them that their adrs' institutes and other hodies. He treats he subject in a thoroughly practical but vantages and position place them unnevertheless very interesting way. der special obligations to the commun--0ity to use their influence in securing

The first number of The Forum, nonthly magazine published by the stu clean and capable public officials, and the absence of the political virtue and nts of the Dickinson School of Law a arliste, Pa., has made its appearance ne of the editors is Charles E. Danleis courage which would impel them to arlisle, perform their duty earnestly and inof this city, whose eleverness as a write telligently. With this spirit good offind ability as a newsgatherer won hun cials can be chosen by any method; nuch prominence in newspaper circles it

this vicinity. The magazine contain twenty-four pages of interesting, care without this spirit no method which can be devised by human ingenuity can

ully edited matter. As set forth in its ditorial department, "The purpose of The These remarks apply to a large numorum is both general and specific-gen eral in the sense that through its medium well established principles of law will be per of reforms which are advocated by men who forget that the right plac dduced and treated in the reports of to institute effective reform is in the most court cases, and specific in that arimarily, it will be devoted to the Dickinindividual rather than in the system son School of Law, From time to time, also, there will be discussions of legal The bed of a stream may be changed many times in hope of facilitating the questions and contributions by well-known water's flow, but no change can cause writers." The Forum is neatly printed. the stream to rise higher than its presents a handsome appearance, and, alogether, reflects credit on the young mer source. The development of personal who are responsible for its appearance. character is the one sure and absolute -0remedy for abuses in public affairs. A

There is hardly a day passes but what one or more candidates go up for citizons' papers and there is hardly a candidate but rogue in office under any system wil remain a rogue regardless of the syswhat makes some ludicrous or funny re-sponse to the judge's catechising. The other day one would-be suffragean pro-Senator Sherman is clearly correct in oked a very audible titter by an ingen his contention that if the United States nswer

"What kind of a government have we ' queried Judge Archbald in a friend sort of tone.

Jerking his head over his left should at a 39-degree angle and putting out his chest with pride at the presumed conidence and consideration in his judgmen "Oh, I like it very well, your honor."

-0-Senator J. C. Vaughan distinguishe himself at Harrisburg Wednesday night by extinguishing a fire in the senate cham-Some one threw a match among ot of loose papers in one corner of the oom and the flames had attacked the carpets and woodwork when Senator Vaughan rushed to the scene and extinmished the flames. In doing so his hunds were slightly burned. The senator has for years been a volunteer fireman and before the results of those meetings has helped to fight many a fire. He is a aber of the Eagle Engine company presence of congress on the second of Rellevue.

The popularity of low-priced theatrice of state assistance. The object or what should be the object, of the state in propriating state money for public ed performances with the people of Scranton and its vicinity has been demonstrated luring the week by the large audiences ion is not to abolish taxes but to abolish illiteracy, and the aid should be in pro-portion to the need. Almost any rule of hat attend the afternoon and evening erformances at the Academy of Musidistribution would be better than the pre-ent one. It seems to us that the numbe of schools and school teachers which the and 'Frothingham, where companies are during at popular prices. The clamor for ow prices at theaters is heard all over the residents of a district think they need and prove their faith by taxing them. ountry, and managers are compelled to ecognize it

UNEXPLAINED.

Herald covers the subject very fairly when it says that if the president-elect They tell you it's cream, when you go to were to die prior to the meeting of the the shop. Though it's thin and uncanny in flavo: presidential electors in their several he coffee you buy seems devoid of a drop Of that wondrous traditional flavor. state capitals on the second Monday in January, the party would have to as-But the mystery's worse than the tast: though that's bad, semble in national convention and And the things we are now so afraid of designate some other person to receive Perhaps we'd endure with sensations less the party's vote; whereas, if he were to die between the second Monday in

If we only knew what they are made of,

Ing. There's many a title impressively fine, And a coat-of-arms most self-asserting, Which leave you to guess how they came

ing to take the presidency, he would These baubles they make such parade of There is, to be sure, a third contin-

agreement: from the New York Advertiser ending to lessen full and free commetiti In gunning around for cabinet material any trade or business, Violation 'resident-elect McKinley may to snap a cap or two at Mr. Halstead himself. Up to date Mr. McKinley has somewhat failed to avail himself of the he anti-trust law forfeits the charter ny corporation in the state and the right denied foreign corporations to continu

usiness within the state. The bill projournalistic talent which is lying around in various accessible places. We troat ides for the punishment of viblators by ixing a fine of not less than \$100 or mor hat this is nothing worse than an over than \$5,000, with imprisonment in the peak tentiary of not less than one year or more sight. than ten. It also provides for the instru-tion of grand juries to the provisions (

he act by the various judges of the con nonwealth. A committee of three, consisting

Leonard Rhone, Dr. B. H. Warren and I N. Moore, met yesterday at Harrisbut

consider how the constitutional defec

all, of Chester county, may be remedie

Judge Hemphill pointed out that the law

was unconstitutional because the text

overs subjects not expressed in the title The title refers only to impure foods

while the text deals with adulterations

and impositions. The committee will rec-ommend that the words substitution and

adulteration be added to the title and the law will be passed by the legislature at

this session. No opposition is expected, as it is the most popular law recently enact ed. Two new bills will also be brough

up for passage dealing with vinegars. Th present law is framed only to protec

ider vinegars from adulteration, while

The very sensible and timely remarks

which follow are from the Philadelphis ress: "The public school appropriation

being intended to promote public (due tion, ought to be distributed in a way be

a secure this object. That will be

ds and its equitable claim on the

hildren as to whether they can be g red into one school or must have sev

another test, A district with the

selves to maintain them offers as con-venient and just a basis as can easily be devised for the equitable distribution

A bulletin of decisions has been issue-

by the dairy and food commissioner show

of the state school appropriation."

oppropriation. The distribution of

almed by giving the largest sum of more o those who most need it. The numb of children in a district is one test of i

the new laws will compel dealers to so all vinegars on their merit, and all vin

cars must stand a standard test and

tain at least 4 per cent, of acidity.

Press:

the present pure food law, as pointe

in a recent opinion by Judge Hemt



TIME TO REST.

From the Washington Post.

It seems that Queen Victoria still see the necessity for a distinction betwee "my lords and gentlemen."

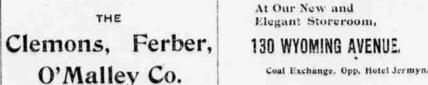
OUT OF A JOB.

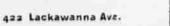
From the Times-Herald. The man who knows all about the money question is still whittling the racker barrel at the corner grocery.

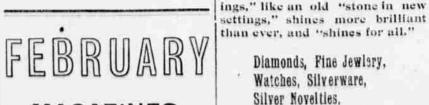


Odds and Ends, we find while taking stock, are being sold at greatly reduced prices to make room for new spring goods. children all convenient to a single school building does not stand in the same need FOOTE & SHEAR CO Have some good Dinner

of state ald as a larger but more sparsely settled district with its children so widel, scattered that two school buildings an Sets we are closing out very two teachers are necessary. The fewe the taxables and the less the value of low. \$15.00 Sets, with a few property in proportion to sensed popula-ion the greater is the need in that distric pieces short, now \$10.00.







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of vanilla and tonka should be labeled "Mixture" or "Compound." Ether fla-vors, if sold, should be labeled and sold to exist.

These bauties they make such parade of Seem good as the best. But you mustn't insist On knowing just what they are made of. —Washington Star.