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SCRANTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1897. It probably is true that there is no vociferous popular clamor for the enactment of Harrisburg reappointment laws...

The Case of Ruiz. Spain will doubtless appreciate the zeal with which Secretary Olney searches for flaws in the claim that Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, the latest prominent victim of Spanish assassination in Cuba...

Through it should appear that Dr. Ruiz's claim to American citizenship was doubted, the fact would still remain that here was an educated and admirable gentleman...

The time has come for the state department to inform the American people as to the facts in its possession with regard to affairs in Cuba. If a tenth part of the so-called Cuban news which appears in the papers is true...

That the American people like to be humbugged is proved by the large circulation of the New York World and Journal. Lying, faking and mendacity appear to capture the mob.

The Outlook for Bimetallism. It must be admitted that the outlook for an international bimetallic agreement, to favor which, if it can be secured, the Republican party in its last national platform...

The House committee on coinage, weights and measures has therefore, in our judgment, acted wisely in so amending the senate bill authorizing the president to appoint commissioners to another conference...

The Right Way. The following sensible resolution was adopted by the recent Congress of Mothers at the instance of Anthony Comstock: Resolved, That we will admit into our homes only those papers which inspire a noble thought and deed...

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peet, the problem is one that time alone can solve. In 1884, before Philadelphia's city government was reorganized by the Bullitt bill, the expense of the several city departments amounted to \$5,614,283.55...

A Billion Dollar Country. Continuing its criticism of a recent editorial in The Tribune which pointed out that government expenses, while naturally increasing with the growth of the country, have not increased if we divide the total appropriations by the number of persons benefited...

These generalities may be all right in their place, but have they any pertinency of the subject in hand? It remains for the Patriot to prove that the business of the United States at its present magnitude can be conducted with efficiency and wisdom for less than a billion dollars every two years.

While it is true that the appropriations for this congress will run considerably over a billion dollars, it does not appear that there have been any expenditures to which the term extravagant could be justly applied. The government expenditures amount to \$2,500,000,000...

Accepting this as true, it can easily be shown that no congress in recent years has put a tighter grip on the throttle of river and harbor jobs than has the present one, under the inflexible economy of Speaker Reed. The latter, in fact, has got himself actually disliked by the members for his firmness in refusing to let down the bars to long-running measures of any kind...

The fact that there were 10,652 murders committed in this country in 1896 and only 122 murders legally executed would seem to establish either that the death penalty isn't getting a fair show or that it has so far discredited itself as to be for practical purposes worthless.

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should fearlessly 'hold a mirror up to nature.' It should not convert itself into a gallery of horrors nor lend its pages to the reflection mainly of the dispassionate of the times. Nor should it be without thoughtfulness as to its responsibility for the influence which it exerts...

It is about time that the United States served emphatic and significant notice upon Spain that there must be a halt in Weyler's methods, not only as applied to his wanton disregard of the personal rights of Americans, but also with respect to the ruin and sequestration of millions of dollars worth of property owned by citizens of the United States.

The sensational hullabaloo over the past conduct of the state treasury, in the light of current investigation, promises to turn out another case of 'much ado about nothing.' It is usually thus with charges grounded in factionalism.

Perhaps, after all is said, the best way to smash a trust is to let it 'hog' itself to death.

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R. H. WILLIAMS.

country, Mr. Williams was president of the society. He is also a prominent Free Mason, a leader in Pythianism, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the American True Levites. He is a formidable candidate for the vice-presidency of the order in America at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in May.

There seems to be a constantly increasing number of young women in this vicinity who are ambitious to shine behind the footlights, if only in the chorus of a 15-to-20-act play. The other night last week the police of this city picked up two young girls who had just come from a theatrical company. They were 15 and 16, and they were very much stage-struck.

The Maywood (N. J.) Mirror refers to the good old church times in Scranton in this wise: 'It is related of Rev. David Short that when he was pastor of the First Baptist church in Scranton, Pa., he was zealous in the work of securing new members. One man, with whom he had labored exhaustively, was finally persuaded to join the church. But the pastor could not make up his mind whether to become a Baptist or a Methodist. Finally he decided to baptize him into the Baptist church by immersion. This he did, and the man was glad that he had taken the following step: 'I regret that I cannot accommodate you, but this church does not take in washing.'

One of the very greatest pianists to be heard in Scranton is the famous Dutch pianist, Mr. Sievking, a young man, and a giant in build, having a muscular development which is compared to that of a giant. But in spite of his great strength, Sievking has a touch as light as down, when he chooses to use it that way.

The many friends of County Chairman Lee Holcomb, of Luzerne, will be glad to learn that he has been promoted to the deputy secretaryship of that county. Mr. Holcomb has proved himself an executive officer of rare ability. His conduct of the county chairmanship has been so admirable that his friends and a source of anxiety to his opponents. As one of the bright and energetic young Republicans who are pushing the cause of Pennsylvania politics, his success appeals to the sympathy of those who like to see merit recognized, and we are glad for him in his new position.

STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Liquor laws are to occupy a prominent place in the calendar of the present legislature. Senator Gobin, of Lebanon, yesterday introduced a bill which will amend the existing law of New York. It was drawn by a wisely-known Philadelphia jurist, and its purpose is to provide for the sale of liquors in hotels on Sunday, or at any time of the day or night to those who are designated as legitimate guests of the house.

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Representative Conrad, of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill to permit the metropolitan police of Philadelphia to have been interested in lending money to needy persons who will not resort to pawnshops for such a purpose. The bill provides that Mayor Warwick, who is chairman of the Citizens' Permanent Relief Committee, Dr. French, the secretary, J. J. Reilly, Justice Strawbridge, Dr. E. A. Shaik, and others are to be interested in the measure.

Senator Loshak introduced a bill to supplement the Corporation law of 1871. It gives water power companies the right to build a dam in any boundary river over five miles long below the head of the water therein. It also gives any corporation organized under the right to operate and maintain the same with any corporation organized in an adjoining state.

Legislation that will affect every beer drinker in the state of Pennsylvania will be introduced by Representative W. O. Smith, of Jefferson county. He has been in consultation with the authorities at the head of the Department of Pure Food and Drug, and is anxious to see the law in reference to the matter. It will take the shape of a bill compelling brewers to keep all beer in stock for at least six months before it is offered for sale or put on the market.

A bill introduced by Representative Kunkel, of Dauphin, is said to have the backing of labor organizations. It compels every proprietor of a mill to place in his factory an auxiliary fire alarm, to be connected with the fire-alarm system of the municipality, so that when a fire occurs every proprietor is instantly communicated to the fire houses.

The movement in favor of sending the National Guard to Washington in connection with a special appropriation for the purpose is not likely to succeed. Officers of the Guard in both house and senate, as well as other members, are opposed to appropriating \$50,000 for this purpose when the revenues of the state are in the condition that they are in today.

Senator Kaufman, at the request of Iron Molders' union No. 12, has introduced a bill which provides that no manufacturer, contractor or other employer of labor shall refuse to employ an applicant for employment on account of his connection with a labor organization, neither shall they discriminate against or discharge any employee because he is a member of a labor union. The penalty for violation of this act is to be a fine of \$50 and an imprisonment of not less than six months for each offense.

Including the administration of President Cleveland, the following states have been represented in the cabinets: The following number of times: Massachusetts, 20; New York, 20; Pennsylvania, 27; Virginia, 18; Kentucky, 15; Maryland, 15; Connecticut, 9; Indiana, 9; Georgia, 8; Tennessee, 8; Illinois, 6; Maine, 6; Delaware, 5; Wisconsin, 5; Iowa, 4; Michigan, 4; Mississippi, 4; New Jersey, 4; North Carolina, 4; Louisiana, 3; Minnesota, 2; New Hampshire, 3; West Virginia, 1.

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