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To insure publication in this paper, volunteered communications of a con-troversial character MUST BE SIGNED FOR PUBLICATION by the writer's true name. To this just rule we cannot hereafter make exception.

#### The Welcome Policy.

Senator Sherman, during Thursday's debate on the Sanguilly resolution, said: "I am in favor of the pending doubted by any who know him well. joint resolution, and I think it ought to command the unanimous approval of the senate. I believe that gross injustice, almost barbarous injustice, has been done to a naturalized citizen of the United States, who has a right to protection from the president. I intend to stand by the committee on apvent me from doing what I think is right in behalf of the policy of the United States to protect its eltizens against unlawful and insolent treatment. I trust the time will never come when an American citizen can be tecting this American citizen, though he is a naturalized citizen. I am opposed to wrong and violence and tyr anny wherever it is exercised; and when it is exercised against an American citizen I will stand up for him, even if I am alone."

It is reported by Jullus Chambers who says he knows that his information is correct, that President-elect Mc-Kinley has expressed his intended pollev with reference to Cuba in these words: "CONSERVATISM ON EV-ERY PHASE OF THE CUBAN ED.'

These expressions satisfy the country. They enunciate the welcome policy.

It must be admitted that Colonel Ingersoll's sociology is much superior to his theology. In his lecture on "How to Reform Mankind" he announces that he favors international arbitration, "with arms and ships to back it up"; that ordinary criminals should be imprisoned under benevolent influences, but incorrigibles should be isolated. and that men and women steeped in crime should not be permitted to have offspring. It will be difficult for orthodoxy to improve this programme.

us as to points of doctrine, as our Prot- States do its duty by recognizing estant progenitors did in the days of | Cuba's independence, That will ac-Salem, there would be justification for pessimism. But the fact is that freedom of action and freedom of bellef are larger today

than they ever were; that the intellectual and moral no less than the material level is higher than it has ever been, and that of all periods with which we are by experience or reading acquainted, this is pre-eminently the best one. Let us not slander it.

The dinner as a function of politics has achieved a prominent and permanent place. Last evening's complimentary banquet to Pennsylvania's new senator is therefore to be regarded as in the nature of a dedication of Senator-elect Penrose to his duties at Washington. That he will reward confident anticipation by faithful and brilliant service there is not for an instant

#### The "Trust" Puzzle.

The completion in New York of the public hearings of the Lexow antitrust committee leaves the public as much as ever in the dark concerning equitable and effective methods for safeguarding trade combinations. Out of the mass of testimony collected by propriations from this day to the end this committee the two most damaging of the session, but that shall not pre- | facts which appear are (1) that trusts tend upon the whole to destroy competition, and (2) that they also tend to decrease the opportunities for the employment of labor. There are exceptions to both of these statements, nevertheless they comprise the rules. It is not established that trusts as a rule go wronged or persecuted by any power, far in the direction of increasing the great or small. I am in favor of pro- selling prices of the products which they control, and when in exceptional case they do, the records show that their mortality is great, in witness whereout may be cited the cases of the wire nail trust, the steel rall pool, the window glass trust and several others.

That trusts are a serious menace to the consuming public in the sense that they practice extortion is, in our opinion, not yet proved, at least so far as the Lexow committee's inquiries have gone. Therefore one principal clause in the popular indictment of these trade combinations must for the present be dismissed as without foundation. It is true that the centralization of QUESTION EXCEPT THE RIGHTS power over the production of a given OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. THESE community in the control of one cor-MUST AND SHALL BE PROTECT. poration involves the risk of an unwaractual. The main purpose of trusts

> thus far has been to introduce economies of production and management and upon the whole prices have fallen in consequence thereof.

But it remains to be considered whether it is for the public interest that free competition shall be overcome. Though the effect of its removal should be a temporary fall in prices. this would probably be more than counterbalanced by a simultaneous contioned. For this reason, therefore, if

In its definitions of a trust are included all forms of agreements entered into with design to limit and control the production or manufacture of products, to enhance values or to interfere

complish every necessary purpose. If the bill at Albany forbidding news-

papers, under stringent penalty, to publish any portrait of a living person without first obtaining that person's written consent should pass, it would greatly obstruct one of the most popular pathways to fame. But it will not pass, for the simple reason that its sponsors are themselves much too fond of free advertising.

The flat fact is that patience with Spain has ceased to be a virtue.

## Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

MorrisThomas, basso, whose picture accompanies this reference, was last Wed-nesday night elected president of the Bellevue Choral society, which was organized for the purpose of competing at



#### MORRIS THOMAS.

Robert Morris eisteddfod at the Frothingham in May, Mr. Thomas is one of the many singers among the Welsh-American people of the West Side who are bleased with fine matural volces. His is remarkably rotund and melodious. He is yet a young man, and if the stars are one he stars are ight and he arises from the lethargy of common contentment, Mr. Thomas will some day shine as sugreat singer, Since the spring election became a mat-

end of history, there has been more or ess gossip going the rounds about the nen who aspire for the county offices to a filled next fall. As usual, the Dem-eratic camp is more prolific of gossip ranted increase of prices, but thus far than the Republican. Already a slate has this risk has been potential rather than been partially completed by some of the bemocratic leaders who spend their odd noments in juggling with the names of non they think would make strong can-lates for the offices to be filled. As the state stands at present, the names road like this: Sheriff, Charles H. Schudt, Scranton; treasurer, M. J. Kelly, Scran-ton; district atterney, T. J. Duggan, Dunmore, or George S. Horn, Scranton; clerk of the courts, John J. Durkin, of M. B. Gillin, Na ang has been shired for M. H. Griffin. No one has been slated for the other offices. Of course, these are not the only men who are mentioned in connection with the Democratic nominations, Besiden Mr. Schadt, Mayor J. G. Balley terbalanced by a simultaneous con-striction of the labor market, and its ultimate evil effect in sapping inde-pendent manhood is not to be ques-tioned. For this reason, therefore, if treasurer nomination. Henry T. Köchler doxy to improve this programme. The Best Time of All. When a man hunts for pretexts for gloom he can usually find them on the sumnlest days. A contributor to City and State grows disconsolate over the Jennings, the county chairman, is fre-quently mentioned as a promising candidate for recorder or prothonotary. Mr. Jennings has not expressed a desire to have his name appear on the tleket, however, and it is not known that he would consent to accept either nomination even if tendered to him. Among the host of candidates spoken of for jury commis-sioner the name of James Flynn, of Archbald, is bound offner than any othr. There will be a lively light for the omination for district attorney unless he leaders combine on some caudidate Besides Attorneys Horn and Duggan, the friends of Attorney M. A. McGinley and Attorney D. J. Reedy are urging them as entable candidates for the nomi most acceptable candidates for the nomi-nation. Both are young men who have a large following of friends, and if they should earnestly go to work to win a nomination, would certainly get enough of delegates to make a good deal of trouble in the convention in case they decided to try to break the siste. Seranton is threatened, in the more deasureable meaning of the word, with woman's paper; not a single purposed pasm, but a regular monthly and deliberate gasp for breath in the higher world of literature, above journalism. The paper will be a magazine devoted to The paper will be a magazine devoted to the mentral sustenance of woman. It is the intention of the promoters, Miss Caroline Hartley, et. al., to have the edi-torial department of the marzine in charge of women only. The mechanical work will be looked after by men. Miss Hartley said the new concern will be a place "where women can invest their money and make more than 3 per cent, profit." The capital stock is being rapid-ly subscribed. It is not known what the maximum will be, but it will not fail short of \$200. The magazine will not be a local one in its bearing. The intention of the promoters is to, in time, have its circulation wave splash even to Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Wilkes-Barre. The name: It was the first lutent to call it name: It was the first the "Woman's Argosy," but this would be an intringement on Mr. Munsey's dime magazine, and the name has been dropped. The new paper is promised to The narrow escape of young Storm, the elevator boy at Hotel Jermyn, the other day, ought to furnish food for reflection transactions. It is, therefore, the general rule that a man is free to ask for his wares or his services whatever prices he cause for wonder that thus far only one is able to get and others are willing to boy has been killed in the business in pay. \* \* \* The vice of the act in ques- Scranton, and that more accidents have pay, \* \* \* The vice of the act in ques- Scranton, and that more accidents have tion is that it attempts to prevent too not occurred. In one well known buildmuch; it does not stop at reasonable lim-its; it is not content with making crimi-nal general restraint of trade, but it rapid drops and sudden stops that have a tendency to make the timid passenger lose his breath, and it seems only a ques-tion of time when a serious accident will result from the dangerous humor of the smart boy. If there is any piece of ma-chinery that needs the superintendence of a careful mar, it is the passenger cle-vator that is patronized to any great ex-tent by the public. An act that would make it a misdemeanor to trust the run-ning of passenger elevators to mischley. ous urchins would be a timely example of

STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

An Important bill has been introduced by Senator Millelsen, of Cumberland Journy, It provides that no milk pro-ducer or vender shall either himself or brough his agents or employees sell or offer for sale or exchange milk intended by be used as human food without faulur to be used as human food without having a certificate of registration or a license No one may sell milk obtained from at

and council, and in boroughs the bur-geners may appoint the above officers. The chief dairy inspector must be a com-

Relieves may appoint the above officers. The chief dairy inspector must be a com-petent doctor of medicine or of veterfarry medicine. The bill also prohibits the sale or exchange of milk to which skimmed or "separate" milk, water, ice, coloring matter or other foreign substances what-soever shall have been added, or milk from which the cream or any part of it shall have been removed. No milk may be sold that is taken from cows fed on distillery warts, rotten or fermented "browers" grains," or upon other sub-stance tending to make the milk un-wholesome, or which is exposed to infec-tion or unhealthy exhalations. The milk must contain not less than 25 per cent, or more of fat, 12.50 per cent, of milk solids, 3 per cent, of milk solids not fat; but this standard does not apoly to but-terrilk. Samples of milk are to be sub-mitted whenever asked for. The chief dairy inspector and his assistants are given the right to enter upon or into premises to inspect it and make a report. They are to examine all milk cows for the discovery of disense. They are to examine all milk cows for the discovery of disease; cutile infects with disease shall be immediately brand

ed or tagged and separated from the herd. To sell milk from diseased cow entails a fine of not less than \$200 or mor than \$500, with imprisonment of not less than four months or more than one year To carry out the provisions of the bill \$25,000 annually is to be appropriated. The dairy inspector, with a jury of three reputable citizens, shall examine and or der slaughtered all cattle affected with tuberculosis, and the owner shall be paid by the state one-third the assessed value by the state one-third the assessed value per head. If an autopsy develops no dis-cess, the owner shall receive two-thirds of the value of the animal or he may re-tain the carcass as beef.

-115-"The consumption of distilled and inous liquors last year was 50 per cent. less than eight years ago," says the Pittsburg Times, "It was less than it has been at any time for the past twenty years. The consumption of wines and spirits was less in 1896 than of spirits alone twenty years ago. But the saving in the consumption of the more flery lquors is more than made up in the u of mult beverages. Where the annual av rage consumption of beer in 1877 was less than seven millons, last year it had reached almost sixteen gallons per capita. This is not such a starting exhibit when it is remembered that beer is deficient in alcohol, carrying only about 4 per cent. while whisky and the spirits carry ten or twelve times as much. The increase in the consumption of beer and the de-crease in the use of walsky and wines has not resulted in a greatly increased

use of alcohol. But a new danger threat-ens the drinker of beer. The enlarged de-mand for it and the desire to produce a microhantable quality at low price have led browers to abandon the old and slow processes for a specificr method, and one that depends not on the natural chemical changes, but on the effect of adulteratwill be a



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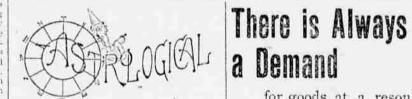
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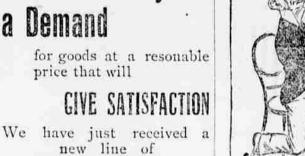
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#### Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week.

Sunday, Feb. 25.—Shrove Sunday, Weather cold and stormy. A child born on this day will be stendy had persevering, but will have to work hard for a liv-

Monday, March 1-Mercury trine to Neptune, Weather cold, A child horn on this day will be quick and clever and INDAMPOP INDOMIODO



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and State grows disconsolate over the badness of the world and is half inclined to pronounce civilization a failure. Referring to the Waller case at Bloomsburg he asks:

How comes it that so atrocious and wicked an attempt at revenge, such a crime against society, can be made after generations of progress in civilization, after eighteen centuries of Christian teaching, and in the heart of an old and law-abiding commonwealth? Long before the beginning of what we are bleased to call "the Christian era," there were many communities which would have been shaken from border to border by the commission of a deed so pecularly sav-age and inhuman. The blowing up of a boarding shanty of ignorant Hungarian railway laborers by a lot of their ignorant fellow-countrymen on the Wilkes-Barre mountain gives rise to comparisons of nationalities and makes arguments for restrictive immigration laws. What reflections, flections, what comments are invited when one Pennsylvania lawyer blows up the house of fellow member of the same bar?

Walving the point that it has not been, and is not in our judgment likely to be. proved that the accused lawyer in this | As Judge Swayne of the Texas supreme case had anything to do with the blowing up of the Waller homestead, it may be said that crimes such as the one thus

alleged bear a smaller proportion to the activities of the time than they have borne at any prior period. So, also, with the other case which gives this writer so much pain-the case which he describes as follows:

Last spring a man from the western part of the state was elected superintend-ent of the schools of Shenandoah, in Schuylkill county, after a flerce contest between two factions of the school hoard on religious and political lines. Smarting under their defeat, the minority di-rectors managed to have the superin-tendent indicted in the Pittsburg courts on a helnous charge, brought by a young girl, a pupil where he had formerly taught. He was convicted. It does not concern us here to question the verdict for a moment. For our purpose it matters not a particle whether he was guilty or not. What we want to point to is the report that members of the Shenandoah school board, and citizens of that town. who had traveled 500 miles to attend the trial, were guilty of celebrating the result by a banquet; glorying in a public dinner because a fellow citizen had been convicted of a vile crime! We happen to know that the residents of Shenandoah do not go about in breech clouts; nor do they paint their bodies and wear rings in their noses. But why do they

We wish to say, for the benefit of this writer and others who are prone to take a billous view of things, that it is decidedly not "time to ask what our much vaunted civilization, our magnificent public school system, our splendid churches, and our glorious, independent, free, and untrammeled press have done for us."-not, at least, in a spirit of criticism or district. The incidents which are cited above are simply the exceptions that by their rarity are projected prominently into public view, If we were butchering Christians by the hundred thousands in Pennsylvania, as was done in Rome at the apex days of Roman civilization; or if we were mas. sacreing in great masses those who disagree with us on matters of sectar- Spanish government. The issue has contrin such a form that it cannot be evaded. ian belief, as was done in Paris on the eve of St. Bartholemew's day;- or, again, if we were burning innocent again, if we were burning innocent again, if we were burning innocent Cuba, the sooner will Spanish barbarity women as witches and driving into the wilderness to starve or to be devoured phia Times.

with the principles of free competition in trade. Persons convicted of such combinations are to be punished for criminal conspiracy, charters are to be annulled and all agreements operative within the state, even if entered into outside of it, are to be illegal and vold. For carrying into effect any of the illegal acts named in the bill the punishment shall be imprisonment in the penitentiary not to exceed five years nor less than one year, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000. All combinations existing before the passage of the proposed law are, within thirty days after the bill's passage, to file with the secretary of state a repudiation of the agreement, or, as a penalty, surrender their charters.

It is not clear to us that such a law does not intringe the right of contract. court recently said in an opinion overthrowing an anti-trust enactment in that state:

One of the most sacred rights of lib-erty is the right of contract. All of the rights of contract which are necessary for the carrying on of ordinary business affairs are protected by the constitution, and are not capable of being restrained by legislative action. Among these rights s that of forming business relations between man and man. A man may form business relations with whom he pleases. and in the conduct of such business they may fix and limit the character and amount of their business, the price they will charge for the produce which they offer to the public, or about which they contract. It is part of the natural and civil liberty to form business relations, es from the dictations of the state; that | appear within a month. like freedom should be secured and en-oyed in determining the conditions and terms of the contract, which constitutes the basis of the business relations or nal general restraint of trade, but it makes criminal all restrictions of trade. It is not content with affixing penalties to acts or contracts which unreasonably estrict competition; it condemns agreement which prevents competition between two or more persons entering into It.

Where, then, can the public draw the line? Can a line be drawn by law without sacrifice of fundamental rights? These are questions fit for thoughtful consideration. We confess that the more thoroughly we go into

the subject the more puzzling it ap-Dears:

We have reached a point in the his tory of the Cuban war when the rights of Americans must be protected. There is not an American citizen in Cuba who is safe from the fiendish policy of Weyler that has the slightest protection from th

by wild beasts men who differ from Let the government of the United country!"

good legislation. Whitney, the well known journalist, was among the visitors to the city this week. Whitney resides in Susquehanna

a locality teeming with subjects that stimulate the imagination of the versatile writers and the climate agrees with him. correspondent supplies the New journals with many marvelous This tales of life in Suscuehanna county and and so his in Stassborning county and an furnish affidavits when desired with ach story. It is soldom, therefore, that my of his truthful statements are re-marked with susaicion. The only shadow has ever has fallen across his pathway this direction was east by one of the control of a weil known New York city daily. "Are these yarns that you send us all true?" the editor asked. "Cert," responded Whitney; "do you want an affidavit?" "Oh, no," said the editor, "but you must live in a d---d strange country."

will be rather successful in h writings and push thy business. Tuesday, March 2-Shrove Tuesday, Weather cold. A child born on this day ng drugs, said to be injurious to the tomach of the consumer. When made ac ording to the old German formula, ex- will be very unfortunate. Sell about pt for the alcohol, to which some peo-o will with good reason file a decided Wednesday, March 3-Ash Wednesday

bleetion, beer contains nothing harm-bl. As a substitute for the more intox-tating drinks it has an advantage, but where the substitute of the substitute he enormous consumption of it makes it no favore when that it should be free from ob-Thursday, March 4-Herschal stationary. Weather storiny. A child born on this day will be very ingenious but rather unfortunate. Travel, buy at ectionable doctoring, whether to make it ripen quickly or to impart to it a flavor. Representative Smith, with a proper regard for his constituency, wants adulter-nted beer outlawed, and whether viewed

from the standpoint of the beer drinket or the Prohibitionist, he is right."

Representative Ford, of Allegheny as introduced a new libel bill. It prohas introduced a new user but, if pro-vides that truth shall be a complete de-fense. No recovery can be had for a publication relating to men the official life or any matter proper for public in-vestigation, when it is shown there was

protable cause and no negligence or malice. The defendant may prove, in mitigation of damages, that the plaintiff has brought suit, or has recovered dam-ages from other publishers for libels of the same purport for which action was brought or that the defendant has oub-lished a retraction. To rebut malice, a prior publication of the same libel by some other paper may be proven by defendant. Punitive damages will not recovered except upon proof of malic or that the charge was published with out cause. No recovery can be had fo the publication of a fair and accurate re-port of any judicial, legislative or any other public or official proceeding, or publie meeting lawfully held for a lawfu purpose, and for the discussion of an public matter, or for a fair and accura report of any instrument, record, state ment, speech, argument or debate in an such proceeding or meeting.

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Editor of The Tribune.

