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### Good Times Are Coming.

The gold reserve in the freasury at Washington amounted on Saturday het, to \$150,975,827, which was the most that it has been at any one time since Nov. 18, 1830. Nobody now thinks of trying to start a run on the treasury. The "endless chain" is ended so far as the new administration is concerned. There is no fear that any dollar issued by the United States will fall in value below a dollar in gold.

On the first day of March in this year of grace the amount of money in cirenintion among the people of the United States was \$1,675,694,953, an increase of \$146,952,896 over one year ago. There is now in circulation more than \$22,.14 per capita, as compared with \$21.10 on June 1, 1896, a gain in nine months of \$2.04. The circulation of bank notes is greater today by \$11,000,000 than it was one year ago, and greater than at any

What has wrought this change? Not a change in national legislation. That will come soon and it will accelerate recovery but It hasn't bad time to be put into effect yet. Not any new discoveries of natural wealth. We had just the same resources two years ago that we have today. The change is wholly a change in the temper of the people. Fear has in the temper of the people. Fear has dishonor, will in the time to large the tance of a determination to solve a prob-been banished. Confidence has been power." Is his prophecy about to be restored. Those who have money to fulfilled?" restored. Those who have money to fulfilled? lend are again willing to lend it. Those who need money with which to extend business operations are once more willing to take on themselves the responsibillities of new debts, trusting in the future to being means of repayment.

It will naturally be some little time before improvement in business conditions will begin to be conspicuous to the great mass of people, for the simple reason that before much net progress can be made, our merchants and manufacturers and various other active factors in commerce and industry will have to clean up their accumulated debts and set right the deficiencies accruing during the last three trying years of depression. Recovery will be slow. It is with business as with a patient in a hospital. It cannot healthily jump up from under the surgeon's knife and leap and run. But figures such as those given above, which are authoritative, show that the period of convalescence has

It is possible for every render of these lines to hasten prosperity's return. Each small debt paid means the freeing of so much money to swell the growing volume of business exchanges. In a community like Scranton one dollar in money can quickly wipe out; by successive payments from delitor to ereditor, indebtedness amounting to tim, twenty, one hundred times its own value. It is these small debts that tie up the business of the community. Let them once he paid and the large ones can easily be attended to, clearing the way for added investments in stock. plant, labor and materials, which in turn causes other business to prosper until the whole circle of trade is enlarged. There no longer is Just ground for apprehension as to federal policies. Therefore let each victim of the past panie resolve to do what he, himself, can to extricate himself and his neighborhood from its ill effects. In no way can this resolution be more effectively carried out than by a prompt liquidation of outstanding small accounts-debts principally of pennies, dimes and quarters, owed to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, and perhaps also to the patient, long-suffering newspaper publisher.

Already the presence of a new spirit in the state department is indicated in the message sent yesterday to Consul-General Lee directing him to present to the Spanish officials at Havana the firm protest of this government against ill-treatment of Americans in Cuba. whether their nativity is questioned or not. That is what the country has been waiting for.

### Keep Cool.

The Pittsburg Disputch will not accelerate the good roads movement by ridiculing the rural element. It charges the "farmers" at Harrisburg with holding this movement up because they cling fondly to the ancient privilege of working out their road taxes by hold- a foreign court. "I am," says he, "not the joint indorsement of the agricultural department and the wheelmen, al- to go abroad." This would appear to leging that it is both useless and extravagant.

In its opinion what the people of Pennsylvania want "is a read law providing for the collection of a moderate tax in such manner that every dollar of it must be properly and publicly accounted for; that will provide a system for the permanent, though gradual, improvements of the highways: that will give taxpayers an opportunity to work out the greater part of their taxes, but require them to render honest service for their pay." These provislons are, in its judgment, pretty clearions are, in its judgment, pretty clearly established in the bill of Senator
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to the resurrer and payable and the proposition of t county freasurer and payable, only the ununlimity with which they have ton was from Virginia, but all Virginian upon proper warrant drawn upon him; resolved to support the candidacy of are not Washingtons. My meaning provided that exclusive profession Sanator E P. Hardanbergh for moditor clear, I think, it is that the fact of a co provided, that exclusive preference Senator E. B. Hardenbergh for auditor try producing learned men do shall be given to taxpayers and Ameri- general. Senator Hardenbergh has all mer from that country learned. This 437 Spruce St., Opp. The Commonwealth.

performed and materials furnished, auditor general. which will be necepted at face value in payment of road taxes to the amount of two-thirds of such taxes assessed

against such citizen. We do not refer to this subject at this time with the intention of provoking a rivalry between the bill introduced by Senator McQuown and that of Sentor Brown. There are distinctive merts in both bills which might well be inbodying the best suggestions from all master spirit guides its course, and corporated in a composite measure emdirections. We desire simply to ask great care is evinced in the preparation the Dispatch, as a friend of good roads. not to complicate the issue by ridicule aimed at the farming population. In considering the attitude of that class toward highway improvement it must be borne in mind that taxation with the farmer has come in recent years to be a serious matter. With the prices of his products steadily falling and the productiveness of his farm subject at any time to curtailment by storm. drought or other ensualty ngainst which he cannot take precautions, he | Comptroller Eckels denies that he in-

ery new proposition for extra taxation | this was hardly necessary. until he is convinced that he will be the gainer by it. Nor is he to be censured for wishing to work out a portion of his debt to the township in ship be trustworthy. which he lives. The city resident would want the same privilege if he could not dispose of his labor to better advantage.

authorize a start for better highways should not be embarrassed by quarrels between city men and rurals. Triends. of this reform should hang together and keep the peace. Three years ago Senator Davis, the

The effort to get the legislature to

new chairman of the senate commit- Editor of The Tribune. tee on foreign relations, asserted in the | Sir:-1 regret to see in your lesue of senate, just after Cleveland had hauled down the American flag in Hawaii: of the city doing its own asphalt repair-"That ensign, though now lowered in ing sent to the final retreat of all fool ef-dishonor, will in due time be raised in forts. A few figures will show the impor-

to hold it up against him. But if we of our present asphale partial to hold it up against him. But if we that amount will large increase yearly. tic generous enough to overlook some of the snap criticisms which he passed upon us in it—criticisms, though, that were quite natural to an observer viewing American manners from the social standpoint of Madrid—we may gain some benefit from other parts of his observations. Especially is his comment upon our political system interesting.

It is urged as a conclusive reason against city ownership that no city owns its own plant, but it seems to me that this argument should have no weight if the figures show that it would be an economy. The plant brought here by Duan Bros. Is valued at about \$8,000, and is capable of laying 609 yards a day. In that price is included the cost of the railroad curs and steam boilers. The city bas boller power sufficient at the crusher

set in; that the state of the public's financial health has been perceptibly improved by the election of McKinley, with the assurances which that event carried with it; and that if no untoward circumstance such as a threat of needless war shall intervene to cause a relapse, we may reasonably look for steady improvement from this time onward.

Will the United States be able to exist when it has to confront the social problems which that event confront the social problems which has been perceptibly improved by the election of McKinley, with the assurances which that event carried with it; and that if no untoward circumstance such as a threat of needless war shall intervene to cause a relapse, we may reasonably look for steady improvement from this opposing interests of the various states?

Will the United States be able to exist when it has to confront the social problems design the necessary machinery and the contracts would be at once put to work to design the necessary machinery and the contracts would be let by the way, kere is a valuable hint to Finch's or the Dickson works, for whoever will design and build asphalting machines of small size for repairs in cities at a moderate price will find a big demand at once). As to the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in doing our own repairing in the exact profit in design at once, as a policy of the war on the contracts would be at once put to work in the contracts would be at once put to work in the contracts would be at once put to work in the contracts would be at once put to work in the contracts would be at once put to w pposing interests of the various states? agricultural states submit to the scon-omic servitude imposed upon them by Northern manufacturers? In my opin-ion, all these problems will present to infer that the 70 cents reduction in price is in the asphalt and that it can be required at a profit at 35 cents per yard. If this is true the city has quite a margin for saving. themselves in the United States before | It is further urged against the scheme long. As soon as the present industrial that a number of skilled men must be long. As soon as the present industrial movement ceases and the United States gots to a level with other nations, when profits become less, will the taxpayers consent to be ruled as they now are? Will they consent to pay large sums of money for the maintenance of an army which does not exist; of a novy the condition of whose vessels is such

> Time will bring about the formation the repairs would be made at once as of three nations in the East, West and South of the United States. If, as Casecessary in these three republics. From dictatorship to monarchy there is but yard for the repairs, which aggregated one step, which will easily be taken sum beyond the entire appropriation to by the austere republicans, who now call themselves 'generals,' 'professors,' or Marquis of Minnesota.

As we said before, Senor de Lome the problem was solved,

Senator Cameron vigorously denies no the truth of the report that he is anxlous to represent this government at opposes the McQuown bill, which has has anybody ever spoken to me on that serious matter. subject. I neither expect nor desire sian or German embassy would be a graceful recognition of one of the stal-

wart figures in American affairs. It appears from the tabular statement of the city assessment for 1897, which | Editor of The Tribune. as of buildings in the Ninth and Seventeenth wards pay to the city nearly property in these wards is practically without namicipal protection from fire.

can citizens to supply labor and ma- served them well in legislative positions was effectually true of Brigham Young terials, taxpayers being permitted to of frust, he is well liked wherever McMullen, but never a Blaine or a Sher obtain certificates in payment of labor known and he would make a first class

> Elements of a long and useful life permente the literature of the Camibrian. Since Y Drych has had charge of this periodical it improves with each succeeding number, and the March issue-its literature especially-is highly instructive and particularly interesting and charming to those who believe in Gwalia and its literature. New life has been injected into its composition; a of its reading matter. Success is bound to follow such painstaking efforts. The ancestors of Gomer may well be proud of their national monthly.

It is a well-known fact in pathology that the imagination of a patient, when properly stimulated, is a better cure than drugs. The very fact that the business men of this country have confidence in the new administration will do much to banish bard times.

s clearly justified in objecting to ev- tends to resign. Being a Democrat.

The smaller the new capitol commission the better, provided its member-

Queen Lil has brought her grievances

### to a very cold country, we fear,

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. [Writers for this department must Tribune disclaims responsibility for opin-ions thus expressed.]

### AS TO ASPHALT REPAIRS.

As Viewed by a Spaniard.

The Sun has been having a good deal of fun with Minister de Lome because he once wrote a book of travels that experts put the life of an asphalt pave at fourteen years, and before four years are over there will be added the expense of resurfacing at \$4.25 per yard, at least one fourtry. The Spanish diplomatist this country. The Spanish diplomatist was younger when he wrote that book than he is now and therefore it is cruef 130.00 of \$19,285.00, making a total cost in 130.00 of \$30,100.00 for the maintenance alone of our present asphalt pavements and

esting.
"It is yet to be learned," says he,
"whether the American commonwealth
can continue as it is now constituted.
Will the United States be able to exist the latest bid was \$1.55. The usual resur Will the United States be able to meet | face bid, if my memory is correct, was foreign competition when wages are lowered abroad? Will the Western to infer that the 70 cents reduction in

own questions is quite as readable as the questions themselves, "So many opposing interests," he decisively announces, "cannot long remain united.

be this, Now, a note of a few inches in the spring is left till the general round-up in the fall, remaining unsightly throughout the summer and increasing to feet or yards by the time the repair gang arrives. In the bands of the city gang

Perhaps a little bit of history may telar said, democracy leads to unity throw a side light on the whole business. and to the strengthening of the central Several years ugo the asphalt on Lækapower, dictators will eventually become wanna avenue from Wyoming avenue to the bridge, gave out completely. The asphalt company bid \$1.25 (I think) and doctors, nobody knows why. No one would more willingly than they as-one would more willingly than they as-sume the title of Duke of Connecticut. Blied up. Both the asphair and the cit and level-headed street commissioner. M should not be held too severely to ac-count for these juvenile effusions. He meant well and they are not bad enter-talianent.

The company frankly admitted that the original paving of Lackawanna avenue was defective and offered a discount of between \$5,000 and \$5,000 to replace the job in good shape This was within the reach of the city and was gladly accepted, for we had made no parade of the fact that the hand stirring had hearly killed two or three workmen. The working, out of the de-tails in this matter should be done by the executive branch of the city and by them ing a neighborly picnic along the high-ways and throwing in an occasional handful of soft soil so that it will make mud in wet wenther," and it violently

> It has been said by a cynical student of to go abroad. This would appear to cover the ground. Still, the appoint- allowed to be done by a city that can ment of Senator Cameron to the Rus- afford the slightest profit to private indiwiduals." I hope this asphalt repair plant will not come in under that head. Yours. C. 15. Chittenden.

### BRIGHAM YOUNG.

we published yesterday, that the own- | Sir In your issue of March 9 there i In a community like Scranton and in the teenth wards pay to the city nearly year 1997. The depth of thought in it is one-fourth of all taxes collected on shown from the desire to prove the faisity buildings, and yet much of the valuable of Colonel F. L. Hitchcock's statement of the existence of a 'moral wider by the presence of a fertile country.

McMullen, but never a Blaine or a Sherman, or even an Olney.

His "Saints," the creations of his brains were "Regulators" who murdered Joseph Smith and the nearest to the throne and cuthroned Young: who murdered handreds of emigrants, "Gentiles," who wandered too near their Paradise, it was Young who "scaled" to him all the beautiful virgins and other men's whose that came in the range of his fancy; who suffer the ballot boxes and was a rebeto the laws of the Pulted Stafes, and who removed from his path all to the laws of the United States, who removed from his path who assired to share in his auterr sway. His virtue and chastily shown in the rites of the "House of P fication," his highest teaching of mor in the Prophet's "Harem." The writer appeals to St. Paul on subject of persecution, but Paul a says: "Elders and deacons shall be husband of one wife, sober, etc." New Jerusalem saw the Gospel preac therwise by the Prophet who duped hi ollowers by a poor literary effort from he hands of a disgrace! Presbyteria unlister and through the "Revelations brought on by too many potions of moun ain water established that slate of social y tolyague, which results in moral con tain water established that sinte of society, polygamy, which results in moral conditions such as exist in "Darkest Africa" and Turkey. One may wonder that we hold so lightly the tenets of a sect who were once so numerous and prominent. But when one of the most eminent and liberal authorities on church history writes, "as in the case of Mohammedanism. It may be a question whether Mormonism has in it enough Christianity to critic it to the name of a heresy or whether it is not more properly classified with heathen religions," we, who can read

whether it is not more properly classified with heathen religions," we, who can read contemporary history, do not hesitate in saying that if the statue of Brigham Young is to be allowed a place in the capitol then we must reserve a place for Tweed, Simon Girty, Jefferson Davis and Mahomet.

Let those who doubt the above get some good, complete United States History ome good, complete United States His-ory, as "Our First Century," and read il under the heading of Mormons. Then there will not be so many guiled by the criful pamphlets distributed by the elders of corruption from Salt Lake City.

718 Gibson street, city.

### HANNA A PACIFICATOR.

Washington Dispatch in the Sun. Veteran Senators who have had occation to consult with their new Ohio col-eague, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, during the oust few days have come to the practi-ally unanimous conclusion that those who have pictured him as a would-be ditatorial boss, with a well-formed plan i or the benefit of himself and the McKi tor the benefit of himself and the McKil bey administration, regardless of the opin form of others, have done the chairman; the National Republican committee great injustice. The Republican semator have had a great many quiet but impor-tant consultations during the past ter days, and Mr. Hanna has figured in then all. The impression created among his colleagues was expressed by a Republi-can senator now serving his third term, who has for many years been one of the strong, controlling forces in the senate and who, moreover, was a bitter opponent of the nomination of William McKinley This senator said to the Sun correspond-

ent today: "I have been very much surprised to learn that our first estimate of Mr. Hann is far from accurate. He seems to be man of very acute mind, sensible ideaand strong purposes, but he is anythin but a dictator or a bulldozer. He o course represents the wishes and purposes of the administration, and possesses detailed knowledge of the present p cal situation. He is vitally interests and can only draw inferences. The old price of laid asphalt was \$2.65 per yard; the latest bid was \$1.55. The usual resur-tives in both houses of congress. If I am not very much mistaken congress and th executive will act together harmoniously and the credit for this result will be large ly due to the ability, tact, and co I had a different opinion.

### THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION.

From the New York Sun. The session of congress called by Presi dent McKinley to begin next Monday is properly styled an extraordinary session. of money for the maintenance of an army which does not exist; of a novy the condition of whose vessels is such that none of them would be able to return to the United States from a trip to China; of an administration whose members provide abundant material for investigation in the criminal courts?"

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Charged in the work. Another advantage of working a small plant steadily in connection with the street department would diplomatist from Madrid returns to his the spring is left till the general round-up to handle as the spring is left till the general round-up. supposed to attach to the extra session called at the beginning of a president's term, are lost to sight. Nobody considers them. Nobody speaks of them, All of this is extraordinary, and it is the most striking evidence of the urgent noresulty of the course which Major McKir by has adopted, for the public interest, The disease sometimes called Cleylands am has run its term. The process of to uperation and rehabilitation cannot b gin too soon,

Charmed. He-How did you like the English per

She-Ever so much-they are so English, you know.--Puck.

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. plane cast: 2.23 a. m., for Wednesday, March 10, 1897.

(1) A child born on this day will be con-vinced that honesty is the best policy for the other fellow if he lives long enough. The warbiers of Springtime will goon all

The blocked, the robin and thrush; And the Easter girl dazzling, too, will appear In satins, silks, velvets and plush.

The business man who can see any merit in any side of a bargain except hi own, is not liable to get rich these days. Lent is the season that proves con clusively that the devil claims the exclu sive service of the average man for six days out of the week.

Breakfast Chat. Wife of Councilman-Why is Commi-ioner Kinsley like Greece? Councilman (wearfly)-Aw! I dunno, W. of C.-Because he defies the Power)



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