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#### Of Doubtful Utility.

We must confess that we do not fully understand the purpose of the les: Mitchell bill to establish a state excise commission which was yesterday fitworably reported in the senate. That measure has for its ostensible object

The bill provides for the appointment The bill provides for the appointment by the governor of an excise commis-sioner at \$3,500 a year and expenses up to \$1,200; a deputy at \$2,000, with equal expense allowance; a secretary at \$1,500 and miscellaneous clerical help. It is and miscellaneous clerical help. It is further proposed to have a deputy commissioner of excise in every city of the first and second class at a salary of \$2,000 per year, his office to be equipped with such clerical force as may be necessary. The commissioner will also appoint five special agents, at \$1,200 per nunum and expenses. They will act as confidential representatives of the commissioner, to investigate matters concerning the liquor traffic. Together with all deputies and the commissioner himself they will have authority to enter any place where lluuor is sold at any time and make any examination which they deem necessary. Where the people they deem it requisite they will designate the county attorney or any attorney to act with them and receive such fees as may be agreed upon.

It is argued that the creation of such a commission would render possible a stricter enforcement of existing statutes which are now in some localities persistently and openly violated, and largely increase the revenues of the various counties, boroughs and cities by compelling speak-easies to take out licenses. In order to raise funds for payment of the commission's expenses it is proposed to exact a large license fee from all clubs, societies and associations that sell liquor to their members, this to go into the state treasury. These are the claims presented in the bill's behalf by its sponsors. But it is by no means clear from these representations how they are to be worked out to a successful realization. We are inclined to favor a complete transfer of the whole license problem from the judges to a state commission similar to that created by the Raines law; but we don't see what is to be gained from a public standpoint by a division of responsibility between judges and commissioners, with each ready to throw the burden on the other's shoulders.

right to maintain a civil action against such corporation and its agents, prohibiting the continuance in this state of acts or the transaction of business under the system and by the methods criticised in this respect." In order to facilitate judicial inquiry into specific acts violative of existing laws it is proposed to invest the attorney general wth ample power for the examination of witnesses under subpoena to be issued, on his application, by a justice of the Supreme court, conferring the constitutional guarantee of absolute lmmunity on those testifying and pro-

viding that such examination shall be shall be conducted pursuant to the usual rules governing the admission of evidence to be applied by such justice, the testimony when taken to be filed in the office of the attorney general." In conclusion we have these generali-

Political oppression is the refusal of equal rights; commercial oppression is the denial of equal opportunities; both are repugnant to the people. The spirit that resisted the one and wrote the shibthe better enforcement of the liquor have of the state, but since it author-lizes no change in the license granting power, it appears to be of at least ques-tionable utility. The bill provides for the appointment pursuit and rest its claims to special privilege on abuse of power of concentrated wealth of abnormal magnitude. The has which protects the individual in the acquisition and use of property and goarfant.

artics? to him the smallest opportunity for its enjoyment couples with this pro-tection a guarantee and condition that such use shall not be oppressive. And the stathte which permits the combination of he resources of many into one presup aves that the permission to combine shall not operate to the projudice of public in-terests. There is a maxim as old as civili-mation itself fluoring the proposition that succeed right of contract and the indental privilege of combination are both abject to the qualification that they hall be exercised so as not to prejudice

the rights of others or the interests of These words are grandly true, but

the Lexow investigation has brought. forth no plan by which they can be en- Says the Philadelphia Press: "No teted into vital law.

According to the recent city assess- Lackawanna county, ment there are 38.914 taxables in Scranon. To arrive at the population it is customary to multiply a city's number ful and touching spectacle-when Spain of taxables by tures. This would in- is scared, dicate that the present population of Scranton is in the neighborhood of 116,742. It is believed that this is very ness, near the truth.

## An Act of Peace. That is an interesting example of British promptitude in the assertion of British authority when needed to insure due respect for British citizen-

ay, charged with the

federal appointment is wholly to his credit. The Harrison family has already had generous recognition.

The Emporia, Kansas, Gazette, which stirred the cranks up during the campaign, is now devoting its justy attention to the croakers. "The McKinley administration," it says, "may make some men who have their money in safety deposits vaults bring it out and put it in the market. But the McKin-Jey administration will do nothing to make it easier to save a dollar than it is now. That is temperament in the individual. No law can make a man had in the presence of a justice, and rich who was born with a desire to spend \$1.10 and earn \$1 a day. Every man in the long run chooses his own condition. He can be poor and

generous and happy or rich and 'near' and wrapped up in greasy bank notes. It's all one ten days after the funeral." Senator Magee evidently sees no rea-

son why he should be out of fashion; hence his resolution asking congress to cancel tariff protection to trusts. If this keeps up the aggressive Allegheuian may yet join the bourgeoise in blouses

In Minnesota the legislature is wrestling with a bill to organize a state bureau of phrenology to feel the people's heads. What is needed most is a club for the bill's author's head,

The "patriarch" of the senate is now. Senator Stewart and its "baby," Senator Penrose. The baby, by the way, appears to be an exceedingly active in-

The reports which represent Presi dent McKinley's backbone as being in a healthy tensive condition are most gratifying. More power to It!

If it shall be necessary to replace Consul Ceneral Lee at Havana with a Republican, what is the matter with appointing Murat Haistead?

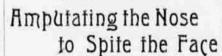
As an offset to the present crush for place just fancy how President McKin-

ley would feel if he were unable to find men enough to ge round.

'pressure' exists for offices except at Washington." The Press overlooks

Spanish clemency is a very beauti-

The thing for Spain to do is to sell Cuba and go out of the tyranny busi-



"Penn" in Philadelphia Builetin,

"Not long ago," it says, "a civil war broke out in the South American repub-iic of Urugnay, which is a much smal-ber country than Cuba, though its chief city, Montevideo, is much larger than Hayana. As soon as the queen's gov-ernment heard of the outbreak, a Brit-bution, was ordered to proceed to Uru-smay, charged with the mission of mo-

and weil-defit

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What would become of the good thi of Artennis Ward and Nasby and J Billings if such a law were to go a s further and rule out caricatures in as well as in picture? Who would julce more than those personages might feel as William M. Twees char consistence for the state senate. when, running for the state senale, a the New York Times had shown up gigantic robberics, and when Nast pleturing them in Harper's, he declare that he "did not care a damn what th editors said," for his constituents dida" do much reading anyhow; but they have eyes, and "every mother's son of the could tell what the pictures meant."

### A MORAL COMPROMISE.

From the Washington Star. "Young man," said Senator Sorghum to the protege of whom he expects to make a successful politician, "I am afraid that you are drifting toward methids that do not invite the calcium glare of publicity," "I don't quite understand," was the

mbarassed answer. "It seems to me that some of the plans

"It seems to me that some of the plans that you contemplate would cause you embarrassment if you were called upon to elucidate their details." "Well, senator, you're what they call

a practical politician yourself." "Exactly," was the self-appreciative reply. "And as such 1 am prepared to reply. "And as such 1 am prepared to dismiss all considerations of sentiment and to acknowledge no criterion except

"Well, a good many men keep a few cards up their sleeves." "Certainly, my boy. And the great mistake they often make is to insist on ringing them into the game when they hold the winning hand anyhow. I have een many a man spoll a straight flush of natural ability and courage for the sake of holding an inadequate pair of aces, in the way of chicanery." "That isn't the way you talked some

ne ago. "What did I say"" "You remarked, among other things

that every man has his price." "H'm. That's one of the sentence which I suspect are often repeated be ause they sound well and because no-body is able to produce proof one way or the other. But that aspect of the question is metaphysical and not poli-tical. Assuming that the proposition is correct, as well as epigrammatic; it is a rreat mistake to hang out the price tag where everybody can see it. For people o get the impression that a politician is

on the bargain counter may produce a emporary activity in trade; but it is car-ain, in the end, to cause a terrible letown in the demand for the goods."

#### ANOTHER FIGHT ON.

Harrisburg Dispatch, Phila, Ledger, There is no doubt that the element the Republican organization which su ported ex-Postmaster General Wanam ker for United States senator will e leavor to capture the next Republica state convention and name two candidate

for the state offices who will not be satis-actory to the Beaver statesman. Several conferences are said to have taken place in Philadelphia between Mr. Wanamaker and Schators Magee, Film, Kauffman and other anti-Quay Jeaders,

Kauffman and other anti-Quay leaders and, it is said, the conclusion reaches was that the state convention could be controlled by the anti-Quayites by fudi-clous work. Mr. Wanamaker is said to be in hearty accord with the movement to nominate candidates for state treasures and auditor general not under Quay in-fluences, and he is expected to go into doubtful counties and, in conjunction with the representatives of the Business Men's league, endeavor to elect anti-Quay delo

eague, endeavor to elect anti-Quay del ship which the Sun cites for the guid-ance of our own government in its policy toward Cuba. "Not long ago," it says, "a civil war broke out in the South American repub-ile of Urugnay, which is a much smaled upon from various counties in white there is a healthy anti-Quay sentimer One hundred and forty delgates would h he a majority of the convention, but i claimed that the needed number can secured by active work in certain local ties between now and the time the con

vention meets.



It is surprising with all the storm and bluster of other houses about underselling the world, the prices put forth by them as wonderfully low, half price, etc., are not comparable in value or desirability with our regular lines, a state of things the general public speedily recognize, as is evidenced by the largely increased trade we've been doing. WE HAVE MANY SURPRISES OF AN AGREEABLE KIND in store for those who will pay us a visit this week and direct attention to a few of them:

Ladies' Separate Skirts, new shape, in Black Brocaded Satin, large, handsome patterns, a genuine \$8.00 Skirt at \$4.98.

Ladies' Separate Skirts, in Figured Black Brilliantines, new shape, full width, at \$1.49.

Ladies' Two Toned Changeable Figured Mohair Skirts, full width, new shape, well made, perfect fitting, at \$2.98.

Ladies' Tailor-made Cheviot Suits, tight fitting back, Empire strapped front, silk lined jacket, worth \$10.00, at \$5.98.

Ladies' Tailor-made Cheviot and Broadcloth Suits, with reefer jackets, full width skirts, both jacket and skirt lined throughout, worth \$15.00, at \$9.98.

# SPECIAL SALE OF

# Black Dress Goods

French Surah Serge, 48 inches wide, the 75c. grade, at 49c. All Wool Silk Finish Henriettas, 46 inches wide, the 75c. grade, at 50c. English Mohair Sicilians, 45 inches wide, the \$1.00 quality, at 75c.

Special Sale for one week of Nice Black Ostrich Feather Boas, not woolly, fine goods.

1 yard long. worth \$6.00, at \$4.73. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> yards long, worth \$8.00, at \$5.98. 11/2 yards long, worth \$10.00, at \$7.98.



515 Linden St., Seranton, Pa.

If Representative Coray's bill to admit to naturalization in Pennsylvania no alien unable to read the constitution of the United States in the English language and pay his own naturalization expenses were to pass, it would cause quite a slump in the business of naturalizing illiterates for the purpose of stampeding their votes. But that would cause very little grief. The measure is so obviously good as almost to destroy hope of its success.

# Much Ado to No Purpose.

The Lexow anti-trust committee of the New York state senate has presented a formal report of its findings in the matter of harmful trade combinations, but it is a report which sheds little new light on the subject. At the beginning it recognizes as advantageous "combinations of capital starting with small partnerships and terminating with large aggregations, based on corporate organizations representing the contributions of innumerable stockholders to a common fund, thus investing for the purpose of reaping the reward arising from economies growing out of the concentration of resources, and the employment of the best skill, the highest intellect, the most approved. machinery and the most qualified labor"-a concession offering ample standing room.

It finds specific cause for complaint in the present tendency toward over capitalization, stock-watering and restrictive secret agreements with customers, but laments that it is not within the power of any single state to apply effective legal remedy and says the federal courts "have placed so narrow a construction upon the limits of their authority that in the absence of a constitutional amendment little or no relief may be expected from that quarter unless the Supreme court of the United States shall greatly modify its conclusions." The report analyzes the recent decision of Judge Swayne concerning the Texas anti-trust law and concurs in its assertion that the constitutional freedom of contract may not be interfered with unless accompanied by or resulting in acts of oppression or in restraint of trade which trench upon the constitutional liberty

and privileges of others. Coming to more definite terms, the report suggests that it may be advisable on the granting of corporate charters of legislation we should have in order to impose limitations upon the volume of stock to be issued; but it also points out that in the absence of similar provisions in the laws of other states a discrimination would exist, injuriously affecting domestic corporations. Removal of inequalities now existing between domestic and foreign corporations is demanded. The report adds: "As to foreign corporations in the nature of monopolies, provision may be made for the refusal or revocation of licenses to transact business in this state. But this would seem to be too radical a remedy in the absence of a judicial determination that a monopoly in fact exists. Another suggestion which should, however, be carefully ture of monopolies, provision may be

tecting British subjects and their prop- movement at Albany in favor of this reerty at Montevideo. The Retribution dented prohibition, Governor Black and divers other persons, called from out of markable and, in this country, ments. Mr. Baring, the British min- obscurity to engage in propping up the bady politic, complain that their feelings have been lacerated by the pictorial ister to Urnguay, desired its presence. and the fulfilment of the desire came immediately after its expression. Min-ister Baring sought protection, not from the authorities of Uruguay, but from his own government; and he get it by steam. The Uruguayan govern-ment did not take offence at England's onduct in the case; but regarded it as vithin her rights in a time of war."

The right of any nation to station a war ship in the port of any other nation where local disturbances throaten injury to its citizens or their property the press as a whole than the doctors who tion where local disturbances threaten is firmly established in international law and is wholly within the proprieties of friendly diplomacy. The only th purveyors of tainted meats are to the point to be considered in a given emerdealers in wholesome food. gency is whether it will do more harm

The men who raise clamor over eithe than good. likenesses or carlcatures are usually among the half-starved and sensitive in-In the case of Cuba it might excite tellects of public life. A big, robust char-acter fit for public employment seldom ill-feeling among the ignorant classes in Havana and in Spain, but if the timis distress for himself in these things ship's guns had good carrying pawer. When Cromwell gave Lely his famous this would probably soon yield. At all structions while sitting for his portrail "Paint my face as you find it, warts and all," he spoke as one who knew that he events our first duty is to our own people. Whenever their interests require had something more to offer for admira a war ship at Havana one will be sent tion than the shapeliness of his visage, N there; and the best judge of the situat. man was ever more roughly used by the artoonists than Abraham Lincoln. His tion in Havana naturally should be the homely face casily lent itself to their put American consul-general there: poses without much exaggeration. some of the Democratic prints of 1800 be was represented as a baboon or a will ......

What a strange ambition is that of man of the west. But he had the comm William R. Hearst, the multi-million-William R. Hearst, the multi-million-aire owner of the New York Journal. He actually seems anxious to be known as the publisher of the most indecent daily paper in the world. daily paper in the world.

Get the Best.

back, a cigar stump in his mouth, whisky hottles by his side, built pupe at his feet and some of the best men in the country Amidst the vast quantity of nonsense which has been printed in reference to standing around him half drunk, as if pandering to his vices; but Grant saw hundreds of like pletures without a murthe recent action of congress in cutting down the price of armor plate to \$200 mur. Horace Greeley had an unusua share of them, for he had the mannerism a ton, it is refreshing to encounter one. gleam of common sense such as the and peculiarities which mude him a shin-ing mark for Nast in Nast's best days; but Greeley, doubtless, had not forgoiten ollowing from the Chicago Times-Herthis

"There is no doubt that the secretary the time when he, as a young man, pub-lished The Log Cabin; how he had cari-catured Van Boren in 1810, and how he can buy armor at that rate, and also very much lower than that, which held him up to ridicule as a fox and a when put upon our vessels would make juggler. them about as safe as if they were If a law may be enacted forbidding the armored with pasteboard. The first ress to use the pleture of a man without steel ball that struck them would sink his consent, it may also just as well forthem like so many iron pots. If R is bid the use of his name, unless on the a chenp navy we want this is the kind same condition. If II may stop the delineation of his person in a cartoon, it may be equally justified in stopping the discussion of his character on the editorial page to procure one. When is it that congress will learn that it is not cheap And yet, the cartoon for a century has been one of the most potent weapons in England and America for doing away with things that the American people want, but the best things? What a pennyabuses and keeping officialdoni in good or der. Scratch the man who cries out loud-est against it, and you are nearly certain wise and pourd foolish scheme it would be to build shite that would sink the to find some taint of public means minute a gun was fired against them! roguery below. Papers Bks "Puck" and "Judge" exercise a tremendous power over What a wicked thing it would be to send our brave suffors to sail them or all classes. Among all the several cause

have been given for the defeat of Mr to fight aboard them!" Blaine for the presidency in 1884, none wa Why should not the secretary of the

which should, however, be carefully considered would be to invest the citi-zen, under proper restrictions, with the ing to boom his son's candidacy for a ing their functionaries in good behavior.

That there will be a clash between th Republican factions in the next state con-vention is realized here by the leader both sides, and the lines are being irawn tighter every day.

### ATTENDING TO BUSINESS.

Wash, Dispatch in Philadelphia Press. Boies Penrose is just six days old as 'nited States senator, but it is doubtful f there is any more familiar face than his at the while house or at the offices of the heads of departments. Mr. Pen-rose starts early in the morning, and from 9 o'clock, when department doors than the clownishness of the small boys are opened, until 4 o'clock, when they are closed, he is to be found somewhere who sometimes raise a commotion by their treatment of the figures of the pubalong the line of offices where patronag lic's favorites on the theatrical posters of a dead wall. But the newspapers which supposed to lodge. He is never along out is always accompanied by one or more constituents for whom he is seeking habitually and systematically practice places. There is no congressman prob-ably in the city who is more popular with practice abortion-defending themselves those who need senatorial influence and no because there is a demand for it-are to the clean-handed men of medicine or than one is more energetic than he when h undertakes a constituent's cause.

# TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cust: 3.17 n. m., for Friday, March 12, 1897. 260+ 4011 . CHE S

A child born on this day will notice that resperity has dawned upon nearly all who are not troubled with dyspepsia. Some of our local writers have alread hown a desire to have their fest pinchby jumping hito the shoes of greatnes The greater our distance from a doll. he larger the coin uzually appears. Maryl a snow-white lamb had she-The sheep was under-sized: But its fleece will costly be When the tatiff is revised.

By the way, what has become of ( Cleveland and the light house tender? Brenkfast Chut.

which represented him at Long Branch as the summer capital, scated on a throne a drunken leer on his face, his hat tipped She-A matrimonial agent is like a phos He-So?

She-Yee; he is useful in making matches

A BLACKSTONIAN AVOWAL. By those presents, fair matten, be

That I hereby grant, bargain and sell, Alien, entroff, to you for your own, And your helrs in remainder as well That corporal organ, termed "heart"-Of which I'm the present possessor, And described more fully, in part, In "Anatomy"--by Gray, a professor. You observe I convey it for life And limit the grant to your heirs,

to 1 know curiosity's rife And Fll cite you a case that compares n Challis-R. E.- 97, Shelley's case is reported, you'll see-And decides that a life-estate given, With remainder to here, is a fee, o the organ aforesald is thine Forever and forever you see; But for my sake, please never assign Your infrest in it, or in me, ---O. T. E., in Wilkes-Barre Leader

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