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The Governor's New Capitol Plan,

The merit of Governor Hasting's plan for rebuilding the state capitol is its common sense. In brief, his planis to rebuild the main capitol first, under a contract insuring its readiness for use by January 1, 1899, leaving the supplementary department buildings to be constructed at such time and in such manner as will afterward be found convenient. He asserts that by utilizing the available materials saved from the recent fire and appropriating for this purpose the recovered insurance of nearly \$200,000 the main capitol can be economy he pointedly says:

The constitution has placed upon the law-making power such limitations as prevent the creation of a debt for or on be-half of the commonwealth, so that we are impelled from stern necessity so to curtail the expenditure necessary for the erection of a public building, as to be within the bounds of strict economy, and our ability to pay as we go. The long-continued depressed condition of business warns us to avoid increased taxation. The present estimated revenues will not be sufficient to undurain the state establishment and give such aid to our schools and charitable and penal institutions as they have the right to expect, and which seem to be absolutely necessary. It is not wisto increase taxation unnecessarily, and thus encourage profigate expenditure of the public funds, even in times so prosperous Part, the citizen can afford to pay the taxes imposed. But, at a time when the wages of labor are at the lowest, the farm and the factory yielding little pro-fit, and every department of business in justified only when absolutely neces-y. This contingency, in my opinion.

There is a natural and wholly laudable ambition in the minds of many of the members of the present legislature to see such a new capitol built as will comport with the dignity of the commonwealth, and this feeling will no doubt be worked upon by those whose aim is less disinterested with a view outlay. But it is not undignified either live within its income. The dignity expenditure of public funds is that which limits expense within prudence and places modest utility above mere these grounds the governor's recommendations appeal directly to the favor

Why shouldn't Senator Penrose work hard to get recognition at the white house for Pennsylvania? That is an important part of his duty

Law-Making Under Difficulties.

If it were not so important there would be something humorous in the definitive exactness required in the Raines excise law in New York state For instance it is to be amended so as to define more clearly what places where liquor is sold are entitled to serve it on Sundays at meals to guests The first step necessary is to make plain what a hotel is

A hotel, under the Raines law, will hereafter be such a place of public entertainment as shall comply with existing laws, ordinances, regulations and rules relating to hotels and hotelkeepers and must contain at least ten bed rooms above the basement, exclusive of those occupied by the family and servants; each room properly furnished to accommodate lodgers and separated by partitions at least four inches thick extending from floor to ceiling, with independent access to each room by a door opening into a hallway; each room having a window or windows with not less than eight square feet of surface, opening upon the street or open area and each having at least eighty square feet of floor area and at least 600 cubic feet of space therein. The dining room must have at least 300 square feet, and

be sultably furnished. Next it is necessary to define what kind of individual, legally speaking, a rather than toward that set forth in he a person who in good faith occupies a room in a hotel as a temporary home and pays the regular and customary charge for such occupancy, but who does not occupy such room for the purpose of having liquor served therein, and a person who, during the hours when meals are regularly served there in, resorts to the hotel for the puradequacy of the English language,

The puzzle now in New York state is to find out what the Lexow trust investigation was begun for.

Free Aicohol for the Arts.

That a sharp line of distinction should exist in public policy between the govas a beverage and alcohol used in manufactures and the arts is apparent. Alcohol as a beverage is by no means Indispensable. The user of it is better off without it. On the other hand, there are processes in many manufacturing activities which cannot successfully be president is assured of a harmonious carried forward without the use of alcohol and any tax on this use of raw spirits is a direct imposition on the necessities of the people,

When the mongrel Wilson bill was being framed in "perfidy and dishonor," rule discourages party rupture in the the legitimate users of alcohol for drugs and medicines were assured in section tion of merely selfish ambitions to the al of a rebate equivalent to the general general welfare. When in any state this on alcohol. In other words, every the senators and representatives abuse bit of alcohol was to be taxed, but those their trust, they can be held directly their constituents. who could prove that their use of the accountable by their constituents, and The office-seekers like this rule bette.

article was beneficial rather than prejudicial to the public welfare were assured and and improper task of sitting in article would be reimbursed to the hitzament over state quarrate. His duty The Scranton tribune article was beneficial rather than prejude the president is relieved of the unpleasant of the public welfare were assured and and improper task of sitting in article. that they would be reimbursed to the amount of the tax. This was a somewhat clumsy arrangement but it was alleged to be necessary in order to minimize the liability to fraudulent exemp-

> But after a time, when this mongrel law began to pile up great deficits, Secretary Carlisle got scared and induced congress to repeal the rebate clause. This has left a large number of legitinate industries and interests struggling at a time of general depression under an unfair and a dishonorable burden and it is clear that the Fifty-fifth congress should speedily correct the in-

Secretary Sherman will have the cordial approval of the country in his effort to discourage the practice among certain classes of aliens of securing American citizenship papers simply as a means of escape from responsibility when meddling with the affairs of their native land. It is fair to deny naturalization to those who do not value It and it is entirely just to establish a time limit of foreign residence after which it will be canceled.

Two Views of Grover Cleveland.

The Christian Advocate of this week contains presumably from the pen of rebuilt in substantial fashion and in Dr. Buckley-a notable review of the adequate size at a net extra cost of public career of Grover Cleveland. It about \$359,000. In justification of this applauds the ex-president for his firmness in suppressing riot, for his courage in upholding sound money, for his efforts in behalf of international arbitration, for his championship of civil merits. service reform, for the high average character of his appointments to eminent positions of trust and for his "sustained superiority to the clamor of the press." It commends him for declining to further the annexation of Hawaii and to provoke a war with Spain, but censures the "vehemence and warthreatening implications" of parts of his Venezuelan message.

It regards as the conspicuous weaknesses of his administration certain utterances from time to time upon "the classes and the masses," which fed the flames that culminated in a discontent so widespread that he was unable to check it; his propensity to pardon a crippled condition, such taxation can criminals, and to interfere by letter and personal preference with the course of justice; his equivocal expressions upon the income tax; his promotion of financial uncertainty and loss of confidence; and his general inability to manage the revenues of the country so as to sustain at the same time the credit of the government and the spirit of the people. But in summing the subject up the Advocate says: "The to the authorization of a much larger charge of inferior ability is already discredited. Hugged honesty, determinafor a private household or for a state to | tion, patience, self-restraint, and caution are accorded to him. An unusual which common sense approves in the development of the consciousness of his own personality, blended with an exalted sense of official responsibility. has sometimes produced an effect, in superficial variagiory and showiness. On the eyes of hostile or indifferent critics. bordering upon the grotesque." In the main this impresses us as a

of the people and the legislature will fair estimate, although we dissent do well to govern its actions according- from its criticism of the Venezuelan message. We cannot be shaken in our belief that it was the grit in that which made arbitration with England a diplomatic possibility; therefore, even from a peace standpoint, the end justified the means. Quite different in tone is an extended review of Clevelandism in this week's issue of the Yrish World Here the ex-president is pictured as simply "the embodiment of dumb luck" -a "cheap country lawyer, a local political wire-puller, who had no experience in national affairs, had neve been in congress, had never even served in the state legislature; ignorant of constitutional law, ignorant of political economy; stolld, unimaginative; a man of vulgar mind and base associations, whose pleasures were gross; with no appetite for letters, no taste for art, no aspiration for anything with a tendency to refine or spiritualize-a man, in fine, who had nothing to show save what was corporeal," And the steps by which he rose to highest place are outlined as joint products of the blindest accident and unblushing roguery on the part of those charged with the political management of his different campaigns.

The peculiar thing about Mr. Cleveland's career is that both of these views can be strongly defended. He is the century's political paradox; the one human enigma that is as likely to set historians as contemporaries by the ears. Innate chivalry, inspiring unwillingness to pursue a man when he is down, will incline the majority of Americans toward the Christian Advocate's conception of Mr. Cleveland the Irish World; still, the temptation to smash so clayey an idol is by n means weak.

Mr. Cleveland is reported as "feeling greatly relieved." We could mention

The Proper Beginning.

That is an interesting piece of politipose of obtaining, in good faith, a meal cal news which comes from Washing therein. This is seemingly as strict a ton in the announcement that Senator wording as the subject warrants, yet it Magee has been told by President Medoesn't require great shrewdness to Kinley that Pennsylvania's quota of discover means by which its intent federal appointments will be affored might be defeated. In fact, it is at such only on the recommendation of the times as these that one realizes the in- Fennsylvania senators and representatives in congress. To be sure, this is what was to have been expected. The rule is general. It applies to all states, even to Ohio, where Senator Foraker's objection to the nomination of Bellumy Storer to the assistant secretaryship of state sufficed to cause that intended nomination to be withheld. But it falls with particular severity on the antiernment's attitude toward alcohol used Quay forces in Pennsylvania since they have traded largely on their funcied ability to override the state's two senators at Washington in the matter of

federal patronage. The political merits of such a rule are self-evident. By this means the support for administration measures in senate and house and is saved from the bitter clashings of factionalism by which so many prior administrations have been wrecked. Furthermore, the vaious states and invites a subordina-

bitrament over state quarrels. His duty is not that of a judge but of an execu-

national capital. From all that can be learned as to his actions and conversations since he enactions and conversations since he en-tered the white house it is evident that as many as you can. They are all good Major McKinley has made a most fav- men orable beginning. His long experience in public life and his knowledge of the points of shipwreck in some previous administrations appear to stand him in good stead. He is popular alike with the people and with the politicians, and in the firmness with which he seems to be adhering to the lines of policy marked out by him for his guidance as president the country views the promise of a singularly straightforward and successful administration.

"I should think we ought to pull out five or six good ones."

"Well," retorted the president, "suppose you take those papers away with you and after consulting on that basis with your delegation pick out five or six of the best men and all join in recommending them. There is plenty of time."

"It would be difficult to make a selection," suggested the senator, "Not so difficult for you as for me," to turned the president, "You know the points of shipwreek in some previous and successful administration.

The citizen who would comprehend the magnitude of the tasks before William McKinley in the next four years should read the exceedingly instructive articles which begins the March number of the Century magazine. It is a description from within the white house of the president's ity and strain. A reading of this article ought to soften popular criticism of an executive's faults and induce increased appreciation of his afficial

Notice was given by Senator Hoar on Wednesday before the senate adjourned that he would, after its reassemblage, move the adoption of two amendments to the senate rules so as to limit debate and insure the presence when necessary of a quorum. The need of such a change is everywhere Wednesday before the senate adrecognized except by some of the senators themselves. It would be a grand triumph for common sense if the amendments could be pushed through. But we entertain little hope that they

It is possible that the Philadelphia an injustice when it hints at the possibuilding of a new capitol according to plans different from those outlined In the governor's message. We like the covernor's idea and think it should e adopted, but we do not see the justice of charging improper motives against those who favor more liberal appropriations. There are honest men, ven in Harrisburg.

There are reasons for placing some the end of the Cuban rebellion is quite near, Spain has literally exhausted her resources and cannot longer pay last to recognize the improbability of American intervention and therefore

The mails are distributing many Dr. Swallow's paper containing his much-advertised charges From the Christian Advocate. against state officials, together with bids for sympathy and practical supsubstantiate his assertions or else cease

simmons and when Fitzsimmons steps before Corbett, out at Carson, there will be two instantaneous cases of justifiable homicide. Possibly that would be the happiest outcome of the

The individual Lynn who sought to steal the thunder of the organizers of the Cooper Union peace meeting must have a queer conception of the proprieties of such an occasion, and the hordlums who egged him on would look well in jail.

Russia's disposition to punish Greece for disobedience of the august Powers seems to be in proportion to the insignificance of Russian public opinion. But if any punishing is done, Russia will have to go it alone.

For some reason we don't see much place-hunting among the Republicans f Indiana. Are they following Genral Harrison's example?

THE PRESIDENT'S NERVE.

From the Washington Post.

Certain people who had apprehensions est Major McKinley might lack decision of character, have been relieved of all anxiety on that score. He is affable, he is gracious, and even cordial, to every one who calls, but he is like a stone wait

when the candidate runs against him, and has as large a stock of silence at his isposal as General Grant. People are beginning to notice a resemblance in President McKinley to the silent worder. He an listen patiently and with manifest attention to whatever is said to him, and the speaker go without offering any reply whatever. He does not gush like
Garfield, or endeaver to explain his difficulties like Hayes. He is never rude
and gruff like Cleveland, and he does
not give his visitors the chills as Prevident Harrison did. He manages to show
a cordial interest in every one, but is
as firm as the eternal rocks when propie
try to crowd him.

Thursday, March 18.—Sun square to
Mars Weather midd. A child born on
this day will be very unlucky and will be
headstrong, and furlous when provoked.
Avoid superiors and ask no fayors.
Friday, March 19.—Sun trine to Herschal, Weather unsettled, A child born
on this day will be fortunate in dealing
with superiors and will make boadway. try to crowd him.

-0-President McKinley places himself behind the Republican senutors and repre-sentatives, and will consider no appli-cations for office that do not bear their indorsement. He recognizes them as the representatives of the people, as the best source of information concerning the character and qualifications of candi-dates, and the effect of appointments upon the political condition of their dis-

riets and states; It is a source of satisfaction to appli that the responsibility of selection to fall upon their senators and repreentatives, for they are always within each and subject to sellish considerations o which each office-seeker thinks he can appeal better than any of his competitors the Russian peacant says when he questioned about the tyranny of the boy ars: "The Czar is always busy, and Gor is afar off." But senators and representa ives are easily found and it is difficu

A senator went to the White House tive. It is supposed that the voters of the several states are themselves accountable for the kind of men whom they choose to represent them at the those men, do you?" said President Mc

Kinley, "Well, I don't know," returned the

"How many places in the consular serv-ce do you consider your state entitled

"I should think we ought to pull out

turned the president, "You know the men and I don't," I mean that it would be embarrassing for me to indicate a preference in man cases,"

"You want me as assume that embarrassment? I am willing to share the re-sponsibility, but I cannot make any ap pointments from your state unless you select the men. You must get together too. I don't propose to settle any con-

troversies. abounding cares and duties, and the gives to nearly all the congressmen who impression it leaves upon the mind is one of wonder how any man can bear up under the tremendous responsibility and strain. A reading of this arpretty well convinced that they will not be able to secure appointments upon thei individual influence and must act to gether for the welfare of their party.

RUNNING A PAPER. From the Emporta Gazette.

What an exaggeration; what a wh and wound up with cobwebs in the wir dows.

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That would be better than a prolongation of the present destructive war.

tion of the present destructive war.

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STAND BY THE PRESIDENT

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The president is a man of the people born to toll, self-made, a soldier, and statesman of much experience, pure character, with everything to gain and

It appears from the various reports nothing to lose by patriotism, caution, hat when Corbett steps before Fitz-courage, candor, the highest aims, and the most honest policy. Let the people give him sympathy and confidence, and leave to mere partisans dishonest criticism and factious opposition. Then prosperity will not lag many months behind peace, economy, fidelity philanthropy, and patriotism.

RICHARD OLNEY.

From the Times-Herald.

In our history Mr. Olney will rank with the greatest of our secretaries, with Jef-ferson and Madison, with Webster and Marcy, with Clay and Seward. He safely conducted the ship of state while con fided to his care, and more than uny other statesman has set it upon a tack that will lead to perpetual peace,



Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week. Sunday, March 14.—Second Sunday in Lent. Weather unsettled, A child born on this day will be fortunate in all

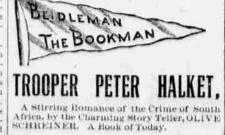
indertakes. Monday, March 15,-Mars an evening star, Weather mild. A child born on this

day, will be unfortunate. Avoid wom n and keep quiet on this day.

Tuesday, March b.-Venus an evening star, Weather mild. A child born of unfortunate. Travel and negotiate bust

Wednesday, March 17.-Moon in con Wednesday, March II.—Moon in con-junction with Jupiter. Weather fair. A child born on this day will be quick in anger and liable to accident, but will be fortunate in business. Court, marry and ask favors before 2 n. m. Thursday, March 18.—Sun square to

with superiors and will make headway in life. Doubtful day for business. Saturday, March 29.—Mercury square to Neptune. Windy. A child born day will have an active mind and be for tunate in the employ of others.



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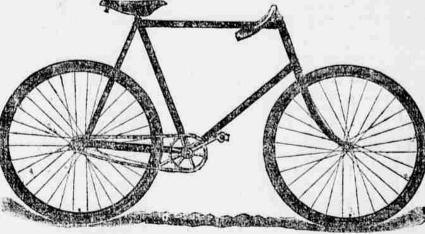
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