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An Important Decision.

The decision rendered Monday by United States Supreme court in the shall see, case of the government against the Trans-Missouri Rallway Traffic assoclation is receiving widespread atention. It was rendered in a test case brought by the attorney-general to ascertain whether the Sherman antitrust law could be applied to nullify what are commonly known as rallway needs. The defendant association was made up of representatives of eighteen previously competing rall roads and had been formed for the purpose of securing uniformity in charges. The bill of complaint alleged that this was an abridgement of free competition and therefore in violation of the Sherman law "to proteet trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and

By a vote of five to four, the Supreme court rules unreservedly in the plainthree direction, and If the published summaries of its opinion do it justice, lays down the interpretation that the Sherman law is valid wherever federal authority has jurisdiction, to suppress every possible combination intended to Hmit competition or restrain trade, whether that limit or restraint be reasonable or unreasonable. In other words, it is within the power of the United States government to decree that in all business traversing state bounds monopolies may be out-lawed. arbitrary restrictions canceled and the way made ready for the freest and fullow natural competition.

The effect of this decision cannot be otherwise than far-reaching; but before we gly- way to speculation as to its consequence, we prefer to await the arrival of the decision's complete text.

"Wit and brains," says Colonel Ingersoll, "are a better combination, by a long shot, than dignity and stupidity." For some purposes,

Concerning Naturalization.

The fact that it is within the right of each state legislature to define what conditions shall entitle an alien to naauralization in the courts of the state is advanced as a reason why the gen eral assembly at Harrisburg should at this session take steps to put this important matter upon a more satisfactory plane. No one knows more definitely than the inhabitant of the authracite coal regions what carelessness has upon occasions prevailed in the naturalization courts, and while the tendour ludges is to lift up the standard, it is really the duty of the legislature to come to their aid.

A bill to this end has been introduced

in the house by Representative Corny, of Luzerne, but whether it meets the emergency in every particular is a matter for consideration. It provides as we understand it, that no alien shall hereafter be naturalized who cannot read and write the English language and offer a fair explanation of the main principles of our government. Under such a bill large latitude would necessarily be left to the president judge. and if he were disposed for any reason to ease the process, the restriction might not have noticeable effect. But it is our belief that few judges would not welcome the chance to throw upon the legislature's shoulders the responsibility for a strict enforcement of a law like that suggested, and that, therefore, the experiment would be legislature.

The time we talk has gone by when the suggestion of such a restriction of words, the whites outnumber the upon the suffrage in this country could blacks more than two to one, and are gens. Still there is one man in the "Tar be met by a widespread charge of bigotry and the prescriptive spirit. Ample experience in wholesale and indiscriminate hospitality has bred a taste and, indeed, shown the necessity for some narrowing of the matter. The for some narrowing of the matter. The cluded all races after than Cancastan manneed, standing over six feet in neight dominant thought today is not bitters decreased by the number of 7,062, or with broad shoulders and full development. for some narrowing of the matter. The cluded all races other than Caucasians ness against allens but concern for the enfety of natives and regard for the welfare of those who, although born in other lands, have become Americans in mme and fact. It is imperative in the blacks as a rare, but from the illiterative in the behalf of these that the pelliting inpour of unfit guests should be stopped. If it cannot be stopped at the landing places, then let it be write, and, only about one black in write, and, only one white Culmin in three can read and the write, and, only observed at the citizenship court.

The great adager to a republic in and has had many thriffing experiences with the moonshing element which interest in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare, but from the liliterative in the blacks as a rare. harred at the citizenship court.

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Excitement Promised.

the Pennsylvania Republican organization, is offered in current dispatches hardly seems probable that Mr. Wanawould care again to court the rough caresses of a political buzz saw. Still, you never can tell what to look for in polities, and if the reports be true which come from Allegheny county in relation to the expenditures made there last

form of legitimate advertising it en- es of native Cubans in the bondage of seter almost completely. The odds, therecourages toleration, for then the money agnorance. The very veriousness of passes into worthy channels. But when | Cuba's plight adds to our sympathy for | The unsightly sentry box, known as

es distinctly selfish, then it must ex-beer to encounter trouble. The courts of Schuylkill county, it is reported, are about to consider this phase of the new "reform" movement; and perchance when they complete their inquiry some of that movement's phari-

chant prince again into the arena. We:

Would Mr. Wanamaker be besought o enter the state treasurership fight the were a poor man? In other words, loes the combine want him or his

Sentiment, Not Law, Required. Among the bills introduced this week.

at Harrisburg was an interesting one relating to corrupt practices at elecpublic office to file an itemized state- aring The Tribune with the Chicago ment of election expenses, whether he Times-Herald, but it is a companionregular election held in any of the tainly is not ashamed. cities counties, boroughs or election districts of the commonwealth, within ten days after such election. Such statement shall give the names of the various nersons who received money, and specify the nature of each item and the purpose for which it was expended or contributed. There shall be attached o such statement an affidavit to its truth, subsection and sworn to by the candidate. Any candidate who neglects or refuses to file a statement for a perled of ten days after the date of the primary, municipal or general election has been held, shall be guilty of a misdemennor, and upon conviction

This is substantially the law now in roduced with a flourish of trumpets quite out of proportion to its subsequent usefulness. Its intention is excellent, but like most statutes aimed at through public indifference it fails beunse of easy evasion. It is a debatable prestion whether such laws do not do reason that their evident failure to schieve their end casts more or less disredit upon statutory enactments in general and weakens respect for the law-making function. Before an ennormout of this enaracter is made in Pennsylvania public opinion ought for be prepared to demand its vigilant and impartial enforcement. Until such preparation is made, its enactment will electoral purity, which is already far signature much before the middle of July better protected in law than in fact,

The corrupt practices act prepared by the Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform association, which at first glance inspired us with carnest admiration, which is to the process of the process The corrupt practices act prepared by might be worthy of a trial, for the reabut even this significant measure is clearly. In advance of the times and only to a small percentage of the commonwealth's citizenship. It is right sentiment which is needed now instead of additional law.

It has been estimated by competent authority that the recent prize fight involved a total money cost exceeding \$2,700,000. It wasn't worth It.

Illiteracy in Cuba.

An interesting analysis of the population of Cuba, based on the last official census of 1887, appears in this month's number of Gunton's Magazine. From It we learn that the fear of negro supremney under a republican form of govfeasible. In general intent, at least, it | ernment for Cuba is as groundless as is accords with enlightened sentiment the similar fear in certain of our southand merits careful attention by the ern states. Out of a population of 1.631. 687 only 528, 998 are blacks, Chinese of The time, we think, has gone by when propresentatives of mixed races. In othone and one-third per cent.

The great danger to a republic in eight. To be sure, no opportunities of The office seeker, in the opinion of Dr. have been afforded in Cuba. It is arms drawing good and enders, Every after-bana, has as much right to seek as the time in 1880 there were in the island. Dana, has as much right to seek as the chart in 1350 there were in the island office holder has to hold. Abstractly and theoretically, that is true; but practically, possession is often nine band decreased to only 775 public schools, not one of which would fit the American had decreased to only 775 public schools, not one of which would fit the American have speaken have steaded good impressions. not one of which would fit the American idea of popular instruction. Regardiess, however, of the cause, the fact The prospect of a personal contest of a prevalence of illiteracy amounting between John Wanamaker and Senator to 73 per cent, of the total population Quay, estensibly for the state treasur- stands out as a serious peril to any

ership but in reality for the control of experiment in self-government in Cuba. We have no doubt that this alarming percentage of ignorance would soon as one of the political excitements of disappear under a form of government deats. the senson. We suspect that this fore- offering invitations to native and forcast is subject to some discount, for it | cisn enterprise. The island's natural wealth renders it easily capable of supmaker, after his experience last winter, | portfour in comfort five times its present population, and the immigration which would be attracted to it would, in the main, be educated. If Cuba were to arder of the average place hunter, become a part of the United States, we would have no doubt whatever of the successful solution of the problem how week by emissaries apparently working to make her fit for self-government. in the Philadelphian's interest, it would The Cubans that are found in the Wanamaker is electioneering for further disfigurement.

Mr. Wanamaker is an amiable man with a weakness for seeing his name in print. When this weakness takes the

it assumes the direction of an organized her and increases the contempt which of the white house, has been inten nown, attempt to introduce bargain-counter any decent American is bound to use it was erected fixing the last administraprinciples into polities under a thin tertain for the savercinally which has

Reports in our Washington correspondence and elsewhere as to the unlikelihood of the ratincation of the files have alighted on this admirestration likelihood of the ratification of the amended arbitration treaty need to be accepted with caution. The friends of the treaty appear to be experiencing another scare, but when the final line-up comes, we do not doubt that there will be the requisite two-thirds majority. It would be very strange if it werd otherwise. This senate is not going to such McKinley within a month of his inauguration nor rup counter to the overwhelming sentiment of the overwhelming sentiment of the inauguration are rup counter to the overwhelming sentiment of the overwhelming sentiment of the missing to the strange of the strange again made himself consucuous at the wints bounce yearing to his his masser, the wints bounce yearing to his his absence, Senator Records again made himself consucuous at the wints bounce yearing to his his allowed to white bounce yearing the will be absence. Senator Mason, of lilines, took advantage of his Pennsylvania celleagues fallore to call on the president, and made two tribs to the race for the greatest number of senator for the race for the greatest number of senator Penrose is experied to make a purity tomorrow, and are in the senator in the construction of his his absence. Senator Penrose again made himself conspicuous at the wints bounce years of his Pennsylvania celleagues fallore to call on the race libration. Senator libration is the wint allowed the wints house years of his Pennsylvania celleagues fallore to call on the race libration in the wint allowed to wint a senator with the wint allowed the wints house years of his Pennsylvania celleagues fallore to call on the president, and made two tribs to the race libration in the wint allowed the wints himself conspicuous at the wints because years of his Pennsylvania celleagues fallore to call on the wint allowed the wints himself conspicuous at the wint absence. Senator Pennse again made hunters and the conspicuous at the wint allowed to the senator with the senator wints the senator wints the senator wints and the senator wints the senator wints t saical inflation will undergo a sirrink- amended arbitration treaty need to be fer additional experience, we know of another scare, but when the final lines no man better qualified to give it to him | up comes, we do not doubt that there then Colonel Quay. But it is open to will be the requisite two-thirds majorquestion whether the fulsome resolu- ity. It would be very strange if it tions passed by what Mr. Van Valken- | word otherwise. This senute is not goberg somewhat profanely called the ing to such McKinley within a month "Mist Nancys" or Philadelphia are a of his hauguration nor run counter to \$ sufficient inducement to bring the mer. the overwhelming sentiment or the represide element in the nation's citigenship.

The Harrisburg Patriot fought Penrose, but it now warms Mr. Wanamaker that if he goes into the state treasurership light against Quay be may not be handled as tenderly as he was in the earlier contest. There is doubtiess a meaning to this bit of advice which the Philadelphia merchant writes to mat paper: I have observe some time in the volumes of a M would do well to heed.

We don't know what point the Scrantions. It requires every candidate for ton Times wishes to convey by hypmenis voted for at a primary, special or ship of which this journal most cor-

> the other day in favor of the direct election of senators. Mr. Turple must want to reliee to private life.

Senator Turple harangued the senate

Mr. Dana's Sun is lots better tooking since it ceased to scald so much.

Gossip of the Capital

Washington, March 24.-The Dingley tariff bill, now being discussed in the tarin bill, now being discussed in the house, will have a rocky road to fravel when it reaches the senate. The members of the senare fluores committee are al-ready at work on the vivisection of the measure and the committee of the measure, and there is every reason to be-lieve that it will be almost unrecogniz-able when the upper house gets through with it. Heretofore the general drift of senatorial revision of tariff tills has been to raise duties above those imposed by the house, but this time the trend is in the apposite direction. Germany is said to be increased at the imposition of special duties to offset the bountles she gives her sugar growers. There is high authority for the statement that the lumber tariff he sent to the British minister in Washinston which may subsequently be made the basis of diplomatic correspondency. All things considered the tariff fight now on premises to be a long and tedious one, and just when it will end cannot be predicted. All indications point to some reductions in several of the most important schedules in the bill as prepared by the ways and means committee. Very few senators believe that the bill will reach the white house for the president's be likely to add nothing to the sum of reach the white house for the president's or the first of August.

to offer no visible loophole for guilt; ecutive mansion to the hords of place nut ters and politicians generally or go out of town for a rest. Mr. McKinley's broth-er, Almer, and wife and his mother are needs back of it, to make it effective, a sentiment which now is confirmed only to a shull personage of the com-

The white house was invaded by the correspondents of the various newspat-pers represented at the national capital on Tuesday hist, who called to pay their respect to the new possilent, Considerably over one hondred of the "boys" shock hands with Mr. McKinley and wished blur a successful administration. There was a striking contrast between the attendance in response to President McKinley's invitation and the visit of the correspondents to President Cleve lumil a month ago. Less than twenty newspaper men found their hearts warm enough to pay their respects to the reth-ing president, while rearly ten times that number greefed the new shief magnetrate. The "boys" were given a corollal reception by the president and all left the white house feeling that high office had not swelled the head of the distinguished occupant of it; that he was the same Major McKinley as of old when he was only a member of congress, and called in almost daily contact with them.

ment. While only 30 years of age he has been thrice elected sheriff of his county and has had many thrilling experiences

sions as crators.

nized by this administration. It is not for the lack of candidates, however, as there is scarnely a place within the gift of the president that is not wanted by some Pennsylvanian. Judging from the num-ber of applicants for foreign missions the climate of the old Keystone state does not agree with a good many of its residents. Fully nine out of every ten of the applicants for federal appointments want go abroad in one capacity or anothe es are small in most cases and in man; others fees only are paid. But the desir to held office is so strong that a little of

It is beginning to look as though the arministration will not be ratified by the senate. New and vigorous opposition is developing among schalors on both sides

CARL SCHURZ.

A correspondent of the New York shin in rad of chilitation a series of articles in red by one Carl Schurtz, commands of a chilocolal character, but really communications addressed to by dilent McKirsey, telling him just what he should not do to tun for overtiment successfully. The assumption of these letters at first was that Mr. Kinka, while a decreasing war was made. McKinley, white a sincere man, was mor-pulled, and ought to exchange his trees-ent counsellors for others, who think themselves wise. The letters now inthemselves wiser. The letters how in-timate the McKinley is a stubborn, head-strong creature, thoroughly infatuated with his own opinious and spurning the advice of the thoughtful and the pro-found. All this is making ready, appear-ently, for the declaration that it must be disable conference that M. M. Talley. finally confessed that McKinley is a di-honest man, bent on ruining the country

Can you tell me sir, if this writer is the same quarrelsome wanderer who, white a brigadier-general of the Union army in 1862, so pestered President Lin-coln with complaints about the slow confact of the war and charges of ireasol gained his brother generals that he ha ally exhausted even Mr. Lincoln's almos imitiess pallence and drew upon him ebuke, which, if he had my sensitive erceptions at all, would have shamed he capping lips into shence forever? If it the asing Schurg, do you think it possible that history may repeat teelf and that Mr. McKnley may repeat to him the words, terrible by their very mikiness written by Mr. Lincoln thirty-five year

They were: "You think I could do bet-They were: "You think I could do better; therefore you blame me already. I think I could not do better; therefore I blame you for blaming me. I understand you now to be willing to accept the help of men who are not Republicans, provided they have "heart in it." Agreed, I want no others. But who is to be the Judge of hearts, or of "heart in it." If I must discard my own jadgment and take yours, I must also take that of others; and by the time I should reject all I should be advised to reject I should have none left, Republicans or athers—not even yourself. For, be assured, my dear sir, there are men who have "heart in it" that think you are performing your part as poorly as you think I am performing poorly as you think I am performs

CARBONDALE AND THE MONUMENT From the Carbondale Herald,

Now that the grand jury has finally ecommended the building of a county conument to the memory of the sold nd sallors who gave up their fives reservation of the Union, it is in or of Carbondals nor any considerable militias of the monument. The objective was confined to the imagination of a newspaper writer, and we doubt that ever, there it had a serious existence.

The people of this city are as patrictly as any in the country. They are not only willing but anylous that heroes of the na-tion shall be honored. They are pleases tion shall be honored. They are pleased when monuments are raised to the memory of the solidors and sailors of the Union, wherever those manaments may be. If the county wishes to raise such a monument our teople are not so penurious as to begrudge the few mills which each one would contribute toward the personnel of the personnel of the county toward on necessary taxation.

Our people are as intelligent as any in the county and know that if the county builds a monument there is only one lo vation for II, the capital of the county The law specifically says so, thir ple are above the petty jealousies that would say because the monument extent be built in Carbondale, there will be no monument. It would indeed be a rious reflection on the character of city if this were so; and it would hold from the agitation that has already em anated from this city such an impressio may have been made, we hasten to let in true sentiments of the community is

THE RIGHT MAN WELL PLACED.

From the New York Sur The Hon, Nelson Dingley, chairman of he committee on ways and mores, is the ort of statesman that attracts and bold the respect and confidence of the publi He is a wise, enlightened, and well-liormed public man. Recommendations or tariff legislation subscribed with hi-initie are worthy of the presumption that they unglit to be adopted.

NEWS FROM LUZERNE.

From the Wilkes-Burro News-Bealey, 1) is now denutied understood that Senator Quay will favor W. G. Elliott, of Williamsport, for revenue collector. This is in least McCormick, the combine islathe combine crowd up there.

KNEE DEEP IN JUNE.

Tell you what I like best— Long about knee deep in June. That the time strawberries melis On the vines—some afternoon. Like to les all out and rest And not work at nothing else.

Orchard's where I'd ruther be-

Needn't fence 't in for me'.

Jes' the whole sky overhead

And the whole airth anderneath—
Sort o' so's a man can breathe
Like he ort and kind o' mas
Elnow room to beclessly

Sorawl out lengthways on the grass

Where the chadder's thick and soft

As the kivyers on the bed

Mother fixes in the loft

Allos when thee's company. Allus when they's company.

March alu't nothin' new:

March ale't nothin' new!
April's altogether too
Brash for me, and May-1 jes'
Bominate its promises—
Little hints of sunshine and
Green around the timberfund—
A few blossoms and a few
Drap astern, and it turns in
Fore daylight and snows ag'in!
But when June omes! Clear my throat
With wild honey! Bench my hair
In the dew and hold my coat!
Whoop out lond and throw my hat!
June wants me, and I'm to spare!
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And obleeged to you at that!
—James Whitcomb Riley.



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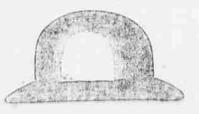
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