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The Republican party twice declared at Harrisburg for civil service reform. Dare the Republican legislature at Harrisburg ignore that pledge?

A Word About The Tribune.

This issue of The Tribune is printed on a new press, its installation having been hastened by an accident to the machine which it supersedes, and it marks the beginning of a new era in the paper's progress.

For some time past we have not been satisfied with the mechanical workmanship in the printing of The Tribune, and have been hampered by the inability of our now discarded press to print upon occasions, a ten-page paper in one part.

Before commencing this explanation it is proper to add that The Tribune purposes to grow in merit with the growth in its facilities and business patronage.

It is expected that the bill for an economical new capitol will reach the governor for his signature tomorrow night and that he will have an inked pen waiting to ratify one of the biggest victories for the people than an American governor has ever instrumental in winning.

Unavoidable Risks.

Secretary Long has done the sensible thing in asking this congress to undo the food action of its predecessor in limiting the price of government armor plate to a sum below the cost of its manufacture.

Such hazards have to be encountered in all departments of human activity. The man or the nation that faces and masters them is the man or nation that succeeds.

Ada Gray says Billy Bryan acted for her in 1884, in "East Lynne." It is lucky for him this wasn't known before.

Premature Rejoicing.

The Spanish organs in Havana which express such gratification at the promptness with which the new administration in this country moved toward a strict enforcement of the neutrality laws may perhaps be on a wrong scent.

A committee of five was appointed and soon afterward it issued an appeal for contributions. In those days money

was scarce—even scarcer than it is now—and besides the land was troubled with the threat of approaching war; but nevertheless \$2,000 was subscribed, a showing fairly remarkable in view of the attendant circumstances.

It is doubtless this feeling which for the time checks aggressive action in congress. We believe that it would work no injury to any policy of the executive if congress were to pass the pending belligerency resolution.

Ex-Senator Voorhees belonged to a school of public men which is rapidly disappearing—the self-made products of a rough and ready civilization which compensated in energy for what it lacked in culture.

The Dickinson Verdict.

Taking a comprehensive view of the case in all its bearings the compromise verdict of the jury in the Dickinson trial was probably as near an approximation to justice as it is worth while to expect in a court of law.

Among the protests made by foreign governments against the Dingley bill that of Germany is entitled to the smallest consideration. When we consider how the authorities of the fatherland have maligned the American hog their kick ought to be returned by telegraph, C. O. D.

The right of foreign governments to enter what are known as "diplomatic protests" against measures pending in our congress is firmly established in international usage; and by the same token we'll heed them or not, just as we "damn please."

The New York legislature is asked to appropriate \$1,500,000 additional with which to complete the Empire state's \$22,000,000 capitol, and this will be certainly the eighth or tenth "completion" fund voted. All of which comes in very handsly just now as a warning.

In Colorado, where fair woman votes, she is soon to become eligible to the National guard. When she makes use of this privilege look out for increased male enlistments.

Why Fair Cuba Should be Free.

Writing in the April Home Magazine, Congressman Harby, of Indiana, says: "There can be no question about the justice of the Cuban revolution. Taxation without representation is the Spanish policy of government in Cuba."

In 1880 Spain commanded Cuba to furnish her \$40,000,000 of revenue. In 1880 the budget was reduced to \$25,000,000, but only because the island was made to meet a greater exaction. In 1880 the deficit had reached \$20,000,000; and all the deficits since 1875 amount to \$100,000,000.

There is no reason in behalf of steam railways which does not apply with equal force to the demand of electric railways for the right of eminent domain. The legislature is doing well to give heed to this just demand.

Pennsylvania's Monument to Washington.

At an anniversary meeting of the Pennsylvania society of the Cincinnati, held in the state house in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, July 4, 1811, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

to be an officeholder under the United States government at our capital. The minister of the colonies, who resides in Madrid, receives a salary of \$65,000 a year, which is taken from the treasury of Cuba. Not only are these enormous salaries paid to the officials in Cuba, but the Cuban treasury has been plundered by the Spanish ministers and time and again.

Why, in view of well established precedents, should the United States government longer hesitate to recognize the belligerency of Cuba? It cannot be longer said that Cuba does not exist on the island, because we admit the existence of war when our southern coast is patrolled by United States cruisers to stop the infractions of the neutrality laws.

Our commercial interests, the interests of humanity, the well-defined principles of the Monroe doctrine, and the patriotic devotion of the people of every American citizen to see the flag of Spain cease to exist on the Western continent and the Isles adjacent thereto, demand that the great power of our government be directed to the Cuban people who are struggling to establish upon their fair island home a government founded, like our own, upon principles of universal liberty.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

From the Philadelphia Ledger. There is nothing easier or more common than for honest people to declaim against dishonesty. Those who pay their debts are naturally indignant with those who do not; those who strive to be just in all their dealings are indignant with those who do not.

Can any one explain why the clerical prohibitionist is so liable to become mentally drunken with the velocity of his own rashness?

The premier of Canada announces that his government will give us tit for tat in the matter of border legislation. Canada will have to grow first.

If we discriminated between these sources, if we always felt a generous admiration and sympathy for the man whose wealth is founded on character and ability, and a corresponding disrespect for him whose wealth has been gained by dishonest means, we might perhaps have a more useful and a more cheerful society.

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GOLDSMITH'S G. B. BAZAAR.

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