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Why doesn't Mayor Balley mention the "cause" of Mr. Kinsley's removal? Was it because Kinsley put the mayor in a hole?

Mr. Kinsley's Successor. The appointment of A. B. Dunning. jr., as street commissioner commends itself to public approval. Mr Dunning understands the subject of road-making and road repair from both a theoretical and a practical standpoint; he has had experience in the executive control of subordinates, and his reputation for honesty offers a satisfactory guarantee that, if his nomination shall be confirmed, the notorious irregularities which prevailed during the administration of his predecessor will not be continued.

But should Mr. Dunning enter the office for which he has been designated, it is no more than fair to him to suggest that the public should not expect too much. It must be remembered that under present conditions the street commissioner of Scranton is not a mas ter but a creature of circumstances Two great difficulties hamper him and greatly interfere with the accomplishment of satisfactory results. One is the limited and uncertain funds placed to the credit of his department, and the other is the wholly vicious system of apportioning this money among the various wards, not in proportion to the needs of those wards, but in proportion to the councilmen's pulls. The business-like method would be to appropriate for street purposes a sum sufficient, under careful management to secure good results, and then to place the distribution of It in the street commissioner's hands and hold him re sponsible. This would be the method which would prevail if the city of Scranton were a private corporation, and by means of it the people could know at any moment whom to blame for dirty streets, neglected sewers or other visible evidences of ineffective management of the street commissioner's office.

As It is now, the most that a good street commissioner can do is to see that his subordinates behave themselves and do the best for the city that he can under very disagreeable circumstances The time may come when the common sense of the community will come to his rescue, but the outlook for such a consummation we are compelled to say is not particularly bright.

Must the question, "Did Kinsley resign "" perplex indefinitely the coming ages?

ministers "may look at rich men and poor men alike, knowing no man's City Engineer Phillips might have fear and bowing to no man's favor"; so put it into fewer words by saying that that the clergy may be "absolute and vehicle drivers have no rights which eyond the control of monetary constreet car companies are bound to re-

tunity to exhibit the smallness of the

Cleveland Grumbling club, So apt

Governor Griggs said:

siderations." If we recollect, there were few endowed churches in Christ's time, or in the days of the martyrs. It is The Grumblers Neatly Answered. questionable if ministers can be pen-At the farewell dinner given in New ioned into being sincere,

York at the Union League club on According to the Philadelphia Ledger, Monday last to General Horace Porthe motives promoting the defeat of ter, on the eve of his departure for the arbitration treaty were of the most Paris, where he is to assume the duties contemptible character-prejudice, igof American ambassador to France. norance and personal spite." Why this one of the best speeches made was temper? Arbitration is just as possible that of Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, who took advantage of the opporas it ever was.

Speedy Action Deman And

were his words on this subject that we A careful comparison of the text of feel justified in reproducing them. the Dingley bill as it passed the house with its text after amendment by the senate finance committee leads to the

"I am disposed to quarrel a little with our friends of the Reform club. onpinion that upon the whole the bill They have been unjust and unfair in has been improved. In certain respects their criticism of the administration the senate bill is inferior to the house before it has had time to distinguish bill. For example, it puts on the free the faces of the colored servants in the list all works of art, which are luxurwhite house. We cannot, and we will ies for which the wealthy might well not, forget the patriotic service that pay a revenue duty. Its sugar schedhundreds of thousands of Democrats uie is too favorable to the trust; its rendered to their country by their sup- tax on tea a bit of political rashness port of McKinley and Hobart in the that would be suicidal if not sure to be last election. They were honored then, eliminated in conference; and its inand we honor them now. But I deny crease in the beer tax one that, howthat they have any reason to complain ever justifiable on moral grounds, that they were deceived or defrauded. seems of questionable expediency,

That which they hoped to gain by the But on the other hand, its lowering election of McKinley and Hobart they of the duty on steel rails, which in the have gained. Look back at the situalight of recent developments no longer stand in need of protection; its elim

"Over the western horizon hung the ination of the objectionable duty on lark cloud of Populism, black and books imported for reference purposes angry with gusts of communism and by librarics; its reduction of the duall the winds of financial heresy and ties on high-class wools, to the end ruin. Deluded and destructive hands that increased revenus may come by were raised against the national honreason of augmented non-competor, against the supremacy of the law, itive imports; and in general its the dignity of the courts and the pereffort to adjust the various duties so manency of our industrial system. The that there will be a greater certainty of revenue than appeared in the higher organizing forces of the Democratic party had been perverted to the supschedules of the original, or house, port of Bryanism. The safety of the maesure, strongly recommend it.

We do not concur in the opinion that country, its integrity, its financial the differences between the two houses honor, were threatened with overthrow. Confidence, the very breath of of congress indicated in the two drafts commercial prosperity, was lost. Men are such as to presage a prolonged conflict. The situation calls rather for went about with lips white with patriotic resolve-that their country should mutual concession in the hope of hastening final action. It is not a time for not fall into the hands of the forces of destruction. They turned in mighty persistent advocacy of conflicting the ories. The main point of immediate hosts towards the party that could be necessity is to repair the gap in the trusted to preserve us from the new and special danger that threatened, federal revenues. This done, alteration And we have been saved. The turning of details and "finishing touches" can be superadded at leisure, President was efficacious. When the glad shouts of victory went up over the election of McKinley has the right idea when he says he will sign whatever kind of a McKinley and Hobart, they expressed bill congress will pass, provided there rejoicing, for honor saved and instituis a reasonable certainty of its accom tions preserved. plishing the purpose for which this ses-"What care we now whether gold

goes out or comes in?, Financial dission of congress was convened. With such an assurance from the honor will not come through President McKinley, All our Democratic allies white house it would ill become the two branches of congress to bloker over unhad a right to expect they have reimportant details. ceived by the victory already won.

> Gossip at the Capital

> Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Washington, May 7. Increased barmony in Republican ranks

> > are the leading

crats.

prompt action since they know that a business revival cannot be expected by anyobdy until the tariff can be put into operation and the immense stock of fordom of speech in our pulpits," so that eign goods now coming into the country disposed of and the market opened to our own manufacturers.

The department of agriculture is re-ceiving very gratifying reports from the farming community. The continuation of high prices for wreat, the unusual foreign lemand for corn and the activity among demand for corn and the activity among farmers in preparing to make an earnest experiment in the production of sugar beets, combine to make the condition among that class of population unusually healthful and encouraging. "Dollar wheat," for which farmers had scarcely dared to home mer scaladown with the indared to hope, was coincident with the in-coming of McKinley, while the extraor-dinary demand for their sorn adds to their general encouragement. Coupled with this comes the activity and interest fell

in the exceriments which are to be mad-in all parts of the country in the produc-tion of our own sugar, and it is apparenthat the farming community is not only feeling the return of prosperity, but is occupying its mind with cheerful thoughts and prospects rather than the gloomy one which were a consant feature of the four years of the Cleveland administration.

The farmer is likely to be well tak care of by that dignified body, the Unit States senate. The tariff bill, report from the Finance committee of that bo on Tuesday, has added a duty of 11/2 cer per pound on hides, increased the rate wool of the third class, and cut out clause in the house bill which exemp Hawalian sugar from duties, thus redu-ing that competition with Leet sugar. T duty put on hides, ica, and other articl which were formerly on the free-list w improve the opportunities for advantas ous reciprocity treaties for which t senate will provide, and which will gre y benefit the farmer. It is believed thouse rates on wools of the first and s and cluss will be restored by the senate aference committee.

"We respectfully suggest that the R oublican party, as the dominant party in the state and in the legislature, has thus become responsible to the people of the commonwealth not simply for the passage of legislation which may to some extent accorporate into law the principles of re-form, but emphatically for the adoption of these very bills; and that every mem-ber elected upon the Republican platform is thereby pledged to vote for them. We leve that the citizens of Pennsylvania nestly desire this legislation, and we and this belief upon the fact that wherer the people have had the opportunity voting upon such measures they have en them their hearty approval

"We respectfully call your attention es-cially to the adoption of stringent civil ervice laws by the people of the state of New York, and of the cities of Chicago and New Orleans. In Chicago, the law, altted to popular vote, was adopted 50,000 majority; and in the state of seachusetts, where a similaar law was nacted in 1883, the people have repeatedly hown their approval of its provisions. It annot reasonably be doubted that the tizens of our own commonwealth are as accrely anxious as those of other Amerian communities to improve the politica conditions by which they are surrounded We therefore respectfully, but most earn y, urge upon you favorable action upo the Civil Service bill as it now stands, and upon other reform measures which will me before your honorable body,"

TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform sociation has addressed the following morial to the Pennsylvania legislature The Executive committee of the Penn sylvania Civil Service Reform association respectfully represents that ramors are current throughout the community that the measures of political reform which have been introduced into the legislature In response to a strong and growing pub-lic sentiment, some of which measures have already been introduced into the legslature in response to a strong and grow ing public sentiment, some of which measures have already passed the senate, are in danger of defeat in the house through efforts to engraft upon them amendments which will seriously injure the bills, and may prevent their final

enactment; mone Demo iorable body to the history of the pi features of this week's developments in Washington. The paration of these bills; that they were frafted by a sub-committee of the Re-publican State Executive committee in edience to the declarations of a Stat nvention of that party, and were app tally approved by a subsequent conven-on. The convention of 1896 adopted the following: 'We reaffirm the declarations contained in the state platform of 1895 oking to needed reforms in state and unicipal government and to the purifica-on of elections and the exercise of the elective franchise. We carnestly recom-mend to the consideration of the next legislature the several reform tills prosulgated by the Republican State come, and request the Republicans of both houses to give them favorable consideration and support, and such other bills as may be introduced at the next session of the legislature in line with the principles of reform."



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Revise the Blue Laws.

The present legislature could not better employ the time which remains to it ere adjournment than in making a thorough revision of the laws governing Sunday observance. This is especially called for in the matter of Sunday base-ball playing-a practice alarmingly on the increase among the young and one whose net influences are essentially harmful.

The present laws on this subjet are an inheritance from the last century and by no means fit modern conditions. The penaltics provide in them are in many instances grotesque in the light of changed ideas concerning the proper scope of legislation affecting matters of conscience. A thorough enforcement of them nowadays is virtually impossible, and in any event it is preposterous to ask the people of the closing decade of the nineteenth century to adapt their habits to the obsolete notions of a century ago. It is the duty of legislation to keep pace with the times, and in no direction is this more urgent than in that to which we have just called attention.

In the matter of sports, if the same tity and the sanitary wholesomeness of the Sabbath are to be preserved. amendatory and supplementary legislation is indispensable. The unchecked drift of the times away from prudent Sunday observance is a matter of the utmost seriousness, and particularly so in communities where the average of morality and social order is 'already none too high. If instead of heing brought under moral teaching the lit to remain true to the Republican young, on this day, are encouraged by party's reform pledges. We are solicthe civil authorities to assemble on ited by the secretary of that associavacant lots, and contract at a tender tion to reinforce this appeal with indeage the habits of profanity, boister- pendent comment, but in view of the ousness and contempt for wise restraint, it needs no gift of prophecy to to reminded the legislature of its obforesce a time when these uncurbed lads, grown into men, will form a restless and a dangerous element in our citizenship.

by the legislature of Pennsylvania is but common sense laws fitted to modern facts. If the legislature will pass logislation of this character, we have authority for saying that it will receive gubernatorial assent.

As for Mr. Fahey, the chances are he is both a sadder and a madder man.

It is timely to recall this extract from the last annual message of Grover Cleveland, certainly not an enthusiast in his friendship for Cuba: "A time may arrive when a correct policy and care for our interests, as well as a regard for the interests of other nations and their citizens, joined by considerations of humanity and a desire to see a rich and fertile country, intimately related to us, saved from complete devastation, will constrain our government to such action as will subserve the interests thus involved and at the same time promise to Cuba and its inhabitants an opportunity to en-

tariff should be revised to suit their views? That an income tax should be d? Did Mr. McKinley agree to give up the protective policy of which he has been the most distinguished champion, provided the tariff reformers would vote for him? Did he promise to get along with insufficient revenue; to live on a deficiency? Our friends have not been buncoed or cheated. They got all they were promsed-safety from impending disaster and assurance that national honor and institutions will be preserved at least four years longer? Why do they stir up discontent and foster discouragement in commercial circles, when the ountry needs only a little sensible patience and forbearance, to give the administration, not yet two months old, a chance to prove the efficiency of its long avowed principles? Why do they do it? I cannot say, I only know that the first notes they raise are not

They can rest nights in peace, as-

sured that their property will not be

cut down one-half in value by cur-

rency depreciation. What else have

our friends a right to ask or expect?

Were they promised that the currency

system should be reformed according

to their ideas? That the greenbacks

should be retired? That the Wilson

omplaint." They complain because they are built that way. It is their one grip on publicity.

Mr. Bacon's resolution saying that the United States is for peace is rather a superfluous word, but perhaps at this time it might prevent false impressions.

The Respons bility Placed.

Elsewhere we print the text of a memorial addressed by the Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform association to the Pennsylvania legislature, urging frequency with which we have hitherligations in this direction, further advice seems useless.

If by deliberate violation or insincere and incomplete redemption of its sol-Viewed not from a narrow but from emn pledges the Republican party, a broad and liberal standpoint, action through its representatives at Harrisburg, shall invite political retribution imperatively demanded. The condi- it will be an invitation extended delibtions of today demand, not blue laws crately and with ample foreknowledge of the consequences. The party press in Pennsylvania, almost without exception, has done its duty. It has sounded and reiterated unmistakable warning. The responsibility therefore

will be upon the legislature itself and upon the influences by which its action is controlled, and there we are disposed o let it rest.

At the same time, it must not be forgotten that those who precipitated upon this legislature a factional contest and afterward organized their following in that body into a permanent organization for the creation of discord will have to take their place in the defendants' box if the Republican party shall be arraigned for fracture of contract. Their guilt is the greater in view of the conspicuity with which they have posed as prophets and aposiles of a purer dispensation.

joy the blessings of peace." In the endowed churches in order to get "free- men, irrespective of party, to a desire for

Republican members of the Senate Fin-ance committee, who have been laboriously engaged upon the tariff bill, have exercised such good judgment and tact in shaping the bill that there is reason to believe that every Republican vote and the vote of every man who in past years o-operated with the party will be for th bill, and this insures its early passage and enactment as a law. While this drift toward harmony is clearly apparent among the Republicans, the mad rush in the di-rection of party dissensions is even more apparent among the Democrats. Half of the members of that party in the house have chosen to follow the leadership of that most erratic and extreme of the Populist leaders, Jerry Simpson, while the other half have fallen into line behind Congressman Bailey, thus absolutely dividing in two equal factions the Democratic party in the house of representa-tives. When it is remembered that there is still a third faction of the party in the Cleveland element, and even a fourth in that wing of the party which is now sup-porting protection, it will be seen that the of gratitude for what they have been spared, but of fault finding and unfair divisions are such as to leave the Demo cratic party in a very much distracted condition, while the Republicans are not only thoroughly harmonious, but bringing back into their own ranks, on the tariff question, those who temporarily alienated themselves on currency issues.

The important feature of the week wa the test vote in the house on Jerry Simp-son's demand that the speaker should appoint the committees. This had been a troublesome question to the Democracy, for that element which favored co-operaion with the Populists in the last cam-aign had clung to Simpson and supported its demand, while Mr. Bailey, who was the Democratic caucus nominee for the speakership, has opposed Simpson's pro-position. This had already created a divion between the members of the party voring a conctinuance of the alliance with the Populists and those who were opcsed to further association with this ele-tent of American polities. The feeling etween these two factions had grown inonse, and the final struggle came in the ote on a motion to require the speaker appoint committees. Upon this motion one-half the Democrats voted with Balley after he had made a strong appeal to the Democrats in the house to cease quarrelling among themselves, while the other half voted with Simpson. It thus appears that the Democratic party in the house is split squarely in the middle upon the question of further co-operation with the Populists. This is especially interestng in view of the fact that all the Demo-rats in the house belong to that wing of the Democracy which supported the Bryan ticket in 1893. This makes it ap-parent that even the Bryan wing of the party is split in the middle. When it is taken into consideration that the gold

their or ganization as a party, and that the con-siderable section of the silver Democrats are now favoring protection and even votng for it in congress, it will be seen that he Democratic party is more hopelessly divided to-day even than it was in the campaign of 1895,

The tariff bill has been completed, so far as relates to the Senate Finance com-mittee, and is now ready for consideration by the senate. How long it will be before that body cannot of course be forefold, but the outlook for a reasonable degree of but the outlook for a reasonable degree of speed in its consideration appears to be good, and there is good reason to believe that it will be upon the statute books by the end of the fiscal year. Members of both parties are recognizing the fact that nothing so disturbs the business condi-tions of the country, both among the manufacturers and others as the pendency of a turiff measure of any sort, because of the fact that business contracts and upa purer dispensation. We learn from the Sun and that Rey. Dr. Rainsford, of New York, wants endowed churches in order to get "free-



Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week.

Sunday, May 9,-Third after Easter, Weather unsettled. A child born on this ay will not be fortunate. An uncertain

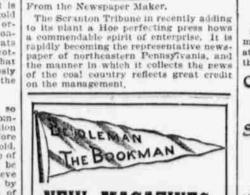
Monday, May 10 .- Jupiter an evening star, Weather fair, A child born on this day will make money fast, but will through generosity become poor by giving

to others. Buy and speculate after 2 Tuesday, May II .- Saturn rises at sun . Weather generally fair. A child rn on this day will be headstrong and

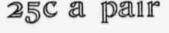
unfortunate. Very uncertain. Wednessday, May 12.-Herschal rises at sunset. A child born on this day will be ourageous, industrious and will rise in life. Seek work and travel. Thursday, May 12.-Mars trine to Herschal. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be sharp and clever but not very fortunate; a female will be unhappy

in marriage. An unlucky day. Friday, May 14.-Mars trine to Satufn. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be fond of pleasure and drink, but will be moderately fortunate. Seil. Saturday, May 15.-Neptune invisible. Weather warm. A child born on this day will be hurrassed by those in a superior position in life. An uncertain day.

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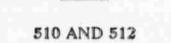


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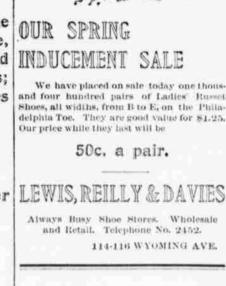
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