

The Scranton Tribune

By The Tribune Publishing Company. WILLIAM CONNELL, President. 2nd Year Representative FRANK A. GRAY CO. Room 4, Tribune Building, New York City.

SIXTEEN PAGES. SCRANTON, MAY 22, 1897.

We hasten to assure our Wilkes-Barre contemporaries that when they accuse Scranton of being a wicked city they invite dangerous comparisons.

The Senate's Opportunity. Having performed its duty, as it may be, in the high obligation imposed by the crisis in Cuba, the senate is now free to devote the whole of its time from today onward to a consideration of the purpose for which this extraordinary session of congress was convened.

An incident was lately related to us which graphically illustrates the prevalent suspense. A gentleman entered a shoe store in a neighboring city and inquired of the proprietor how business was. The proprietor, in reply, pointed to three cases of shoes which were standing close beside him.

Multiply this curtailment in stock orders by the number of the shoe dealers in this country and an idea will be gained of the slackness which must necessarily ensue among all the industries that contribute to the making of a pair of shoes.

All intelligent persons agree that a revision of the tariff at this time, with a view to raising sufficient federal revenue, is imperatively demanded by the condition of the government's finances.

The senate cannot more effectually strengthen its grasp upon public respect than by a prompt and stern approach to the duty now awaiting it.

A Timely Admonition. In all fairness it must be admitted that the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the two children killed on Washington avenue the other night tallied exactly with the evidence. It is a sad thing to contemplate the sudden extinguishment of two lives by a trolley car under any and all circumstances, and it is doubly sad when the victims are mere tots, caught and crushed while innocently playing in the streets.

The Springfield Republican admits the truth of the charges against Spain's present administration of affairs in Cuba, but advises that the whole matter be deferred until a more convenient season.

In the party which accompanied Special Commissioner Calhoun to Cuba was Charles Pepper, one of the most trustworthy Washington correspondents. Mr. Pepper is communicating to the Evening Star of Washington some exceedingly interesting letters descriptive of the party's experience.

surgents, Spain has already as good as lost Cuba. In his judgement the best solution of the whole problem is for the United States to assume a protectorate over Cuba until the native government establishes its ability to stand alone.

The Reason Why. The president cannot wonder that public opinion should exhibit restlessness when by his own admission affairs are in such a pass in Cuba that it is unsafe to publish the reports of our consuls stationed therein, for fear that such publication would draw upon the authors the summary vengeance of the Spanish mob. It is doubtful if there ever was another nation of the magnitude of the United States which permitted such a condition to continue undisturbed for months, without taking visible steps to accord adequate support to its menaced representatives.

It may be said in extenuation of the policy of caution that the temper of the Spaniard is so inflammable that an act by us distasteful to him would involve the possibility of war. At the same time, there must be a limit to our forbearance; and we agree with those senators who assert that this limit is reached when, for daring to perform their honest duty, our consuls in Cuba incur the hazard of mob violence and assassination.

Great as has been the popular undercurrent for Cuba, it is improbable that that alone would have swept the senate into a course of action reputedly counter to the executive's plans. It is unreasonable to believe that the members of that body would on an ordinary occasion and for ordinary reasons have assumed a position indicative of dissatisfaction with the executive's course.

Mr. Calhoun did well to conclude his festivities in Havana before the storm cloud in the senate burst. We heartily concur in the opinion expressed by the Washington Post concerning an attempt which is being made in Illinois to secure special instruction in the public schools as to the evil effects of alcoholic drinks upon the human system.

The tendency of the times is to overload the pupils in the public schools by the sub-division of old subjects and the introduction of new ones. There are so many things to be learned—so many that even the wisest of our ancestors had never heard of—that it is becoming extremely difficult to draw the line between the admissible and the inadmissible. Complaint is made—and not without some reason—that the time of the children in the schools is occupied with so many other things that they fail to learn how to read well, how to spell correctly, how to write legibly, or how to solve any but the simplest problems in arithmetic.

The Springfield Republican admits the truth of the charges against Spain's present administration of affairs in Cuba, but advises that the whole matter be deferred until a more convenient season. In the meantime, we suppose, Americans and Cubans alike may starve and rot.

In the party which accompanied Special Commissioner Calhoun to Cuba was Charles Pepper, one of the most trustworthy Washington correspondents. Mr. Pepper is communicating to the Evening Star of Washington some exceedingly interesting letters descriptive of the party's experience.

ment by them of the results for which they were instituted. It must be remembered that state-supported schools were established for the fundamental purpose of qualifying the young for safe citizenship. They were designed to bring the greatest good to the greatest number. This aim cannot be realized by so splitting their curriculum as to provide an extended variety of specialties for the few. It is necessary to incite a reaction in educational circles against the specializing tendencies now so much in evidence and to get back upon the broad foundations whereof public instruction can impart the widest benefits to the whole community.

Of the twelve Republican senators who voted against the Morgan resolution, it is believed that not more than two were really opposed to it. Senators Hale and Wellington are, to all intents and purposes, confirmed Spaniards on the Cuban issue; but the other ten voted any more out of deference to the president's wishes than from personal conviction. On the flat merits of an issue between Spain and Cuba, the senate would divide about in the ratio of two to one.

Carl Schurz has so long posed as the conscience of this nation that there appear to be persons who really think he is.

Gossip at the Capital

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Washington, May 21. There is some grumbling among Republicans against Speaker Reed for his treatment of the Bailey resolution providing for recognition of the Cubans as a belligerent force. They are not appeased by the argument that the resolution would not have been passed down had it emanated from the Republicans.

Though we may be at odds with Bailey on the tariff and the silver question, it is but fair to him to say that he met every point that the Democrats attempted to apologize for refusing to consider his resolution, with mastery ability. His main contention was that if there were a majority in the house which would be willing to meet the matter frankly, this was certainly unnecessary, because the approval of the committee on rules was determined to choke off this expression of opinion.

We have just been having a performance for sweet children, but not a child was in Paris of dress and party. The meet was in the hall of a fashionable cafe. Only the creme de la creme were there, and they were all very well.

Nothing worse has yet happened to prove the degeneracy of Kentucky in the senate than the discovery that Deboe, the new senator, is a teetotaler. He ordered a lot of stationery the other day and had it delivered by a messenger. The list of articles he remarked that he could not think of anything else. The stationer hesitatedly remarked that the senator had apparently an unlucky day.

Mallory, the new senator from Florida, is well known here, he having served two terms in the legislature. He is generally commended with, decrease of pounds, but he will not fill the place which could only be filled by Wilkinson.

in his irony as any man who ever sat in the senate. Call, in all the reams of the Record which are burdened with his speeches, never gave utterance to a belligerent or a telling sentence, never uttered an idea that will be remembered. Ask any one for a reminiscence of Call, and the answer will be that he is the senator who stuck his unshod foot upon his desk, and even that unsavory story was coined by a wicked newspaper writer.

A joy forever is an outing of the district bench and bar, which occurs once a year. It is not confined to the district legal and judicial fraternity. The supreme bench and a surrounding circle of lawyers are always in evidence. The proper caper is to take a sail to miles down the broad Potomac to Marshall hall, a fashionable river resort, the building of which is one of the old mansions of the famous Marshall family.

A few of the congressmen, like Senator White, of California, profess to be extremely profound touching this matter of sending aid to the suffering Americans and Cubans in Cuba.

While removals are going on apace in the various departments I am reminded by a watchful friend that there are four or five of the near relatives, and heaven knows how many more "retainers" of the Carlisle family filling snug positions in the treasury department.

THE PRESIDENT AND CUBA.

From the Washington Star. The president's course so far with respect to Cuba invites confidence. Not only has he been prompt in his action, but taken show that peace for Cuba is his aim and desire. No other explanation will answer. What else would explain his keeping General Lee at Havana, his sending a special commissioner to the island to examine and report upon the latest phases of the situation and his recommendation of a liberal appropriation of \$2,000,000?

It is said that the president has a plan of his own for settling the Cuban matter. He has not given, and maybe, at this time, one man's guess about the plan is as good as another's. But that the president may be fully in his confidence, lays before them for their official use all of the information the state department has collected on the subject of Cuba, and that in his private and scrupulous respect for congress.

The president shows no disposition to withhold anything from congress, or to both congress with curt messages, and congress can afford to show full appreciation of his friendly consideration. The great desideratum is peace for Cuba, and as we all know we can only come from the throwing off of the Spanish yoke.

Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week. Sunday, May 23.—Rogation Sunday. Weather warm. A child born on this day will be generous to excess and generally unlovely.

Alteration SALE. Sweeping reduction in all lines to save moving stock, on account of extensive alterations on our first and second floors. Now is the time to buy.

China, Glassware, Bric-a-Brac, Lamps, Silverware and Household Goods, Cheap. Economical housekeepers will do well to attend this sale.

GOLDSMITH'S BAZAAR.

Honest Goods At Honest Prices

A threadbare quotation, but possessed of great strength when properly lived up to. The right interpretation of its meaning is the lever which has lifted this business into its present state of usefulness.

WASH GOODS WHIRL

There's more Wash Goods economy in this store at this time than ever before in its history. Somebody's losing money, but the consumer gets a big buying benefit.

We are now holding a special sale of Misses' and Children's Wash Dresses at less than one-half their value.

FINLEY'S ARE YOU "SPRING POOR?"

Suppose you try a new line of economy this season and pay us for your New Suit just half what you expect to pay the Merchant Tailor. Can't wear Ready-Made Clothes? You can if they are the Boyle and Mucklow kind.

We offer this week, to reduce stock, extraordinary values in Curtains: 40 pairs Nottingham Lace, 60c. a pair; from 85c.

Lewis, Reilly & Davies. Department Shoe Stores. ALWAYS BEST. HENRY BELIN, JR. General Agent for the Wyoming District for DUPONT'S POWDER. Mining, Blasting, Sporting, Smokeries and the Reputable Chemical Company's HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

Also special prices on Tamboured Muslins. An inspection will convince you that it is to your interest to purchase now.

510 AND 512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE Alteration SALE. Sweeping reduction in all lines to save moving stock, on account of extensive alterations on our first and second floors.

FOR I'M TO BE MARRIED, OH, OH. Yum-Yum sings, but where she is to choose her wedding invitations left mentioned. When she is informed what an up-to-date assortment of various kinds of invitations, announcements, wedding and at home cards, etc., we have on hand, she can be easily satisfied from our choice and fashionable stock.