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SCRANTON, JUNE 5, 1897.

If no news is good news, newspaper readers these days ought all to be happy.

That Telephone Ordinance.

It is difficult to understand why select council should have declined on Thursday night to accept Mr. Sanderson's amendment to the Roche conduct franchise ordinance.

The South Carolina case presents the same issue with this difference, that since the Iowa decision congress has enacted that liquor is not necessarily a legitimate article of interstate commerce.

The decision of a Jersey justice that bicycle riding for pleasure on Sunday is illegal will probably have the enthusiastic approval of the Iverymen.

Are Americans Degenerating?

In the course of a tonic essay in the Chan-Rock John Burroughs mentions that he recently asked a professor of one of our large colleges for women if he noticed any describable differences in the character of the girls today, who came under his influence, from those of twenty or more years ago.

The Righteous Way.

The point is made by Senor Quesada, of the Cuban delegation at Washington, that a formal recognition by the United States of the independence of Cuba would necessarily end the war.

The contention is ingenious and in a measure true; but when the United States gets ready to take action in the matter of Cuba it will do well to rest its policy upon a broader basis than a technicality.

This opinion is so widely prevalent that it is hazardous to venture a contradiction; nevertheless we make bold to challenge it. The great characters of pioneer times were great because there were few of them and those few had the field to themselves.

The letter of Mr. Pepper, which we reprinted yesterday, gives an idea of what Mr. Calhoun has seen in Cuba and supplies a hint concerning the nature of his report.

An Untenable Decision.

We doubt if the decision of Judge Simonton in the South Carolina liquor case, that the dispensary laws of South Carolina, vesting in that state a monopoly of the liquor traffic, cannot operate to invalidate the private importation and sale in South Carolina of liquor in original packages, will be sustained when it goes upon appeal before the United States Supreme court.

philosophers, Tenneyson, Browning, William Morris among the poets, and in fact the host of eminent names that might be listed in almost every direction of human aspiration and endeavor offer corroboration of Mr. Burroughs' theory.

Gossip at the Capital

Washington, June 4. Special Correspondence of The Tribune. The coming Ohio Democratic convention, at Columbus, on June 26th, promises to be of more than usual interest.

Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week.

Sunday, June 6—Whit Sunday. Weather fair. A child born on this day will be unfortunate and will have little regard for the truth.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2 1/2 a. m. for Saturday, June 5, 1897.

THE BOOKMAN'S OUTING

SALE OF PAPER COVERED BOOKS. OUR WINDOW TELLS THE STORY. BEIDELMAN, THE BOOKMAN.

When a man like Weyler begins to fall into disfavour at headquarters, the descent is speedy. In his case it bids fair to be vastly accelerated by the revelations of disgruntled subordinates.

Both of the senatorial candidates are well equipped with the sinews of war. They are both rich, as well as ambitious, and a campaign of liberal disbursement is a foregone conclusion.

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M'KINLEY AND WANAMAKER.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin. McKinley's speech was brief, but he has seldom spoken better. He was more than ordinarily earnest, laying aside the slight and the haughty and putting and compelling for the moment to look into the flood of electric light that had been turned upon his white, strong face.

It was the most emphatic declaration that the president has yet made in public since his inauguration on this subject, and it seems to some as if he were especially anxious to give it a local significance.

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