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The Scranton Tribune says "with two papers in Scranton one in Wilkes-Barre, each claiming the largest circulation outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, the chance for argument multiplies beautifully."

The Tribune is not cavorting around these days with a chip on its shoulder; it is attending strictly to business, with results wholly satisfactory both to itself and its patrons.

Our Duty Now Clear.

While the re-installation of Canova and Weyler, the return of Mr. Calhoun and the publication unexpectedly of General Lee's report on the Ruiz case have combined to bring on, as it were, another crisis in public sentiment in this country, President McKinley does well to proceed toward the working out of his Cuban policy without show of temper.

Spanish history enables us to conjecture the character of the reply. There will be peremptory declination of our proffer with saucy warning to keep hands off. But that, through no fault of ours, will bring the issue to a direct and desirable focus, and then can come the vigorous stroke in the interest alike of Americanism and humanity.

A bill has been introduced into the senate at Washington by Mr. Hansbrough forbidding patent attorneys to offer prizes as an inducement for business, and compelling the refunding of fees where patents do not issue.

Self-Deceived.

The singular intelligence reaches us from sources entitled to credence that the bill to grant the right of eminent domain to electric street railways, which is now on the calendar at Harrisburg, is being championed very generally by the agricultural interests.

It is said that the farmers are "trolley mad" in their eagerness to have the conveniences of cheap electrical transit for passengers and freight more generally brought within their reach, and on this account alone favor the eminent domain bill.

leave a much more lasting memory of welcome.

Whether it will do any particular good to recognize the belligerence of the Cubans or not yet appears to be an open question. The method, anyhow, is not the chief consideration. What is needed is a result—the end of Weylerism, the stopping of wanton murder, the saving of Cuba from absolute destruction. If Spain will not work toward this end, the United States must.

The Louisiana Purchase.

Already there is talk in certain quarters of arranging another grand exposition to rival the Centennial celebration and the World's fair. In 1903 we shall reach the centenary of the purchase of Louisiana from the French, which gave the United States undisputed control of both banks of the Mississippi from source to mouth.

Writing in vigorous support of this suggestion a contributor to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat presents in short space a statement of the successive territorial enlargements of the United States which is interesting for perusal and valuable for reference.

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ed, and if we suppose that it will take \$3,000,000 a year to keep the canal in readiness for use then there is left a clear 8 per cent. on the actual cost. In all probability \$9,000,000 a year in tolls is too low an estimate.

Built and managed under proper auspices, the Nicaragua canal would certainly be an almost infinite convenience to American commerce. The present national administration, we believe, recognizes this fact, and is anxious for the honor of bringing the canal problem to a definite solution.

When you come to examine the list, Pennsylvania, after all, isn't faring so badly in the matter of appointments. She has Tower for minister to Austria, Townsend for minister to Portugal and Leshman for minister to Switzerland.

Gossip at the Capital

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Judge Day has been at work upon the Cuban case ever since he became assistant secretary of state. He has had briefs made of all our diplomatic correspondence concerning Spain and Cuba, going back many years.

Fortunately for the cause of the Cubans, perhaps, the queen regent of Spain has decided to keep the Cuban ministry in power. This decision, coming as it does upon the eve of the preparation of a vigorous Cuban movement on the part of this government, is certainly a most gratifying one.

The decks are clearing for action, and once the president has made a move he will press on to the end. Within thirty or forty days Spain will hear from the United States, and the tidings will not be welcome. The precise form of the president's note to Spain remains to be determined, but this note will be framed on vigorous lines.

This is the line the president is working upon. He wishes to give Spain every opportunity to secure peaceful terms. He will not throw any needless obstacles in his way. He will not uselessly prick her pride. Delay will be sought on one pretext or another, and in this art the statesman of Madrid are adepts.

Of course there will be delay. Spanish diplomats always play for time. Within six weeks the president will have a new American minister to Madrid, carrying with him full instructions as to what he is to do.

case. The understanding here is that Judge Calhoun has made no written report upon this case, but that Consul General Lee's report will be the basis of a sharp demand for reparation. General Lee's report shows that Ruiz lost his life on account of violation of the prisoner's treaty right. Spain will be asked for an indemnity for the family of the murdered man, and the demand for this will not be couched in any soft or pleasing language.

WILLING TO BE HELPED OUT.

"I'm a believer in the bicycle," declared a lawyer of prominence the other day. "In fact, I ride one myself and derive a great deal of benefit from it, but I know of more than one instance where it has led to family discord."

NONE TOO SEVERE.

From the Philadelphia Times. Another of our silly American women who purchased an impecunious husband with a title, has obtained a judicial separation from her husband in the London courts, and has returned to her home a sadder and possibly a wiser woman.

ARE ALL AVAILABLE.

Confirmed pessimism is a trait which has no rightful place in the American character. It cannot be too frequently or too forcibly that the industrial conditions of the last four years have been abnormal conditions. The prophetic calamity are unsafe grounds. There has been no depreciation of our national resources.

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