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If Mayor Balley is properly mindful of the city's interests he will promptly veto that one-sided conduit ordinance.

Year's Work in the High School.

It is proper on this occasion, marking as it does the close of the first year of the new Scranton high school, to offer public testimony to the superiaccommodations, and to the very efficient character of the instruction which the present organization of the faculty has imparted. To appreciate properly the quality of the high school building would require an examination of the buildings of its class in other cities of corresponding size. Personal observation covering many other high schools has not disclosed a better one; and if one exists its rarity is a good testimonial to the merits of the local structure. The first year's use of the innumerable points of excellence. If ceptibly better. In point both of utility and beauty it is well nigh a model edi- idly to the limit of her's. flee of its kind; and those who were charged with its erection may rightfully feel proud of the issue of their pains and plans.

Concerning the work which has been cation, account must be taken of the fact that what was in many respects n new combination of educational talent had to be formed, trained and brought to an effective basis in a very short period, while at the same time a new classification of studies, with a general broadening of the scope of the curriculum, had to be formed and put into practical operation. When due allowance is made for these circumstances, we think it is simply just to say that the achievements wrought creditable to instructors and pupils aroused and sustained; the spirit of emulation has been excited along legitimate lines and a fine start has been there has been a quickening of the happily for future results in this culminating department of the local public school system, and to the directing geniuses of this achievement, Professors Howel; and Phillips, the people of the community are indebted perhaps more than they know.

The acquittal yesterday of correspontrust investigating committee was a verdict of righteousness. That committee was beneath contempt.

John M. Francis.

The death yesterday of John M. Francis, founder and editor of the Troy Times, completes a career of uncommon usefulness. Almost the last of that great group of editors which the conditions of a generation ago, plus their own ability, conspicuously identifled with the development of American journalism, his subtraction from the equation of journalistic endeavor leaves a void that is not likely wholly to be filled. Others will carry on his work along the lines which he laid down, and bring to new duties an equipment not inferior to his own; but the prestige of the pioneer was about him and it is the builder whom posterity honors.

John M. Francis served his country well as a maker of two state constitutions and as minister to Greece, Portugal and Austria. His personal influence in public affairs was widespread and wholesome, and his counsel at critical periods of political strife was highly appreciated for its sanity and saguelty, and very helpful to the common weal. But after all it was the John M. Francis who stood back of and incorporated his ideas and aims into the Troy Times who wrought most and best. That paper is his monument, and the part which it has borne in the upbuilding of rational sentiment and creditable enterprise in the constituency to which it ministers must far surpass in testimony to his work and worth the finest eulogy.

Throughout a period of forty-six banking system. years the Troy Times has stood like adamant for the decency and decorum of journalism; has refused to print in its editor would hesitate to use in speech in a company of ladies and gen- ditional ones from coming in. tlemen, and, while prompt to utilize new ideas in mechanism and facility, has preserved undeviatingly the best traditions of the earlier era of the newspaper business. What the Public Ledger under George W. Childs was to Philadelphia the Troy Times under John M. Francis was and is to Troy and northern New York. We can conceive of no better tribute than this to pay to the memory of him who is dead.

Queen Lil's protest will no doubt be filed among the archives. That she would object had probably been sus-

No Yielding in the Ruiz Case.

The fact that the Spanish government is disposed to admit its monetary liability for the death of Dr. Ruiz and wishes to compromise the matter by payment of \$40,000 will be likely to make easier our course in the premises Indemnification of the widow and orphaned children of Ruiz is of course necessary, and the sum offered by

Spain is little enough.

The Scranton Tribune of Dr. Ruiz's assasination which canin Dr. Ruiz's assasination which canan American citizen, was kept in pr'son far beyond the time limit permitted by our treaty stipulations with Spain. Not only was injury of the extremest character done to him and to his, but deliberate affront was offered to the United States. The affront cannot be wiped out by money. It is not a matter for arbitration or parley. It must be explicitly and publicly apologized for. Spain must acknowledge her regret or, the incident and give satisfactory ABTERED AT THE POSTOPPICE AT SCRANTON, PA., AS SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER. assurance that there will not be a repetition of the offence. This governnent cannot accept less than this without ferfeiture of its self-respect. President McKinley will not waive this requirement without hurt to his presige and disappointment to every man

who cast a vote for his election. If this were Spain's first transgres sion of the letter and spirit of her treaty with us; if it were established that the close confinement of Ruiz in excess of the allowable limit was the work of an ignorant subordinate, and if in her past treatment of American citizens in Cuba there were, with this one exception, uniform evidences ority of the school appointments and of courtesy and consideration, the United States could with propriety rest its case after the surviving relatives been measurably compensated for his untimely death. But when it is remembered that the whole attitude of of citizenship had been one of systemcoupled with wanton aggression and outrage until, with the advent of the McKinley administration into power. fear induced a change, the Ruiz case building has disclosed few defects and takes on an aspect which admits no compromise. Spain has held us to the it could be constructed over again it letter of our obligations in the matter is doubtful if it could be made per- of the prevention of filibustering along our coasts. Let Spain now be held rig-

Madrid advices say the American embassy there is in danger of attack from the incensed populace. Let us hope that the atack will be made. The time has come for a definite underdone within the building since its dedi- standing between Spain and the United

> At this rate the passage of the new tariff bill can be royally celebrated on

the Fourth of July.

A Lever on Foreign Trade. The information which comes from Washington that one of the first subjects to be considered by congress after the tariff bill is out of the way will be the advisability of establishing an international bank for the facilitabe most cordially welcomed by all far- it. alike. Interest in class work has been seeing American business men. Three obstacles now interpose between American merchants and manufacturers and a satisfactory Pan-American commade in the direction of literary and merce. England at present has control forensic work which the coming year of the banking facilities; England owns will materially surpass. Altogether, the great majority of the wessels engaged in the South American trade, pulse of the school room that bodes and English "drummers," if we may use this expressive term, are in possession of the inside track.

To build up a merchant marine which can compete with England's will take time; but there is no reason why the other two obstacles should not be removed forthwith. Rapid progress is already being made in the introduction in South American markets of Amerdents Shriver and Edwards on the ican goods, and it needs now only suitcharge of contempt of the senate sugar able American banking facilities to make it possible for the Yankee dealer to begin the work of cutting the ground from under his Anglican competitor. On this point Thomas A. Eddy, of the firm of Flint, Eddy & Co., of New York, perhaps the largest firm of South American traders in the United States. said in a recent magazine article:

> "We need an American international bank. American merchants and manufacturers who wish to do foreign business on a large scale are dependent upon the credits which they can get from European bankers, whose interests naturally lead them to favor first their own countrymen. The English and European banks and bankers have so admirably organized their branches and agencies throughout the world that under present conditions we must use their facilities. With our large demand for the raw materials produced by other countries, such as coffee, rubber, sugar, hides and wool from South America and the products of the far East, we have a basis of exchange to warrant the establishment of an American bank, having branches in all important trade centres in South America, and agencies in Australia, South Africa, Japan, China and India. With such a bank extending its influence to the far part of the world, furnishing credit facilities for the exchange of American products for those of other countries, and always in touch with each transaction, we should transfer to American pockets the millions now paid to foreign bankers and be brought in touch with the industrial enterprise of new countries,"

It certainly is to be hoped that congress will not long delay active steps toward the establishment of such a

The fact that already there are 20,-000 alien paupers in Pennsylvania is a any space for any price a word which mighty good reason why congress should hasten to pass laws to keep ad-

God's Noblest Work.

There was one member of the Illinois legislature who, if report speaks truly, goes home from Springfield poorer than when he came there. His name is John Huffman, of Bluffs, & Democrat as it chances, but an honest man, Huffman, it is said, had chances to make not less than \$10,000 by voting for the boodle bills which came before the legislature in great rafts from Chicago, but he steadily declined 'to sell himself, and all through the session he sat stolidly in his seat and voted regularly against each and all of these

And yet Huffman needed money. At home he is only a farm laborer earning his \$25 a month and "keep." Says the Chicago Times-Herald: "When the noisy crew of thieves, flushed with insolence and wine, left Springfield to spend in barroom or brothel the wages of their infamy John Huffman, of Bluffs, God bless him, returned to

Bluffs, simple, silent, but oak-like in his resolutions, something to cheer the heart of Americans with confidence in the future of our government."

If these words be true, may the shadow of John Huffman, of Bluffs, never grow less.

Miss Sadie Kalser, the well known soprano, who has been studying music at the Royal Academy, London, for the past three years, will sail for America Islands, as a key to the dominion of the today. During her last two years in London Miss Kaiser has made marked progress and has received the highest enconiums from the press wherever ment would then unhesitatingly meet the position of the Hawaii of the Position of the Hawaii of the Hawaii of the Position of the Hawaii of the past three years, will sail for America she had appeared in concert in England. Miss Kaiser's friends in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton will no doubt be pleased to learn that she intends to spend several months in this country and will probably be heard in concert

An informal poll of the senate indicates that the Hawaiian annexation treaty lacks three votes of the twothirds majority necessary to ratify, but there are fourteen senators marked doubtful, and from among them the of this unfortunate man should have three votes ought readily to be secured. We observe with satisfaction that Senators Quay and Penrose are enrolled on the affirmative side. In this atti-Spain toward American credentials tude they not only conform to sagaclous statesmanship, but also coratically practiced contempt, frequently rectly interpret the will of their con-

It is good news which comes from Harrisburg that a majority of the members of the legislature have signed an agreement to resist any proposed reduction in the public school appropriation. That fund might be better apportioned than at present, but it is not a fund which can with safety be seriously curtailed.

The sugar trust, it seems, is already marshaling its battalions at Washingon to defeat the Hawaiian annexation treaty, but public opinion for once will be likely to give the sugar trust a run for its money.

The prompt denial by Secretary Sherman of the fairy tale that he was opposed to the annexation of Hawaii and would leave the cabinet entitles the news fakirs at the capital to guess

President McKinley's explanation that in his "patriot better than a pessimist" speech he did not refer to Hon. John Wanamaker does not alter the in this initial year have been most | tion of trade with South America will fact that if the shoe fits, John can wear

THE CURRENCY ISSUE.

From the Philadelphia Press. There is much discussion just now of a currency commission to consider the question of reforming the currency. Though it has broken out at the present time as if it were a new or undetermined matter it is not new at all. President McKinley in his inaugural address dis-tinctly pointed to such a commission as

one of the early measures of his adminis-

tariff legislation shall be farther advanced | cure. the president will ask congress to act on this recommendation. His plan is a mix-ed commission composed of senators and members designated by their cwn bodies and of representative men outside of congress to be appointed by the president. It is eminently desirable that such a commission shall be created at this ex-tra session of congress. In that event it can make its report at the beginning of the next regular session and congress will then have some tangible proposition before it for action.

We do not derogate from the utility and value of such a measure. The cur-rency with its many elements is far from perfect. A reform which shall sim-plify it, make it more elastic and render it more responsive to the wants of business and of different sections, will certain'y improve it. But admitting all this, there has been too much effort to create the impression that such a reform is an immediate and vital necessity and that without it the pledge of honest money given last year remains unfulfilled. This claim is unfounded and the insistence on it has done harm, as it diffuses the idea that the basis for restored confidence can been overhauled.

A DISTINCT CUBAN POLICY. From the Philadelphia Press.

The successive steps of the president point logically and unmistakably to a distinct and decisive affirmative policy this they involve a curious anti-climax. The president sent Mr. Calhoun to The president sent Mr. Calhoun to-Cuba as a special commissioner to in-vestigate. He went ostensibly to inquire into the murder of Dr. Ruiz. If he was not told to keep his eyes open and look about him it was contrary to every probability. If he did not report on the gen-eral situation and prospects it was a gengrossly neglected epportunity. Why did he go unless information was being gathered for action?

Several weeks ago the president asked congress for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of Americans who had been brought to the verge of starvation by the cruel policy of General Weyler. The language of the message was singularly decorous and inoffensive. But the vel-vet glove did not conceal the mailed hand. The appeal to congress implied and involved far more than was said. The Spanish policy which left six to eight hundred Americans in distress brought ens of thousands of Cubans to suffering If American interposition was necessary to save a few hundred on the ground of American citizenship how can it be long delayed to save thousands on the ground of humanity? The logic of that action

leads to further steps.

The unusual care exercised in the se lection of a minister to Spain means much. The president has hunted for a minister—he has not allowed aspirants to hunt him. He has had several names under consideration, but all of them have been first-class men, as if he had business on hand! He didn't think of busy men like Hitt and Cox for play, and he has not summoned Woolford for Spain minuets or banquets for the torea dor. He has wanted a cool, self-poised, restrained man, with reserve power, who cared more for results than for fuss, and he has found him. If General Woodford isn't sent to Madrid to do something

the signs are misleading. There are several of these signs. Put them all together and they mean a good deal. The administration is not drift-ing. These things look as though it were moving by chart and compass.

THE PEOPLE TO BLAME.

From the Philadelphia Press. Much is said and written about the alleged breekdown of the legislative system, and there is doubtless a basis for the public disapointment and dissatisfaction with the work of state legislatures. But if the system has broken down the peo-ple are almost wholly to be blamed for it. If the public were one-half as alert in secessary, and the sum offered by Scott county to earn his daily bread by the valor of his hands. The legislature and condemning a said legislature and the valor of his hands. The legislature after it is elected there would be more of the former and fewer of the lature was not all dishonest. There

were many men in that body—brave men, honest men, spiendid men—who resisted all blandishments and stood by the right to the end. But there is in the picture of the farm hand of the lime to begin to educate rabble opinion is when the last legislature adjourns. the time to begin to educate [4] bile opin-ion is when the last legislature adjourns and not wait until a few weeks or days before the next election. If this were done there would be less cause for the general criticism of legislatures, much of which criticism defeats itself because it is untimely and too sweeping.

THE AMERICAN SOLUTION.

From the New York Sun. On Dec. 1, 1882, Secretary Blaine wrote to the American minister at Honoluly that while "the position of the Hawaiian altered situation by seeking avowedly an American solution of the grave issues

Ten years later, such an emergency as Mr. Blaine had in mind arose, Hawaii overthrow the native government that oppressed her and retarded her development, and created a new government, which was "to exist until terms of union with the control of with the United States of America have been negotiated and agreed upon." The been negotiated and agreed upon." The overtures then made were postponed, but Hawaii well understood the reason of their postponement, and has never from that moment to this swerved in her pur pose to plead again for admission at the proper time. That time has come, and "the Ameri-

can solution" which Mr. Blaine forecast is at hand. The arguments for the annexation of the Hawailan Islands have been familiar to this country for years and if we now receive this group into the fellowship of our union, no nation and no man can accuse us either of haste or of rapacity. Hawaii has repeatedly offered herself as a candidate for admis-sion, and she has pointed out the diffi-culties and dangers of her isolated posttion. The sentiment of the American people and the teaching of our history are in favor of accepting her, and we have faith that congress will duly act in accordance with this sentiment,

TWO NECESSARY TASKS.

From the Philadelphia Times. It would be well for the legislature to keep two things steadily in view. First, the appropriations should be reduced to the lowest point consistent with the duty of the state to the charitable institutions which are fairly dependent upon it; and second, revenues should be provided, in such manner as would be least oppressive to the people, to meet all the necessary expenses of the state. It is a hard task but it is one that the legislature must accept and perform, and the sooner and more heroically it shall be done the more

satisfactory will be the result.

WHY, SURE!

From the Philadelphia Times. After baving annexed Hawaii the American people will probably cultivate the appetite for extending our free instiutions, and it shouldn't surprise any one of average intelligence if Cuba came second on the list. If we need Hawaii we need Cuba a thousand fold more, but Cuba is too big for the first swallow, and we will begin on the Sandwich Islands and then look around for something better in the same line.

IN NEED OF REPAIR.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Statistics of murder in the United States show that 19,652 murders were committed in this country in 1896, and that there were only 122 legal executions. The offensive machinery of the law intended to protect society against crime and criminals seems to be in need of re-pair. The murderers have the upper hand in the courts, and, with the legal It is well understood that when the aid they can buy, are making life inse

A LOGICAL RESULT. From the Philadelphia Press.

The American people will approve the The American pecpse will approve the treaty. The union of Hawaii and the United States is desired by both countries. It is a natural and logical result. The Hawaiian Islands constitute a legitimate outpost in our commercial and ma

ALAS, A VAIN HOPE! From the Philadelphia Times, Whatever beside may be neglected of

postponed the legislature should not ad-journ until it has passed a good road law. TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus. The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 2.38 a. m., for Saturday

June 19, 1897. A child born on this day will notice tha the right kind of a man can usually fine good neighbors anywhere.

The fact that capitalists can be found who are willing to purchase the Wilkes-Barre ball club is another evidence that good times are here. The students' examining board appears to have erected a trocha around the

lackswanna bar. When it comes to the matter of "sow ing wild oats" this may indeed be called an agricultural nation.

It is the experience of all that the truth can always be told, except perhaps I the case of a horse trade. Ajacchus' Advice.

Do not try to get on the topmost round of the ladder of fame at once You might ecome dizzy.

A SEASONABLE INCIDENT. June is the month for weddings, and the

roses everywhere Seem to nod, as if there were unusual gossip in the air. The insects all eclipse the former finery they wore.

The bumble bee is busier than he ever

was before The lightning-bug, whose prying disposition never falls.

Has gotten out cis lantern and is looking for details. The cow across the fence is heard to whisper to the lamb Uncle Sam.'

It is a very old romance. It wasn't hard to guess, By numerous circumstances that a trustful tenderness

Pervaded the emotions of the lady in the case. But 'midst cares of pressing business, all unhoeded was her grace, ed, 'twas even rumored-and th story caused great pain-

That the little trunctte lassle had been jilted by the swain.
But his manners now show such regard as cannot be a sham, And it's likely Miss Hawaii soon will marry Uncle Sam.
-Washington Star.



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