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SCRANTON, JUNE 22, 1897.

We hasten to assure our genial friend, Wouter Van Twiller, of the of the president's Cuban policy. Ac-Wilkes-Barre Record, that it is useless for him to offer to mediate between our force Spain to terms; according to the esteemed contemporaries, the Truth and the Times. The Tribune is one of little and then let the matter drop, and the greatest mediators in the business and it has falled.

Scranton's New Postmaster,

In the nomination of Colonel Ezra H. Ripple to be postmaster of Scranton the president has conferred recognition upon one of the most untiring, unselfish and effective Republicans in the city. No man has done more toward the uplifting of the party in city and county than Colonel Ripple, and on the other score of personal deserving no man more thoroughly merits the honor which has thus come to him.

That he will bring to this new posttion of trust the same high fidelity to duty and the same business-like comprehension of details which have characterized him in other relations does not need to be said. To those who wish for the duties of the office to be performed conscientiously, intelligently and with incessant vigilance in the public's interest, Colonel Ripple's appointment will be hailed as a most felicitous one. These comprise, we believe, the great bulk of the office's pat-

It remains to be said for Colonel Ripple's predecessor, Mr. Vandling, that he will take with him into private life the good will of the community, and a record of satisfactory service.

In Senator Quay's opinion it is vastly preferable to get Hawaii now, by annexation, than to be compelled to get it hereafter, by conquest from some other nation. As he says, "we must have it as a stopping place for our commerce crossing the Pacific." That states the case in a paragraph.

The Specter at the Feast.

The reasons offered by John Dillon why the Irish people will not particitate in the jubilations attending the commemoration of the completion of Queen Victoria's sixtieth year of sovereignty are certainly sufficient to justify lukewarmness. The fact that in that period the population of Ireland has fallen from 8,000,000 to 4,500,000; while coercion act after coercion act has followed in quick succession, with outrages of the grossest kind punctuating the entire time, is a blot upon the record too conspicuous to be ignored

It will not be held by impartial students of the history of British administration in Ireland that the faults have been altogether on one side; but the fact remains that the English government has displayed a total miscontion of the Irish character, and by using cruelty and force where kindness would have been the easiest as well as the most effective weapon has turned this warm-hearted race into a race of irreconcilable enemies. The fatuity of the Anglican treatment of Ireland is the more remarkable when contrasted with the nice adaptation of means to ends which has characterized the most of England's other attempts to rule acquired provinces.

It is true that in comparatively recent times there has been a change in England's Irish policy. Something like moderation and conciliation is now the programme; but the trouble with this new order of things is that it comes too late. Already every Irishman had been taught from his mother's breast to view in England an enemy and to maintain toward Englishmen in official life the attitude of watchful suspleion and distrust. It will take generations for this feeling to disappear, if indeed it can ever be removed. The memory of Ireland's wrongs is the specter at Victoria's feast.

Not the least interesting reason advanced against the acceptance of Hawait is the Providence Journal's dread lest the Japanese should take a notion to whip us out of our boots. The Mugwump mind is certainly a storehouse of strange fancies.

An Unwelcome Necessity.

The statement of Chairman Elkin reviewing the revenue problem at Harrisburg and advising that a cut of \$1,-500,000 per annum be made in the appropriations indicates the probable trend of remedial legislation. The legislature of 1895 appropriated money for two years as follows:

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rios	680,254	10
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Legislature	617,241	96
Interest on public debt	538,743	00
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	West Store	

In the first four items only is it possible now to make material reductions. From the school fund many persons believe that \$1,000,000 can be subtracted annually, and the other half million, it is presumed, will be taken from the charity account. On the other hand, the new direct inheritance tax is expected to yield from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,-600 per annum, while the Bolles revenue bill now before the senate is count. ed upon to produce \$750,000 additional, Assuming that the deficit now in view is correctly computed at \$3,500,000, it is contended that the foregoing adjustment of the problem will produce satisfactory results, and enable the legisla-

tive session of 1899 to begin business with a clean score.

spare \$1,000,000 from their school fund The Scranton Tribune and \$500,000 from their school fund and \$500,000 from their state aid to charity remains to be seen. Some time ago it was reported that a combination of legislators had been formed of sufficient strength to thwart the proposed cut in the school appropriations. It is certain that such a cut would be authorized with reluctance, and for the members to return home after having been participants in a scaling down of the charity appropriations would be to assume risks the like of which few men in politics care to assume. But under compulsion of necessity this programme may prevail. It is significant that Chairman Elkin appears to favor it. He undoubtedly speaks for the or-

> ganization, Within two days two Washington papers and one Philadelphia journal have presented "authoritative statements" cording to one of these he intends to second, he is going to coax Spain a according to the third he will coax first and then force. Apparently the dear public can take its choice. In the neantime, we assume that when the president gets ready to declare his intentions he will do so in a manner not open to misconstruction,

Professional Secrets Inviolable.

The courts, having held that clergymen and physicians need not :eveal professional secrets on the witness stand, may soon be asked to extend this exemption to newspaper reporters. A movement with this object in view has already grown out of the prosecution and acquittal of the two correspondents, Messrs. Edwards and Shrivwho were charged with contempt of the senate sugar trust investigating committee because they declined to reveal the sources of the information which they had published.

In considering this subject the element of common sense must be kept in sight. The newspayer reporter, when within his sphere of duty, is simply a medium of communication between the people and people's servants. To him custom has delegated the function of keeping an eye on things. The reporter who abuses this trust is soon discredited and there are means of punishing him when he deliberately misrepresents. But when he conscientiously tries to do his duty it is obvious that he must faithfully shield professional confidences or abandon his vocation. In the course of his day's work he is brought into contact with the leading men of every department of human activity and often receives from each valuable information upon the condition that the giver's name shall not be published. When that information is of legitimate public interest, it is printed upon the responsibility of the paper in whose columns it appears, and the identity of the person who gave the reporter the first clew is absolutely of no consequence to the pub-

lic, and therefore none of its business. In the case mentioned above, a reputable paper in Philadelphia and one in New York printed information gathered by Messrs, Edwards and Shriver. and alleging that the sugar trust had made a corrupt bargain with the Cleveland administration. Details were given and if the weight of the allegation merited judicial inquiry the end of justice would manifestly have been accomshort when it should have been doermined whether the statements made in the newspaper articles were true or false. If false, the papers stood responsible before the law; and if true, their publication was evidently a public duty. The attempt as made, howver, was not so much to get at the bottom truth of the matter as to run down the source of the two reporters' information. The entire machinry of the law was directed toward the lentification of the person or persons who had given the scheme away, and ecause these reporters would not reveal this non-essential secret, they were unsuccessfully prosecuted for

We can see no difference in point of anctity between the professional conidences of the reporter and those of the doctor or the priest. It is as much a hindrance to justice for the clergyman or physician to decline to testify in a criminal trial as it would be if the reporter were also to refuse. All should be privileged or none. That a reporter should be subject to subpoena just like any other witness concerning matters within his own knowledge, that is to say, with reference to facts which he knows at first hand, is readlly admitted, for in such matters he stands on a par with all other spectators of a crime; but that he should be subject to punishment for declining to violate the confidences of his profession, for refusing to betray those who have placed trust in his honor, is intolerable. Such a liability cannot be defended,

Announcement is made that the Sunday World has been purchased by Controller Robinson, Treasurer Boland and Poor Tax Collector Finn, the first two Democrats, the latter a Republican. Mr. M. J. O'Toole will continue as editor and Capt. B. E. Morris will have charge of the paper's business interests. It is not stated what the political policy of the paper will be, but judging from its last issue it will be Democratic. The World in these hands will be an interesting publica-

Ex-City Chamberlain Ivins of New York has begun sult against one of Gotham's traction companies to test whether a passenger from whom fare is collected on the platform must submit to be rammed inside a car already too full for endurance. The outcome of this litigation will certainly be awaited with interest.

that we might better employ our energies in widening the markets for the products of the territory we already have. But we can do that too.

It is wonderful how the Springfield Republican finds out things. Its latest discovery is that President McKinley didn't want Hawaii at all, but abruptly ordered the annexation treaty sent to the senate when he found that the Republican senatorial caucus couldn't agree on the sugar schedule of the How it will satisfy the people to tariff bill. You will notice that the

genuine Mugwump is always ready with a discreditable explanation.

After all, the testing of Debs' plan of a co-operative commonwealth will afford the most practical of cures for the socialistic fever back of it.

London, during Victoria's reign, has quintupled its population, but so long as Americans have Chicago to point to they won't feel envious.

It is possible that Senator Teller wouldn't be so anxious to nominate firyan in 1900 if he thought Bryan stood any show.

Much as the character of Queen Victoria offers for admiration it is well to remember that eulogy can be over-

If Liliuokalani expected sympathy she must by this time be convinced that this is a cold, unfeeling world.

interesting if not important. Secretary Sherman, it seems, will not resign even to verify a New York newspaper "scoop."

Gossip at the Capital

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, June 21. Whom will the Democrats of Pennsylvania noming to for governor next year? is a question frequently asked. It is not easily answered, as very little thought has yet been given to the question, it matters little whom they nominate, as there is no likelihood of his election, although some people here are of the opinion that the Republicans will be so divided next year as to make their gubernatorial nominee's election doubtful. Granting that there will be a division in the Republican party in Pennsylvania next year, what shape will the Democrats of that state and themselves in when it comes to nominat-ing and electing a governor? The Pennsylvania Democracy was never so hopeless-ly divided as it is today. On the leading question—silver—the Democrats are very far apart-so, far, in fact, that there is no hope of the breach being closed as long as that is the isrue. The followers of Mr. Harrity are as sound on the money ques-tion as are the Republicans, and they will never consent to take the free silver medicine which the opposition will pre-scribe at the next state convention. If the Democrats of told Keystone state are wise they will not insert a single plank of the Chicago platform in their next state platform. They will steer clear of that foolish velocities and so to the of that foolish declaration, and go to the people on state and local issues, just as their brethren in New York and other states are doing,

But whom will the Democrats nominate for governor? That is the question, There will no doubt be many members of that party who will be willing to offer themselves to sacrifice, with the faint hope that the Republicans may get into a family row, which will result in the de-feat of their candidate. Such a thing, however, is almost beyond the range of probabilities. The names discussed among Democratic politicians here in connection with the gubernatorial nomination are cx-Congressman Joe Sibley, of Franklin; James M. Guffey, the millionaire oil op-erator, of Pittsburg; ex-Congressman Si-mon P. Wolverton, of Northumberland county; ex-Congressman James Kerr, of Clearfield: State Chairman Garman, of Luzerne-county; Lawyer DeWitt, of Brad-ford county; ex-State Senator Henry Cochran, of Williamsport; ex-Attorney General Hensel, of Lancaster, and sev-eral other lesser lights. The first four named are considered the strongest Dem-ocrats in the state, any one of whom would come as near polling the full Democratte vote as anybady who could be named. Sibley and Guffey are both rich. and would be able to furnish the neces-sary "sinews of war." Mr. Wolverton is probably the ablest man in the list. As a lawyer he has few equals and no su-periors in the state. Mr. Kerr is regard-ed as one of the shrewdest business men as well as the cleverest politician in his party. He would have the solid support of the Bryan Democrats in the state, as well as a large personal following of business men, irrespective of political belief. Of course he could not expect the earnest support of the Harrity wing of the party, as he has always led the opposition against the ex-national chairman. He would, however, be able to poll as many votes as any Democrat.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, the man who led the bolters from the St. Louis convention last year, and who went over body and breeches to the Democratic party, has returned to Washington after an absence of several weeks. He thinks Bryan is the legitimate and logical candi-date of the silver forces for president in 1999. He says that everywhere the young Nebraskan is a great favorite, and were the presidential election to come off this fall Bryan would be elected by as large a majority as was McKinley last year.

A prayer ought to be a solemn thing. It was anything but solemn in the sen-ate a few days ago. Rev. Hugh Johnson, of this city, was the acting chaplain. In the course of his prayer he thanked God for the glorious era of prosperity which was sweeping over the country. Senator was sweeping over the country. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, whose head was revcrently bent, smiled as these words fell upon his car. He could not help it. Sen-ator Vest almost laughed out loud. All the Democrats were visibly amused, nor was there a scher face among the Republicans. It was quite evident that the senators regarded the clergyman's gratitude as being a little promotive. ude as being a little premature.

There are some remarkable men in the mploy of Uncle Sam. For memories it is oubtful if their equals can be found anywhere in the world. Mr. Alnsworth R. Spofford, the librarian of congress, is one and another is Mr. Amzi Smith, superintendent of the senate document room. Both have occupied their respective positions for many years, and they are won-ders in their line of business. Of the many thousands of volumes to be found in the congressional library there is not single one with which Mr. Spofford is of familiar. If you are in search of information, and do not know exactly where to find it, all you have to do is to indi-cate in the slightest manner what you want, and if it is in the library Mr. Spot-ford can furnish it. If it is a poem from a noted or obscure author and you can repeat a line or two of it Mr. Spofford will promptly name the writer, repeat the verses from first to last, then walk over to a corner in the vast library and pick out the volume desired. At present the congressional library is so ovecrowded that many thousands of volumes are piled up in every nook and corner in the library building. Fut Mr. Spofford knows where every book or pamphlet is and can put his hand on it in the dark. Mr awaited with interest.

Spofford is now over 70 years of age, but his memory is as clear and bright as it was thirty years age. He is traly a won-position to Hawaiian annexation is that we might better employ our ever that we might better employ our ever.

Mr. Amzi Smith is almost equally as wonderful a man for memory as Mr. Spofford. He knows overything that comes under his department. If you should walk into his "den" in the senate wing of the capitol some day and ask him if a report was not once made on the commercial relations between the United States and the British North American colonies he will without moving out of his colonies he will without moving out of his chair, tell you that it can be found in senate document No. 112 of the first seasion of the Thirty-second conress. The other day a senator entered the senate "How are you, Amzi?" he said as he

dropped into a chair. "How did you learn all that you know? I believe you could even tell the number of the report which Noah made of the animals in the ark."

Mr. Smith said never a word, but swung around in his chair and reached for a book on his stand.

"All of country."

"All of our old reports," he said, "were burned when the British destroyed the capitol in 1814, but here is a copy of the Bible. You will find Neah's report on his animals in Genesis, the fifteenth chapter and the sixth verse.

and the sixth verse."

Mr. Smith was born on a farm near West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pa., over 60 years ago. He has been superintendent of the senate document room nearly thirty years. He was appointed to his present position through the influence of Simon Cameron. Nothing short of death or resignation will ever take him from his position, as his services are infrom his position, as his services are in-valuable to the senators and every em-ploye on both sides of the capitol.

Senator Penrose was the first to intro-duce a fan in the senate chamber this session. On Thursday last he appeared on the floor with an immense paim leaf which he used vigorously during all the time he remained in the chamber. He also used a big bandanna handkerchief quite as freely to mop his feverish brow. The impor Penrosiyania senator has not A few words from Brother Cleveland The junior Pennsylvania senator has not yet donned his tow suit and negligee shirt on the Hawaiian question would be which it has been his custom to wear it hot weather. Senator Quay wears a light drab suit these warm days.

HOLIDAYS TO SPARE.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The holidays law of the state has been the subject of amendment at each session of the legislature for the past twenty of the legislature for the past twenty years. The present legislature has passed a measure which brings all the holidays under one law, with a uniform rule for their observance on the Monday following when their date falls on Sunday, and it aids a new holiday to the list-Lincoln's birthday, February 12. By the same act Labor Day is fixed on the first Monday in Sentember, to accord with the federal in September, to accord with the federal law and the Labor Day law of all the other states which have such a holiday. The February election day is made a whole holiday instead of a haif holiday, as heretofore.

When the bill, which passed finally last week, is signed by the governor, Pennsyl-vania will have ten legal holidays in ev-ery year, viz., New Year's Day, Lincoln's birthday, the February election day, Washington's birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, the November election day and Christmas. In addition every Saturday afternoon is a legal half holiday. This list represents more legal holidays than there will be actual holidays. The banks will close on the dates indicated by law as holidays, but on at least six of these ter holldays the great majority of the population lation will pursue their accustomed ve cations so far as the closing of the banks permits. Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas are the four real holidays of the year. The rest are quasi-holidays, observed by a few and by those few for a small part of the day only. Perhaps we shall grow up to the full list.

Ten real holidays in a year are not too many if properly distributed. It is to be observed that three of our ten holidays come in the month of February, while the months of June, August and October have no full holiday, and March and April divide the honors of Good Friday between them. It may be found wise to make a better distribution of holidays hereafter, but for some time to come it would be wise to let the subject rest and give the people a chance to grow up to these holidays if they can. At any rate, no more holidays should be adde on any pretense. We have sufficient and to spare.

OF INCALCULABLE VALUE.

From the Washington Pest. We have always advocated the annex-ation of Hawaii, believing that in the equation of our commercial expansion such a factor as Hawaii is supremely important if not actually indispensable It seems to us that we could do nothing wiser in the way of trade development than to secure possession of this key to al the great ocean pathways of the Pacific To take possession of Hawaii is to con trol the pathways of commerce over two thirds of the globe, to hold the focus of the steamship and telegraph lines of three great continents, to take toll of evry mercantile enterprise between Cal-nutta and San Francisco, between Mel bourne and Hong Kong. There is, be-sides, a military consideration of which we must not lose sight. With Hawaii as basis of offensive and defensive operations we should be infinitely strength ened on our Pacific coast. We should be far better equipped than we now are for self-protection or attack. The value of the arrangement would be incalculable.

WHAT, INDEED.

From the Troy Times. What is the use of fertilizing bushes for other people to pick the berries? If the United States is to represent simply defensive and not aggressive republican-ism, let it pull in its Monroe shingle and leave the canaries of budding republics to be swallowed by the tigers of greedy monarchies. There is always a tendency to look a gift horse in the mouth. But the animal may be a good horse even though a dark one, and serviceable for

UNJUST TO THE CALF.

an outrider for the republican charlot.

The editor of the Jaytown War Whoop plcked up one of his metropolitan ex changes and read: "The charming soubrette, Eva Hollis Whopper has just purchased a new buil-

"It's durn funny," he sald to himself, and the cat. "that these here city papers publish such stuff and then make fun of me for chroniclin' the fact that 'Squire Jim Brown's cow had a calf."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1.38 a. m., for Tuesday, June 22, 1897.

E It will be apparent to a child born of this day that a newspaper that fails to pat itself on the back once in twenty-four ours in honor of a fancied stroke of en-

When the United States annexes Hato burn. The worm will turn. And in turning

terprise in not up-to-date.

often assumes the proportions of an ana-All hall to good Victoria! She has never attempted to ride a bicycle or edit a Sunday newspaper.

Ajacchus' Advice. The summer boarder will do well to take is mittens along this season,



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