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We hasten to assure our genial friend, Wouter Van Twiller, of the Wilkes-Barre Record, that it is useless for him to offer to mediate between our esteemed contemporaries, the Truth and the Times.

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.

That he will bring to this new position 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.

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.

The Specter at the Feast.

The reasons offered by John Dillon why the Irish people will not participate in the jubiliations attending the commemoration of the completion of Queen Victoria's sixtieth year of sovereignty are certainly sufficient to justify lukewarmness.

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.

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.

Not the least interesting reason advanced against the acceptance of Hawaii is the Providence Journal's dread lest the Japanese should take a notion to whip us out of our boots.

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.

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, if it is presumed, will be taken from the charity account.

spare \$1,000,000 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.

Within two days two Washington papers and one Philadelphia Journal have presented "authoritative statements" of the president's Cuban policy.

The courts, having held that professional and physicians need not reveal professional secrets on the witness stand, may soon be asked to extend this exemption to newspaper reporters.

In considering this subject the element of common sense must be kept in sight. The newspaper reporter, when within his sphere of duty, is simply a medium of communication between the people and people's servants.

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 public, and therefore none of its business.

We can see no difference in point of sanctity between the professional confidences 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.

Announcement is made that the Sunday World has been purchased by Controller Robinson, Treasurer Boland and Poor Tax Collector Finn.

Ex-City Chamberlain Ivins of New York has begun suit against one of Gotham's tractor companies to test whether a passenger from whom fare is collected on the platform must submit to full for endurance.

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 tariff bill.

genuine Mugwump is always ready with a discreditable explanation. After all, the testing of Dobs' 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 Bryan 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 overdone.

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

A few words from Brother Cleveland on the Hawaiian question would be 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 nominate 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.

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 defeat of their candidate.

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.

A prayer ought to be a solemn thing. It was anything but solemn in the senate a few days ago. Rev. Hugh Johnson, of this city, was invited to pray.

There are some remarkable men in the employ of Uncle Sam. For instance it is doubtful if their equals can be found anywhere in the world. Mr. Alinsworth R. Spofford, the librarian of congress, is one of them.

Mr. Amel Smith is almost equally as wonderful a man for memory as Mr. Spofford. He knows everything that comes under his department.

dropped into a chair. "How did you learn all about your horse? 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.

Senator Penrose was the first to introduce a fan in the senate chamber this season on Thursday, July 15. The senator sat on the floor with an immense palm leaf which he used vigorously during all the time he remained in the chamber.

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 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 adds a new holiday to the list—Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

When the bill, which passed finally last week, is signed by the governor, Pennsylvania will have ten legal holidays in every 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.

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.

OF INCALCULABLE VALUE.

From the Washington Post. We have always advocated the annexation of Hawaii, believing that in the equation of our commercial expansion such a factor as Hawaii is supremely important if not actually indispensable.

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 Bryan and not aggressive republicanism, let it pull in its Monroe shingle and leave the canaries of budding republics to be swallowed by the tigers of greedy monarchies.

UNJUST TO THE CALF.

The editor of the Jaytown War Whoop picked up one of his metropolitan exchange and read: "The charming soubrette, Eva Hollis-Whopper has just purchased a new building."

TOLD BY THE STARS.

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

It will be apparent to a child born on a bright day that the sun fails to pat itself on the back once in twenty-four hours in honor of a fancied stroke of enterprise in not up-to-date.

Ajacicus' Advice.

The summer boater will do well to take his mittens along this season.

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