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In its report of the South Side explosion yesterday The Tribune again gave a demonstration of the excellence of its facilities for collecting and publishing the news.

Undesired Criticism.

The principal speaker at a mass meeting of Cuban sympathizers held in Washington the other day was Senator Daniel of Virginia, and the greater portion of his speech was devoted to an arraignment of the McKinley administration for its alleged tardiness in moving to the relief of Cuba.

Major McKinley has been president less than four months. During that time he has made most of his important selections for federal office; has put congress to work upon a tariff bill calculated to replenish the wasted revenues and contribute to a business revival.

The first result of his accession to the presidency, so far as our relations with Spain were concerned, took the form of a decided increase of deference on the part of the Spanish officials in Cuba to credentials of American citizenship.

From sources worthy of trust it is learned that in these four busy months, with all the cares of office crowding upon him as they invariably crowd at the outset of a president's term, Major McKinley has yet found time to examine the Cuban problem thoroughly and has reached the conclusion that it is the duty of liberty and social order. It is even said that the manner of that interference has been decided upon and will in due time be made plain.

It will be noticed that Weyler's call for more troops tallies nicely with the Spanish argument that there is no war in Cuba.

Let Judge Gordon Act.

The report of the legislative committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the Eastern penitentiary places upon Judge Gordon of Philadelphia the duty of sustaining his serious charges before a proper tribunal or else of resigning from the bench in disgrace.

That yesterday morning's explosion, if the work of malice, needs to be traced to its author and that author punished goes without saying. We know of no crime in the calendar comparable with the venting of a private grudge in a manner menacing to innocent persons.

the fact, derived both from testimony and observation, that the clearer better kept building can be found in this commonwealth. The food is abundant and in some respects too generous for men for whom regular labor cannot be supplied. The warden and overseers appeared to be conscientious and humane, and their kindly management was found to be appreciated by a vast majority both of convicts and ex-convicts of whom a large number were privately examined by this committee and its members.

It is the opinion of Professor Peck, of Columbia university, that too much learning among the masses is a dangerous thing. The professor is frank, and in some respects he is also right. It all depends upon what we mean by learning.

There is manifest justice in the claim of Cornell that Yale and Harvard must hereafter eat humble pie in the matter of boat-racing, or, in other words, must cease to be so idiotically exclusive as they have tried to be in the past.

Senator Quay has taken the pains to deny in writing that he has any wish to be a candidate for governor. His denial will not leave the office without aspirants.

The story now goes that the Andrews "Lexow" expense bill will not be presented. This, if true, will spare Governor Hastings' veto axe one extra stroke.

Brief Words of Casual Menion

One of the most serious features regarding the recent catastrophe on the South Side is the fact that the story of the dynamiting of the Pullish saloon will be heralded about the land, painted in glowing tints, and sensation will receive another free advertisement as the home of the dynamite field.

Strawberries and Suicide. It has remained for a group of lynx-eyed savants connected with the government service at Washington to detect the source of the annual tendency toward suicide which is revealed in this country every spring from April to June.

Strawberries begin to ripen and appear upon the markets about the time the epidemic of suicides begins. This was the main point made by the gentleman who believed that there was some connection between suicide and the fruit.

It occurs to us that an even greater source of mischief has been overlooked in this explanation. We refer to the cucumber. The cucumber appears in the market at about the same time that the strawberry does.

A visit to Nay Aug park at this time of year will show the need of a comprehensive system of park improvement better than any printed words. With the small means allotted to them the commissioners have certainly wrought wonders in the way of clearing up debris, establishing playgrounds and laying out paths.

manufactures to the value of \$5,000,000 were sent to Cuba. In 1894 our sales amounted to \$4,000,000. In 1895 this business, largely a Pennsylvania business, direct into Cuba, was stopped by the forest in the stoppage of what seems to be a fruitless, inconclusive and cruel struggle which gives point and pertinency to the representations of our government in its efforts to put a stop to hostilities.

ENGLAND AND DEMOCRACY.

From the Springfield Republican. The great personal achievement of the queen is that during these sixty years she has saved the monarchical form of government in Great Britain from that collapse into which it was freely predicted early in the century it would eventually sink.

The real development of the British empire during these 69 years has been in a direction exactly opposite from monarchical institutions. Now and then a Tory writer, pointing to the personal affection of the people for the queen, declares that democracy has been checked, and shouts his jubilee hosannas over this new triumph of aristocracy.

The queen's reign is at bottom a celebration of the sixty years' victorious march of modern democracy, which says in India, is everywhere dominant in the empire.

The queen's reign is worth reviewing along this line. What substantial gain can there have been for monarchy in England since the death of George the Third?

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directly interested. From the Philadelphia Record. A better idea of the losses suffered by the people of the United States by the continuance of the war in Cuba may be obtained from a study of our imports from and exports to that island.

The following figures for the past three fiscal years and nine months of the present fiscal year exhibit the shrinkage of trade in a striking manner.

Table with columns: Years ended, Total, Imports, Exports. Data for 1894, 1895, 1896, and 9 months ending June 30, 1897.

This exhibit does not cover losses by the destruction and export of property owned by citizens of the United States in Cuba. The great bulk of our exports from Cuba were sugar and tobacco; but nearly half of our exports were manufactures. In 1898 iron and steel

AN EXCELLENT POLKA.

The Tribune acknowledges the receipt, with compliments of the Bloomfield, O. Derrick of the Derrick Polka, a pleasing composition for the piano by Miss Minnie Clark, of North Baltimore, O.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Montreal base ball enthusiasts who desire to purchase the Wilkes-Barre club, evidently have money to burn.

At the real estate man would remark, property seems to be going up on the South Side.

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