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Our friend of the News-Dealer is mistaken in calling the editor of the Tribune "an anti-bicycle crank."

The Day We Celebrate.

The suggestion has been offered, and it seems to us an appropriate one, that Americans, while commemorating the one hundred and twenty-first anniversary of their own independence, give heed to the struggle for a similar freedom which is now in progress in Cuba.

To be just, we must likewise consider the inequalities of the combat and the causes of the unpopularity of the Cuban people for the restoration of self-government.

Taken as a whole, the odds in our Revolution were in point of numbers but slightly in favor of our oppressors; nevertheless it required the aid of France to effect the final discomfiture of the British.

That irrepressible reformer, the Hon. E. A. Van Valkenberg, of Tiooga, captain-general of the Seventy-six and chairman of the Harrisburg committee on trouble, merits the congratulations of the press.

Two Interesting Strikes.

It is agreeable to read, in the same columns which tell of the foolish strike just inaugurated among the bituminous coal miners, that the idleness caused locally by the recent strike of steel workers is about to terminate.

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As for the strike now on among the soft coal miners, while it may, if prolonged, bring temporary benefit to the anthracite industry, we are unable for this reason to view it with enthusiasm.

whether the strikers, even should they eventually exact the concessions for which they contend, would emerge in an economic sense the winners by the transaction.

In a certain grim sense these recurrences of the strike spirit are prophetic of better times. Men do not strike when in the trough of hard times.

President Andrews, of Brown university, returns from Europe convinced that international bimetallism is both practicable and near at hand.

Why the Eagle Screams.

During the recent jubilee celebration the papers contained many statistical comparisons between the records of England and the United States within the past sixty years, and some of them were noticed in these columns.

The economical progress of England during the present reign has been summarized by Mr. Mulhall in a table representing conditions in 1837-40 by 1896, and those of the present time by proportionate additions to that base.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Population, and other economic indicators for the United States and England.

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with the character of our institutions. Concerning no subject ought the voice of the majority to be more desirable in giving sanction to representatives in power than concerning the taking of new territory and new population into the national fold.

Coming to the particular proposition which doubtless prompted the Crumbacker resolution, we confess that we have a lively curiosity to know how a popular vote upon the admission of Hawaii as a territorial colony would stand.

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It is no doubt true that the salaries paid to the common pleas judges in Pennsylvania are much smaller, upon the whole, than in other wealthy and populous states.

The San Francisco official who caused the arrest of two adulterous elopers as a public example should carry the lesson one step further by causing the offenders to be flogged, horse-whipped and forced to endure each other's society the remainder of their lives.

The little English torpedo-boat, Turbinia, whose screws are rotated by escaping steam, continues to astonish the experts across the water, her latest speed achievement being forty miles an hour.

In more than two-thirds of the territory of France people are dying more rapidly than other people are being born. It is argued that if this proportion isn't soon reversed the French republic will begin to deteriorate.

It is well to remember during the celebration of this day that the best patriotism is unselfish, and that not always the kind which makes the biggest noise is the safest and most to be prized.

The American public has heard the last of the proposed tax on tea. The poor man's breakfast table is again unmenaced.

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