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The temporary shutting off of Scranton's water supply gives citizens a chance to appreciate that service. But they could appreciate it even more if advance notification were given of these interruptions.

Senator Quay Reconsiders.

The inner meaning of Senator Quay's sudden visit to Harrisburg, conference with the governor and announcement that despite former predictions to the contrary he would be a candidate for re-election is as yet a matter of conjecture. That there is a motive of some urgency can hardly be doubted in view of the suddenness and dramatic features of the reconsideration.

Be this as it may, the news will be welcome both to friends and foes. To friends it will indicate the retention in political leadership in Pennsylvania of incomparably the ablest and shrewdest politician of his generation, and the continuance at Washington of the advantages accruing to Pennsylvania business and political interests from Colonel Quay's prestige among the powers that be.

To foes, on the other hand, it will afford a fair and early challenge to combat. Not a member of the next legislature has yet been nominated or even considered seriously for the nomination. The field is clear for a fight to the finish. Those who derive pleasure from wrestling with Quayism now have the chance of a lifetime to grapple with its arch representative in person, under conditions which must make the victory decisive. They, too, must therefore be glad for such a chance.

It is well to have the matter frankly presented in abundant time to permit the people to pass deliberate judgment.

It has been estimated that Americans pay \$50,000,000 annually for soda water. It is an open question whether they get the worth of their money.

The Core of a Great Problem.

vention of public school teachers-the common schools-has pervaded most of and has gained a larger audience among the people than perhaps ever before. If the average American whose time is almost wholly engrossed in business cares would pause long enough to think which, we call the United States must gradually sink into corruption, injussafer nurseries of good citizenship.

This lesson was strongly impressed in a speech made before the National Educational association last Thursday by Rev. Lyman Abbott. It was a pleafor greater attention to the humanities in the work and influences of the public schools. "If," said he, "the state has the right to educate at all, it has the right to educate in all that is good. This education must have all the element of life to make good citizens. A good citizen must be able to understand his fellow citizen. He must know the English language. He must know how to express himself to his fellow citizens. He must be able to write. He must know something of history, geography, the great thoughts of the great thinkers, and he must know enough of the arts and sciences to be able to earn a living. These, however, are not all the essentials. We must act and do, All life is made up in conduct. Man must learn to govern himself. His motive powers must be educated as well as his thinking powers or he will not become a good citizen. What is good government? Government is a profoundly religious function. The people must know what justice and mercy are. They must know what the duties of this government are toward other nations, toward those who are being buried under the sod by bayonets in Cuba. They must know how to act when Armenian massacres occur. They must know the great immutable laws of right and wrong Unlike some students of this theme,

Dr. Abbott does not tremble at the thought of religion getting into the publie schools; but he wants the religion which gets in to be pure. "When I read," says he, "of 200 lynchings in this country last year, when I see tramps increasing on one hand and multi-millionaires growing in numbers on the other hand, when I find criminals are multiplying, I feel we ought to have more religion in the character of our citizens. Do not misunderstand me. I do not plead for public worship in the public schools. I vote against it. It is not the function of the state to carry on religious worship in the schools. I traordinary exhibition of the gigando not plead for a perfunctory reading of the bible. We are fighting too much perfunctory reading in the schools already. I am not pleading for theological tenets. These are not essential to good citizenship in this life. No Roman Catholic will aver that a Protestant will not make a good citizen. No intelligent Protestant will say this of a Jews make good citizens, I am not pleading for the bible. I am pleading for training in righteous ways. I maintain that if the state has the right to provide self-education it has the right to provide all the elements for selfpractical training in justice, mercy, tands to burn." truth, faith, hope, love and goodness. You teachers cannot teach thoroughly with England the anecdote is borne

the children see the light in the literature which burned in the great authors | them. -is not this teaching religion? If religion is shut off from the schools then training will cease to be scientific and will become empirical, and instead of having men strong and women pure we will have nothing but cultured par-

This pointed talk uncovers the very

vitals of the problem of true edcuation.

Of mere smartness we have already an abundance in this country-too much, it seems, when we view the manifestations of it as often in crime and roguery as in honest enterprise. It is not, after all, essential that the average pupil should come out of school with head full of book-learning. Algebra will not bring one a living. Psychology and physics seldom aid one in his search for remunerative employment. When the average man has need of information on these subjects he can derive it from books or hire a specialist. But it is fundamentally necessary and imperative for every good interest of civilization that the human output of our schools should be sound in their ideas of morals, inclined toward instincts which are pure and ennobling, and broadened and strengthened and uplifted in their ideals and aspirations. Until the heart and the soul of the pupil share equally with the mind in the culture-processes of the school room, our vaunted system of public instruction will remain in great degree

The pith of Japan's reply to Secretary Sherman is that international law doesn't count. Japan will know better

a farce and the level of our morals, in

business, politics and social relations is

more likely to fall than to rise.

Bearding the Lion.

We are likely soon to have, in the neighboring state of Ohio, a demonstration whether the voting public distrusts or admires a candidate for office who has the courage of his convictions. To the general and threadbare charge that Mark Hanna is a tool of the trusts, the Populists of the Buckeye state are adding the specifiention that it was Hanna who knocked the anti-trust amendment out of the Dingley bill; and, curious to note, Mr. Hanna doesn't deny it.

"They charge me," says he, "with being the friend of trusts and corporations. Well, I am not afraid to take the odium of being a friend to the business interests of this country, if there is any odium attached to it. I am not a defender of trusts in the sense that I want to perpetuate any monopolies or upheld any oppression. It is a significant and a hopeful fact But a great deal of this anti-trust that the keynote of President Skinner's talk is demagogism pure and simple address in opening the Milwaukee con- It comes from men who do not know what they are talking about, men who need of better character training in the are full of theory, but who would not know a business operation if they met the deliberations of that assemblage it walking down the street. These men who howl about trusts and make themselves believe they are friends of the people and that they are winning popularity by such a course simply bow to what they think is a popular what better character development prejudice and make war on the busimeans; what it means in a cleaner and ness interests. The best lawyers in the purer society, what it means in a more senate say it is impossible to frame ing a governor they are away off in their honest and effective government, what a stronger anti-trust law than the calculations and are entitled to another honest and effective government, what a stronger anti-trust law than the It means for the uplifting of all our Sherman act. If we go further than standards of thinking and of living. that we simply persecute business and and how, without it, the experiment interfere with the rights of property.

"I am willing to go before the people of Ohio," continues Mr. Hanna, "as tice and decay, it is possible that he a senator who is courageous enough to man's fight. would then ask himself if it be not stand out against the prevalent craze worth while to try to make of our for calling business a trust and atstate-supported schools better and tacking it through the statute books. If they say I killed off anti-trust owner of the Washington Times, are amendments proposed to the tariff bill shortly to establish two newspapers—one If they say I killed off anti-trust they say truly. I used what influence I had to put a stop to insincere efforts to make political capital for certain people by bringing amendments which they knew very well had no earthly show of passage, but which were designed to 'put the Republicans in a hole' and give the Democrats something to talk about in the coming campaign. There was not the slightest chance of perfecting any legislation of value concerning trusts, and the men who brought in these propositions

knew it." This is bearding the lion with a vengeance; but we are not sure that it will hurt Hanna. In all likelihood the public has grown somewhat sick of the demagogism and theatrical gallery-playing which has lately characterized much of the political treatment of this general subject of wealth and enterprise. The one extreme of indiscriminate and affected denunciation is quite as vicious as the other, and it would contribute to rational thinking on this topic if the common sense of the intelligent voters of Ohio would rally to Senator Hanna's support and reelect him by a majority big enough effectually to rebuke the knaves and fakers in politics.

Private advices from Cuba are to the effect that both sides are tired of the fight and hope soon to compromise. But if Cubans compromise this time, it will be by taking the oyster and giving Spain the shell. Autonomy of the real sort would be simply the forerunner of absolute and unconditional

independence. One of Depew's Best Jokes.

One of the best hits made by Americans in London during the jubilee was scored by Chauncey M. Depew with a new adaptation of what is known among his intimates as the crematory joke. Speaking on the evening of the

naval parade Mr. Depew said: "The spectacle of the day has given to other Americans and myself an extic and world-wide power of Great Britian. It it were for the purpose of awing us and keeping us in peaceful hatits it has produced an impression. When I look at America's little fleet represented here only by the cruiser Brooklyn, it reminds me of an American story of two old ladies who were discussing the misfortunes and chances Roman Catholic, and both believe the of life. One was a spinster and the other had been three times married, and each of her husbands had been in turn cremated, whereupon the spinster remarked: "How marvelous and inscrutable are the ways of Providence, Here have I been for sixty years seekgovernment. Children ought to get a ing a husband and you have had hus-

In the history of our naval bouts

without teaching religion. To make out. England has always had "ships to burn," and Americans have burned

> Hon. M. A. Foltz, of Chambersburg, Pa., is receiving congratulations upon the fact that his sixtleth birthday, whch befel the other day, coincided with the twenty-ninth birthday of his excellent newspaper, Public Opinion. The Tribune, which considers Public Opinion one of the best weekly journals in the country and esteems its gifted and courteous editor as one of the most successful and conscientious workers in the field of Pennsylvania. journalism, wishes, even if a little late, to contribute its quota to the expressions of good will which that interesting coincidence has elicited.

> The sensational papers are now retiring President Wilbur of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company almost with the same regularity of re-iteration that they were once wont to down Senator Quay. Evidently real news is scarce.

> The process of flushing asphalt paveents has just been introduced in New York. It certainly is a better method of street cleaning than disseminating the dust filth and disease germs by means of dry brooms.

> The Michigan Colonel Sellers who is urging the formation of a new party is evidently determined to live up to the suggestiveness of his name.

Gossip at the Capital

Washington, July 11. There is every reason for believing nat ex-Congressman Sibley will be the gubernatorial nominee of the Democrats of Pennsylvania next year. There are many reasons why he should be their standard bearer, the principal one of which is that he was the original free silver Democrat in that state. If silver is to be the issue in Pennsylvania next year Mr. Sibley is the logical candidate. He is not only the best campaigner in the Democratic party, but he is rich and is not afraid to spend his money even for a

ourth of July celebration held in this lly row in the Republican party there go on, will be a good chance of carrying the state for silver, thus capturing the chief executive, the legislature and an increased number of representatives in congress. The Democrats of Pennsylvania will no their carrying the legislature and elect-

ruess. The next United States senator from that state will be a Republican and will the next governor. Senator Quay will doubtless succeed himself if he wants to, but who will be the next Republican governor is now a mere matter of speculation. At this distance it is almost any

It is announced that Charles H. Jones, until a week or two ago editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Silas Hutchins, n St. Louis and the other in Kansas City for the express purpose of alding free slever, and booming William Jennings Bryan for the presidency in 1900. Both of these gentlemen are ordent free silver advocates, and are well known in the ewspaper world. Mr. Hutchins formerly owned the Post of this city. He is an old St. Louisan, having several years ago been connected with newspapers in that city. A few months ago he purchased the Washington Times, which is today the mouth-piece of the silver Democrats in the District of Columbia. He is reputed to be quite wealthy, and a successful bus-

Mr. Jones was a part owner of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mr. Pullizer, own-er of the New York World, bought his interest a short time ago. For a short time in 1893 Mr. Jones was managing editor of the New York World. He was so erratic, however, that even the sensa-tional Pulitzer had to dispense with his

services.

Just why Messrs. Jones and Hutchins should establish two free silver organs n one state, particularly in a state which midly needs their services, is beyond the comprehension of politicians here. In the last campaign, however, the leading Democratic papers in Missouri did not opport the Chicago platform and Mr. Bryan with any degree of enthusiasm, and for that reason, probably, Messrs. Jones and Hutchins are of the opinion that that state is a good field for mis-

Hiram ledge, No. 21, A. F. and A. M., Winchester, Va., where President Mc-Kinley was made a Mason, toward the close of the war, has had some beautiful views taken and sent to the president. These views show the exterior of the old building in which the lodge was located, and the interior of the lodge rooms, including a photograph of the oil wooden stairway which the president trod to reach the lodge room. The building is two stories high. The first floor is now used for a barber shop and restaurant. The lodge now has more pretentious quarters, but the photographs are more in-teresting to the president than would be the pictures of the new building. The hotographs are bound in the finest mor-ceo, and are in one book. Some time ago a delegation from the lodge cam here to invite the president to renew his acquaintance with Winchester by at-tending the fair there this fall. Two of the members of the delegation assisted in the initiation of the president.

John Russell Young, the recently ap-pointed librarian of congress, is having his own troubles. He has about 100 ap-pointments to make when the library is removed to its new building just east of the capitol. For these places there are more than 5,000 applicants. As the distribution of patronage is a new thing to Mr. Young he is in a dilemma. He intends to take his time in selecting his assistants, and will make no appointment except on arsurances of fitness. After the places are filled they will be put under the protecting wing of civil service. Mr. Young has decided to appoint Thomas G. Alvord, jr., formerly chief of the New York World bureau in Washington, to a sible and good paying position

A story is going the rounds of the cou try to the effect that the makers of tablets marking historical spots in Chattanoogu park in Tennessee have put the name of a car and foundry company, "H. Clay Evans, proprietor," on nearly every tab-let that has gone in this national park. Mr. Evans denies the story most em-phatically, and says that the name of the

lets to commemorate the battle of Chat-tanooga, and they are on priavte property in that city.

FOR PESSIMISTS ONLY.

From the Springfield Republican,

The presimists who in commencemen or Independence-day orations saw little hope for the republic, should remember these things; Other nations have a fu-ture no brighter than ours. France has a

declining population, showing exhausted vitality. She has the ablest political corruptionists in the world; shoals of anarchists who occasionally induige in pis-tol practice at the president; socialism constantly knocking at the doors; while in foreign politics she is dragged around by the Muscovite, the hopeless victim of a national enmity which she ought to

a national enmity which she ought to overcome and control; and Germany may be compared to a trunk packed with dynamite. With the most formidable socialistic party to be found in any country, the liberty of her citizens has almost reached the vanishing point. The young emperor sits on the trunk, sword in hand, but a little jar may blow him into eternity. into eternity.

Russia, the country of despotism un-tempered and unshorn, has had her nihli-ists and, if her future be not one of ad-vancing civilization, she will have them again. Great wars, meantime, may oc cupy her energies, but then will come the struggle of the people themselves for the mastery at home. The Austrian empire is a cauldron of jealous and antagonistic races. Italy, sapped of strength by the feud of church and state, impoverished, discouraged, sends hosts of emigrants to America, but those few she plants under Italian protection in Abyssinia are quick y exterminated, or left to die. Even Eng-land-proud and stately England-has "problems" to face. She has monopolles and trusts, classes and masses and multi-millionaires. She has her Ireland, which millionaires. She has her Ireland, which saw nothing to celebrate in the queen's 60 years' reign; her India, now strangely and violently agitated by bloody riots, filling all persons in authority with feelings of deepest alaim. Most remarkable of all, the imperial, even the national, existence is believed by Englishmen to depend absolutely upon the number and tonnage of the war ships each year added to the royal navy. And fancy an empire to the royal navy. And fancy an empire resting upon things of steel and ma-chinery that plow the sea! The next invention may be its death blow. But the United States is not declining

in population; is not being dragged around by some other power; is no combination of a youthful despot and a can of dynamite; is not made up of jealous and irreconcilable races; has no inherited problem of church and state; has no great, religious possession; and its ter-ritorial integrity no more depends upon the number of war ships the country owns than upon its lighthouses or moun-tain peaks. We may undergo startling. disturbing changes. But remember that England chopped off the head of Charles Fourth of July celebration held in this city last week under the auspices of the National Democratic association. He stirred the hearts of the fatthful by declaring that silver was still the issue, and would continue to be the issue until that metal was placed on a basis of 16 to 1. After the meeting a large number of prominent silver Democrats in congress called on Mr. Sibley at his hotel and ursed him to keep up the silver agitation in Pennsylvania, and also to accept the gubernatorial reministion next year. They all pledged him their support in the campaign. The plan of the silverites is to send leading orators from various states into every county in Pennsylvania rext year, and stampede the votors into voting for the Democratic-silver cantiles. nto voting for the Democratic-silver can-lidates for governor, the legislature and congress. They believe that with a fam-

But we need anticipate no such convuisions. Reform wil come, but not vio-lent revolution. The cover is always off and we have abundant room to boil and doubt increase their representation in the hiss and pour forth the steam and gases next congress by four or five, but as for of the national ebuiltions. The American has always been an optimist; he should be an optimist still. So cheer up and take a little ride on the wings of the of the cellar spiration and hope. All nature changes; for we should die did it not; fresh young life succeeds the old, and new for lace those that have lost the life-giv ing function. There is but one thing to fear, which is no change at all, for hat always has and always will mean

THE CARDINAL NECESSITY. From the Philadelphia Press.

If the fallure to create a currency cor mission shall lead to disappointment is will be largely because the currency question has in so many quarters been pre-sented in a false light. It has been a mistake to insist that "currency reform" is the first and highest need of the hour and that until it is accomplished the battle for sound money has brought no fruits. The transcendent issue in the battle for sound money was the mainten-ance of the gold standard. It was the fight to keep all our currency, whatever its form, as good as gold. That was achieved by the victory itself. It is secure through this administration. It is the paramount and vital point. And yet some men and some newspapers talk as if nothing had been gained until a measure of "currency reform" is framed and passed! The system of currency can undoubtedly be improved, but it is not vital that it should be settled this month or next. We are for some revision of the currency system, but, whatever its faults, it is still true that all our currency is securely fastened to the gold standard, and that is the cardinal necessity.

BICYCLING IN THE SKY.

Away up high in the placid sky The planets were having a spree. In the dead of night when the moon we

And the sky from clouds was free. For neighborly Mars told the sister stars That the Earth was riding a wheel, So they, of a mind, set out to find How bicycle riders feel.

Twas a wonderful sight when Venus Let her equilibrium slide, And spun into space at a wonderful pace, With Saturn close at her side.

Then old Neptune, as he winked at the Moon,
In a manner unusually gay,
Went out for a spin, and didn't come in
Till time for the dawning of day.

They were all awry up there in the sky When the Morning opened her eyes, And the daylight saw that natural law Had lost its hold on the skies. But the Man in the Moon went to work

Had the planets tied up to stay, For well he knew that it never would do To have wheels on the Milky Way, -Philadelphia Bulletin.



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