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The trouble with a newspaper circulation obtained at a below-cost price is that the more one gets the worse off one is and the worse off one's readers are the more one gets the worse off one is.

The McKinley Policy.
One of the most satisfactory estimates yet offered with reference to the McKinley policy is contributed to the Sun by that veteran journalist and stalwart Buckeye, General H. V. Boynton. General Boynton has been in the confidence of every Republican executive since the war and his grasp upon a political situation at Washington is not surpassed by any man now in public life.

First, the development and sustaining of American interests, especially of American commercial interests, upon which the other interests of the nation so largely rest. General Boynton represents it to be the president's highest and most earnest ambition to be instrumental through the powers now vested in him in restoring and promoting prosperity among the people.

Next in line of importance on the executive programme is a calm but courageous foreign policy, which includes as its highest creed the unflinching protection of American citizenship abroad in every guaranteed right. The president, General Boynton would have the public understand, is not a hitherer anxious to play to the galleries, but he has strong convictions as to the importance of upholding American interests and principles, and once ready to act he will not draw back.

Coast defence and naval development constitute a third order on the list of Major McKinley's understood aims. These objective points are to be approached quietly but with decision. "There seems," remarks General Boynton, "to be a lively appreciation on the part of the administration that the modern world beyond the Atlantic is becoming intensely jealous of the growing power of the United States, and that it is the part of wisdom to marshal the dominating forces of the nation and hold them in readiness to meet any form of movement that may be sprung from any quarter."

Although it is hazardous to boast, we must say that the Scranton club is apparently again on the right track.
Australia's Constitution.
Mention was recently made on this page of the new constitution proposed for federated Australia, but then the merest outline was given.

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If a college president in a one-sided state must go with the majority what would be his duty in a doubtful state?
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They did, however, demonstrate with ominous warning what some day, acting in common and under true and sufficient leadership, they may be able to do. Public sentiment will always be with those who toil as these subterranean workers do, if they do not receive just compensation for their work, and if they are made victims of harsh and arbitrary rules. Their life is at best a cheerless one, and their earnings can suffice for little more than the necessities of themselves and their families. If, therefore, they should join in unanimous protest, unite their efforts, and make demands that the public sentiment regards as just, they will demonstrate their vast power and win their victory if they are guided by a leader truly great.

Some day it may happen that a man gifted with the ability that makes the great leader may choose to use it in the direction of the welfare of the people, and take from the bowels of the earth the food for the engines of modern civilization. He would discipline this army with the authority of a soldier and the tact of a political master. He would concentrate its vast power and use it with irresistible force, and no man could predict the result of the collision of intellect with the intellect, and of the power of concentrated labor with the power of concentrated capital.

available for such investment at the present time probably does not exceed \$200,000,000. The entire bonded debt of the United States, under the present policy, was extinguished in a quarter of a century. The government would be obliged to look to other investments for the funds arising from the system, and at the present time there are apparent only those securities in which the ordinary bank deals. These, for the greater part, are of variable or fluctuating values, and it is evidence at once that a government banking system that would deal in such securities is out of the question.

In his report of 1892 Mr. Wanamaker furnished the following interesting and seemingly practicable plan. Designated postoffices to receive deposit sums of not less than \$1, which may be in postage stamps on cards to be furnished, interest to be added from the beginning of the next month after deposit, on sums of not less than \$10. All deposits to be transmitted to the secretary of the treasury, who may then allow the funds arising in each state as a loan to the national banks of the same state, at a rate of interest to be determined by the secretary. Sums shall be declared trust funds and shall be a preferred claim against the assets of the banks.

This plan would reduce the work for the government to a minimum, and would obviate the necessity for a commission to investigate the postal system. It would seem that it would find considerable favor with the national banks, and certainly no juster method for the distribution of the funds could be devised than to circulate them in the states from which they were derived.

SOCIAL EDUCATION.
From the Illustrated American.
To realize that education does not end with the school day closing is in itself a long step in education. It means a realization of the vital fact that education is vastly more than the acquisition of so much arithmetic, grammar and geography. The question that naturally arises is, how is the completion of the process of out-of-school-hour education to be brought into practical relations with the machinery of the public schools. An experiment now being tried at Evanston, Ill., is full of promise.

The school board, after the customary hesitation of conservative bodies, has sanctioned the establishment of a reading room, a woman's club, two boys' clubs, sewing classes, workshop, a military company and a symposium in connection with the public school buildings. Realizing the great educational significance of the scheme, the members of the board have at length atoned for their temporary lukewarmness by assuming all the costs of the experiment. The ends to be gained are culture in the widest sense, and the promotion of all that makes for good citizenship. The social life of the people cannot but be enriched and broadened in being made a factor in educational work, and popular education will become more vital and pervasive in its influence when brought into close touch with the people's daily work and recreation.

One of the great problems of social advancement is to provide for the leisure hours of our young people occupations that are truly recreative. These hours must be well-employed, or the result is mortality and sentimentality characterized by Dr. Watts is sure to follow. The Evanston experiment seems to offer a practical solution of the problem, and if successful should receive the tribute of imitation from all parts of the country. Similar experiments in England have already proved successful, both in cities and villages. School buildings there have been made social centers, the headquarters of glee clubs, music lecture associations, and societies of many sorts. At the same time their more elevated educative sphere has been so enlarged that boys and girls forced to leave school and to find their own way in the world, their course are able to return in the evenings and pursue their studies or gain instruction in various handicrafts.

TOLD BY THE STARS.
Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.
Astrolabe Cast: 1:30 a. m., for Tuesday, August 10, 1897.

A child born on this day will notice that Colonel Fitzsimmons already exhibits ambition to become the Francis Schlater of local politics this fall.
The office-seeker is like a man who attends the circus, he has his cash for the performance begins in the large tent.
The army worm has evidently camped out elsewhere this season.
It seems a trifle scarce on the public nerves to call a Democratic convention so soon after the departure of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.

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L. BREECHES, ESQ.
When a youngster grows up, folks seem doubtful.
Like such things had never been known, And lots won't believe when I tell them That I'm 'Little Breeches' full-grown. But I am, all the same, and I've traveled A mighty long distance to claim A shake o' the hand with the author Who first introduced me to fame.

I wanted to make a short visit And chat for a minute or two, For I thought that to pay my respects to him Was nothing beyond his due. And I hadn't a doubt of my welcome From one who had held a pen. So simple and unassuming and close To the hearts of his fellow men.

And I pictured a pretty cottage; The kind that the poets like, And a garden patch and a windmill lane To remind him o' dear old Pike. And I thought that his eyes would sparkle As he gave me a grip and told How much he preferred plain country friends To society, proud and cold.

Say, stranger, perhaps you've felt it, That sudden and awful blow When the girl that you've worked and saved for Just laughs as she answers "no." When all the hopes of a lifetime In a moment are swept away. If you have, you can get some notion Of the way that I feel today.

What do you think I found him? In a cozy cot? Not much! 'Twas a great big house in a neighborhood where he had to pay cash to touch. And I gathered some information As made me particular blue; He don't care for mortgages on his place Like the folks out to Pike all do.

But the thing that stuck in my boom Like a knife, with a painful throb, Was to hear he'd forgot himself so far As to tie to a government job. And his duties will call him to mingle With royalty's wealth and tone— The man that spoke them emphatic words About "loafin' around the throne!"

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