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Postmaster Hippie is said to have ordered a cash campaign against Langstaff—Scranton Herald Republican.

Said by whom? Evidently by the most notorious and unconscionable liar in Lackawanna county.

Concerning Contests. The Carbonate Herald talks some at last when it says: "The talk of a contest over the offices of sheriff, district attorney and prothonotary, is not founded in fact."

Some figures relating to American trade are given in the current North American Review by the British statistician, Mulhall, that deserve attention.

In the first place he notes that our foreign trade amounts to only about \$25 per capita annually, against \$82 for Great Britain and \$36 each for France and Germany.

Another fact noted by Mr. Mulhall is that those articles of which we import less than formerly, as for example, foreign textiles, which we bought to the extent of \$128,000,000 in 1881 but only to the extent of \$12,000,000 in 1896.

With regard to our export trade, Mr. Mulhall waxes enthusiastic. We have seen how much more rapidly it is growing than that of either of the three leading European competitors.

The estimated Wilkes-Barre record should not permit its sensitive nerves to flutter too severely concerning the Republican situation in Lackawanna.

The official returns for Luzerne county show the existence nearer home of subjects much more fit for its solicitude.

The opinion is expressed by the Philadelphia Times that the result of the trial of Sheriff Martin must be "a greatly widened and deepened respect for the majesty of the law in the anthracite coal region."

These are not the conclusions of an enthusiast but the sober products of scientific figuring by the greatest living master of statistics.

The bossism in politics which is most offensive is invariably the bossism of the other fellow. It is always one's factional opponent who is the boss.

A Rattled Boy Phenomenon. Hon. James H. Eckels, that miracle of youthful wisdom whom Grover Cleveland discovered in Illinois and made controller of the currency, is about to surrender the responsibilities of running this government and his him to a private snip in Chicago.

It is not surprising that the present administration, the Hon. James has published in the New York Evening Post a kind of last will and testament, which informs President McKinley and congress how he wants things conducted after he shall have gone.

As with all great men, the Hon. James has a specialty, a hobby, a fad. He bows down at morning, at noon and at night to an image which his busy mind conjures up and labels "Currency Reform."

It seems to us that in the dust-raising eagerness of a certain excited element to run Sheriff Martin down the conservative public is losing sight of the fact that much more than Sheriff Martin's comfort and welfare are at stake in these legal proceedings.

It seems to us to be dangerous to admit, even for expediency's sake, that the official representatives of the law may be so harried and hounded for their performance of unpleasant official duties that their successors in office may be inspired with a determination to let duty slide and let mob violence and the spirit of sedition take their uninterrupted course.

It is the public's will that the next wild mob shall have no check whatever imposed upon its fury and its destructiveness? If so it is not proceeding in just about the straight way to discourage other sheriffs and other deputies from hereafter lifting a finger?

If last week's election news made Mr. Bryan happy it is clear that he is easily tranquilized.

The commission lately sent to Europe to drum up another international bi-partisan conference has officially reported its failure and with the filing of its report that chapter in our history may be said to be closed.

form pledged the Republican congress to undertake a wholesale tinkering of the currency; but of course this omission was merely an oversight. We recur to his own words:

The country will be amazed, chagrined and distrustful of those it trusted so short a while since, if now there is no attempt to redeem pledges sacredly given and promises profusely made.

The responsibility is not to be shifted by pointing to the volume of trade, which they assert will be disturbed, or pleading that there will be unusual opposition developed when the subject is introduced for serious action.

The question might again arise, to what pledges and promises does the Hon. James refer, but we dare say he knows, and Mr. Eckels knowing a little more, is quite sufficient.

Some bright mind has coined the suggestion that the way to establish peace in New York state is for the Republican organization to make Seth Lew Low governor to succeed Black.

The officials of Her Majesty's government at Ottawa object, it seems, to the spelling of Canadian names adopted by the Washington Board on Geographical Names, and threaten to set up a board of their own.

Mr. Croker promises in behalf of Tammany that Mayor Van Wyck will give New York "the best government it ever had."

The Criterion, a Gothamite weekly, wants to see Tom Platt hanged. We hope this is a poor criterion of Mugwump opinion in general.

Some New Books and Magazines. The Century for November features a review on Andria by the late, well-known, writer by an eye-witness to the preparations and the start, also an interview had by Minister Terrell with the Sultan of Turkey.

The humor of H. Martey, like the desire for olive, is an acquired taste. For those who have succeeded in acquiring it his latest publication, narrating the trials and tribulations of "Baby Harry Bunscho Jabberjee, B. A.," an Indian innocent in London, will come with a measure of enjoyment not realized since the first issue of "The Story of the Cowboy" (New York: D. Appleton & Co.) presented a study of this distinctive type of western society.

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Three numbers in the Appleton's Town and Country Club have been devoted to lively interest for continued readers of fiction are: "The Clash of Arms," a romantic historical romance by John Bunscho-Bunscho, which cracks heads and smashes skulls every second paragraph; "His Majesty's Greatest Subject," by S. S. Thorsburn, a story telling how the British navy thoroughly subjugated India, and "Mifaway," by Allen Kaine, a charming love story set down in Wales.

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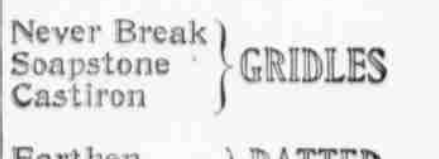
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