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Although the election is over and the Schadt literary bureau has shut up shop, the Carbondale Herald continues to yawp against Connellism, Evidently when County Chairman John Thomas declined to buy its alleged influence he made an enemy for life.

The President and Cuba.

In the matter of Spanish pretences of reform in Cuba, it is probable that Provident McKinley is altogether too trustful and good natured. The easiest way out of a difficulty is not always the best way. Spain cannot sow cruels forbidding an inhabitant of Canada to ty and oppression in Cuba for centuries and expect in the turn of a pen to reap fillet doux and arange blossoms.

If it is the intention of the president in his forthcoming message to congress to take the position that a few frail Spanish promises, in the light of history presumably not worth the paper they are written on, should suffice to dian friends that such a measure would terminate our practical interest in the Cuban revolution and justify this gov- culated upon the whole, by inviting reernment in declining to take further cognizance of the matter, then in our adgment will be make a serious mistake, both as a matter of politics and as a matter of principle. In such an That in the long run it were best for all event it can hardly fail to become the concerned that our relations with the duty of congress to remind the execu- Canadian government and people tive of the preponderating will of the should be those of concord and amity. American people, which should be sovoreign with their executive officials, and ed or twisted by petty jealousy or small which is that the now thoroughly estabilshed republic of Cuba should be necorded belligerent rights.

No one falls to credit the president with the most honorable motives in the of ex-County Treasurer David W. view which he apparently takes of this | Powell as his chief deputy is one that government's duty in the Cuban prob- will commend itself to the great matem. Difference from that view is not Jority of the patrons of the local postcoupled with disrespect. But if the office. Mr. Powell's efficiency in excapparently authentic forecast shall be cutive positions has been demonstratverified that Mr. McKinley intends to ed on numerous occasions, and furtherrest the whole Cuban case on the fra- more, his stalwart services as a Rerile basis of Spain's preposterously publican add to the propriety of the sudden and suspicious change of heart dent's warmest friends and supporters and that will be received with satisa sense of chagrin that national aspira- old doctrine of standing by one's tried tions and sympathies, so deeply and trusted friends. grounded in the finest instincts of the

American character, should fail to outweigh in his judgment the sordid intcreats of bookkeeping and exchange. There is a possibility, too, that the attempt to commit this government for an indefinite time to the policy of indifference will defeat the very end in view. We misjudge the character of the American people if they will now consent to such a programme, involvvals of our commercial and social relawith that island and with Spain; and st line of American interest and tradition, it may require more than executive arms tied and their tongues muffled. There is a feeling abroad that this Cuban problem must now at last be povernment active in the negotiation irus men of every party. of a settlement, but whether it shall become active or remain indefinitely passive, the settlement will doubtless occur just the same, and, unless all signs deceive, it will be a settlement on no basis short of Cuba's absolute indenondence. to the state capitol design muddle is a complete victory for the capitol commission and indirectly a defeat for Governor Hastings, But the latter nevertheless has carried his main point. He has directed public attention to the plays which have been made for delay, and the people will hereafter insist upon prompt action and

literally overrun by capitalists and is not so nice an atmosphere down miners from Idaho, Washington and Colorado. Mr. Laurier does not wish to resort to harsh measures with these enterprising fellows, many of whom are contract laberers in a technical sense, but what is to be done if the United States officials continue to treat Canadians who cross the line in search of work as criminals? For ex-ample, a servant girl who accompanies miners from Idaho, Washington and there in the trenches in the democratic ample, a servant girl who accompanies a family in which she is employed in when the good citizen goes to sleep Canada to the United States is held to When he is awake he is man enough be a contract laborer and locked up. to keep bossism down to its proper American miners and American workplace.

men of every kind have always enjoyed the same rights and privileges in Canada as British subjects, and we are desirous of treating them in that decent way for all time. All we ask in return, as a matter of fair play, is that Canadian workingmen shall not be worried by the police when it suits them to go to Detroit or Buffalo in search of employment.

haps, when a resolution conferring It will be recalled that when President Cleveland vetoed the Lodge immlbelligerent rights upon the Cubans night have passed without bringing on gration bill, one of his strongest points war with Spain, but that time has of objection was the clause virtually gone. If the Spanish people have a earn wages in the United States. This spark of manhood left there could be provision has been strenuously advoout one result of any congressional deccated by different American labor laration favoring Cuba." In other unions and is, it is announced, to be rewords, we shouldn't perform a maniincorporated in a bill which will come fest duty because it might make Spain before the next session of congress. Is angry. This is statesmanship with a there not a considerable measure of capital S. justice in the contention of our Cana-Dr. Swallow prances to the fore with nother of his remarkable "open letbe unnecessarily unneighborly and cal-

ers," in which he accuses the govprisals, to do more harm than good? rnor of the state of being a perjurer There are two views of such lines of and insinuates, although not flatly barging, that the governor is also a policy as this. One looks only to imthief. The gentle doctor further almediate results. The other looks ahead. eges that Senator Quay has tried to buy him off by offering him "his own price," even up to a United States senatorship. In conclusion the doctor anliberal in tone and spirit and not gnarlsounces that he will have justice at the polls or proceed to fill up the penitentiarles. There can be little doubt that spites, seems in our judgment to be almost a self-evident truth

The selection by Postmaster Ripple portant man. It is asserted that traders in Wall ake to drop the Cuban issue; but comenow the public doesn't appear to appointment. It is a selection that reevince a bit of sympathy. If the specthen will there be among the presi- flects credit upon Postmaster Ripple ulators and gamblers of the country get pinched now and then at their own a feeling of regretful disappointment: faction by all who believe in the good, game, why should honest citizenship care? Let them suffer the consequences.

The Root of the Difficulty.

We observe in the Lancaster Examiner, a Republican journal of independent proclivities, the following timely and sensible words, which are worthy of iteration and re-iteration until their import is thoroughly appredated:

Too much rigidity in party lines forearlier Waterloo. consent to such a programme, involv-ing as it does the practical certainty of continued disturbance at brief inter-cessive expriciousness is the father of Ex-Mayor Crant, of New York, speaking for Tammany, calls Bryan an chaos and experiments. There would b vals of our commercial and social rela-tions with Cuba. They have sat patient for half a century under a condition of affairs in Cuba that introduced an irritant cloment into all their relations with that island and with Snain; and enthusiast. Enthusiasts and mercenaries are equally dangerous, but of the two kinds of citizenship we believe we prefer the former. The base ball magnates who are now now, when relief is in sight along the will not come from inaction or paper line of American interest and tradition. in session at Philadelphia should come down hard on base ball rowdyism or ablest and wisest element in each party organization battling for the best. Now else get ready to attend the funeral of inging, and more even than official vig-lance at the sea coast, to keep their may win, but change is not reform. Turning from an indifferent Republican the national game. Spain has promised to be good in to a worse Democrat is a foolish pro-ceeding. The true effort and the only thing to make Mugwumpery or general Cuba. But as an anchor to the windward let congress promptly resolve to settled. American sympathizers with Cuba would like to see the American many. There is the battle ground for the recognize the belligerency of the insurgents. The question still arises, was Lloyd A conference of prominent citizens of Wintersteen innocent or guilty? New York state is to be held soon to consider plans of legislation for the TOLD BY THE STARS. better safeguarding of the will of the people at the primaries in that com-Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, monwealth and its deliberations will The Tribune Astrologer. possess interest for friends of good gov-Astrolabe Cast: 1.46 a. m., for Friday, November 12, 1897. The Supreme court decision relative criment everywhere. They will be especially interesting to the Republicans 1221 Frit of Lackawanna county, who have pend-A child born on this day will notice the ing before them a proposition to do fact that for financial success one must present an act that appeals to the gallery away with the present methods of selecting candidates and to substitute in every time. lieu thereof the Crawford county sys-There are few heroes in the present ason of repose, but the man who can tem of direct nominations by a free ay his election bets without kicking is party primary vote. The effort has been atitled to some credit made in this county to make it appear The young man who proposed the that the wish for better primarles is theme of having ladies collect fare on its street cars for the benefit of the confined to a certain politically notor-Christian Endeavorers took to the woods ious and discredited local faction headesterday. ed by some of the worst heelers and Some men's lives are like a modern novel. Devold of interest save in the boodlers that ever befouled the polltics of any community; but it need assages that should have been exurgated. changes from the present system shall e man who can take no comfort in davor of new elder ought to skip this upon due examination hold out the rtions of the year from his diary. promise of better results or lead to a Love is improvident. It makes one pay 9 cents a round for Huyler's confections more general and honorable participawhen 29-cent taffy would do the business.

day in the afternoon I took a stroll about town, visiting the vicinity of a numbe of the voting places. Either the liquo anks of the active politicians only loons and so-called hotels enjoy.

When complaint is made about the manner in which the average liquor seller violates the law, we are told to enforce the law, or to be quiet. Now I want to say that under prevailing condi-tions the law cannot be enforced against this very respectable class of law-break-ers. Because, first, men perjure them-selves in order to defend the liquor sell-er; second, the evidence required to con-vlet is more than is required in any oth-er class of cases ever brought before our courts; third, usually on the jury will be chosen one person who is prejudiced in favor of the saloonkceper and he will do his utmost to secure an acquittal; fourth, the malignity with which the Says Lemuel Ely Quigg, member of ongress from New York city and comnitteeman on foreign relations: "I think it unlikely that there will be any ongressional action on the subject of Juba. I hope that congress will not atempt to conduct our foreign relations. They are much better left to the adninistration. There was a time, perfourth, the malignity with which th costs of prosecution have been place upon the friends of law and order, wh have undertaken to prosecute such of fenders, has cured many of us of an desire to place ourselves where we ar desire to place ourselves where we are sure to be punished for attempting to enforce the law. This is the condition as it appears to us. The physician or the clergyman who fails to make returns to the board of health, is a criminal. The man who spits on the floor of a street car is a brute. The wheelman who ac-cidentally runs down a pedestrian in the street is a flend, and the much-abused person who sells intoxicants to children and inebriates, in any quantity desired, and who sells, contrary to law, on Sun-days or on election days, is a gentleman

days or on election days, is a gentleman who may hope soon to be chosen to fill some office of honor and trust, by the suffrages of the people.

Now, the time has come when, in the Now, the time has come when, in the interests of society and of the common-wealth, a change must take place. This bare-faced, wanton, and anarchistic vio-lation of law is a menace to the stabil-ity of government, and should cease. What should be done? Why, simply this, Give the law, and the friends of the law, a chance. Let the legislature en-act a statute with suitable penalties, act a statute with suitable penalties compelling constables and the police to arrest any person found intoxicated or Dr. Swallow imagines himself at this juncture in political affairs a very im-

he intoxicants were obtained. If there be a refusal to give this information such refusal to be punished by fine, o street recently lost \$40,000,000 in one day because of false rumors of McKinley's death and of a war with Spain. The organs of Wall street, with tears in their eyes, beg the public for heaven's tender to be the most wanton and dan-group evils which threaten the stabilgerous evils which threaten the stabil ity of the state.

> If this government is to stand, its laws must be respected and obeyed. The no-torious and constant violation of law by keepers of speak-easies, saloons, and so called hotels, who cannot be punisher with conditions as they now exist, is breeding contempt for a law which ar-rests a poor, helpless inebriate and robs

The Baltimore Bonaparte who as-irres to succeed Arthur P. Gorman as pires to succeed Arthur P. Gorman as United States senator for Maryland is a grand-nephew of the great Napoleon. Should he be chosen, his colleague intoxicated person. Let us have done with a privileged class of law-breakers, and remember that the law was made yould be a Wallington, and as they are heads of rival factions in Maryland Refor the protection of the law-abiding, and for the restraint of the law-breaking citipublicanism, there would be a fine chance to re-canvass the issues of the zen. If present laws are not adequate

let them be amended or new ones acted which can be enforced. Yours for civilization and good gov-rnment. F. P. Doty, Great Autumn Sale of Scranton, Pa., Nov. 11.

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Those Canadian Overtures.

The visit of the Canadian premier. Fir Wilfred Laurier, to Washington, for the purpose of conferring face to face with President McKinley and deceive no one. Whatever proposed Secretary Sherman concerning various subjects of interest to the two governments marks something of a departure from diplomatic precedent, but upon the whole it is an innovation wortion by the mass of citizens in the thy of praise. We note with pleasure making of nominations for office will that Sir Wilfred has been cordially be cordinity welcomed and approved received and we believe it is not out of by the present leadership in the the way to express the hope that as a county's Republicanism.

consequence of this frank and cordial At the same time it is only fair to meeting and greeting a better under- warn the sanguine advocates of these standing will hereafter prevail he- and other reforms in the modus opertwein the government at Ottawa and andl of modern politics that until the that at Washington.

One of the subjects which Mr. Lau- in the large majority of instances an rier doubtless had in mind for discus- elevated view of their duties as citiston with President McKinley con. zens and show a willingness to work corns the treatment of laborers cross- unselfishly and voluntarily for better ing and re-crossing the boundary line. results, changes in method will not be On this point Mr. Edward Farrer, an followed by noticeably improved coneminent Canadian journalist who pre- sequences. The fountain of political ceded the Canadian premier to Wash- achievement cannot rise higher than its ington, recently remarked: "It has source, Those who lay great stress on been said that Mr. Laurier has passed the virtues of new methods should not an alien labor law in Canada exclud- forget that reform in men is the great ing Americans from contracts and contract employment on the railroad every male citizen above 21 years of now being built through the Crow's Nest pass in the Rocky mountains, nominal king. which, to a certain extent, is a government work. This is quite true. The Canadian government could not do otherwise in view of the harsh that the country accepts his inert manner in which Canadians have been Cuban policy with as little protest as handled for years back under the it does. alien labor law of the United States But he has said from the first that he is prepared to meet your congress half way in order to secure the modification of bosh laws in so far as they affect the citizens of the two countries. In the Klondike, which is Canadian territory, there are now sev- public duties." eral thousand Americans digging gold. Next spring there will prob- ills is for the best citizenship to get off

Plea for Better Law Enforcement

Editor of The Tribune:

Sir: Now that the cleetlon is past, the moke of conflict cleared away, and votors themselves, as individuals, take things have assumed normal conditions, I will not be suspected of a purpose to influence the election if I avail myself of the privilege of saying a few words through the columns of your wide-awake paper. I would besitate to write a word of criticism just at this time, were it not that The Tribune very generously opened the way a few weeks ago in its reference to a certain respectable class of law-breakers, to wit, some physicians and elergymen who had failed to make reports to the board of health of births. forget that reform in men is the great thing needful in a government where every male citizen above 21 years of age, good, had and indifferent, is a nominal king.

It is a striking proof of William McKinley's great personal popularity unished.

Bossism in Politics.

The Washington Star compresses vol-

umes into a sentence when it says: "Bossissm and politics for revenue only are the outgrowin of the neglect of people to attend properly to their

But somehow the physicians and min-isters are not the only respectable law-breakers in the city. "There are oth-ers." How about that class of business men, and the only class, too, who can hoast of holding a cert.deate of good moral character, endorsed by twelve men, without which certificate our court would not be likely to permit them to engage in the business at all? Do they obey the law? Do they sell intoxicating beverages to habitual drunkards, and even to little children not ten years of age? Who but a constable making his report to the court is so exceedingly verdant as to suppose they do not? The intelligent remedy for political verdant as to suppose they do not? Then what about the furnishing of liquors on election day during the hours ably be 25,000. In British Columbia, the perch of top-lofty criticism and where quartz mines of enormous value get down into the trenches of active, have been discovered, the country is incessant, determined political effort. It when the polls are open? On election Stone, of Allegheny.

credit for the manner in which the forced the local authorities to vigorousl appress an indecent theatrical show hat recently afflicted that, town. They hould receive the hearty thanks of ev-

ry true friend of the stage for their a The company driven out of Readin was one of those that used to be calle

was one of those that used to be called "female minstrel troupes" and are now generally known as "burlesque and vaudeville" combinations. These orga-nizations may generally, though not 41-ways, be thus justly described. They are composed of two or three masculine brutes, who figure as "comedians," and a dozen or more unfortunate women whose sole qualification for their work les in their utter lack of even the most

es in their utter lack of even the mo udimentary womanly modesty. The erformances are composed almost sole of appeals, as direct as the performe lare make them, to the animalism their audiences, by means of words an

actions so frankly filthy that "'twere gross flattery to call" them "sugges-tive." They flood the bill-boards and the shop-windows of the city with indecent and vulgar pictures, so liberally dis-tributed and conspicuously placed that

no one can help seeing them. They bring discredit upon the whole stage they afford occasion and seeming justif cation for the absurd charges constant ly brought against the theater by well

meaning persons who know very little about the theater; they help to perpetu-ate the old, foolish prejudice against all actors, and they do more or less harm in one way and another, to pretty nearly

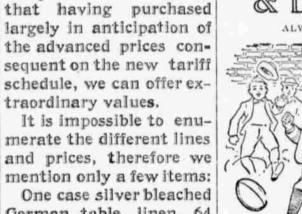
everybody who sees the posters and at-tends the performances. There is law enough pretty nearly everywhere in this country to make the existence of these organizations impossible, and it is the plain duty of the authorities to enforce these laws.

And these frankly nasty shows, given as a rule in the cheaper theaters, are not the only ones that should receive the at-tention of the police authorities. There tention of the police authorities. There are some very pretentious productions sent out of New York by well known the-atrical firms and played in the best theaters throughout the country that di-fer not one whit from these "female minstrel shows" in their object. They are better staged, they are given by com-puties composed of people of more or less real ability, but their principal appeal is by indecency to animalism. The inde-

by indecency to animalism. The indecency is more eleverly managed, the ap peals to animalism are less frank and more "suggestive," but, spite of the dif-ferences here indicated, these shows are just as mischievous, just as degrading to the stage, and just as reprehensibles their cheaper competes.

M'KINLEY AND THE MACHINES From the Washington Post.

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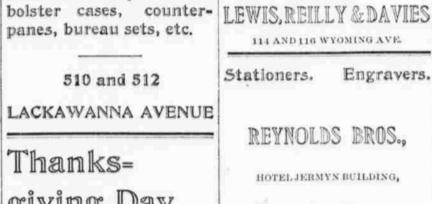


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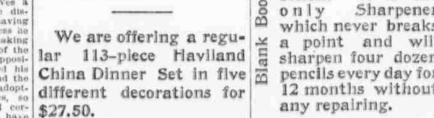


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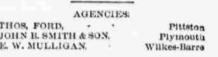
President McKinley's administration thus far has been more conducive to harmony They are bargains: than his discreet consideration of "th state machines."

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publican senators and representatives a generally controlling voice in the distribution of patronage. In states having no Republican delegations in congress he has been largely influenced in making appointments by recommendations of the local leaders of the party. The suppose be punished, and if after knowing what the law really does require of them. tion that this polley has weakened hi party lacks the support of facts and th elements of probability. If he had adopt they wilfully violate it they should be