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Trading stamps, it has been definitely decided, are illegal in Washington, D. C., and it is also generally agreed that they are a condemned nuisance in Scranton, Pa.

Secretary Gage's Plan.

An examination of the detailed report of the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Gage, discloses that earlier newspaper abstracts of his currency reform plan... The plan in skeleton and the plan as elaborated and lucidly explained in the report appear to be widely different things.

The position assumed by Secretary Gage is a radical one which will probably fail to satisfy the radicals of either extreme... The plan, then, is to permit national banks to deposit in the treasury greenbacks, silver certificates or treasury notes to the aggregate amount of \$200,000,000.

Hawaii. The Philadelphia Ledger concludes with these words a frantic protest against Hawaiian annexation: "Jingoism may delight in the thought of the addition to our territory of a partly savage, partly civilized, leprosy colony far away in the Pacific, but it is a matter to make the judicious grieve."

It is an ancient trick, when arguments run low, to resort to the calling of names. Hence the Hawaiian treaty, to the Mugwump mind, is a "flagrant piece of jobbery." It might be said, also, that there is jobbery in the opposition to it; for it is well known that the Sugar trust is against it to a man.

The Tribune These Days. We feel warranted in calling the public's attention to the superiority of The Tribune these days over the other local journals that enter into competition with it.

Spain's Last Hazard.

A perusal of the leading Republican journals of the country discloses that with a few exceptions the president's treatment of the Cuban problem is received with a feeling of disappointment which the majority of them do not attempt to conceal.

Breaking broadly, it seems fair to say that the Republican press sustains the part of the message with reluctance, and sustains it at all only in deference to the president. The difficulties of his office are recognized; his sincerity and pacific disposition with respect; but the most that public sentiment as thus reflected seems disposed to accord upon the main point is a reasonable delay pending the outcome of the autonomy experiment.

Weyer and reacted with arrogance the most ferocious cruelties in Cuba, as well upon American citizens as upon Cubans, desisting from this course only when exhausted of resources and last resort compelled a new method of compulsion, the president's idea for delay would have been assented to willingly by American popular sentiment.

In the opinion of Professor Harry Thurston Peck as expressed in the December Cosmopolitan, American newspapers are good but not perfect. No one will dissent from the verdict. But the public can always have just as good journalism as it will support.

Mr. Wilcox of the Georgia senate wants to contribute all of Georgia's criminals to the cause of Cuba. It was the late Artemus Ward who proposed to "end the Cuban rebellion if it took all his wife's relations."

The emperor of Germany evidently goes upon the principle that his subjects who pay big taxes to support a war equipment are entitled to have some fireworks for their money.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Aiacachus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day should insist upon wearing the largest size stockings until the 28th of the month.

The good little boy is now undecided whether to spend his Christmas candles or air it in the box to assist in converting the heathen.

Also dancing may not be able to see the dust that his "angels" often stir up on the streets at unreasonable hours, but he is certainly a judge of High art theatrical advertising.

Mayor Bailey has decided not to issue daily reports of the police department lines, etc.

Aiacachus' Advice.

The economical young man will pick a quarrel with his best girl today.

THE PRESIDENT AND CUBA.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. To the Cuban question the president devotes more space than to any other single topic.

The review of the history of the struggle and of the policy which he believes the United States should adopt is exhaustive. Concerning that policy it may be the best that can now be done.

The past has afforded ample ground for radical action by the United States. We regard it as a blot upon both the Cleveland and McKinley administrations that neither of them responded to the demands of outraged humanity and liberty, so close to our shores. But we concede that after the United States, on account of that ill-timed conversation, has remained idle in the presence of the savagery of Canovas and Weyer, it cannot well refuse a trial to the more humane and liberal professions of Surozeta and Blanco.

We can hardly profess the confidence that the president shows in a scheme of autonomy that has no real existence until enacted by the cortes, or in a purification that is so far wholly in the future. But inasmuch as the United States did not take the action when it was justified, it is compelled to wait the proof whether the pending reforms will be genuine.

A COMPARISON.

From the Washington Star. Full two years ago property of American missionaries to the value of one hundred thousand dollars was destroyed by a mob at Marash, in Asiatic Turkey.

And there was no demand that Turkey be called instantly and sharply to account. This, however, was not done. Instead of making the matter the occasion for a warlike demonstration, the government proceeded by means of diplomacy toward a settlement.

And the matter is still unsettled. Turkey with such business is notoriously fussy and slow, and Minister Ausloft is just now urging her a

at this crucial time, let it choke off the farmstoppers in congress and send plenty of good specie to the Cuban delegate in New York, Tomas Estrada Palma.

That was a new method of caring for the insane discovered recently at Cline's Hollow, Westmoreland county, where for eleven years an adult maniac had been kept chained within a kennel in the back yard, with only a six-foot radius of liberty. It is doubtful whether the law provides a punishment to fit this crime.

THEY NEED A PRIZE.

From the Philadelphia Press. Patriotism may be the last retreat of a scoundrel, but it is becoming plainer every day that wild horses cannot drag the Mugwump opponent of Hawaiian annexation to confess that the most remote belief in patriotism is allowable.

Nothing is so offensive to their souls as a deposition on the part of any one to profess that the word "American" stands for anything, historically or geographically. They really ought to get a prize for being the intemperate apostles of the new gospel that it is better to love every other country but your own.

THE CASTER ON THE SHELF.

Oh! once I stoned in royal state, The cynosure of eyes, The choicest piece of hall marked plate Was not a rarer prize.

The centre of the snowy board The place reserved for me, While in my cut-glass zone was stored A spiced variety.

Now banished to the topmost shelf Of this most dingy place, With grins I recognize myself A Caster-in disgrace.

Along with Lady Soap Turcon And Spoons de Souvenir, Decenters, Biscuits all Are vegetating here.

For individual upstairs now Hold condimental reign, And bouillon cups have made their bow And bourgeois sway maintain.

But fashions come and fashions go, And time is on the wing; Who knows? within a year or so We may be "just the thing." — Rose Edith Mills, in What to Eat.

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little. Patience has distinctly marked the management of the American case. Only a very short time ago the property of some German missionaries was destroyed by a mob at a point in China, and several of the missionaries were killed. Germany promptly landed marines, ran up her flag, and there she is today. She moved so swiftly in the premises there is suspicion abroad that she was only awaiting some excuse to go ashore. At any rate, ashore she is now, and it would appear that she intends to stay. China, singlehanded, is no match for Germany, and can only hope to be heard through the interposition of foreign powers.

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