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At the Hoted Bellevue, in Philadelphia Saturday night, a dinner for ner for \$12 with the other \$1.988 judiciously contributed to charity would form's" necessary reformation. have been fully as creditable.

The Contest Dropped.

In deciding to abandon the threatened contest in this county Candidates Schadt, Horn and Norton have purfairness and good judgment. Continuance of the contest would have disturbed the work of the county govern-

the declared result Proof of deliberate fraud in considrable proportions was not forthcoming, and the contestants knew it. Irregularities there were, and no doubt many of them, but it is impossible to thes are inevitable. Failure to comply with each of the somewhat complicatviolators of the laws governing elec- before its introduction in congress. that it is impelled in good faith and it and England having continuously distions is to be desired, provided always new mischief equally vicious in intent. It is unnecessary to add that the

to defend its own. But at the same time it notes with satisfaction the triumph of saner counsel among its friends, the enemy.

to make flirting a statutory crime. Concerning Mark Hanna.

in Chio and elsewhere should play Canadians without any market." fair. Perfidy must not spot its record. The principle of retaliation is not

The time and place for the Republican voters of Ohio to register such obpassed by. At the Toledo state consentatively assembled Mr. Hanna's can- ment understands and respects. didacy was indorsed by an explicit. declaration ordered by the vote of a large majority of the delegates present. In the ensuing legislative primaries and elections the issue as presented to the voters of Ohio and passed upon by them was Mr. Hanna for senator against a Democrat. There was no question then as to the representative character of Mr. Hanna's Republicanism: there cannot be any question now. The fight was made by him, the issue was clearly understood, and by all the rules of the game fie is entitled to the fruits of the victory thus wen.

If those Republicans in Ohio who now threaten to desert Mr. Hanna want to enjoy the respect of the country they must show a clean bill of health. They must show that they never acquiesced in Mr. Hanna's candidacy; that they never pretended to favor it; that they have opposed it persistently and consistently and that there is reason back of their attitude, and not mere factional tique or Jealousy. If they can do this, they will be in position where a bolt from Hanna will be credited to honest motives. Otherwise, their threatened vaulting over the party traces will be set down as simply the scurvy back-biting of a pack of political ambuscaders afraid to stand forth in the open; on a par with that of gamesters who gamble only with loaded dice.

The report that Calixto Garcia had committed suicide originated where the wish inspired the thought. He is the liveliest corpse on record.

Excited Reformers.

The platform adopted last week at the seventeenth annual session of the National Civil Service Reform league calls in shrill faisetto for the preservation and enforcement of the present civil service haw, but says never a word in condemnation of the grossly partisan farewell blanket orders issued by Grover Cleveland just in time to einch a lot of unexamined nots in office. It has no hesitancy in accusing of "impudence" those who do not accept at face value the league's fulsome praises of the examination system, but it is silent over the ineffable impudence which characterized the last administration's attitude toward the spirit of that system.

The league 'indigantly stigmatizes the mendacity with which the enemies of good government and pure politics, both in and out of congress, have misrepresented the practical working of the merit system and their persistent the score of its "lack of dignity." as repetition of gross and ridiculous false- if in a time when thousands of men hoods, clearly and frequently exposed, and women throughout our great exas insuits at once to the intelligence panse of country are literally starving and the conscience of the American mentally, dignity in educational propeople," but it lamentably fails to ex- cesses were the chief consideration. plain away, the essential absurdity of These critics are the same who blush the theory that the best test of fitness and look horrified because in Mrs. Bur- that he should have followed so closely

In other words, the National Civil sort to clumsy artifice and false pretences. The energy expended by it in accusing of bad motives those who exercise the constitutional privilege of differing from them in opinion might twelve persons costing \$2,000 was served | better be devoted to practical examinin payment of an election bet. A din- ation of the workings of civil service "reform," with a view to that "re-

Official records show that of a town and country population in the Guines district in Cuba of 15,000 on Jan. 1, 1897, more than 7,000 have since died, although the normal death rate is only sued the one course consistent with from 300 to 400. Guines was one of the centers of the Weyler policy of concentration. Weyler has gone, it is true, but his evil work remains as a standment and entailed a formidable bill of ling reproach, not so much to Spain. costs without in any manner affecting from which nothing better was to be expected, as to the United States which failed in a duty to both God and humanity.

Retaliation in Kind

An amusing incident is parrated in believe that more than a small per- the Washington correspondence of some centage of these was wifful; and of of our contemporaries. On Friday conthis percentage a fair inquiry would gress passed the bill proubling pelagnot place the larger fraction to the ic scaling by citizens of the United discredit of the elected candidates. In States, After the bill had passed it n neixed population election irregulari- was discovered that it included a prothis country of fur seal skins taken in ed requirements of the ballet law is the waters now in dispute. Thereupon not infrequent. But it is an insult to Representative Johnson of North Dathe mass of voters to charge that these kota, one of the bill's most aggressive slips are premeditated and conceived epponents, rushed to the white house in vicious intent. Where there is reason to suspect fraudulent intent, the sign it. He argued before the presicriminal courts offer the best means of dent for some time and the latter exemplary punishment and in such heard him patiently, but Mr. Johnson punishment after fair trial and con- cld not at the time know that the bill viction citizens of all parties will re- was an administration measure, draft loice, indeed a concerted movement ed at the state department and first looking to the punishment of notorious informally approved by the president

not used simply as a leverage to work played an atter lack of consideration for American rights and equities in the sent fishing industry, the adminis-Republican party in Lackawanna has tration at Washington, after carnest net selicited a discontinuance of these attempts to reach an amicable sectlecontests nor made any overtures for ment of the points at issue, has deterpeace. It stood and it stands prepared mined at last to retaliate in kind. This new act will embarrass a few of our carried into strict enforcement, praistically ruin the scaling business for Canada and Great Britain. According One by one the sweet privileges of to one authority-E. J. Gilson in the youth are passing into eclipse. This Philadelphia Press-there are 10,000 time it is a Virginia solon who wants persons employed in London in preparing these prohibited skins for market-The skins are almost altogether sold in the United States. If this market is Whether Mark Hanna or some other closed to them it will not only greatly Republican shall be ejected to the lessen the value of the raw skins, but it United States senate by the legisla- will practically destroy the business in ture which is soon to assemble at Lendon and the profits of the Cana-Springfield, O., is not in itself a mat- dians engaging in the scal fisheries. ter of first consequence to the Repub- "This," says Mr. Gibson, "is calculated lican party; but it is of the first con- to bring the Canadians to terms very requence that the Republican party quickly. It will practically leave the

to be thesen until better principles fail; but with some individuals and also with many nations it is the most efjections as may be held by any of feetly weapon available. We believe them to Mr. Hanna's candidacy have it will prove signally and expeditiously exective in this care. It is the kind of vention where the party was repre- argument which the British govern-

> Congressman Grow evidently regards commission in hand as worth several booms in the bush. And therein he displays his habitual common sense,

The Cosmopolitan University.

It is announced by the founders of the Cosmopolitan university that 18,000 applications for membership have been received, or nearly nine times as many is were originally expected, and the end is not yet. This simple statistical statement disposes utterly of the contention that the educational field in this country was already sufficiently filled by the academics, normal schools, solloges and regular universities. As matter of fact the hunger for higher knowledge among the masses yet far xecods the available school supply, and the experiment of Mr. Walker in ontributing \$150,000 for the maintenance of a free correspondence university, despite the contemptuous and contemptible manner in which it has been attacked, from no other visible motive or cause than is explicable on the hypothesis of natural depravity, is descrying of sympathetic scrutiny not only as to the good that it will do but phasizes, without being able wholly to supply.

There cannot be two opinions on the point that personal association between pupil and teacher is vasily preferable to the conditions inseparable from instruction imparted at long range. In expedition could be examined except in this respet Mr. Walker's university is at a large disadvantage. On the other hand, the relationship between pupil and teacher necessarily is limited by the scating capacity of the class oom, whereas the scope of the Cosmopolitan university is bounded only by the confines of the postal service and the funds available for conducting the equisite correspondence. Thus what is lost in personal influence is more than ounterbalanced by what is gained in extent and range of influence. And there is this to be said for the numits who pledge themselves to work out their educational salvation singly and at home. If they persevers, they develop by that perseverance traits of character constituting in themselves a arge part of the essence of a practical ducation, and if they do not persevere, they are no worse off than at the be-

ginning and have none to blame but The Cosmopolitan university has apparently lost the favor of those who prefer form to substance and formality to effects. We read and hear much on

for responsible executive trusts is to nett's latest story the hero, his grace the course pursued by President Grant, or Osmonde, while bathing in the President Monroe. This is the more discovering and really without adequate. rogation and reply, without adequate Thames, rescues several unfortunates allowance for character, temperament from drowning before pausing to go to or practical experience in every-day his chambers and don evening dress. But to the masses it will be most wel- ley indited his message come and in the public's eager embrace Service Reform league is engaged in of its opportunities its founder may nurturing a notorious humbug by re- | read his abundant Justification and vindiention.

> The call to Mr. Leis-uring to declare The call to Mr. Leisenring to declare but he considered that these engagements himself more specifically will have to had not rulsed the struggle to the importake on a little more fortissimo. On that subject the statesman from Upper Lehigh appears to be somewhat hard of hearing.

bushels or nearly 33 1-3 per cent, in

Daily Horoscope D:nwn by Ajnechus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1.53 n. m., for Monday, December 20, 1897.

Carlot Harris A child born on this day will notice that is the fellow who plays the bass dram or cymbals it the bard that can always aik the longest on musical theories, If imitation is really the sincerest flatemplimented at the action of some of

The fall of Billy Welsh has left the fate of the "loyal leven" of the school board the bands of the jury, so to speak. Our Sunday contemporaries are still ying with each other for the honor of ing the "original Bryan organ." What In some men would be considered

ur mative editors

Ajacchus' Advice. In business deals and other mafters te-nember that lots of fellows who preach beneaty are "not working at it."

Our Government's Record of Shame

Its meaning, in short, is this. Canada their several interiors, discussions upon corporations seeking to do business in many other subjects were divergent and this commonwealth.

> is to that island, but has been, on the while in 1807 there were nineteen contrary, practically the ally of Spain, nies chartered with an angregate Men and money, indeed, have not been of \$1.555,000, or an increase of about 1.0 sent to her, but everything clse necessary per cent. In 1996 the total capital repreports, and on their reports our otherals per cent. have taken proceedings against those who, by them, have been deemed guilty of an infraction of our neutrality aws. United States vescels have been kept on patrol duty to prevent the expediting of soller to those whom she was fighting. hus blockading our own ports and coasts against our own vessels and commerce. All this in behalf of a nation whose form and principles of government differ enepoiled by her and have never enjoyed any right of citiznship except that of

paying taxes. This, too, when there seems to have sen not only no obligation, but no ex-use for such conduct. For the ports of cuse for such conduct. For the ports of transactions of the same period in De Cuba have always been open, and Spain cember, 1896. s always contended that there has ocen no war on the island. If according to be no contrabrand of war. Taking at her word, therefore, any vessel and has, the right to clear from any ort in this country for any port in Cuba strying no matter what character of rgo or what number of passengers, and cargo or what humber of passengers, and to proceed on her voyage unchallenged. Should she meet a United States vesset, that vesset should, if necessary, afford for assistance and protection, and not oture her or turn her back; and no vessel belonging to Spain would have the right to hinder or molest her while she was on high seas. The shtps of our nav also us to the great human want which were intended to act us a coast its large envolment duscloses and emprovince to see that their laws are not jointed within the limits of their own arisdiction. Yet this is precisely the to which many of them have been one of our ports, and this could not be lone without the knowledge of the law eaffeors of the government, who could easily break it up. The proof of this answer is found in the fact that no such enedition has been organized here since he present rebellion in Cuba broke out.

> Many acts of emission as well as of emerission were charged against Pres-tent Grant during his administration of of affairs of the government. Of them the most conspicuous was his refusal archaeologic the beliggerent rights of a Cubans, who were then in revolt ainst Spain and fighting for independnce. His message in support of his ourse showed a tack of appreciation of he facts, and did not state the taw as it is half down by international jurists of authority. It was against precedent, Our couple could not suderstand President Frant's logic, which, while it admitted hat fighting had been using on for ten ears, dented that war existed. They bewears, denied that war existed. They be-ieved that if war existed, the parties thereto were countly entitled to beliger-ent rights, and that the negatiality of our country should not be enjoyed by one of the combatants exclusively. They con-sidered that the facts and the law were each against him. They also believed that he had violated the precedents set by treadlent Morroe, who, under circumresident Monroe, who, under circum dances similar to those which were be-fore him, not only granted to Spain's South American colonists beligarent rights, but acknowledged their independ-ence; and that he had forgotten likewise the precedent set by Spain herself when the hastened to accord beligerent rights to the people of the south when our troubles there began. It is not therefore, supprising that many of President Mc-Kinley's best friends are disappointed

appointing, because the facts under which President Grant acted resemble only as a mole hill resembles a mountain the facts s they existed when President McKin

It is true that in President Grant's mes-sage he stated that numerous engage-ments had taken place between the in-surgents and the Spanish troops, sic that much property had been descroyed. tance of a war; and it is a fact that, no withstanding these engagements and de-struction of property, our commerce with the island had not been disturbed mate-An increase last year of 50,000,000 per armum. He did not know the numbers of men in revoit. He did not know the number of men in revoit. He did not know the number of men in revoit. He did not know the number of men in revoit. He did not have who were oppressed. He did not these who were oppressed. lake grain shipments illustrates the effectiveness of low transportation rates as a stimulus to trade.

TOLO BY THE STARS.

Rhow who were oppressed. He have under the control of the respective parties. At present, on the other hand, 30,000 well organized and well equipped men are under arms and in the field. The Spaniards have under control only such portions of the mand as are surrounded by Spanish soldiers, who are blockaded from the land, and but for their being accessible from the sea would starve their forts and intrenenments. Upware of 100,000 Spanish soldiers have perished in the last three years in their vain attempts at subjugating the insurgents; double the number that were killed and wounded in the twelve great battles of our war. The population of the island has been reduced from 1,500,000 to 1,000,000 been reduced from 1,500,000 to 1,000,000 since the rebellion broke out; three times the percentage of the losses of the Pris-sians in the seven years' war under the Great Frederick. Our commerce with the island has been reduced to almost noth-ing. Fire and sword have devastated Cuba. President McKinley caunot but have heard the walls which have gon up from the miserable and starving per ple who have been persecuted and tured ios no Christians have been perse-cuted and tortured since Nero's time in rimes are only mistakes when brought | Home-

It appears to me that this is war upo a gigantic scale, and in its most hideous form; so gigantic and hideous that all etv-lized rations should raise their united volces against it.

PROSPERITY'S RETURN.

Harrisburg Letter in the Sun There has been a great increase in the clume of business transacted by the orporations of Pennsylvania since the election of President William McKinley Every feature or branch of corporation From a Letter in the Sun.

PHOSE who, in other Lands, have taken up arms to release themselves from oppression have always had the cordial sympathy of the has ever been a time in the history of people of the United States. The the state when a similar comparison the found in the platforms of the parties figures were prepared by Coporation (Gerk William C. Farnsworth, of the state shool during the rast presidential checkion in respect of the struggle which the people of Cuba have so long and so clusive jurisdiction over the issuance of charters, the increase or decrease of control of their independence. Unon every other point the conventions which erections of rallways, the dissolution of corrections of foreign ed these platforms differed radically. In porations and the registration of foreign

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The most interesting feature of the subject is technos the business of railroad companies. These corporations reflect every fluctuation in the business of the state. During the months of March April, the state of the state of the state. n the hustings, in state legislatures, in he hade of congress. The resolution of-ered by Senator Cameron recognizing fore the business men of the country had independence of the island was sub-settled down to the belief that the sobe-ied by the numerous precedents which sense of the American people was bound to triumph, there was an almost comwhich passed the senate granting to the semblatants the rights of beligorents is
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lowing McKintey's imaguration, the depeoplar vace, and notwithstanding what amount of \$50,000,000. In 1895 there were only five street railway companies charcument has not only never been friends tered with an aggregate capital of \$112.00 while in 1897 there were nineteen comp sent to her, but everything clse necessary per cent. In 1996 the total capital repre-to carry on a war she has been permitted sented by all the corporation transactions to obtain from our shores without slint. of the department amounted to \$73,000,000.
Her spies have been allowed to intest our and in 1897 to \$163,000,000, an increase of 12

were twenty-eight miscellaneous manafacturing companies chartered, with an aggregate capital of \$608.000. During the same month in 1867 forty-three such com-panies were incorporated, with an aggre-gate capital of \$1,051,000. This shows an All this in behalf of a nation whose form and principles of government differ onlively from ours and against a people who have been pursued vindictively by their monther country, who have been de
increased their capital stock and indebtedness to the amount of \$723,990 while for the same month in 1897 these creases amounted to \$16,250,000, crease in capitalization of \$15,500,000. about 2,500 per cent. The business for th first ten days in December of this ye. shows a corresponding increase over th

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