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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 20, 1897.

At the Hotel Bellevue, in Philadelphia Saturday night, a dinner for twelve persons costing \$2,000 was served in payment of an election bet.

The Contest Dropped.

In deciding to abandon the threatened contest in this county Candidates Schadt, Horn and Norton have pursued the one course consistent with fairness and good judgment.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacechus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological Cast: 1:22 a. m. for Monday, December 20, 1897.

Retaliation in Kind

An amusing incident is narrated in the Washington correspondence of some of our contemporaries. On Friday congress passed the bill prohibiting pelagic sealing by citizens of the United States.

Our Government's Record of Shame

From a Letter in the Sun. THOSE who, in other lands, have taken up arms to release themselves from oppression have always had the moral sympathy of the people of the United States.

The Cosmopolitan University.

It is announced by the founders of the Cosmopolitan university that 1,000 applications for membership have been received, or nearly nine times as many as were originally expected.

Proof of deliberate fraud in considerable proportions was not forthcoming, and the contestants knew it. In regularities there were, and no doubt many of them, but it is impossible to believe that more than a small percentage of these was wilful.

One by one the sweet privileges of youth are passing into eclipse. This time it is a Virginia colon who wants to make flirting a statutory crime.

Concerning Mark Hanna. Whether Mark Hanna or some other Republican shall be elected to the United States senate by the legislature is soon to assemble at Springfield, O., is not in itself a matter of first consequence to the Republican party.

The time and place for the Republican voters of Ohio to register such objections as may be held by any of them to Mr. Hanna's candidacy have passed by.

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.

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 falsetto for the preservation and enforcement of the present civil service law.

The league indignantly stigmatizes the inactivity 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.

net's latest story the hero, his grace of Omomodo, while bathing in the Thames, rescues several unfortunate from drowning before pausing to go to his chambers and don evening dress.

The call to Mr. Leisnering to declare himself more specifically will have to take on a little more fortissimo. On that subject the statesman from Upper Lohain appears to be somewhat hard of hearing.

An increase last year of 50,000,000 bushels or nearly 1-3 per cent, in lake grain shipments illustrates the effectiveness of low transportation rates as a stimulus to trade.

PROSPERITY'S RETURN.

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the course pursued by President Grant, opposite as it was to the one pursued by President Monroe. This is the more significant, because the facts under which President Grant acted resemble only as a mole hill resembles a mountain the facts as they existed when President McKinley initiated his message.

It is true that in President Grant's message he states that numerous engagements had taken place between the insurgents and the Spanish troops, and that much property had been destroyed, but he considered that those engagements had not reached the struggle to the importance of a war.

At present, on the other hand, 30,000 well organized and well equipped men are in arms and in the field. The Spaniards have under control only such portions of the island as are surrounded by Spanish soldiers, who are blockaded from the sea and for their being accessible from the sea would attempt at subjugating the insurgents.

Upward of 100,000 Spanish soldiers have perished in the Philippines since their capture in their forts and intrenchments. Upward of 100,000 Spanish soldiers have perished in the Philippines since their capture in their forts and intrenchments.

It appears to me that this is war upon a gigantic scale, and in its most hideous form; so gigantic and hideous that all civilized nations should raise their united voices against it.

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