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The president's devotion to civil service reform would be all the more to his credit if he would proceed to do a little genuine civil service reforming by turning the rascals out.

Journalism at Its Best.

An example of righteousness in Journalism has been given by the Troy, N. Y., Times which is worthy of widespread notice.

Some of our readers may recall the circumstances to which we are about to allude. Several months ago the taxpayers of Rensselaer county were shocked to learn that George H. Morrison, the treasurer of that county, had defaulted in a sum approximating \$250,000.

Pressure was exerted on the board to get it to release these bondsmen and put the burden of Morrison's default on the taxpayers. It was a formidable pressure and we understand that an element in the board at one time gave signs of yielding.

But there remained other items to be adjusted. When Morrison's ill-doing was exposed, Morrison, instead of turning his personal property over to the county, conveyed it to personal friends.

Scranton and the Eastern League. "In time of peace, prepare for war." In midwinter, arrange for the next summer's sports.

The attitude taken by our esteemed contemporary is impregnable and in taking it the Times has given to the defenders of party journalism a refreshing and most valuable object lesson in true independence.

Figures as to Pensions.

In line with the demand of prominent veterans for a revision of the pension rolls and a limiting hereafter of relief to those clearly entitled to it, the New York Sun publishes a ten-column article asserting in detail the existence of gross pension frauds, and suggesting steps to cure them and to protect the system against future abuse.

With a pension roll now aggregating \$76,014 names, there are still on file and not yet acted upon applications either for first pensions or increases aggregating \$78,699, with a weekly increase in this list averaging 9,000. Last year, 32 years after the war's close, 54,072 of these claimants gained admission to the rolls.

and thoroughly credible information on this subject is greatly to be desired. The publication of the reports of our consuls in Cuba would be a good step to start with.

The Christmas number of the Wilkes-Barre Times appeared last evening in the shape of a twenty page issue enclosed in a handsome cover original in design and artistic in finish.

Some instructive figures are embodied in the first annual report of the New York state commissioner of excise appointed under the Raines law.

In these days of anxious gift selection permit us to suggest that no more appropriate Christmas present can be bestowed upon a friend than a paid-up subscription to The Tribune.

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TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Alarbus. The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will notice that it is almost impossible to get your best girl angry this week.

At this season of the year the good housewife who has not time to sew on a button or mend a pair of household trousers, can produce specimens of embroidery that would make a kaleidoscope view look dull.

Earth-Hunger of the Great Powers.

THEIR SEIZURE of the Chinese port of Kiao Chai by Germany was originally created by the word to the necessity for sufficient argument and inducement to lead the republicans to vote the seven year appropriations for a big German fleet, in one season it was supposed it would be surrendered.

No address exists. The civilized world accepts this wanton and brutal act as a matter of course. To English and European papers none of their critics this plunderer. All unite cynically to say, as the London Economist says, that if Germany can't foot the bill Germany is welcome to this new piece of loot.

Municipal Statistics.

Table with 4 columns: Name, 1, 2, 3, 4. Rows include Scranton, Reading, Harrisburg, Altoona, Lancaster, Williamsport, and Wilkes-Barre.

The showing made by Scranton is not had in comparison. Still, it might easily be better, and it would soon be done better if in the selection of councilmen and school controllers greater care were exercised and rational public opinion made to reflect itself more steadily and emphatically in the deliberations of these two municipal legislative bodies.

There is sense in the suggestion of the Washington Post that congress authorize an investigation of the Cuban situation on its own account. Accurate

not an act of European aggression committed. Of this area, European nations hold only 3,000,000 square miles, of which all but a fraction is in Canada. The United States, with Alaska, holds 3,900,000. This leaves 7,900,000 square miles among the lesser western lands.

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TREASURY TROVE.

The April showers Had rained the flowers With jewels from out the sky? While a rainbow shined In the sweet sunlight.

SAID JACK TO MAY.

Said Jack to May, "Let us run away, To the end of the bow you there And a pot of gold We'll find I'm told, As bright as your golden hair."

THE PROMISED LAND.

Through the soft moonlight, On a summer night, Two lovers walked hand in hand With never a care, To the hilltop there, In search of the "promised land."

THE OLD MAN DREAMS.

And to me it seems He says, as he slumbers there, "My golden store I would give, ay, more, For a sight of her sunny hair."

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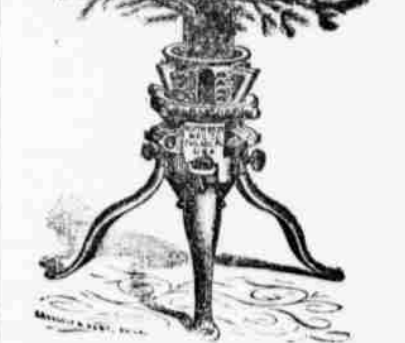
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