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The president's devotion to civil serturning the rescals out.

Journalism at Its Best.

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

Some of our readers may recall the to allude. Several months ago the taxcommunity in which it circulates.

point. The bondsmen were made to tiens on the government. discharge their liability and the county | to that extent was protected.

worth of notes held by Morrison in it makes a difference whose on is gored. Heu of county funds personally and unlawfully loaned by him. The county's right to this sum is clear; but the present holders of the notes ask the In midwinter, arrange for the next county to compromise with them for summer's sports Times stands on the side of right blackguarding from quarters whose tan citydom, motives must be judged by their acts. The Troy Times will oppose and de-The public treasury must be pro-

The attitude taken by our esteemed contemporary is impregnable and in taking it the Times has given to the defamers of party journalism a refreshing and most valuable object lesson in true independence. It is performing a heroic and noble service not simply for the taxpayers of Rennselaer county but for Republicanism and Americanism everywhere. We wish for it the support and appreciation which such work as it is doing so obviously merits.

Senator Chandler evidently enjoys seeing his name in print.

Figures as to Pensions.

In line with the demand of prominent veterans for a revision of the pension rolls and a limiting bereafter 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. The article itself should be read by all inarticle we give below, for what they reference:

are worth, some of its salient facts. With a pension roll now aggregating 870,014 names, there are still on file and not yet acted upon applications either for first pensions or increases aggregating 578,099, 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. The last census and other official reports are quoted to show that there are now \$13,639 survivors or widows who might be entitled to pensions, assuming that they are all disabled or dependent in whole or in part, an assumption ridiculous in Itself. Of the survivors alone there were, in 1890, 1,034,073. Deducting 185,341 who have died, which includes an estimate for six months of the present year, and 121,606 desertors and emergency men. it will be seen that there are 727,122 actual survivors today who might be entitled to a pension. The total of pensioners on account of the war, according to the report of the pension commissioner, is 947,542, of which 65,869 are children and 27,559 are dependent fathers, mothers, sisters or brothers. Deducting these from the total there remain \$54,114 survivors and widows drawing pensions, or 49.745 more 'survivors' and 'widows' than there are actual survivors and widows who under any circumstances could legally draw

From 1873, when the general pension

PALTERED AT THE POSTOTION AT POSSAULT PA. AT fice prints a symposis of them, and it requires a book of 192 pages to ac-

his credit if he would proceed to do a sequent to the war and from absolute- stories and special articles by memlittle genuine civil service reforming by ly independent causes. So with the bers of the Times staff and well known some of our readers may recall the of real veterens counted among the ough manner in which the office has shows the only safety for shore or pert, to allude. Several months ago the taxpayers of Rennselaer county were drawing pensions." Perjury and for- of modern printing. shocked to fourn that George H. Mor- gery, the arricle charges, have been rison, the freasurer of that county, had defaulted in a sum approximating. It concludes with miles showing among led in the first annual report of the \$250,000. Steps were promptly taken to other things that Russia alone of all New York state commissioner of exprosecute Morrison and in due time he the grant countries of the world pays case appointed under the Raines law. was convicted and sentenced. The quest more for her humanese standing army. Since that law went into effect the sa-

Times is the recognized exponent of solves enjoying the full confidence of Raines law. stalwart Republicanism in the large their fellow-veterars, should take the tend in insisting thorn a revision of the Pressure was exerted on the board poiston rolls. The demand for such re- tion permit us to suggest that no more ats when we di to get it to release these bondsmen vision is a demand quite as much for appropriate Christmas present can be and cort the laurden of Morrison's des austice to the deserving veteran as it falcation on the taxpayers. It was a is for fair play for these tax convers Neur's subscription to The Tribune, intornichtide pressure and we unders who, having come to man's estate since 'velving as it does more than 500 daily stand that an element in the board at the wars close want honeys and reminders, each with a wealth of news. one time gave signs of yielding. There- equity to govern the parton's dispusses, sound opinion and general information. upon the Times, under the direction of ments as well in relation to consions and instruction, Its intropid editor and proprietor, as in other directions. A worse insult Charles 8 Francis, came to the res- is given to the surviving veterans by cue. It insisted that such a compress these among their number who credit mise would irretrievably stultify the this demand to enmity of the old sol-Republican party in Rennselaer county dier than could possibly be given by and exhibit a betrayal of trust for open opponents of pensions at all; for it will distribute the discovered that he which there could subsequently be no such a misconstruction of motives is has been saving his usual generous apology before the people. It practics equivalent to saying that honest voters, quantity of wood, nily read the riot act to the waverers are in receipt of deserved ponsions can on the board and ultimately carried its lose through the exposure of imposi-

When the Culmus shoot spics and But there remained other items to be traitors the Spanlards call it 'savane adjusted. When Morrison's ill-doing and inhuman" although it is a pracwas exposed Morrison, instead of turn- tice sanctioned by the rules of war. ing his personal property over to the But Weyler's wholesale assassination county, conveyed it to personal friends. of prelificos is excited an a stern ne-In this personal property was \$83,000 cossity of the situation, showing that

Scranton and the Eastern League. "In time of peace, prepare for war."

\$2,500 and again the Times objects, as | We are hopeful that the effect of local it does to other propositions of a like admirers of base ball to arrange for "This," It affirms, "is a a continuation in this city of the Eastquestion of right as against easy ac- ern league franchise will succeed and quiescence in public loss, of the peo- to that end we urge them to persevere. ple's dues as against the interests of Not alone would their success benefit Morrison's endorsers, who, having been them, if not financially at least in the held to their bond, seek to make the gratification of a worthy desire for ultimate deficiency as far as possible clean and wholesome outdoor amusethe county's and not their own. The ment; it would furthermore be of real to the city, keepin and the public interest. The Times repute and prestige abroad and supwill continue to stand there in spite of | plying it at home with one of the neccoaxing or buildozing, of threats or of essary modern adjuncts of metropoli-

It takes all kinds of enterprise to build up a city and those who give nounce, if it be the only paper to do so, their time and money to promoting any attempt to settle this matter by honest amusement are quite as deservdark lantern methods or snap judg- ing of praise for their public spirit as ments. The county must not suffer by are those who erect fine buildings or the infidelity of its representatives, establish great industries. Buildings and industries are important, in fact, metrical city what the skeleton in a man is to the developed man. We would not care to see Scranton skele-

tonized. It is unnecessary here to review the status of the base ball situation. This has recently been done with skill and civic pride for which Scrantonians have become proverblat has therein an opportunity to display itself, to the un-

The Boston genius who has figured it out that the real purpose back of the German Kaiser's recent maritime dis play is to capture Hawaii and then ravage our Atlantic coast until we are intimidated into abandoning the Monroe doctrine has an imagination worthy of a more plausible theme,

Mun cipal Statistics.

The following figures have been tabulated by the Wilkes-Barre Record from data collected by a special comterested in this subject. Its allegat mittee of the Wilkes-Barre council tions, if true, are of the first import- which recently investigated the subject ance. But for the benefit of those of of a third-class city enactor. They are our readers unable to examine the Sun interesting for study and valuable for

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Wilkes-Earre ..25 44 Miles of paved streets,
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5. Net city debt, in thousands,

The showing made b. Scranton is not bad in comparison. Still, it might easily be better, and it would soon become better if in the selection of councilmen and school controllers greater care were exercised and rational pubhe 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 of square miles in North and South Am-

a session has passed when new laws. The publication of the reports of our

The Christmas number of the Wilkescommodate them. Of the 378,000 who Barre Times appeared last evening in try, could seize a part almost as easily got on the invalid pension rolls through the shape of a twenty page issue enthe net of June 27, 1836, not one receive eased in a handsome cover original in lands are tempting. They are rich. They are independent of the war, and not design and artistic in finish. The coned an injury during the war, and not design and artistic in finish. The conone was able to trace any disability tents of the issue aside from regular back to service in the war. Their dis- news and advertising departments, vice reform would be all the more to ability, when they had any, arose sul- were entirely original, consisting of ly independent causes. So with the widows who are drawing pensions under that act. Their husbands died of diseases and causes not in any way traceable to their war service. But as is plain by the records on their face more 'survivors' are drawing nessions than there are survivors' are drawing nessions than there are survivors and as every considerations are dead in Europe. Mutathan there are survivers, and, as every- ality of its holiday number, which is a lody knows, thousands upon thousands speaking advertisement of the thor-

tion of recovery then areac. Morrison than the United States pays in pen- loons in the state have decreased nearhad bondsmen who were good for the siens. The Sun's suggestions of rem- ly one-third, while the revenue derived respective amounts of their liability, edies must be left for subsequent cons from them has grown from \$2,500,743

with the imperor of Germany in the feetive business of playing to the gatbries, but when the returns are all in-

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Haroscope D awa by Ajacchus, The Cr bine Astrologer, Astrolabe Cast: 2.25 a.m., for Tuesday, December 21, 186.

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 rew on a button or mend a rip in her husband's trousers, can produce specimens of embroldery that would make a kaleidoscopic view look dull,

It begins to look as though a fire sale. of tickets will be necessary in order to my interest in musical enterprises in Scrauton in future.

Ameenus Advice. After Thewall and Cuba have been un-nexed, it might be well to send some misaries over and convert Believue,

Earth-Hunger of the Great Powers

From the Philadelphia Press.

THE SE ZURE of the Chinese port of Khao Chan by Germany was originally credited by the world to the sity for sufficient argument and inducement to lead the rejenor a big German fleet, in due season l was supposed it would be suffrendered. The speech heat week and the reception of this act of wanten aggression face both on the scizure useif and indispensable, but they are to the sym- the kaiser's purpose in wanting a nig metrical city what the skeleton in a fleet. Germany has forn a port from China in sheer list of conquest. China is weak and Germany is strong. The port was undefended. No just cause existed for aggression much less for war or an nexation. No warning was given. No explanation was offered the world. Germany wanted the port and took it. To stamp this act of plunder both as part of accuracy in another department of The his own personal imperial policy and the Tribune. Suffice it to say that the settled purpose of the empire and his civic pride for which Scrantonians have in command of a new squadron and poses in a series of theatrical fareweils intended and expected to fix the attention questionable advantage and benefit of the world. China, a country which all concerned. neighbors, as this country has done only oo much in the past, finds itself with an important port in foreign bands, com-nanding a fertile province and controll-ing the apprenches to its capital.

No redress exists. The civilized world accepts this wanton and brutal act as matter of course. The English and Euopean papers none of them criticise this dunder. All unite cynically to say, as the London Economist does, that if Germany can foot the bill Germany is welcome to this new piece of loot. The world has reached a new era of international rob-bery and plender. Twenty years ago from the solzure of Algeria to the treaty of Berlin, no European nation had made any startling conquest except as Russia had extended unknown and savage boundaries in Central Asia, and even Russia surrendered the provinces there claimed by China. Since 1878 the world has been par-titioned. About 9,589,000 square miles of savage and barbarous verritory in Africa ms 2,570,000 and France 2,900,000. England has picked up Burmah and most of Bor-nco and half a dozen little Indian Islands. France has seized Madagascar, part or Siam, Annum and Tonquin, Germany has seized \$23,990 square miles in Africa and too mo in the Facilie, nearly all of it in the twelve years. Even Belgium has taken in 805-80 square miles in the Congo on a colonial speculation in which France has a revisionary interest. England has also "occupied" Enypt, and is in a fair way to take up 1,000,000 square miles or so on the Fipper Nile. Half as much has been picked up in five years on the Niger. Lesser posts and places have been seized in other regions.

In all taking the world around, since In all taking the world around, since the treaty of Berlin solennily asserted that territory should pass only by common action and consent, the European countries have "absorbed"—'in the interest of civilization," of course-mearly 12.090.000 source miles. This territory is three times the area of Europe, four times the area of the United States without Alaska, twice the labitable area of North America and streater in extent than any America and greater in extent than any one of the continents, except Asia. There has never been such a period of unmiti-gated loot and plunder since, the time, three and four centuries ago, when Europe was carving up the New World.

Of all these acres not one has been taken in the Western Hemisphere. In the Americas, in the past thirty years France has given up Mexico and arbitrated a disputed boundary with Brazil. Spain is in a death struggle for Cuba, and Eugland has submitted the Venezueta boundary to arbitration and withdraws her quasi-protectorate of the Mosquite law was passed, to the present day," situation on its own account. Accurate erica not a port has been "occupied," and

says the Sun, "not a law providing for and thoroughly credible information on not an act of European aggression com pensions has been repeated. Scarcely this subject is greatly to be desired. held only 3,800,000 square miles, of which all but a fraction is in Canada appropriating more money have not been put in the book. The pension of fice prints a synonyis of them, and it from one of the great European powers world around. The two Americas are

> Is any one simple enough to imagine this is accident? Would the western world have escaped this universal lust for considerations are dead in Europe. Mill-torism has slain them. The world around as the seizure of these vast territories forts and battleships.

SHOULD PREACHERS PAY DOC-TORST

Letter by Dr. H. R. Porter, of Bismarck N. D. in the Medical Record. In answer to the query, "Should Min-isters Pay Doctors?" I say, "Ay, verily," For twenty-five years your humble servant has been pouring physic down and pumping other medicines up into the min-isters, their wives, and other members of They and be were Republicans; the board of supervisors at whose instance As we have said repeatedly since this time old law was 22,957; now it is 15.
The smaller of the family, free of charge and sometimes without even a thank you. Why should we do it? Are not the ministers as well the necessary legal steps had to be subject came prominently to the front, 289. In the face of these figures it is paid, as well ted and claimed house rent taken, was Republican and the Troy it is important that veterals, then, they have not taken to be subject to the face of these figures it is paid, as well ted and claimed house rent taken, was Republican and the Troy it is important that veterals, then, they have not to take about the repent of the very little, and often free? When they travel, the either D.H. or half-face points we pay them when they marry us? Don't we lip them when th y baptize out children? Don't we give them a few due-

They do not have the expense of keep-ing a horse or two, nor of the wear and be-towed upon a friend than a paid-up teat of carriages, cutters, harness, etc. your's subscription to The Tribone, inhowling at a speed of forty miles an hour and the mercury forty below zero -furnish the medicine free-all for the Ind instruction.

The crar of Eussia is not competing title the interior of derivacy in the extive business of playing to the guiescence he advised one of my good pay patients to try a rival M. D.; said he would "get him on his less quicker." This minister, however, was an exceptionally mean one. As a rule, they are jolly good fellows; but I say, let them pay and then they will better appreciate

TREASUR.. TROVE,

The April showers Had remined the flowers

With jewels from out the sky;
While a rainbow bright In the sweet sculicht Was seen on the hilitop nigh.

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

So, hand in hand, To the promised land The twain tripped merrily on in their treasure-quest. Till they gained the crest The rainbow rested upon.

But alack and alas! It came to pass.

Way up on the hill top there, Jack found, I'm told,
Was the gold in his playmate's harr,

Through the soft moonlight, Two lovers walked hand in hand. With never a care.

In search of the "promised land." Said Jack to May "TIs many a day Since we followed the bow to where The only gold

Was the wealth untold

I found in your sunny hair." 'Tis Christmas night. And the pale moonlight That steals through the frosty pane Makes a dim halo On his locks of snow

As he dreams of his youth again And of "Little May." Who went one day
To the beautiful "promised land";
With the words, "dear love." And a trust above, And a touch of a soft, white hand,

The old man dreams, And to me it seems
He says, as he slumbers there,
"My golden stere I would give, ay, more. For a sight of her sunny hair, -T. P. Ryder, in Wilkes-Earre Record.

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