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After all, the Spanish Ruiz had warning, whereas the American Ruiz, murderoit by Sonniards in jail, had none, Spain is in no position to court comparisons.

War Without Quarter.

The shooting of Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, the Spanish envoy, by the Cuban insurgent colonel, Nestor Aranguren, now fully continued by both Spanish and Cuban admirsions, will doubtless be made the text of much misdirected comment. Therefore it is essential that the undisputed facts should be herne in mind.

Prior to the beginning of the present Times. Civil service reform must subtosurrection, Ruiz and Aranguren were mit to material modification in the diwarm filends. Lately Rulz wrote to Aranguren under the cover of that friendship, in the endeavor to persuade ful organizer of labor in a factory, mill him to accept the autonomy offer of Spain. Aranguren rophed that under the orders of his superiors in the Cuban as to pay wages, and that some of this many and in obsidionce to his own Judgresult. autoromy was not to be considered; that Ruiz must not approach him on that mission for to do so would be to the activities of others. Written examinsur the risk of being condemned to instions do not lisclose the qualities death as a spy, in accordance with the that make for success in these execuorders of Comez and Garcia to hang tive positions. Those qualities must reall emissaries of Spatn'who should ap- year themselves in ways wholly beyond proach any insurgent came to negotis the ken of the civil service commission ate on any other basis than that of To put the civil service law over such Cut a's absolute independence. In stills places of trust in the federal service of this soleron warning Ruiz ap- is to commit an outrage on the spirit proached Aranguren in the prohibited of our republican institutions. manner, and his execution was the result.

Those who ensured with equanimity the horrors of Weyletism, by which and honorable man, does not fulm the 150.000 innocent non-combutants, mon, sion starvation, intensified here and the president a favor if it should enwomen and children, were doomed by there by the ravishing of women and able him to choose again. the wanton torture of men and chils dran, now affect to be very much sheeted at the face of Ruiz. Unquestionably that was a deplocable fate, fait p at least was chosen deliberately. and with ample foreknowledge, and the victim of it can enjoy from this time forward all the product of martyrdom in his country's behalf. His fate is not worso than that of Major Andre; if it is a grim incident of a mercilese war, we should not forget who is responsible for that war or who first gave to if the searlet tinge of suvagery.

"Wnr," sold General Sherman, "is States, affords an interesting insight hep." The Critar insucrection is not inti this much mooted subject. It also a pink tea or a stylish social function. It is what Spanish, fiendishness has made it-a contest without quarter. Spain has sown the wind: let her not play the baby in the fact of the corributive whirlwind.

. It is evident that Spale has offened her gold brick to Cubars who have been there before.

Padded Newspapers.

In a letter in hast evening's Times our accomplished confrere, C. Ben States agree at once to a monus viven-

that Grant selected his advisers from among the enemy. So far as the politics of the clerks were concerned, he said, there was nothing in that. They sould change quicker than the administration. Mr. Evans's idea of reforming the system was to limit the term of office to eight or ten years. The present policy of life tenure had a ten-

lensy to divorce the people from the overament. The rising generation nuturally felt that it had no interest in he gavernment

The professional civil service reformrs whose stock in trade consists prinipally of abuse of those who differ ror: them in opinion on this subject ill no doubt now proceed to unload heir vials of wrath on General Evans. implies,

out this need not give him alarm so ong as he knows and the great body it well-informed people know he is right. His is practical testimony based n direct and varied experience. The nowling of professionals is simply the

singe play of men seeking a pretext g which to claim the public car. Ve agree fully with the sentiments onied elsewhere from the Philadelphia

rection of common sense else it will seen by discredited utterly. The success or mine knows that he must have authority to enforce discipline as well authority must also extend to those of his subordinates who in turn are responsible in an executive sense for

The impression seems to be general that Judge McKenna, while a clean high requirements of the United States Supreme bench. The senate would de

Since Dec. 1 over a million and a haif of dollars have been sent abroad from New York city through the postoffice, a new form of Liberty enlivening the world.

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The Sealing Controversy. The publication of the correspond ner on the scaling question recently exchanged between Sir Wilfred Laurit, representing the povernment of Canada, and John W. Foster, representing the government of the United

presents afficially the American position, enabling the public to judge of it

intelligently. When the Caradian premier and minister of fisheries were in Washington n November, Mr. Foster, on behalf of the United States, submitted to them a memorandum onibedying the substance of this government's proposals for a attlement of existing differences with Canada. The memorandum consisted of two items: first, that the governmenus of Great Britain and the United

the importation into this country of scalskins taken from seals caught by pelagic seating, the purport of which was explained in yesterday's Tribune vill give our Canadian neighbors something to meditate upon.

A measure has been reported favorably by the bouse committee on immigration requiring all applicants for naturalization to submit to a literacy test similar to that provided in the Lodge bill for immigrants. It is asserted that this measure will be pushed with vigor after the holidays. It ought to be. Naturalization should be awarded to none who cannot give ample proof that they are fit for it and for what it

There is something pathetic in the announcement on the authority of the the experience of Cuba shows that mercy and humanity are not at present in his line.

The eminent English dramatic critic, Clement Scott, who asserted practic-ally that all actresses are morally bad, has not, so far as we can observe, pro-moted purity on the stage, but he has succeeded in getting a vast deal said about Clement Scoti, and this may have been his primary purpose.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Diawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. abe Cast: 1.48 a. m. for Wednes day, December 22, 1897.

5. Josef. A child born on this day in the vicinity f the Lackawanna county court house vill be of the opinion that \$5,000 was quite large sum for the commissioners to pay or an elevator to be used solely by the Since the recent Nieth ward surprise arrty it is said many of the school teach-its feel more at liberty to economize in

matter of life insurance. Probably no one can measure so ac-arately the amount of genuine religion cfloat in one family as the hired girl.

Two things to be dreaded at this sea-on of the year are the grip and the fel-ow who spells it "X-max." The average small boy is now worryio.

for fear his stocking will not be large notight It is helter to give than to receive-es sectally in a boxing match.

if you feel an inclination to sneer a



liest and has been one of the most earnest and consistent supporters of civil service reform since the agitation began a quarter of a century ago and it sincerely desires to have a stable civil service policy that cannot be kicked from post to pillar by every change of party power. The way to make civil service reform enduring is to make it sensible. It is now a com-plication of grotesque incongruities. plication of grotesque incongruities, which make it odious not only to politi-cians who are clamoring for the spoils,

but to fair-minded people who want a liberal and practical civil service policy that no party will dare to assail. As long as the present complicated and in many instances obviously unjust civil service

what they said, and General Bience had every reason to believe that they did. If, therefore, in the face of this warning, GOLDSMITH'S he has sent men out on such a missie their blood, whenever shed, will be up his head.

It is claimed that Colonel Buiz was not on an offleial mission. That on its face is a mere evasion. He was a Spanish officer and was in friendly conference with an in-surgent offleer, and there was every right to assume that his business was within the rule of proscription. He was in effect a spy, and the report of his death, if true, only shows that he has met a spy's fate.

THE MODERN ADVERTISEMENT. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A glance over the advertising page has come to be like a walk through street of great bagaars, with show with

dows full of ticketed goods on every band; or like a great clearing house on the intelligence office plan, where the announcement on the authority of the Chinese minister at Washington that China wants Uncle Sam's friendship. In China's present peril Uncle Sam is powerless to help, and if he were not, the owner is no noise, no crowding, be waste of time, no importantly that rannot be dismissed without a word. An other excellent feature of a live advertisement is its verity. It costs money and means business, It is not printed for the fun of the thing. Then it is presented in honest rivalry and must stand the test in columns that are open to all the respectable elements of trade on equal

> Sometimes it is said that a large part of the feminine world on opening a news-paper read the marriages and deaths and then turn to the fresh advertisements. U then furn to the from an error memory of the would be nearcr the fact to say that a woman who is the head of the family reads the important news and then set-ties down to study the advertisements that touch her round of duties. Such a course is perfectly natural and businesses the Mon look over advertisements for like, Mon look over advertisements for the same reason, though in the line of their own daily transactions. The law of choice is at work in both cases. All mankind love a bargain and all desire to keep up with the spirit of the times. So the utilities and the attractiveness of ad-

combine to render it more pleasing and effective and all possible typographical ingenuities are employed to the same end.

the value of newspaper space. There may have been a time when the eye of the reader avoided the advertising columns, but that is past. This is an era of enterprise in news and no lers of succonstal progress in advertising.

A NATURAL QUERY.

From the Chicago Post "I am getting up a little article about men of wealth." explained the reporter

here of weath, expanded the great merchant's offlee, "as a sort of lesson for the young men of today. Would you mind telling me how you got your first real start in life." "Not at all, not at all." replace the o'd man, pleasantly, "Do you want the truth or the regulation biographical romance that is ordinarily used? it's immaterial

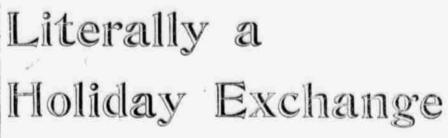
"THE CHANGING YEAR."

The liker's melancholy days Have come around at last. And now he jogs along the streets Where off he swiftly passed. He'd like to "hump it" all the year. And sadly he complains When nature on the earth lets loose Het chilling blasts and rains

Lewis, Reilly Far out upon the country roads, Where he was wont to spin. The mud is waiting for a chance

To take the laker in. And though a stiffening freeze will come.

It cannot end the wos a hardened un



Two great merchandise streams, flowing inward and outward, constantly keep the stock bright and fresh. This is important to buyers of Holiday Goods. The hours until Christmas are easily counted, and still our stock is nearly as complete as in the beginning.

G. 8.

Rare Bargains are to be found in Special Holiday Department in Basement. We can afford and do sell cheaper than elsewhere every article contained therein, because it is only a one-time-in-the-year-department with us,

Games from 4c to 98c-among which are Pillow Dex, War in Cuba, and KLONDIKE. Smoking Sets from 25c to \$3.98. Booklets and Calendars from 1c to 39c.

Juvenile Books, paper and linen, from 5c to

Lothrop's Annual and Pansy Books, 37c to

Glove, Handerchief and Necktie Boxes from

Work Boxes, Shaving Cases, Manicure Sets and Toilet Sets, from 25c to S8.

Children's Silver Mugs and Knife, Fork and spoon Sets from 15c to \$1.49.

Sterling Silver and Cut Glass Novelties at one-half the price asked elsewhere.

ALWAYS BUSY.

Sensible presents, Slippers and

Shoes from 25c to \$5.00. Our best

efforts are at your service. Always

use our stores as if they were your

& Davies.

Celluloid Work Boxes, Glove and Handker-chief Sets, Brush Cases, Pia Boxes and Neek-Tie Cases from 10c to 98c.

BAZAAR.

Beautiful large Medallions, St. Cecelia, Rath, Madonna, and many others, at 25 cents,

Bisque Figures, Dresden Night Lamps, Venctian Glass Vases, Atomizers, from 23c to 98c. Vaseline Jars, in Aluminum and Sterling Silver, from toe to soe.

Glass Salt and Pepper Sets, toe and 19c.

Writing Tablets in Leather and Celluloid from S1 to S4.

Decorating Tissue in Plain, Green and Red, White and Blue, 25c per ball of 10 yards,



Clothing at reliable prices, has always been our motto. Qual= ity unexcelled, prices the lowest.

Your money back if you want it; and the same price to everybody. Open Evenings Until After the Holidays.



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own.

vertising grow from year to year. The specially trained writer and the artist

Advertisements are brightened, also, by CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Santa Claus, take something to aid your

Ajacchus' Advice.



From the Philadelphia Times. THE TIMES was one of the eat-liest and has been one of the most

admirably an thities 1 die thought which we had in mind when noticing resently two voluminous Christians numbers of esteemed local contemporaries which consisted of 25 pages each. largely occupied with poster advertising net in juxtaposition to boller-plate reading matter.

Our remarks were not meant in dispuragement of the enternaise of the publishers of those editions nor were they dictated by any motiv of jealousy, but like the letter of Mr. Johncon were simply intended to express the belief founded on experience that this custom of issuing inflated newspupors without special and exceptional warrant is better honored in the breach ing the second proposition but expressthan in the observance. We have not hern guilthess of this offence ourselves: tinut what we said had in it, therefore, as much of self-condemnation as of reproach to others, and we the more readily array ourselves among the sinners called to recontance because we understand that our words gave some offence to the other local culprits,

It must be admitted that the growthe public demand on daily journalise nukes contrassion of news within could compuse excelingly difficult Journalism these days touches the world's activities at so many points that adequacy of treatment for each subject touched necessitates enlarged space. We believe it who to take surficient space to insure measurable adequacy and theroughness. Our idea in editorial writing to that if a subject mode a commo it abouid have it; if only a "stick," then let it he held dow to that. Any east-iron rule as to length would be as abourd as was the historic Ised which choined the tall occupant's feel off in order to accommodate his munifiated community.

But compression certainty is reasible and desirable in the matter of purely performency special issues padded be youd thyme of reason solely for the jurpose of display. The journalism of the future will put its emphasis on every-day good work and not on wildcan sudurges:

In his craving for excilement the Corman omperer might go further and fare worse than to tackle our broken

down coast detences.

Common Sense on the Civil Service. That was very pointed and timely testimony which the commissioner of pensions gave on Monday before the senate sub-committee which is investigating the operation of the present civil service law. We printed in yesterday's Tribune a brief summary of it, but some points in the commissioner's tertimony are worthy of a second refer-WHICH ...

usiment.

Mr. Evans said that he would remedy the evils most frequently encountered in the civil service by placing under the operation of the law only those workers in subordinate position whose duties are largely perfunctory and mecolorical, such as clerks receiving lass than \$1,100 a year. Ad above that dmit should in his judgment. take their chances. He did not believe chiefs of divisions or others occupying places in the special confidence of the head of this condition is indispensable to furthe bureau should be selected by the ther progress in the proposed negotia-

di providing ystem prevalls, no party will feel bound to enforce it, and there is grave danger today that the system may be practi-cally overthrown because of needlessly of the killing of souls in all the waters of the Pacific ocean and Bering set er one year from Decenther, 1897, and offensive details. The principle of civil service reform has commanded the aptor a suspension of all killing of seah in the Probibil islands for the same royal of the more intelligent citizons parties, but the civil service law as portad, gerond, that these govern dministered at present is its own mos ments enter into an agreement to redamgerous foe, and will surely dereat it-self unless it shall be liberalized and view the whole set | question and at the placed on an involnerable foundation. same time to frame a trenty settling amicably that and other questions a It is a sublime absurdity to require a have between Canada and the United ostmuster to select his immediate sub ordinates who handle large amounts of money, by the dictation of any commis-States, as, for instance, the lisheries dispute, the incunigration question, resion and it is equally abburd to make the private secretary of any public of-neer, who has necessarily the most coniprocity, etc. They took the memorridum to Ottawa, thought over it and idential relations with his superior, elig-ble only on a certificate from an out-dde body. A system that requires physiin Nov. 14 wrote to Mr. Poster accept

ians, who must have a certificate of a reditable medical school, to be examined has their inability to consent to th To this letter Mr. Foster replied or or the position of pension examiner, and at the same time allows nearly a hun-dred lawyers to be appointed in the de-Deep 2 wirtually assorting That the United States could not walve the on artment of justice without examination ariment of justice without examination, s so absurilly contradictory as to make he system a burlesque. A system, also, hai requires a collector or posimaster o make appointments only from a list if examined applicants, and take them condition to which Canada objected. On this point he explained why a suspension of pelagic sealing pending the attlement of the other subjects of netheir order; that allows a director of mint to make the same appointments potintion was essential to the preservation of the sealing industry, and he a large extent without any examinaadded rather suggestively;

ton, and that requires persons seeking mployment in the navy yard to be taken We seem to make failed to impress unn the order in which they are registered, egarillers of fitness, is so destitute of continuity of purpose and effect as to de-Canadian government, past or prent our view that pelagic scaling ought is voluntarily given up because it is an ighboriy in that it is destroying a stroy respond for it. abable industry of our government, an

Let the friends of civil service reform numane because it is exterminating iberalize it, and liberalize it broadly, and then they can sustain and permanthe race of animals useful to the work Ve paid Russia a large sum for Alaska ad the chief prospective return then vis ently incorporate into our government a thoroughly efficient and commendable civil service system. It wants common when the seal indusity which be ed the Rueshin government and su ense more than anything else, and espeets large profit. We enjoyed the inducially is common sense much more need-ed than fine-spin theories which rarely ry undisturbed for about fifteen years apping a rich return to the governme produce satisfactory results. Let civil service reform be saved by making it theroughly consistent with itself, and consistent with the liberal and enlightnd the lessees, the revenue to the for ral treasury up to 1891 being estimate 1 over \$11,000,000, a sum much larger that ened government in which it is to be ap-plied. as paid to Russia for the entire terr. Suddenly the pelage scalers en-upon the work of destruction, and -----

HAD FAIR WARNING.

they have brought the industry to the point where it is no longer profitable. This work of destruction has been prosused as a conceded legal vocation, and when we have called attention to the From the Washington Star. we have called attention to the diminution of the herd and the

From the Washington Star. If Coloned Ruiz has been executed by the insurgents for an attempt to cor-rupt the commander of an insurgent force he received only what he had been fairly warned he would receive if captured while upon such an errand. Secretary General Congosto cabling here from Hav-ana, speaks of "the ferocity of such an attempt of such as "conduct." reaty obligation to protect and preserv 1, we have been met by the declaratio hat its actual extermination is not immediately threatened. When it is prohe legal right of pelagic scaling, we are old that this cannot be brought about by a fair compensation to these engaged in act," and describes it further as "conduct inworthy of savages." Such talk from a Spanish official in Cube would be amushe industry, but that the question mass is included with a number of other subing but for the gravity of the subject. The devil has the richest of all vocabul-aries in rebuking sin, but his deliverances jects having no relation to it whatever, and that it must await the fate of all these matters, some of which, as comexcite only contempt and derision.

mercial reciprocity and the tariff, are ery complex in their character, As soon as General Blanco's "policy of thers, as the northeastern sea fisheries partification" was announced General Ge-mez took notice of it in an official letter, General Weyler had posted the insurof long standing and very difficult of ad-Mr. Foster added that while the presdent did not concede the propriety of

gents as bandits, and had excused the rigor of his treatment of them on that score. General Blanco, still holding that complicating the subject of the proper they were baudits, mercly proposed a new treatment. This procedure, as much as General Weyler's had been, was to be retection of the scale with these other mestions of intricate public policy and against bundlis. The Weyler policy had called for bloody extermination. The Blanco policy was calling for corrupting mafficting interests, yet his desire for more friendly state of relations hetween the two neighboring countries the insurgents. It was assumed that men who had kept the field for nearly three years with arms in their hands could be was so strong that he was willing to lump the subjects of negotiation if ought with a little money.

meanwhile a modus vivendi could be The Blanco policy was well calculated to excite in the bosoms of the insurgent leaders the most intense indignation. They replied to it promptly and properly and publicly. They warned General agreed upon which would save the seals from destruction while the negotiations were in progress. But the inference conveyed by Mr. Foster's letter is that Blanco that the policy of corruption could not succeed. They informed him that any agents of his taken in an attempt to eivil service. Ife never heard, he said, i tions. Meanwhile the bill to prohibit | execute it would be hanged. They meani

There'll be a fall of snow The wheel is in the attic stared, Where mice can chew the tire;

pon the biking suit the moths Now feast to their desire. the jaunty can is on a peg-Accumulating dust stockings with deceptive pads In secret place are thrust.

But while with faces showing gloom The bikers make lament. Another class of mortals find A time of sweet content. now pedestrians can walk About the streets at will, And "scorchers" do not dash along To injure or to kill.

But melanchoiy days will go And biking days will come And then again on every side The whirring wheels will huns, he biking youth and biking girl Will firt for all they're worth. And every "seorcher" in the land Will think he owns the earth. —Pittsburg Telegraph.



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