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It will be the general hone that the embarrassment which has overtaken the Chestnut street National bank, of Philadelphia, may be overcome withany sacrifice of its existence and without tons to its depositors. To President Singerit, in this we trust tent porary reverse, the sympathy of every decent man goos out without stint.

Intelligence in Advertising.

It is not unreasonable to credit much of the increased business done, by Secanton merchants this holiday season to the improved character of their ativertising. A glance at any of the local papers these days followed by a comparison with the same papers one year ago will show a very noticeable change for the better, in both the appearance and the substance of the advertisements. These are now more newsy than ever before, dealing with

special bargains and changing in many cases daily. In consequence they are read regularly by many persons who formerly never gave the advertisements al glancis The slightest observation will suffice to confirm this statement. It will show that the news make is no lopson the sole part of the paper which the average man reader scans: while

among the women, heaven bless them, the advertisements, to them always sught to include in the petition for interesting, are new clearly first in inharter the right to establish an institorest, taking precedence over even tution or "hospital" wherein healing the elopements and the weldlings. by faith could be practiced for pay. We welcome this state of affairs a

This is specifically forbidden by an act a happy augury of still better adverof assembly which defines the combitions under which a hespital or an inthing and consequently further increased business activity in the year firmary may receive a charter from the to come: Our merchants; having date-conditions with which the aplearned by experience that it pays to plantism in point did not comply. put thought and enterprise and novelt, But not content with stating the lay into their hired space in the newsn the premises. Judge Pennypacker papers, will proceed to plan additional ermitted himself to indulge in what right be called argument, and in this improvements and thus gain proportionally greater results. They will not letidi we think he made a mistake fear to expend money generously on For example, he said: "Reforms are proverbially slow. It may be, as w Intelligent advertising, because the lesare told in Schnee ud Health, that to son has been taught to them that ook a tiger in the eye with faith is to money thus seent comes back bearing and hum frightened into the jungle rich profits. Thus the day of the permillion, as they are at present infunctory standing announcement-the formed, are more and to rely, however same yesterday, today and forevernistakingly, upon rilles. For the will give way to the bright, novel, and really fascinating bargain buildtin, with reatment of the disease called trichposis, which is caused by animalcular its next typography, its catchy pictures and above all its important mesbreeding in the body and feeding upon sage giving store news: and while this the muscles, they lepend upon some will please the merchants and the thing which may destroy the creature newspapers, by increasing the receipts railes than mon a faith, however sinof both, it will also add to the concere, that its myages will do no harm. ventence and comfort of the general should they in the lapse of time be public and help materially in the upsome convinced by the teachings of building of the city. Science and Health that their course

The prospects are reported to be ding whas for the passage through this congress of the Loud bill to correct abuses in second-class mult natter. It is a simple proposition of business jus-

these.

The Need of Unity of Purpose. There is undoubteelly a growing feeletiefs. Some remarkable phenomena ing among Republicans, who are so n this nature of magnetic healing are from principle that something in the on record and appeal as strongly for nature of concession needs to be shown redence as do many other assertions

times of not long ago might be called a calm, but it is the calm before the torm. No special gift of divination is required to see the elements of trouble The assertion of the Hazleton Sentishead. The wary politician does not nel that the Republican state commitventure forth without an umbrella.

Ans, among the rank and file there is an appearance of intent scrutiny and uspension of judgment which ought o be, if it is not, regarded as ominous y those who assume to lead. The Republican party will survive

that by contrast with the sulphurous

ill this, of course, and come out of t stronger and better than ever. But wise counsel shall prevail it will net need to be a purification by fire.

The negotiation of new reciprocity out forth by George W. Smalley at the ticaties under the McKinley adminis-New England club banquet in Brookration is naturally slow work in view yn when he argued that all Europe of the undiplomatic manner in which was getting ready to light the United h Harrison- Blaine treatics were ab-States and that consequently we should ogated by the cheuvinists who framed snuggle up close to old England for he Wilson bill. The countries whe rotection. It seems never to have or cere slapped in the face then are to be urred to this eminent Mugvump that yoused for not wishing to incur the the American character contains the lisk of having the insult repeated. But ngredient known as self-rellance. when the fact is understood abroad that common sense has again gained the supremacy in American politics, we onx reasonably look for favorable reults in the renewed campaign for reaprocal trade.

Christian Science Once More. We have secured a copy of the opin-

he approaching gubernatorial campaign. No candidate can win next or delivered recently by Judge Penny our who trains with professional acker of the Philadelphia common trensury hoters. leas courts in which the refusal e that jurist to grant a charter to th The Cuban insurgents are men of resociation styling itself the "First flesh and blood. Spanish cruelty has Church of Christian Science" is ex reduced in them the natural result. plained. The legal ground of the re-Spain has sown fiendishness and is fund is clear. The Christian Scientist

aping assassination. This may not pleasant to contemplate but it is uman nature. Americans under similar provocation would not act other-

Comments on the Killing of Ruiz.

Stone for governor can hardly be true.

the state committee's trust?

from the Washington Star.

MERICAN citizens who are inellned to characterize the shooting of Ruiz by the Cuban insurgents as an unwarranted act should re-tail the history of their own coun-[U] ry, John Andre, a British officer, sought o negotiate with Benedict Arnold, a sted commander of the colonists, for he betrayal of West Point into the lands of the British, Arnold was willing. fort to demoralize the Insurgent forces, le was under no flag of truce, here no redentials authorizing him to negotiate states, sought out no responsible leader discha-sith his propositions and conformed in peace.

very particular to the accented under-tanding of a spy. To call the Cuban in-surgents pirates and cut-throats and ans erroneous, no doubt a future legisfature will repeal the act of 1877, but

with our own. But as a matter of exactioney it is open to doubt if desate of the general subject of faith vs A Woman's View. leugs is officialous to modify existing

to internecine strife. There is a period prior to 1895, while the United States the Spanish authorities that Colone! Ruiz ban shown the remarkable increase of 250 per cent. This may be only a straw, but it shows the trend of the wind.

killing as an act of savingery, frankly admit that Colonel Ruiz was under no protection and had been abundantly warned of the consequences of his action tee is sending out literature in supin approaching the robel camp port of the candidacy of Colonel W. A.

Invited His Own Fate.

That committee as a body must in the From the New York Sun. From the New York Sun. Our Havana despatches, in reporting that a letter found on the body of Col-onel Joaquin Ruiz offered a brite of \$100,-500 to Colonel Nester Aranguren, have put in a new light the death penalty in-fletted on the brave but each and unfor-tunate Spanish officer, in addition, we have the positive denial from Senor T. Estrada Palma that Ruiz was under a flag of truce. At first the main point seemed to be that, after the published orders of General Gomez making death nature of things remain neutral among candidates for the nomination; it can rightfully become partisan only after the convention ratifies the party's expressed choice. Is somebody abusing That certainly was a curious idea. orders of General Gomez making death the punishment for coming to Cuban camps with Spain's offer of autonomy. Ruiz teak his life in his hands when he did the thing prohibited. The object of Gomez curting off communication on that subject and the expediency of taking the means to accomplish it are another mat ter; but, once issued and not revoked, i should have been obvious to any soldier that the orders would be executed. At to their authenticity there was no doubt

the Spanlards themselves accepting the orders as genuine and as such denoune-ing them. Yet Coloned Ruiz practically challenged Aranguren to execute them, and thereby risked his fate. But if in addition, as is now declared, Colonel Ruiz carried team General Blance the write With Pennsylvania's revenues falling 100,000 a year short of expenses and vith unpaid debts exceeding available funds by more than \$2,000,000, the room for judicious economy in state governaddition, as is now declared, Colonel Ruiz carried from General Blanco the writ-ten offer to Aranguren already spoken of, he must be put on the footing of an emissary seeking to bribe the Cuban of-ficer 16 betray his cause. The distinc-tion between the presentation of general proposals of pence, to be forwarded to army headquarters, and a personal, pe-culary apoeal to a single officer to be-rome a traitor, will be manifest to ev-erybody. ment ought to be made a live issue of

erybody. -0-'

A Plea For Fair Play.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. The claim of the Republican forces it Cuba to civilization and humane in-stincts, however, does not rest upon a single instance and cannot be destroyed. by one example of extreme severity in the treatment of an enemy. During months of unequal conflict, when the well-armed regular solidicry of Spain made it their constant practice to murder wounded prisoners, raid insurgent hospit-its magnitude unreason and means ut-

als, assaudiate surgeons and nurses, pil-inge estates inhabitant, it was the cus-tom of Cuban officers to liberate the prioners they had taken, to protect the defenseless, and to minister to the wound-cd, friend and enemy alike. Even after the influence of surgesting was unthe inhuman plan of starvation was put in operation by the brute Weyler-after Macco was lured to death by treachery and false pretense-the Cubans resorted to no worse retaliation than to return some prisoners of war to their commands In semi-makedness. The self-control of the insurgent officers has been remark-able. When the account is cast up on both sides there is a showing for Spall-of flagrant brutality; for Cuba of very few of the excesses of warfare. It is unique to conduct a local for the doubt names of the Irritish, Arnold was willing, but Andre was captured on his way bitrougi the lines, was triod as a spy and hanged. History has recorded the approval by eivilization of this act. Col-umel Raiz was as much a spy as was John Andre. He was seeking to bribe him to bay down his arms in an effort to demonize the hurreent forces. for the killing. In the case under consid-eration that officer violated both the military and personal confidence reposed in him, albeit in what he deemed the discharge of his duty and the cause of

PLUM CAKE.

archists, as is now being done, is to in-archists, as is now being done, is to in-voke the robuke of American history. If the man who gave the order to shoot Colonel Ruiz-whether it shall be proved to be Arangure himself or some other er-ls to be called a murderer, then George Washington by whose orders Andre was tried as a spy, was a mur-derer.

cold, after which mix in its butter, then the currants. Work into this one-had





BAZAAR.

BUT ONE DAY TILL CHRISTMAS.

The Holiday Department

In Basement-A Perfect Klondike of Bargains.

It is cleaning up time. Cutting and slashing of prices is the edict that has gone forth. We are too busy to go into details. Even our advertising man has been pressed into service to help look after the thousands of buyers that are flocking to our store.

Toys, Games, Books, Smoking Sets, Medallions, Sterling Silver Novelties, etc., etc., at half the price asked elsewhere.

A Great Glove Sale

Ladies' Foster Pique Lacing Gloves of the very best quality in tans, ox blood, slates and blacks. The \$2 kind for the next two days, unless sooner sold out, price \$1.37

Skirts and Aprons

(Second Floor, Take Elevator.) Ladies' Flannelette Skirts, striped bottom, neatly embroidered edges, 23 Cents.

Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Aprons. 20 different patterns, large size, the 75c. kind, at 49 Cents.

Sensational Silk Selling

Brocaded Silk Taffetas and Roman Striped Silks, many of them were 75 cents, the closing price (not for a day, or an hour, but as long as they last), at 41 Cents.



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

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

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From a Letter by Susan Morse Perry in the New York Sun.

the party's i never if the elections of 1898 are to be approached with confidence. The lines of party division have not yet become set, but they are steadily diverging. Nothing like the harmony and unity of one year ago exists today. On the contrary, in almost every state factional fights are in progress, and even at Washington while woosen break has neen reached. there are ominous signst of possible, if not probable confusion.

The Washington Star, discussing this latter phase of the situation, remarks with too much trath;

"The party does not seem to be united on a single important proposition. There are at least four factions disputing about currency reform: An unconditional do-nothing faction, 2 faction supporting the president's recommendation, a faction disposed to support Secretary Gage's recommendation, and a faction partly convinced that something ought to be done, but without opinion as yet as to what that thing should be. There are the active friends of Cuba and the passive friends of Cuba. The Hawalian question brings out annexationists and anti-annexationists. Repeal the civil service law, say some, monify its application. say others, while a third faction want the law sustained. There is division even as to the Dingley bill. Demand is heard in some quarters for supple mental revenue legislation at once while in other quarters foith in the bill is confidently expressed."

Our contemporary adds: "In a party of strong men divisions are to be expected, and they always appear. But unless they are promptly fought out. the party always suffers. The Repubflean party is in power clothed with responsibility. It cannot with safety shick its work. Its time for action has arrived. It is called upon to make a platform for the next congress also tions. The party has never was a fight. of fact, it has no such record. No party over won a fight divided against itself. A party, like a house, when divided Addiast its If, fulls," These words may by a shade overstate the gravity of tly situation but in the main they are popen to dispute. The fact is that Roblinanism in power is weakened by patronage frictions, and this fact, coupled with a natural unreasonablenext of popular expectation after a chafige in party control, readers more urgent the duty of Republicans who are Republicans from principle to rally unselfishly to their party's support. Much the same condition is abservin Pennsylvania, Factionalism 6311--is not duite so hold as it was a short time ago but it is none the less virulent. Nearly every leader of prominonce in the state today exhibits the attitude of the man who is for peace with a Queger of his sneve. Bush whicking and backstabbing are indulged in somewhat furtively just at present: but let the signal for war be openly proclaimed and immediately the field would be filled with factional

generally creditud. TREAT'S ... of savagery." thandits and outlaws attumee of the mind upon disease has Cubarts as flow very easy it is for Senator Hale of been exhausted by the regular and all other friends of Spanish typan practitioners of medicine nor does any demn in the Columns that which perticular "school" of medicine onloy. they have for nearly three years closed. a monopoly of the truth. A good helr eyes to and encouraged on the part d Spain' While Colonel Rulz's death is name of mind in which to consider this sertainly horrible-what warfare is not undert is that of respect for the writ--is it any more so than the batchery Dr. Ruiz in the jail at Guanzbacon by ien law but quiet tolerance for varialors in sincere opinion and belief. The taws can be enforced without clubbing ment convictions.

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for the present its polley must be en-

The opinion thus expressed coincides

different.

Spain's virtuous indignation over the dilling of Colonel Ruiz recalls the fine humanity with which Spain treated that other Ruiz, found murdered in a Spanish Jail. The new ploty of the Specish government is too assertive to on trans

our contemporary refers. Andre was

a soy but he made no claim to per-

sonal friendship with Benedict Arnold,

ship, not to come.

American people.

A Fate Richly Deserved. We give some space elsewhere on this page to a collection of news and comment regarding the fate of the Spanish officer, Colonel Ruiz, who in disregard of repeated warnings went into the Cuban camp to bribe a Cuban leader to betray his cause, was courtmartialed and executed as a spy. The frantic offorts of the Spanish agents in this country to beeloud the issue and thus weaken the cause of the insurgents makes the incident one of genuine interest and importance. Of the comments quoted that of the

Washington Star seems to us most apt. methods with those of Cubo. I am surany and all bonest and true friends justice and loyal lovers of liberty y The deed of Ruiz was essentially the issued of a spy. He did not go to the icadquarters of the Cuban cause. He did not bear a dag of truce. He preed and if they begin to retailate unor the Spanish butchers, giving them th sumed upon personal friendship to enable him to corrupt a subordinate into same treatment they have been receiv treason. His was even a meaner act ing for the past thirty-four months. than that of Major John Andre, to which

No Flag of Truce.

Harald

nor had Arnold personally implored din in advance, in the name of friend-The character of the war in Cuba as revealed by the practices of both sides is such that it is not to be measured by the standards of other countries. Spain has won no fair claim to sympathy; the fate of Ruiz was incurred deliberately, no element of deception baying been proved or even intimated. Urner these circumstances it seems to us that while the incident strengthens the cause for American intervention by revealing the utter hopelessness of the autonomy solution. It contains no feature which under fair judgment ought to alignate from the Cubin insurgents the utmost sympathy of the

commission of our army; and that it may be known. I furnish this informa-tion to Mr. Ernesto Toren, who came commissioned by the United States con-sul general in Havana. "Patra and Liberty, December, 1897. "Major Alfredo Lima." An interesting point has been made by T. H. Ismay, one of the maragers of the White Star stramship line. In

an address in Liverpoot recently he A cable was received today stating that ieneral Lee had been instructed by Sec-etary of State Sherman to notify Genfrankly notified his British auditors that the sun of England's commercial retary of State Sherman to hold y ton-eral Gomes and the other relief leaders that they need expect no American sym-pathy if they continued to permit firing on flags of truce. General Lee told me he had received no such instructions, and added that he knew of no instance of the display of a flag of truce during this see, it had mean here being display by supromacy had pussed its zeaith, and as one proof he asserted that with the exception of France and Switzerland, Great Britain showed the smallest percontage of increase in the export of mercenaries and zealots rusing eagerly | machinery and engines in the ten years | this war. It had never been claimed by

her of one of Spain's generals last Fels-mary? Or the morsler of that Cuban general who, when peace had been declared after the "fea yours' war." \$5'28.9 nyited to a banquet on board a Spanish nan-of-war, and then murdered, noder a flag of truce, by order of the same tien ral Blanco, who is now captain general d Cuba? Or more so than any nany acts of shooting down in cold blood f brave Cuhans, whose only crime was heir desire to see their beloved land freed from the yellow and red rag of methacyal concession? Have not the Spaniards all turough the present war ommitted acts of inhumanity and cruelty beside which Colonel Ruig's death pales and sinks into insignificance" Another thing; he was warned what would be his fate, and his friend, Colonel Aranguren, "begged of him not to undertake the task." Was Dr. Ruiz "warned" of what was to be his fate? Did he have a chance to escate? It is really astonishing how unlek Senator Hale and others are to discover the mote in the Cubans' eve when they have been blind to the colos sal beam in the eve of Spain for years To understand which side is entitled by instice to the rights of belligerency, which side has conducted its warfare in ac-cordance with the rules of civilization and shown the more humane treatment o its enemies all throughout the present conflict, one has but to compare Spain's 14/11 unnesitatingly decide in favor of "Cuba Labre." Far be it from any one to blame them if their patience is at last exhaust-

Cablegram in the New York

Ernesto Tosca, Consul General Loc' secretary, who was sent to Colonel Aran-guron's camp to plead for mercy for Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz, returned to Havana on Saturday night, having reached his destination only to obtain a full confirmation of the gallant officer's death. Mr. Tosco was unable to deliver Gen-eral Lec's letter to Colonel Aranguren who, immediately after the execution had departed for a distant camp, but he brought back the following statement the brought dark the throwing statement from Colouel Aranguren's second in com-mand, giving details of the death of Col-onel Joaquin Ruiz: "This gentleman," says the report, "came to our fields dressed in the uniform of a Spanish mil-itary officer, and, before the Cuban forces, made to Colonel Nestor Aranguren propositions of autonomy for Cuba Then Colonel Aranguren, respecting the orders of our army made Ruiz a prison-er, and he was executed later, after a court martial, in the name of the law of

