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If Soam would offer fewer bribes to the insurgents and more food and money to the starving pacificoes Amerlean opinion might be less antagonis-

A Time For Fair Play.

As will be seen by an editorial reproduced from it in another column, the Philadelphia Inquirer apparently recognizes the tactical mostake which it has made in assuming that only those Republicans will have a voice in the approaching gubernatorial campeign who are in favor of the candidacy directed by State Senator Andrews. Previous atterances and insimuations by II seemed to us to Justhy our remarks concerning bushwhatling, and we stand by what we said, but we will be glad if our protest, joined with that of others throughout the commonwealth, shall induce a change of beart or at least a change of tarties on the past of the directors of Colonel Stone's cattivasts

The Inquirer's allusion to Senator come is not permene to the subject in hard and for the present we shall say simply that the senior sensior is not to our knowledge restionsible for the gur illa methods of the managers of the Stone campaign.

By bushwhacking we mean the coxess and unprovoked attacking of rout or possible gubernutorial candidates who do not possess the favor of the senator from Crawford county; the use of the mechanism and prestige of il -inte committee to further a favorit: candidate's prospects for the nomination; the uncalled for a use of the his fel ods; and more than all else, the ex cont effort to make it up sear that Republication in Pennsylvania necessitures subserviency and the sacrifice · I nersonal independence. If this defirlinon of bushwharking his the feet of the Stone unmagers it is not our figure if it does not, no harm can be done by having prevalent misunderstandings promotly cleared up.

The political outlook in Pennsylvania next year, as we view it, offers every incentive for the treest and Irankest discussion of candidates and methods. to the end that the will of the people may not be tirearted. But we believe n fair and open discussion and not inturch whockings.

The equilentions of the North Atlants ter evolutions, may or may not be slignifleant. But it is worthy of rotice that from Key West to Chisa for a fleet of warships is not more than a five hours' aguise.

III-Requited Friendship.

The premier of Spain informs a Madid interviewer that in Spain's next diplomatic communication to the United States the fact will be made plain that Spain can admit no foreign interference in her internal affairs, the fact that in spite of those efforts that are alleged as being made by the American government to prevent fili-Lustering expeditions, such expeditions continue to leave United States parts and to reach their Culcan destination, a fact which proves that American Vigilance is deficient or that American tolerance is great. We will especially insist and with great energy in contradicting too theory that fillibustering expeditions are lawful when they are not sublicly organized to help the relaels. Spain is a friendly nation. Every one knows in the United States that those expeditions are being organized to help reliefs in arms against Spain. International laws and treaties forbid proceeder their organizers. Spain would be defended as lawful. It would reverse the whole of international law On that point we are perfectly secure. Under present circumstances it is

fating the neutrality laws of rations; States; and it is the duty of the fedceal officials to use due diligence to prevent such attempts to violate our laws. This is a matter in which sympartly can play no bact. It is wholly a matter of plain duty, a matter mvolving the sanctity of the oath which the officials of our government take it is clearly to the president's credit when they assume federal office. Fortimately for the good fame of the United States no dereliction can justly charged in this direction. Every express or implied obligation to Spain and to the law and comity of nations has been observed and fulfilled to the

But by the same rules of law and custom the government of the United States has neither moral right nor written warrant to place a single hindrance in the way of the American dealerin rides, gunpowder, dynamite, shells, cartridges, swords, pistols, machetes, bayonels, cartridge boxes, or other implements and accessories of warfare direct that the delivery of these goods be made to specified inhubitants of been declared by Spain. Spain does not recognize in her official intercourse agents, are at full liberty to buy in the nation's employ, United States whatever they want in the way of merchandise and as much

is the use of cruisers to seize the mernort has been an arbitrary and unlawful stretch of executive authority, made as a voluntary peace offering to Spain, and acknowledged by Spain, not with gratitude, but with contempt, abuse and insult.

By two ways has the United States human war in Cuba; (I) by interfering to Spain's advantage with Amerian trade with the Cubans; and (2) by a give to the Cubans justly carned belligerent rights. The American people execrated this policy under Cleveland; that they tolerate it now under McKinley is a compliment of which he it to plan for a \$300,000 new home. The ought certainly to feel proud.

Representative Adams of Pennsylania, a member of the sub-committee of the house foreign relations commit ce which is in charge of the Cuban some, thinks that American interest in the Cuban insurrection is dying out. me year ago be says he used to get a nundred peritions and letters a day invoking the recognition of Cuban belfigurency; now he gets none. Perhaps the American people have grown tited of wasting postage on unresponsive congressmen and prefer to meet them at Philippi.

The Advantage of Honesty.

Nothing is easier than to jump on : man when he is down. But it is grati-Tying to observe that this customary practice has very generally been waived in the case of William M. Singerly, and we interpret this fact to mean that honosty of intention combined with generous instincts and a record without stain yet suffice in the world of business to outweigh disaster arising wholly from errors of judgment plus. the general debilitation incident to hard times. Had there been disclosed in the Singerly embarrassment any trace of duplicity or suspicion of conscious guilt. Mr. Singerly's past charmeter would have availed little to save him from wholesale condemnation; but Thinks the People the sent governor of Pennsylvania and his manly action in throwing open to the world the whole condition of his affairs and in offering to his creditors without reserve the total of his persecond holdings in satisfaction of their indebtedness, although no more than what an honest man ought to do, is yet so vivid in contrast with many modern business operations, that it has preserved not simply his personal selfrespect but also the respect and warm sympathy of the entire public.

Mr. Singerly will recover his business equilibrium and regain his prestige, because men of his calibre cannot be kept down. A similar instance of business honesty destined to prove triumphant over reverses is visible simultaneously in New York in the case of ex-Congressman, or as he is better tic squadron near Key West, for wins known, "Deneon" White, who has just applied for reinstatement as a memher of the stock exchange after having said dollar for dollar, with interest, to the creditors in his last failure which was for a sum nearly equal to the Singerly Habilities. Mr. White, we understand, has twice been carried under in business, but each time he in every way for the work of the con-rose again to the surface, satisfying vention. There is every indication that unterly every debt and retaining the complete confidence of the public. The lesson of his experience, likewise, is ity of the delegates to the convention it that it pays to be honest, and this is: the more notable and encouraging in view of the opinion which prevails it some quarters that honesty in last ness is an absolute rule.

Colonel A. L. Conger, of Akton, O. adds fuel to the fires of buckeye state Republican factionalism by charging Senator Hanna with treachery to Foraker in 1889, but he neglects to explain how good can come of Reoutdown treachery to Hanny in 1887 What truth there is in the colonel's charges we do not know, but we do know that the deteat of Hanna now by the falings of the Republican legissture in thus to carry out the pledges or the Republican party in Ohio made in its last state convention would be expeditions of that sort. The Americanor likely to bely the Ohio Denoc can government itself acknowledges may than to benefit either General Porthat the; are untawful the moment it laker or his friends. And the Remible makes efforts to prevent them and can outlook in general is not at this time so bright that the party can afconnect conceive that such expeditions ford to sacrifice its unity to feed ancient factional grudges.

Our D'plomatic Service.

The president is showing judicion unlawful for an armed expedition to caution before ulling the Chinese misequip in the United States and to sail sion. Concerning the gentleman origfrom an American post avowedly for inally selected for that mission but the purpose of committing or alding in subsequently held up for more careful depredations against a friendly nation. investigation we know nothing addi-Cutif Cutum telligeroney is recognized atomst to what has been printed in the such expeditions cumnot leave Ameri- newspapers. The tenor of this informcan ports for Culsan ports without vice ation is that Mr. Charles Page Bryan, while of admirable p rsonal character end who the sintutes of the United and social standing, is not sufficiently experienced in large public affairs and especially in the ways and means of diplomacy to cope with the task which pecent complications promise to put upon the next American minist r to China

How true this is we do not know, and that, before acting finally, he has takon pains to have a convincing inquiry made. But apart from the personal significance of this incident the present seems a good time to remark that no American ought to be appointed to represent his country in a foreign land oncerning whose practical sagacity and robust courage there is any reasonable doubt. No president may safely assume that any foreign mission involving the safe-guarding American interests and perchance American lives in foreign lands is unimportant. Inasmuch as it is usually the unexpected that happens, who sees fit to trade with persons who the rule of the appointing power should be to select for the government's forcign service no man concerning whom Cuba. No blockade of Cuban ports has there is the slightest lack of faith or uncertainty of indorsement. In this electric age the most remote and unwith the government at Washington guessed American consulate may at that a state of war exists in Cuba, any moment become an international mideading decements have expressly disconnected by Cuba is at peace and her storm center, demanding of its occu-Officially Cuba is at peace and her storm center, demanding of its occuciffzens, either in person or through pant qualities second to none in his

If there is any virtue in civil service reform it seems to us that the diploas they can pay for or get trusted for, matic and consular service affords a and the transaction on this basis is field for its exploitation infinitely none of our government's business, superior in its promise of large use-The course of the Cleveland and Me- fulness to that afforded in the com-Kinley administrations in trying to monplace, routine departments at

hant vessels engaged in their trans- from which partisan politics should be as evident in these periods of foreign wool-pulling over American eyes as is ffectually aided Spain in Spain's in- the need of a reinforced navy or of a federal revenue sufficient to liquidate current expenses. We have too long been the butt and prey of experts like Sir Julian Pauncefote and Senor de refusing against both law and equity Sir Julian Pauncefote and Senor de

We congratulate the Washington Star upon the prosperity which enables Star is a great paper, a clean paper and an honest paper. Its signal sucoss compliments both its management ard its patrons.

And now comes the report that a number of Indiana Republicans intend to boom General Harrison for the presidency in 1900, in order to "get square with McKinley," They had better first consult the wishes of General

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D:awn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 4.98 a. m., for Wedner day, December, 29, 1897.

In the opinion of a child born on this day the Scranton Times is the most dole-ful calamity howier of the departing year. The man who does not imagine that he knows how a paper should be arranged better than the editor, does not really onjoy the newspaper of the day. In a journalistic way proprietor Mor-

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It is no longer fashionable to swear off January L. The ordinary "soa no distinction in the New Year. Aincehus' Advice.

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Will Boss Things.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"The Philadelphia Inquirer apparently akes it for granted that the bushwhackers will control the next state convention and run it regardless of public sentiment. If history presents no warning against ich a programme then it will be the ishwhackers' fault if history shall be

It is a little difficult to understand what Scranton Tribune, which is responside for the above paragraph, is driving it. So far as the inquirer is concerned, it akes no such thing for granted, but does believe that the coming state convention will be controlled by the Repub-lican people. How can it be otherwise? Every year we have the story that Scho-tor Quay makes the state. We presume the same charge will be brought, in fact, s already brought, against the coming convention. Yet it is a fact, which The Tribune should know, that Senator Quay is taking no part whatever in the contest, and that we are going to have a canvass setween the various candidat's wholly free from dictation.

The Inquirer believes that the people should have the largest liberty of ex-pression, make up their own minds, elect their own delegates, and be responsible ity of the delegates to the convention it will give the inquirer the greatest pleasure to support him. If Mr. Leisenring, his neighbor, shall be the successful using nt we will take the lead in electing him. W. Stone or may one of the numerous candidates in the congressional delegation o the attitude of this lournal. All that he bushwhacking order in it, kindly point

The only bushwhacking that is being done so for as we know emanates from Harrisburg. There is a Hastings-Martin combination which has a Philadelphia combine newspaper speaking for it, and this organ threatens all sorts of things nless its particular combine friends in its slums of combine politics shall be ermitted to name the ticket. We have fear of these bushwhackers, either t they can control the convention or that they can do any harm when they are beaten. The Inquirer is satisfied that the convention will act wisely and will a strong candidate for governor. ems to innicate that Colonel Stone. of Allegheny county, is making the most comprehensive campaign and gaining the most extensive following, it is to be hoped that Mr. Connell will not consider this as evidence of either bushwhacking or infriendliness. It is a mere statement of what seems to be a fact, and certainly, should Colonel Stone be nominated, Mr. Connell could not find any fault with the result, any more than Colonel Stone could should Mr. Connell be the success-

The candidate of the Republican party a the coming election will be the candi-ate of the Republican people whose holes has been expressed at the primary Such a candidate will be in

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

Rochester Post-Fixpress.

The respectable and high-minded man hat lends his name to promote enter-brise designed to capture gudgeons to no setter than the downright knave that makes no claim to the virtues of a deent citizen. It is not a valid plea for him to say that he has not livestigated the interprises and does not know that they are swindles. While he may thus excal-nate himself from the charge of being a feliberate malefactor, he fastens upon aimself the charge of eriminal negligence. He has done a great wrong to the people that trusted his respectability and highnindedness, and converted these words uto terms of reproach.

On this account, therefore, we commend he work of Richard P. Rothwell, the cdtor of the Engineering Journal, who is levoting himse'f to the exposure of the corthless Klendike mining companies to which men of high character and ability which men of high character and ability wave lent their names as directors. The ilselusures he makes in regard to this form of swindling are startling. He finds hat a large number of mining enterrices, floated in this way and having great vogue among persons game daft on the wealth of the Klendike, can furnish powarrant for the glowing prespectaces presid broadcast over the country. Tpon interrogation the men eminent in the ec mercial and social world that have per-mitted their names to be attacked to these the statements made in them.

For instance the prespectus of one comcony speaks of its "well known and won-ierfully rich gold property," embracing "a bone 1,000 feet in length and situated near the city of Dawson." and including a gold-hearing quartz property 900 by 1.70 feet. The further statement is made that here two pieces of property will yield bout \$20,000,000 in gold. By inquiry of the computer of the company, Mr. Rothwell stop this export sair of American goods. Washington. Diplomacy in these days found that the basis for these statements

is distinctively a learned profession was pitifully inadequate. No development from which partisan politics should be as rigidly eliminated as it admittedly should be from the general conduct of our foreign relations. The need by our government of a specially trained class of diplomatic and consular servants is as evident in these periods of foreign that it was worth about \$2.50 a pan. As to the quartz rock, a few samples of it had been done on either of the claims to ascertain with precision the value of the gravel consisted of washing a number of pans taken from a pile near a shaft and stated in the particle of the claims to ascertain with precision the value of the gravel or of the claims to ascertain with precision the value of the gravel or of the claims to ascertain with precision the value of the gravel or of the quartz. All that had been done in regard to the gravel or washing a number of pans taken from a pile near a shaft and several with precision the value of the gravel or of the quartz. All that had been done in regard to the gravel or of the quartz. All that had been done in regard to the gravel or of the quartz. All that had been done in regard to the gravel or of the grave the amount of gold it would produce per

> into the wealth of the region show that it has been greatly overestimated. While he has not been there himself, he has communicated with experts that have, and their testimeny is uniformly unfavorable to the exaggerated statements that are made. He says that the rekton is not as rich as Colffornia was: it is not. in fact, as rich as many districts in the west today. His advice to investors is, therefore, that they trust only to the opinion of experi mining engineers, who have made careful personal examination of the property offered for sale. We be-lieve the advice to be sound. In no other way can protection be had against the unverified statements of prospectuse bolstered up with influential names.

CONCERNING THE STAGE,

From the Philadelphia Press. Much nonsense is talked about the "elevation" of the stage, but no man or woman familiar with the stage for the woman familiar with the stage for the past thirty years but knows that in that in that time, and beginning before, the lives of women on the stage has become those of women off of the stage. As elsewhere, the good are good and the bad are juid, and in the nature of things the publicity of the stage makes the latter conspicuous; but the necessary and inevitable connection between a loose life and the stage which obtained-with rary and mos honorable exceptions-three or four gen erations ago has totally and completely disappeared. It does not exist. Any woman on the stage is what she chooses to make herself, and where in any society is any mature woman anything else?"

There are evils on the stage. There are scandals. Acress is easy in the life of the theater. Temptation is not absent Where is it, excluded? But the conditions on the stage are all known. No surprises come there. Thanks, too, to the charac-ter of the American audience, public scandal associated with an actress is a dis-tinet disadvantage to her career. In our simple and sound American life—may it long continue— a very large share of the patronage of the theater is from young men in the days of courtship and ap-proaching matrimony. These are not cir-cumstances and conditions which lead a young man to take seats at a theater where some recent scandal makes the ac-tress a disagreeable and dubious subject of conversation. Regular theater par-ties, of course, with chaperones and oung debutantes, will stand anything but the general American public objects to scandal, and every manager knows that a conspicuous scandal arst adds to the rush for seats for a very brief season and then suddenly and anaroly and disastrously cuts into sales.

There are better reasons than this however, and more honorable for the high level of life of the footlights in this high level of life of the footlights in this country as compared with any in the world. No class here makes a pursuit of the stage or can, for the American woman looks down to her admirer. She looks up to no man. She respects herself, She is taught in all walks of life self-reliance and self-protection. Our national life assumes the virtue and restraint of all wanter in whetever calling. Euroall women in whatever calling. Euro-pean life does the reverse for nearly al women working for a living.

WANTED .. A BANKRUPTCY LAW.

From the Philadelphia Times. stacles which often interpose to preven the enforcement of claims of foreign cred hors against resident debtors, greatly hinder trade between the different state. creditors and debtors generally be put of we desire is that the convention shall be a thoroughly fair and just footing. Such antranameled in every respect. That is a law is needed in the interests of busious platform, and if there is anything of ness and trade, and congress should ennot such a statute before the close of the present session.

MODERN WARFARE.

From the Philad-libba Inquirer, If all that is teld as to the destruction wrought by the dynamite gun the other day in Cuba is true, and the story comes from Spanish sources, it has been re-served for the insurgents to use a weapo more deadly than any that has done set vice in modern warfare. Seventy-two shots were fitted from one gen, and every house in the town of thuisa was wrecked. while nearly eleven hundred Spanish sol-diers were killed. The thought of work who will carry the election by a large ma-jority. If we repeat that a survey of the battle between two great armies is enough to fill one with horror.



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