THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE.

has not attacked the state committee 'n as acetyiden the use but on the contrary has held that if the assertion is true that Stone literauntil they are Acetylone ture has been circulated in its name, it ngs that Seranton has been imposed upon. The paper ugh to escape. An which first made this assertion was the Hazleton Sentinel. The Sentinel's asintroduce it in this sertion is as credible as is the inquirago, but business er's denial. Let them settle the matnot regard it with ter between them. But however they moter of the scheme settle it, the established facts as to fields and pastures elseexperience of those who Senator Andrews' questionable methods have put Andrews' Philadelphia organ ed the stuff shows that acetystands next to dynamite as a in a dilemma where it had better shun rial that should be given a wide publicity and confine its surplus ener-

gy to sawing wood.

severe excoriation of Commander The Swiss surgeon who demonstrated Booth-Tucker appeared in yesterday's that one could live without a stomach. New York Sun, based upon the belief has opened up a new field of operathat the latter had used insulting lantion in anatomical science, Examguage in commenting upon the illness ples of the fact that one can exist with of his sister-in-law, Maud Ballington a very small supply of brains are numerous, but the stomach has always The Sun suggested that one been considered a necessity even in inhundred lashes at a whipping post stances where it has had comparativewould be a minimum penalty for the ly little to do. person who would use the words credited to him. We agree fully with

The emperor of China attributes much of his trouble to the coming eclipse. Perhaps that's what's the matter with Mayor Bailey.

Jim Corbett's bump of self-esteem would seem almost to entitle him to claim relationship with Grover Cleve-

"By All Honorable Means."

cented and we turn to welcome At a meeting held in Wilkes-Barre Thursday the Luzerne county Republiyear 1897 has been among the can committee adopted without dis-In sent the following resolution: "The roign lands the predictions of the candidacy of ex-Congressman John astrologers who foretold the horrors of Leisenring of this county for the guplaces postilence and familie, seem to bernatorial nomination at the state have been more than verified. A spirit convention of 1898 meets with our most of accest has prevaded the affairs of hearty and cordial approval. We pledge the old world throughout the entire ourselves to earnestly and aggressively year, and has kept the crowned heads support his canvass at home, in Luof the eastern hendsphere in a state zerne county, and to promote his interests abroad and at the state con-In many of the most powerful kingvention by all honorable means within doms it has required the continuous

the Sun in this opinion, but think it

fair to add that Commander Booth-

Tucker has specifically repudiated the

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ur nower." efforts of the ablest diplomats to pre-This sets at rest the question where went internal outbreaks, and it has Luzerne stands on the gubernatorial constanty in some instances to problem. The decision of the Luzerne to threats of war with other county Republican committee was no in order to keep peace at home. more than Mr. Leisenring had reason to ome, almost within the bordexpect of it and of his fellow Republiers of the domain of freedom, we have cans in that county, in case he conseen obliged to witness the continuatinued to cherish gubernatorial aspiration of a conflict which has been tions. In the absence of any home marked by bgybarifies almost uncompetition, nothing could be more ap equalled in the annals of ancient or propriate than that Mr. Leisenring, the modern warfare, While the populace avowed choice of the last Republican has cried out against the horrors of the county convention, should receive in struggle that have characterized the house of his friends honorable and sain's record for brutality through all undivided support. While innocent res, the government of the United pleasantries are exchanged from time States has stood aboof, apparently un- to time between the papers of Luzerne affected by the pleadings of the opand Lackawanna concerning real or pressed and downtrodden, and the fancied political rivalries, it is clear beautiful island once numbered among from this distance that Mr. Leisenring the fertile garden spots of the earth has deserved better treatment of his has been reduced to a barren waste, former constituency that was recently exemplified in the disposition of the In our own country the past year has Republican press in Luzerne county to

wer one to provoke more pleasurable smoke him out of the fight. recollections. The good effects of the We attach significance to that clause readjustment of the tariff laws, shown in the foregoing resolution which pledin a revival of business which has ges to Mr. Leisenring the efforts of the given employment to thousands of idle Luzerne county committee to promote

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land or General Weyler,

It begins to look as though "Nanoleon" Leiter's wheat might all become chaff before Uncle Phil Armour gets through with him.

It is evidently the opinion of General Garcia that the most effective Spanish weapon is the vocal chord.

The anti-Hanna combine seems to have difficulty in cornering the stock out at Columbus.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

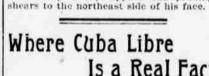
Daily Horoscope D:awn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 4.35 a. m., for Saturday,

January 1, 1898. ate. Ð Frit A child born on this day will start out with a clean record, of course. Blessed is the man who can contemplate he past twelve months without a shud-In the matter of shoveling sidewalks

the Electric City has not boomed to any marked extent during the past twentyfour hours. Aincchus' Advice. This will be a good day for Brother Ly-

ett, of the Scranton Times, to swear off alamity-howling. Notes For the Diary. Weather slightly Klondikish.

Numerous "Bachelors" complain of inomnia. Chauncey Derby applies the pruning



NDER DATE of Dec. 14, General Calixto Garcia, the milliary genius of the Cuban revolution, writes as follows for publication in the New

but I wish to declare my contempt for chose few natives of Cuba who are back ing the Spanlards in the autonomy scheme. They are despicable illustrations of human degradation and cowardice and all Cuban patriots and all honest men in the world should despise them. To the American government I have only one word to say about autonomy. 1 am no ready to give up to Spain an inch of the Cuban territory so peroically freed by my coldiers.

1807.

From the Troy Times. From the American point of view the year 1897 has been marked by no rev-olutionizing occurrences. In its political happenings it was decidedly dull, as con-trasted with its immediate predecessor It witnessed, however, a change of na-tional administration, the good results of which are plainly discernible. The

single political event which stands out before all others was the enactment of a new tariff law, thus reversing the tariff policy which had been maintained by the government for three years previous. So far as the relations of the United States ther as the relations of the United States with ofher nations is concerned the twelve months have brought no appre-clable change, the settlement of such important matters as the Cuban ques-tion and the Hawaiian question having been left to the accomplishment of some future year.

During the year Europe has witnessed the first war to be fought within its borders in two decades. The defeat and bumiliation of the Greeks by their ancient enemies, the Turks, were of more than passing interest, as the consequences of that brief and bitter struggle promis to be far reaching. As the old year passes out the quarrelsome European powers are again aligning for what may prove a belligerent but is more likely to be simply a diplomatic contest. This the simply a diplomatic contest. This time the theatre of their altercation is in the far East, but as in the case of former collisions jealousy and greed are the inspiring causes. England, which always has some war, large or small, on her hands, has this year been kept busy by a pattye unrising in northern India by a native uprising in northern India, the further advance of the Soudan ex-pedition in upper Egypt and more or less alarming quarrels with France and the Boers in Africa. Spain has brought the insurrection in the Philippines to an end, but is still lighting in Cuba with-out any brighter prospect of a termina-tion of the war than was visible a year

In the casualties occurring on land and sea the experience of 1897 has been very much the same as that of former years. Marine disasters have been numerous. great loss of life has been caused by cy-clones, hurricanes and earthquakes and the fire fiend has been unusually busy. The greatest calamity of the year was the destruction of the Paris charity bazaar in May last, but there have been numerous others almost as horrifying.

The necrological record includes the names of many distinguished men and women whom the world can ill afford the following: Wilkes-Barre, to lose. Among those who had achieved fame in the political arena who have Kingstor Bennett, Forty-Fort, Wyoming, passed away since the beginning of the passed away since the beginning of the year may be mentioned former Senator Daniel W. Voorhees and Congressman William S. Holman, of Indiana; Con-gressman Seth L. Milliken, of Maine; General Francis A. Walker, William P. St. John, General John Cleveland Rob-inson, former Senators Joseph N. Dolph, of Oregon, Amus Comeron of Wisconof Oregon; Angus Cameron, of Wiscon-Lackawanna, Taylor, sin, Richard Coke, of Texas; James R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin; John R. McPher-Avoca. Moosic. Minooka, Hancock. Uba Libre Is a Real Fact www.ised back of Minnesota, and N. F. Dixon, of Rhode Island: Schatters Joseph II. Earle, of South Carolina, Isham G. Harris, of Tomoster and Jomes Z. Generae of Minnesota, Schatters of Minnes Starlight. 'onklin

Tennessee, and James Z. George, of Mis-sissippi; former Lieutenant Governor Thomas G. Alvord, Premier Canovas del Kingsleys, Foster, Nicholson, artisans, have caused a wave of pros-perity to sweep over the land such as has not had a parallel since the days of the McKinley bill. Aside from a few biurred rages which tell of labor troubles in the mining regions, the Castillo, of Spain; Count Mutsu, of Japan, Factoryville La Plume, Dalton been taken Joel T. Headley, "The Duchess," Professor Henry Drammond, "Oliver Optic," Mrs. George Linnaeus Mapewood. Conklin Center. May they live long and prosper is the wish of Lewis, Reilly & Davies, the hon-est and most extensive dealers in boots, shees, rubhers, etc. in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Nos. 114 and 116 Wyoming Banks, Mrs. Oliphant, Jean Ingelow Francis Turner Palgrave and Alphonse Daudet. Among those who were distinguished in music and art may be men venue, Scranton, Pa. tioned Johannes Grahms, Homer Dodge Martin, Edmond Charles Yon, William T. Best, Max Maretzek, Francis Louis Francais, Sir Everett Millais and Sir John Gelbert, while of the distinguished Journalists there were Charles Ander-son Dana, of the New York Sun: Frank McLaughlin, of the Philadelphia Times, and Charles H. Andrews, of the Boston Herald. The Troy Times itself met with the saddest of bereavements in the death of its honorad foundation of the honorad of its honored founder and editor-in-chief, John M. Francis. The stage lost Nelson Wheatcroft, Mmc. Arnould-Nelson Wheateroft, Mme. Arnould-Plessy, Alice Lingard, Marie Seebach and Thomas Whiffen, while George B. Rob-erts, Theodore A. Havemeyer, Barney Barnato, Henry W. Sage and George M. Pullman were removed from the ranks of those who had achieved notable success in business and finance. in business and finance While much has occurred during the year 1897 that has been harmful, pro-gress has not been interrupted, and, if the world is not better, it is at least more capable. If the new year on the threshold does as well the human family will be the gainer.

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record of the year has fulfilled temperate expectations. It is a record of bountiful crops: growing industries; increasing business enterprises, and general prosperity. It is a record that speaks the virtues of an administra- his supporters resort only to honorable tion guided by prudent principles; an administration more than ever deserving of the confidence of the American neople With the beginning of the new year

there is every reason to hope that the past twelve months of prosperity are only the harbingers of what is to come. The spirit of harmony which seems to exist to a more marked degree between capital and labor; the substantial the warm human fellowship and revfooting upon which the most important ndustries of the country have been ced during the past season, and the reasing foreign demand for Ameri- able, products, indicate that the coming r will be a period of unusual busis activity. With the balance of forgn trade on our side, and the wheels home industry busily revolving, H safe to predict that the year 1898 Il be the pattern year of an epoch Republican good times.

Unvious persons should not attach much significance to the fact that resuscitation of the Leisenring ernatorial boom has been followed a heavy snow storm.

New City Assessment,

the new trienalal city assessment upleted vesterday increases the tovaluation of property in this city an and in round figures over the as ment of 1897, which was merely a cision of the triennial assessment of rev years ago. By the assessment ambered yesterday the present board, S. Fowler, William Dawson and aristian Fickus, will be judged. The ectal assessment made under their section for 1597 was declared illegal y the courts and they had to content temsetves with correcting and mak g necessary additions to the assessnt of 1895. "There has been much plaint about the assessment used by the last three years the brunt Ich the present assessors unjustly had to bear.

In the assessment which was declared Megal last summer, they endeavored to place the assessment of property in the various narts of the city upon a more equal footing and at the same time increase the city's rev-enue. In preparing the assessment ompleted yesterday they were actuted by the sume ideas and have sucreeded in increasing the valuation of property assessable for city purposes two and one-half millions of dollars. They also believe the valuations placed on property generally are more equitable than those contained in the previous reservement. Whether or not this is true a few months will determine. At all cents it can be said that the assessare honestly striving in the right etion

They showed most commendable celeriny in propaging the assessment for it has been completed several months earlier than is usual.

The Jersey City fire commissioners ard making investigations of the new |

be assured that Northeastern Pennsyl in Victoria de les Tunas. Since we cap-tured Guisa, which is now a free town in vania will not reciprocate in kind. assession of the Cuban republic, we have The wisdom of this decision will be whipped the Spaniards at Guamo and Cauto del Embarcadero. We control the vindicated in due time. Mr. Leisenring may not be nominated, but so long as auto River to the sca. Today, Dec. 14, Gen. Paudo, with his 15,600 Spanish soldiers and his squadron of ten gunboats, means he and they will preserve their five steamers, and six smaller shins, has self respect and can cherish the hope given up the fight and according to my of re-entering state politics upon peradvices, intends to retire. [This has since been verified.] I wish to announce here haps a more propitious occasion withthat Cuba is now absolutely free in all the extensive territory of Santiago con-trolled by my troops. We have tweive out a record which will arise to damn

important towns where the people, pro-tected by the Cuban army, five quietly under the laws of the republic of Cuba; It may be that the ceremonial obervance of New Year's day is decreasand we have accomplished this by our own efforts, without any foreign aid, and fighting against the immense armies sent ing, but there should be no decline in by Spain to crush us. crent recognition of Divine Providence "The Spaniards calumniated my army that have in earlier times made the

and myself when they found it impossible longer to conceal the news of their sev-cral defeats. In the first place it is a Spanish lie that the force with which I day especially distinct and pleasur-

took Guisa numbered more than 5,000 men. My forces and those of Gen, Jesus Rabi in that attack did not number more The Philadelphia Inquirer now offers his remark: "Mr. Connell, who con than 1.300 men. I have under my orders 12,000 soldiers, but with them I cover all our strategical positions in this territory. Of the 1.300 men that I commanded at Guisa, nearly 1,000 did not enter the baf-tle. I had them ready on the road from Bayemon to mark any formula before trols The Tribune, should not expect to win delegates by attacking Colonel Stone's campaign. If he really wishes to carry the convention let him make Bayamo to meet any Spanish column coming to the rescue of the town, Guisa was taken, as Victoria de las Tunas was an intelligent and progressive campaign, acknowledging the absolute cight of every Republican to have his taken, by the dynamite gun, an admirable war machine in charge of good Cu-ban officers, and particularly Juan Miguel wn personal choice. If he wins, the Inquirer will be most happy to sup-Portuondo, a young man bred in the United States, where he completed an enport him; but, by way of a gentle hint. gineering course and thoroughly studied the use of explosives. At Victoria de as he should not permit his newspaper to ttack the state committee for taking Tunas I made him a licutenant. He had hand in this preliminary canvass, for been simply a private in charge of the gun. When the Spaniards surrendered their chief told me that they believed durthis charge, which The Tribune apparatly has copied from another newsing the siege that 'the fiendish machine' was operated by some foreign officer, who paper, is unqualifiedly false, and certainly false charges savor of bushhad come to Cuba especially for that purpose. I then presented to them Lieuten-ant Portuondo, almost a lad, and the oth-cr young officers of my corps of artiflery. whackism. Let us have a full and open canvass, free from bossism, and let, the Republican voters settle the I recommend the dynamite gun to the friends of Cuba who help us abroad. I repeat what I have often written to the question of the selection of a candidate or governor in their own way. Let us United States, that with six dynamite guns of the largest size we can free Cuba from east to west. have this canvass, too, free from blus-

Since Satan rebuked sin we recall no "I protest against the calumny that we arallel instance of effrontery equal to have assassinated women and non-com-batants. I leave that honor to the Spanthe Inquirer's assertion that The Tribsh generals. My troops, composed not of pired ruffians, like the Spanish guerrillas. me, or anybody connected with it, has attacked Colonel Stone's campaign." nor of ignorant peasants of Spain, like the Spanish regulars, but of free men, who have volunteered ineir services, without any pay, for the noble cause of We have before us the files of The Inuirer covering the past year and also of other newspapers reputedly identireeing their country, are incapable of Ged with the Stone campaign, and we such cowardice and cruelty. The latest of my officers to join me belongs to a good and refined Cuban family and I am an if necessary show that before The Tribune said one word in deprecaready to match him with the first of the Spanish generals in the matter of edu-cation and all the characteristics and action of the unfair tactics employed by Colonel Stone's managers, column complishments of a gentleman. We are not assassins; we are patriots. In strict compliance with the laws of the Cuban after column of premeditated and unprovoked attack has been made through the columns of these newscopublic we shoot the irregular Spanish papers and in other ways upon uerillaros whenever we catch them, ause they murder sick and wounded Mr. Charles W. Stone, Mr. Leisans when they raid Cuban hospitais, and enring, Mr. Connell and other genalso massacre Cuban women and chil-dren. When I was last in New York, and Americans read the reports of such Spintlemen mentioned as possible competitors of the Allegheny congressman, apsh barbarities. I never found a single on parently for no other purpose than to ho did not agree with me that these indits, under the protection of the Span misrepresent them before the people and if possible get them out of Colonel sh flag, ought to be punished with death I have confidence in the courage of the Cubans in the field and in the patriotism of the Cubans abroad. If the latter con-In this campaign of oushwhacking the Philadelphia Inpulrer set the pace, and the audacity tinue to supply our army with arms and ammunition our final triumph is very near. I answered some days ago General with which it now tries to pose as injured innocence because patience on Pando's ridiculous proposal that 1 sur-render with the statement that the waters of the Cauto river would soon be The Tribune's part has ceased to be a waters of the Cauto river would soo red with Spanish blood, and it was virtue, while interesting from a histronic point of view, will not, we opine,

"My opinion about autonomy is already known. We are lighting for independence, The Tribune, it is needless to add.

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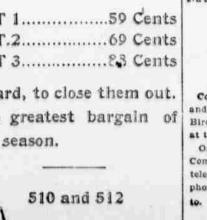
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