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Probably as good an answer as it is worth while to make to the W. A. Stone boomers who think they can floor William Connell politically by asserting his unpopularity among laboring men would be to point to Mr. Connell's vote for congressman in 1896, a vote largely cast by men who work for daily wages.

Senator Hanna's Defeat. The election yesterday at Columbus of the anti-Hanna candidate for speaker of the Ohio house of representatives by the decisive majority of 5, combined with the organization of the senate by the same forces, presages the early retirement of Mark Hanna from the senate of the United States.

In the national campaign of 1896, and even before that time, during the preliminary canvass for the Republican presidential nomination, Mr. Hanna displayed qualities of generalship which marked him prominently as a leader of men.

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ceiving nobody behind the scenes, least of all General Weyer; and that if the necessity should arise, Sagasta would have to fight his threats against the Dutchman or face a revolt in the army which would speedily make of Valeriano Weyer the most interesting personage in the entire Spanish-Cuban problem.

Sagasta's effort to discredit Weyer is not meant for home consumption but for the blinding of American eyes. Weyer is still the big fly in the Spanish ointment and nothing since Garcia Paedo scurrying home has so effectively revealed as does this manifesto episode the trust upon which Spanish sovereignty in Cuba is now resting.

From a Scranton point of view it would be highly interesting to learn exactly what reasons impel the movement in Wilkes-Barre for a third-class charter. The opinion hereabouts is that by such a change the taxpayers of our neighboring city would jump out of the frying pan only to plump directly into the fire.

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ment of the United States to let Her fall pass into the possession of some other power, thus deliberately throwing away the key to the Pacific.

Those Ohio boaters forget how sad it would make Hon. Joseph Benson Foraker to be compelled to attend Marcus Aurelius Hanna's political funeral.

In connection with the Greater New York experiment Mr. Platt gets the credit, Mr. Croker gets the offices and the public, as usual, gets left.

"To be an American," says former Ambassador Bayard, "is a safeguard in London." It ought to be a safeguard everywhere.

If General Pando doesn't like his job in Cuba was known of no great public void which would be created by his resignation.

It begins to look as if the premier of Spain were preparing the air-cushions for a heavy downfall.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Anacetus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will notice that the fellows with the thinnest skins are generally the most anxious to throw dirt at others.

This is seed time with the ice men. The golden harvest will occur next fall when the bills are presented.

In the matter of farwell appearances Prince Bismarck would seem to be a dangerous rival to the divine Partii.

One of the greatest objections to the board of control seems to be in the fact that the members can read and write.

As a matter of economy many have been obliged thus far to observe faithfully the New Year "swear off" resolutions.

Many men who imagine that they are keen as the eagle often find themselves surprised to find that they are the "chicken."

Hopeful Business Outlook for 1898. From the Philadelphia Ledger.

A BRIGHTENING business outlook is reported from so many portions of the country that the year 1898 is to be notably prosperous year.

The encouraging prospect is not reported from a few localities, but it seems to be widespread and includes many representative centers of commercial activity.

From the Chicago Clearing House, representing the colossal transaction of the West and Northwest, comes the cheerful intelligence that the clearings for the past year show a handsome gain over those of 1896.

The heavy balance of trade in our favor is resultant upon the dimensions of our export trade, unprecedented in our commercial history.

Of the smokers 16.9 per cent. were found to have some affection of the respiratory tract, while only 10.6 per cent. of the non-smokers were thus affected.

It has long been agreed that with the young smoking is not conducive to good health. To the ordinary adult it is probable that smoking in moderation is by no means hurtful.

From the New York Sun. If congress should decide that the government may properly take charge of the savings of the people, agreeing to pay thereon 2 and 3 per cent. interest, it is not impossible that within a very short period it would have accumulated hundreds of millions of dollars.

So far so good; but suppose that just about the time Mr. Gary had all his new postoffices ready to do business, the depositors, out of whose savings they had been built, should put in a demand for their quarters and half dollars, how could he satisfy them?

The proper function of the government is to enact such legislation which will make savings possible and not to worry itself about their collection and investment.

PRODUCTIVE POWER OF UNITED STATES. M. G. Muhlall, in North American Review.

It appears that, as regards quantity, three Americans now export as much as five did twenty years ago.

The quantities of food yearly exported are sufficient to feed 100,000,000 persons in Europe.

THE END APPROACHING. From the Washington Star.

The plain understanding seems to be that Spain is playing her last card.

THE TWO KINDS OF COAL. From Seward's Review.

The anthracite trade has grown in past years, as is shown in the fact that in 1859 the shipments reached 3,538,800 tons.

THE NEED OF THRIFT. From the Chicago Record.

Habits of wastefulness are not conducive to the best development of a people.

EVIL EFFECTS OF SMOKING. From the Medical Record.

In the Journal of the Russian National Health Society for September last, Dr. Mendelsohn contributes an account of the results of some observations made by him a few years ago.

The tabulated figures relating to the effect of smoking on the health are very interesting, and if accurate go further to emphasize the fact that smoking is detrimental to the health of the young.

GOLDSMITH'S BAZAAR.

Taking Inventory

Will be one of our principal occupations this week, but the Bazaar will be open just the same, and all of the so-called bargains that you may read about in other advertisements can be obtained here.

In accordance with our usual custom, thousands of dollars worth of reliable merchandise will be laid aside during inventory for our

January Clearance Sale

therefore, we will have some interesting store news for you in a very few days. GOLDSMITH BROS. & CO.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

Lewis, Kelly & Davies wish the peaceful, honest people of the world a happy New Year. We are happy because we live in one of the most prosperous cities in one of the best countries in one of the largest states and the greatest country that man is privileged to live in.

RELIABLE Clothing at reliable prices, has always been our motto. Quality unexcelled, prices the lowest.

BOYLE & MUCKLOW, 416 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

FINLEY'S BLANK BOOKS

Special Sale of FANCY SILKS For This Week.

Happy New Year to All.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO. 119 Washington Avenue.

HILL & CONNELL'S Furniture

Such a choice stock in select from cannot be found elsewhere in this part of the state.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS.

WRITING DESKS, LOUNGES, DRESSING TABLES, WORK TABLES, FANCY TABLES, EARLY CHAIRS, CHEVAL GLASSES, GILT CHAIRS, PARLOR CABINETS, INLAIN CHAIRS, MUSIC CABINETS, ROCKERS, CUBIC CABINETS, SHAVING STANDS, BOOK CASES, PEDERALS, FANCY BASKETS, TABOURETTES.

MT. PLEASANT COAL AT RETAIL.

Coal of the best quality for domestic use and of all sizes, including Buckwheat and Birdseye, delivered in any part of the city at the lowest price.

WM. T. SMITH

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