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and Spanish atrocity in Cuba.

first stone.

Prostituting the Theatre.

view of the audience. The newspapers

freely denounce the play, but the peo-

ple nevertheless flock to see it, as they

do to another play in another house,

most equal realism. Mind you, these

are not low-down variety theatres.

Of course such productions as these

of being morally bespattered.

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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For School Director. Three Years-PETER NEULS, Eleventh ward Three Years-D. I. PHILLIPS, Fifth ward. Two Years-E. D. FELLOWS, Fourth Two Years-F. S. GODFREY, Eighth One Year-F. S. BARKER, Seventcenth ward. One Year-ELIAS EVANS, Fifteenth Election Day, February 15,

Mr. Connell does not "imagine that his election to represent this county at journalism. Washington also implied a complete surrender of party thought, preference and action in state and local matters by the Republicans of Lackawanna." In this respect he makes a representative different from Hon. Joseph A. Scranton.

Electioneering for Trouble.

The precedent set by the Penrose-Newitt wing of the Republican party in Philadelphia Wednesday in bolting the regular city convention is one which may return to plague those who engineered it. From this distance it is impossible to distinguish intelligently all the equities of the issue between Martin and Penrose and between their respective followers, but it requires no telescope to perceive that by every law of party usage the Newitt bolt was unjustifiable. With eyes open and an attempted rape, committed in full hands active the supporters of Newitt had made their fight and been fairly beaten. It was their place as Republicans, then, to acquiesce in the result: instead of that, the reports show that they entered the convention determined to seize a pretext for walking out, and had made all necessary plans. for holding afterward a rump convention of their own.

Primarily, of course, this affair concerns Philadelphians chiefly, but certain circumstances entering into it give to it a state-wide interest. It is wellknown, for instance, that among the forces supporting Newitt are many Republicans of greater or smaller prominence who are aggressively committed to the gubernatorial candidacy of Colonel William A. Stone. These men. through their organ, the Philadelphia, Inquirer, have boasted that they will control the next state convention and that Republicans who do not like their style need entertain no expectations of subduing them in that convention. But by their own example in Philadelphia they make it possible for a bolt of their opponents to occur at Harrisburg on June 2, followed by the nomination of an Independent Republican candidate for governor with all that that might imply. What is sauce for the goose, ought, one would naturally suppose, to be sauce also for the gander.

of play to keep away from Scranton. Apart, though, even from this aspect of the case, the Philadelphia The sudden cessation of the civil serwrangle is especially deplorable at this vice debate in the national house of time because it tends to strengthen representatives has been a source of the popular impression, in which we

Herald, once the unquestioned leader in the new warship built for Japan at news gathering throughout the world, the Cramps' ship yards which will be was filling its columns from day to day launched on January 20. Instead of the with news from Cuba that in the main usual proceeding of breaking a bottle contradicted and discredited itself, the of champagne on the deck of the vessel, Philadelphia Press appreciated correct-Miss Long will be required to release a ly what kind of news the American white dove which will rise upon the air public wanted and would believe, and as the big battleship, Kazagi, glides it secured and printed it, carrying coninto the water. viction to hundreds of thousands of Seth Low was an expensive bit of Americans who had hitherto set down

luxury to the Citizens' union of New as doubtful or greatly exaggerated the York. The lending of his radiance, previously current stories of suffering together with the attendant magiclantern shows, brass bands and other We do not know that the New York accompaniments of an orthodox cam-Herald has sold out to Spain or that paign, cost \$148,554.64, leaving a balit would sell its news columns to anyance in the treasury of the union to body; on the contrary we trust and bethe embarrassing amount of \$13.73. lieve that it would not; but we do But then it is something to have a know that the Philadelphia Press has balance. done its work in Cuba honestly, efficlently and from a lofty sense of duty,

It is said that David B. Hill asked and that in such work as it has done Senator Murphy and ex-Governor and is doing there is conspicuously Flower to let him edit their Albany visible the power and legitimacy of real Argus and they turned him down. Of a truth are the mighty fallen!

People who have seen Mrs. Luetgert Simmered down, the hue and cry are becoming more plentiful out West raised by the Wanamaker people against Senator Saylor, whom Presithan the discoverers of the "woman in dent McKinley recently appointed black" in the East a few years ago, consul to Matanzas over their protest. It is strange that prophets who forewas that he tried to collect from the tell dire calamitles seem to take the state, while serving it in the legisla-

most comfort in contemplation of their ture, a large expense account. In this respect he may have erred, although own prognostications. he merely followed custom; but it is It begins to look as though some of doubtful if among his critics there is one sufficiently free from the same habit to be warranted in hurling the strayed into the Seminole Indian reservation.

If Corbett could fight as furiously as

he can bluff, what a fistic wonder he One of the theatres in New York hawould be! bitually patronized by the best people is presenting now to crowded houses a play the chief incident of which is

England's Way as Compared to Our's.

From the Philadelphia Press.

treating the forbidden theme with al-SP HIRTY years ago four or five Eng-HIRTY years ago four or five Eng-lishmen were seized and impris-oned by King Theodore of Abys-sinia at Magdala and England spent \$80,000,000 in freeing these men and teaching Theodore and other savage kings that it was dangerous to touch Englishmen. The lesson was learn-ed as the news spread from the Atlantic west of Africa to the Pacific east of Asia. Everywhere English traders and English trade are the safer for the Abyssinian war. The money spent on that expedi-tion has come back a thousand fold. It was as shrewd an investment as any where filth in stage suggestion is an expected stock in trade, but places hitherto reputedly respectable, to which men and women of character might, it was supposed, go without risk

are exceptional just as the indelicate novel is exceptional. It is as unfair to was as shrewd an investment as any great trading nation ever made, condemn unreservedly the theater for abuses found in it as it is to condemn If our trade is to be safe and our com the church because among its membermerce to extend in safety our citizens must be protected in the same fashion. ship are hypocrites and frauds. The must be protected in the same fashion, and outside of a small group of Euro-pean countries force its the sole meas-ure of safety. In Turkey this country has a number of citizens, some selling goods and some Bibles, some trading and some preaching. This is of no conse-quence. They are all citizens alike and demand and deserve the same protection. Two years ago, at Harput, and at other points, the houses of some of these citi-zens were burned, their property plun-dered and destroyed and their lives put in grievous peril. Turkey has given them stage is abused in many ways, yet for all that we must admit its usefulness as a means of public entertainment and instruction. The time has come, though, when friends of the stage must rally to its protection and to its purification or else see it fall completely into odium. New York may have a sufficiently elastic sense of the dered and destroyed and their dyes part in grievous peril. Turkey has given them no redress and flatly refuses any. Our government has pleaded two years. It can plead forever. If our citizens are proprieties to tolerate dramatic carnalty verging on unabashed bestiality, but we question if that kind of degracan plead forever. If our citizens are to remain safe in Turkey and elsewhere--for this question is as wide as the world and narrow as any one land--it will only be by the use and display of force. No other plea counts. Turkey has no fleet. No Aslatic power, except Japan, has, With an American squadron in Turkish waters these claims will be settled in a day. Without it, justice will never be done. dation is characteristic of what New Yorkers sometimes superciliously call "the provinces." We advise this sort

done

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Austria and collect these claims by

WHY THE HEATHEN RAGE.

From the Philadelphia Press

From the Philadelphia Press. That the Spaniards should rage and fume over American projects to aid the suffering Cubans is to be expected. Such an attitude is the logical outcome of the situation and is the patural tendency of the Spanish character, which is essential-ly cruct. Part of the rage doubtless is due to the feeling that the necessity of this aid proclaimed officially by the United States government renders it im-possible for Spain to pose before Europe as waging war under civilized conditions. Americans, being familiar with the facts as to Spanish atrocities, forget that Con-tinental Europe knows little and cares less about the Cuban campaign, and even in England the official Spanish view is more or less accepted as authentic. But the president's call for aid will re-echo in many a capital beside Madrid, and a new light be thrown upon the actuali-ties of Spanish warfare. Hence Spanish rage. The exposed never take the ex-posure gracefully.

THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

From the New York Sun. It is a very difficult question, which-ever way you look at it, but one fact is demonstrated by all attempts at prohibi-tion, and it is that the law cannot keep people from drinking, on Sunday and on all days, if such is their inclination. If total abstinence is adopted it must be as a personal and individual matters. a personal and individual matter; it can-not be enforced on society. If there is any drinking at all, some drunkenness is inevitable, of course, but personal lib-erty is priceless. Moreover, if the sale of liquor is reprehensible; its purchase

It begins to look as though some of the Cuban war correspondents had strayed into the Seminole Indian reserpublic mind is logical.

Why He Thanked Shilark. "Old Shilark savs he is the man who started you on the road to fortune." "The old villain tells the truth. All had when I was a young man was a fifty. acre farm and he cheated me out of that, Then I had to come to town to get some-thing to do and got into business and got rich."-Indianapolis Journal.



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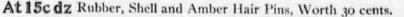
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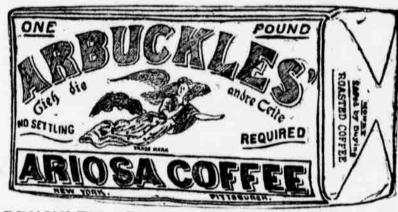
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to cleanse the Republicanism of this a sound drubbing from time to time. This impression prevailed very generally throughout the state even before

the hauseating methods of Andrews & Co., repeated from 1890, again came before the public's attention; but it will be very perceptibly emphasized if in shopping campaign as "defenceless," the citadels of Republicanism the par- A Chicago girl has demonstrated that ty strength is to be expended in fruitless guerilla warfare having no other incentive than jealousy and pique. from being defenceless is in reality a "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad" is a proverb which might be advantageously studied by those who now so nimbly disport amidst the dry grass carelessly swinging lighted torches dripping with fire.

Until there has been an experimental trial of the so-called Crawford county driving him to a hasty retreat. system in city primaries, would it not be precipitate to adopt that system in the county? Why not see first whether the change would be a change for the better?

Upright Journalism.

use in good society by males. The If the charge, printed recently in the despatch with which the Chicago girl Sun, is untrue that the New York Herpicked the weapon from her head and ald is in the pay of Spain, under an inserted it into the anatomy of the car arrangement made directly with robber the other day, causing him to Premier Sagasta, it is strange that the retreat with a yell of pain, shows that Herald does not bring a legal action the hatpin is more handy than the hip against the Sun. The accusation was pocket razor. With a modern hatpin not vague but specific; names and dates carefully sheathed in her headgear, were given, and moreover presumptive therefore, it is easy to see that a resomotive was shown. As bearing upon lute, up-to-date woman is a person not this fact it is interesting to note that to be trifled with.

the Herald has at Havana a representative whose mission it is to wait upon the Spanish authorities and get from them the Spanish version of each occurrence bearing on the Cuban insurrection. It is not believed that the Herald shows equal consideration to the other side,

Be the truth as to this point what it may, however, it is interesting to contrast with the Herald's alleged course that of an indisputably honest journal like the Philadelphia Press. Until recently the newspapers of Philadelphia have not aspired to be original gatherers of large news from other lands, having been content to rely for such information upon the general press assoclations or upon arrangements made with the papers of New York. Lately, however, the Press has taken hold of news gathering in a way indicative of a desire to lead. During the Vene- Mr. James I. Blakslee having been for sentatives to Caracas, who sent back a series of dispatches and letters of

genuine and unique interest. Early in the Cuban war it had a wellequipped news bureau of its own in Cuba; and within the last fortnight, that the sealskin is much easier to through the letters sent to it from Havana, Matanzas and other news centers in Cuba by its implicity trustworthy chief Washington correspond-

light on the status of affairs in Cuba officials will do well to follow in future. than has been shed by all the sensation- The Japanese minister, Mr. Toru Hoshi, al "yellow" journalism since the insur- has asked Miss Helen Long, daughter

ceneral gratification, Many had looked by no means concur, that the only way for an endless season of talk on the subject which would have consumed state and to subdue those elements in much valuable time. The fact that the it which are bound either to rule or to debate was ended so soon is an indiruin it, is to administer to the party cation that the fifty-fifth congress proposes to devote some time to work.

The Deadly Hat Pin.

It is no longer proper to speak of woman fully attired for the street of when possessed of the regulation hatpin the average woman of today far very dangerous personage. This young woman was riding in a street car, when two robbers seized the conductor and attempted to rob him. The crime would have been successful but for the young woman, who drew her hatpin

and charged upon one of the roobers. completely discountenacing him and

By this act the Chicago girl has given the hatpin a startling prominence as a weapon of war. The modern hatfastener is often nearly as large and as formidable as the stilletto and razor that have been by law banished from

The passing of the Montrose and Tunkhannock railway into the hands of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company may mark an important event in the existence of the road. The Montros railroad is a narrow-guage line which was constructed from Montrose to Tunkhannock about twenty-five years ago. It has always acted as a feeder to the Lehigh Valley, and has been one of the convenient outlets for farm products from the richest fields of Busquehanna county. Heretofore the road has cut no figure save as a local affair, but it is believed by many that the guage of the track will soon be changed to the standard and that the road will be extended from Montrose to Binghamton, thereby greatly increasing its value as a feeder for the Valley road. The road has in past been controlled

An exchange suggests that Uncle Sam drop the sealskin sacque and pay more attention to Abdul Hamid. This would be good advice but for the fact manipulate just at present than the cuticle of the Sultan of Turkey.

many years its president.

The Japanese have inaugurated ent, Mr. Gibson, it has shed more real pretty custom that the American naval rection begam' While the New York of the secretary of the navy to christen

These claims are in themselves small. The safety of Americans is everything, Unless the claims are settled the safety of every American will be lessened from Morocco to China, and safe trade turns on a safe trader. Cuba and its possible risks have thus far engrossed the attention of our government and made it nec-essary to keep our fleet in our own wat-ers. The time cannot be distant, how-over, when this necessity will be over,

Moreover, we are adding to our battle-ships. The earliest possible moment should be taken to imitate the example

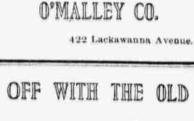
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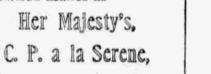




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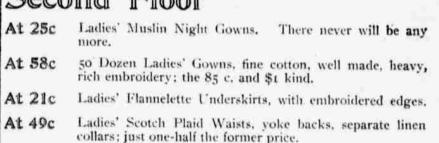
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