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Undoubtedly the happiest spectators of the pending effort to ascertain the legal status of the Scranton board of control are those candidates for school directorship honors who had the foresight to reserve a place under both umbrellas.

Senator Quay is without doubt the ablest politician in the country; a man of wonderful qualities, whose equal after he shall have retired may not appear for a generation.

On a battle-field, too, it is believed that he would easily take rank among the greatest living commanders. His resource in strategy, in accurate estimating of men, in the ability to formulate a plan of action without discovery of its details to the enemy and in the facility with which he rises to emergencies and comes luckily out of surprises, is well-nigh inexhaustible.

His besetting sin—and we propose to be as frank in criticism as in praise—is laziness. He is prone to procrastinate. His self-confidence is not egotistical, it is rather philosophic, but it often gets him into trouble which a little prompt activity on his part, put forth at the right time, would have averted.

No man has suffered more from newspaper criticism and caricature than David R. Hill, yet he openly opposes the Edgewood bill, saying that an honest public man need not be afraid of the criticism or witticisms of the press, and he is right.

The fact which stands out most prominently in the statement of the county commissioners for the fiscal year ended Jan. 2, 1898, is that non-taxable costs, court expenses and prison expenses aggregate nearly \$200,000, or about \$1 apiece for every voter in the county.

It would be an interesting study, if one had the time, to tabulate the statements of the commissioners' statements since the creation of the county and to note in what ratio the court costs have grown as compared with the growth in population.

one court. Lackawanna, with three times Franklin's population but also with three courts, would consider herself fortunate to get through the year's criminal dockets in twelve weeks.

The Cuban Junta, it is said, has instructed General Gomez to hold himself in readiness to co-operate with the American navy in reducing Havana.

How to Get at Pension Frauds. In the North American Review this month there is an article upon the continually recurring pension question which is very liable to stir up a hornet's nest.

Representative Mahaney, of Buffalo, views the admiration of the patriotic everywhere the other day when in fiery terms he called attention to the members of the New York "409" who made attempts to honor Viscaya while the Spanish war was in progress.

Some Paragraphs of Casual Comment. N-SHERIFF CLEMENS appears to be one of the happiest men in the city these days and has a very happy family. He is a private citizen.

One does not always have to look towards New York for the real thing in yellow journalism. The Williamsport Sun the other day produced a "scare head" article printing of a rumor to the effect that an attempt had been made to assassinate Minister Woodford.

Sam R. Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, is again at the front as an author and publisher. His latest production is entitled "Daniel North of Wyoming." Some time ago Mr. Smith endeavored to stimulate the literary people of the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys to greater efforts by the publication of a magazine to which all were invited to contribute.

It is to be hoped that the house judiciary committee at Washington, will listen attentively to the presentation this morning by representatives of the Lackawanna bench and bar of arguments for the creation in Pennsylvania of a new federal judicial district.

The New Brunswick preacher who denounced the women of his congregation who confessed themselves exhausted because of playing cards until 2 o'clock in the morning, had certainly grounds for complaint, but his argument according to Anthony Comstock's statistics, six people have committed suicide in one year on account of losses at cards which scarcely have much weight.

The danger point. From the Philadelphia Press. The Spanish ministry and public are scarcely considered by Americans in discussing the chances of collision between the United States and Spain, but the present Spanish situation is the most serious and perilous element in all the various factors which make for peace or war.

religious enthusiasm because many people annually kill themselves as a result of going mad over religion.

It seems evident as the days go by that the yellow press of the country is steadily and surely bringing itself into general disrepute by the manner in which it is manufacturing and publishing sensational despatches concerning the present difficulties with Spain.

The practical result of this is that if the Maine disaster ends in a diplomatic demand for indemnity Spain is in a situation and Spanish public opinion in a posture which may make it practically impossible for a Spanish Minister to do anything but refuse and court war.

THE COST OF KLONDIKE GOLD. From the Philadelphia Press. Unless all signs are misleading or there should be a sudden change in the aspect of national affairs the country is likely to witness this year an exodus to the Klondike and Alaska such as has not been seen in the United States since the rush to California in 1849.

Will it pay these men to travel thousands of miles to hunt gold in a frozen region? A very simple calculation will show whether it will or not.

Beginning at San Francisco the distance to the Klondike by the way of the Yukon river is 4,500 miles. If the overland route from Juneau is preferred the distance from San Francisco to Dawson City is about 2,200 miles.

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long courage than occur in Spanish annals. Here the Spaniards will not fight in nonsense, but in the century since Wellington recorded the brutal judgment that his dispositions uniformly made capital of his foe had no Spanish troops, because in action they were worse than worthless, there has been no reason to revise this opinion.

While impotent in organized warfare, Spaniards possess both pride and individual courage. Failure in Cuba has been an intolerable national disgrace. The monarchy is in grave danger.

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