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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 12, 1898.

Stripped to the core, the Langstaff-Kelley contest means that the taxpayers of Lackawanna are to be mulcted in the sum of \$50,000 to \$60,000 because they chose a county treasurer who didn't suit William S. Langstaff.

Time for Fair Play. In another place we present the complete text of the petition of Senator Quay and confederates asking the supreme court to assign one of its own judges to preside over the trial of the so-called conspiracy cases.

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One sentence from a recent speech by Assistant Secretary of State Hill disposes of a great deal of Mungum criticism. "I cannot believe," said he, "that it is an evil for any people that the Stars and Stripes, the symbol of liberty and law, should float over them."

It is a pathetic ending which has come to the dramatic career of Cuba's foremost warrior and patriot that after spending thirteen years of his busy life in the revolutionary struggle and having been nine times sentenced to death for treason, he should yield to disease ere the long dream of his life, so near completion, could be realized.

In all Cuba we know of no man who could less have been spared, both for Cuba's sake and for our own, than Calixto Garcia. He represented in peculiar manner the high aspiration, the developed scholarship, ability and experience, of his race. A patriot and a gentleman, whose convictions were backed by splendid courage, he had the ripest acquaintance with men and history which was necessary to successful leadership in the great reconstructive movement which awaits the liberated Cuba that is to be, and he was the kind of man to give his whole time and talent to his country's service intelligently and unselfishly.

There may have been misunderstanding of him at the beginning, but toward the last the leaders of our government and all brought in close contact with him came to know the breadth and quality of his noble character and he will be mourned not less sincerely by Americans than by his sorrowing compatriots.

The history of Cuba is one long tragedy and not yet has the peck lifted. But the memory of such patriots as Garcia can hardly fail to make for a nobler and a happier future.

The fresh air these days would be exhilarating but for the accompanying asphalt dust.

A Good Foreign Policy. That is a pretty good foreign policy which ex-Minister Deady propounds in the December Forum. Says he: "I do not want to take part in foreign wars; but I would proclaim it from the housetops that we should intervene in every case in which our material interests are involved. If a hair of the head of an American citizen is wrongfully touched in a foreign country, we are all of accord in saying that immediate redress should be demanded. We agree that we will fight on such an issue. There can be no better cause of war; for, if a government does not protect its citizens, of what use is it? For what purpose are governments organized, except to secure their people life, liberty, and the free pursuit of happiness?"

The protection afforded by a government cannot end with mere protection of the persons of its subjects. It must necessarily extend to the rights of property as well. For instance, shall we be silent, bound by the doctrine of non-intervention and see America excluded from China? Shall we tacitly consent that China shall be closed to us? Shall we unprotestingly agree that one favored nation alone shall have the right to build railroads in China, or any province thereof? Shall we deliberately announce to Europe, now aflame with the fire of colonization, that we have no interest in any disposition it may make of Siam, Korea or China?

"I reassert that it is our duty to

intervene in all matters occurring abroad in which it is to our interest to intervene. I mean our material interest—the interest of our railroads, our merchants, our manufacturers, our ships, our trade, and our commerce. Far be it from us to endeavor to force republican institutions on the people of the world. Far be it from us to wage sentimental or religious wars. Far be it from us to interfere with the operations of any government in its proper territory, be it despotic or free. It is none of our business how Russia, or England, or Germany rules its people. What I do insist on is, that the flag, the world over, shall protect all Americans in their persons, their property and their commerce; and that on all occasions we should demand such protection."

Recent events have put us in a better position than ever before to make such a policy effective.

All indications point to a white Christmas, plenty of sleighing and a double ice crop. It is to be hoped that a portion of these prophecies will be fulfilled at least. Scranton streets would look much better if a charitable mantle of snow were thrown over the accumulated filth thereon.

The Crawford County System.

In reply to many inquiries from voters who say they do not understand the new primary system under which the next Republican city ticket will be nominated, we will state that every Republican who wishes to participate in the ensuing municipal primaries should present himself at the regular polling place on Jan. 14, next, between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock p. m., where an official ballot will be handed to him containing the names of all registered candidates appropriately grouped under the various offices, something like this:

Table with columns for office names and candidate names/wards.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

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