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The anti-expansionists are not as expansive as they were a few weeks ago.

Solving the Race Problem. In a way the president's references to the race problem during his visit to the south have been the most notable made during many years. His visit to Tuskegee had features concerning which the public in general is not yet familiar, Mr. William E. Curtis, who was of the president's party, explains that this visit was earefully planned for the especial purpose of giving the highest and most conspicuous possible indorsement to the work and policy of Booker T. Washington, who wants the negro to fit himself for the duties of citizenship before trying to play a tending role in politics, Mr. Curlis adds: "The governor of Alabama introduced the president and was inclined to be fling. . The scene did not impress him as seriously as it did the visitors from to north. Governor Johnson gushed over the institution and with an air of patronage and proprictorship expressed his gratification and pride in its success, which provoked a pertinent reast from President McKinley, who he ad the governor would persuade the fegislature to increase the appropriation for its benefit, To understand the significance of this reported it rous: to known that the state of Alabama contributes only \$2. son of the \$100,000 which it costs to maintain the institution.

The same writer gives a brief history of this notable institution which it may not be amiss to quote. "It was started," says he "reventeen years ago with one warher and thirty pupils, in a rented sharty church. According to the last report of the principal the attendance last year was 1,047 students-712 boys and 335 girls. These students came from twenty-four states and territories. Nearly the same number are in attendance at this time, representing the same number of states and territories and besides Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamalco, England and Africa. Counting teachers and students there is upon the school grounds a population of 1,200 persons. The industrial training is given in twenty-six different divisions in connection with the academic and religious training. Three hundred and sixty-nine students have received diplomas and certificates in the academic, industrial and billie schools. The graduates are seeking to do a work similar to that of Tuskegee in twentytwo of the states of the union, Nearly 2,700 persons who have attended Tuskeges during the years of its industry without graduating are in many sections doing an excellent work, in addition to the 369 graduates. The success of these men, and wemen among the great masses of the negroes of the south is the proof of the value of the ustitution. The value of the property of the institution is about \$300,000. Instead of one building as at first, the school now has forty-two, counting large and small, nearly all built by students' labor, and 2.267 acres of land. On the two farms conducted by the school are 525 head of live stock, including horses, mules, cows, oxen, sheep and hogs. The Tuskegee method is to allow students to acquire a knowledge of their several trades while working on the buildings and the farm. state and local tickets can be legally With their work they pay their board and get their education at the same time. This is especially helpful to those who find themselves unable to but points 1, 2 and 6 elicit from the pay any part of their tuition. The ordinary charge for board, room, tuition and all the privileges is \$8 a

month. A representative of the Wachington Post, Mr. H. L. West, who accompanied the proddential party, writes in similar yein, saying among other things; Much has been written and printed regarding the normal and industrial institute of which Booker T. Washington is the orincleal, but it is safe to say that neither the president nor any of his distinguished co-travelers had any convertion, much less a realization, of the remarkable work which is being also been nominated and put upon the accomplished by the institute. Hereat Tuskeges a thousand young colored men and women are being taught to make themselves independent in the true sense of the word. They are not learning Greek or distoric or French. but they are being taught how to handle the play, the plane, the sawthe hammer and the paint brush. These are simple and homely tools, but when a young negro has encluded the instituie course he can build a house, run a farm, whose a horse, construct an engine, or cast a forking. If the pupil is a woman, she can name the sick, manage a laundry, cool sew, make butter, or, in tact, he thoroughly trained and skilled in every department of feminine handiwork.

These are no mere assertions. The visible proof was afforded in a procession which, picturesque and entertaining though it was, was still more interest ing because it told of a promise realized. Nearly seventy floats passed in review, on which were displayed every variety of handicraft-the tinner, mak ing his cans, the blacksmith forging a shoe, the dairy making butter, the corpenter con-ructing furniture the architect draw! g oinns. As if all this was not evidence enough of the negro's proficiency when his mind is directed along lines suitable to his capacity, the services of the day were held in a large and handsome chapel built by negroes. All of the plans were drawn by the young men in charge of bricks in the structure were made by

sions; even the electric light was in-The Scranton Tribune | stong: even the electric light was inoming expert electricians. When all this is considered, the beautiful chapel stands as a monument to the negro race. It is the concrete manifestation of the negro brain.

Mr West also says: "When it was

first suggested that the president should

include Tuskeges in his tour, the editor of the local paper, a white man, traveled with Professor Washington to the national capital, and when an accept ance had been secured, the white people of the town yled with each other in rendering every assistance to Professo Washington to make the occasion auccess. No color line is drawn, so far as he is concerned, but his wonderful creative and executive ability and great intelligence are universally concoded and respected. He is to them almost the greatest man in the world. and they remark with satisfaction that only one of his students has ever been before the mayor's court, and in that case a young boy rode a bicycle on a sidewalk. It would be difficult to exaggerate the profound impression which prohibit the nomination of a estate the demonstration of these things made upon the president and his cabinet. This is the solution of the negro problem, said Secretary Long. 'In fact, if seems to me that there is no longer a problem. My heart is not only full of gratitude and admiration for the work that has been accomplished, but I look forward with absolute confidence to the Secretary Wilson is equally enthusiastic. Here is the lesson which teaches us,' he said, that we can face the great problem of our new possessione with equanimity."

And in the meantime the state of Alabama contributes to this wonderful institution the sum of only \$2,500 a

The rejoinder of District Attorney Graham to the petition of Senator Quay asking the Supreme court to give him a fair and impartial trial consists | had. The only complaint against himtions, which is not unexpected. It also asserts the existence of documentary proof that Senator Quay has for years borrowed money from a certain bank without having to pay interest, which If true indicates that he must be a tucky man. The essential link in such a chain of accusations against Quay is to prove that any law has been violated. by him; and unless this link shall be supplied at the hearing before the Supreme court on Jan. 7 the whole prose cution must inevitably collapse from discredited intent and structural weak-

For Ballot Reform.

tary Martin for ballot reform are

strong and well-grouped. His specific

objections to the present beliet laws

include (1) the unwieldy size of the

ballot: (2) the complex character of

the ballot by reason of the duplication

of columns; (3) the withholding of

certificates of nomination until the last

minute allowable, thus clogging the

Dauphin county courts; (4) the use of

arguments presented by Secre-

defective blanks in filing certificates of nomination; (5) the uncertainty as towhat constitutes a legal nomination paper: (6) the inequity of the law as interpreted by the court with regard to the nomination of candidates by political parties having no real existence in fact; (7) the lack of authority in the secretary of the commonwealth to refuse to file nomination papers where a great many of the names purporting to be signed thereto are manifestly fraudulent; (8) the uncertainty of the law requiring nomination papers to be well vouched for by affidavits of signers: (9) the filing of unauthorized certiticates of nomination and nomination papers and (10) the uncertainty as to whether or not a column containing put upon ballot by nomination papers. Most of these objections require neither explanation nor elaboration, secretary of the commonwealth this sharp though timely comment: "Under our present system every political party, which at the preceding general election polled one-half of one per centum of the total vote of the state is entitled to nominate by certificates of nomination and to have a column upon the official ballot. Nominations are also made by nomination papers and body of citizens who can obtain the requisite number of signers are permitted to name a state and local ticket and have a column on the officiai ballot. Entire state tickets have official ballot for no other purpose than to give additional strength to bolting or independent organizations of ; purely local character and intended to be effective only in a single county. It this can be done in one county it can be done in all. If it can be done by one set of men in each county, it can be done by as many as are able to procure the required number of signatures to nomination papers and thus, unless restrained by the courts, there would be nothing to prevent the nomination of one hundred separate tickets, with the same or different state candidates. In such an event the official ballot would contain one hundred columns and be perhaps twenty feet in length. While it is true that such an extreme result is not at all probable, it is not impossible, and its

accomplishment in any instance should be prevented by proper remedial legis-"A political party, whether nominating its candidates by certificate or nomination paper, to be entitled to a paire a state ticket, which must appear in a separate column upon the ballots voted in every county in the state, should in my judgment he general in scope and organization and not confined to a single county or municipality. It certainly could not have been the legislative intent that a few men in one of the counties or cities of the commonwealth, dissucisfied for any reason with the candidates named by the architectural division; the 1,200,999 the regular organizations could, by obtaining a few hundred signatures in students learning the trade of brick- their own immediate neighborhood, students learning the trade of brick- their own immediate neighborhood, making: the entire masonwork was nominate a complete state ticket and gold in disculation on December i done by students pursuing the course impose upon all the other counties the in masonry; all of the lumber was cut expense of printing this ticket in a at the sawmill on the grounds: the separate column, upon the official balprinting was done by the students, the lots, when the ticket was utterly withsteam plant for heating was installed out use or significance except in the by the instructor and boys of the one county where it had its origin.

of the ballot to serve a purpose for which it never was intended, and a most glaring imposition upon the great mass of the people having no interest in a local fight in a remote section of the state. The courts in every case brought to their attention have frowned upon these attempts to pervert the battet to an ignoble use, but the evil should be cured by legislation and not left to judicial determination

year after year. "This objection could be largely removed by the adoption of a form of ballot like that used in Massachusetts, where all the candidates for each office to be filled are assembled in groups in a single column. If, however, so radical a departure from the present system should not commend itself to the general assembly there should at least be a specific legislative declaration as to what constitutes a political party or body of citizens entitled to nominate a state ticket to appear upon the official ballot in all the counties of the commonwealth. And this declaration should be such as will absolutely ticket by a purely local organization for purely local purposes."

It is satisfactory to know that the man who makes these recommendations will be in the next general assembly with probably enough power to enforce them.

The Philadelphia Record weakly atempts to draw a parallel between the appointment of Lou Payn as insurance commissioner of New York and the prospective apopintment of John P. Eikin as attorney general of Pennsylvania. There is no similarity of conditions or circumstances. Mr. Payn was a self-confessed lobbyist, Mr. Eikin, on the other hand, enjoys the personal and professional respect and confidence of everybody who knows him and is admittedly one of the best state chairmen that the party has ever of denials of the petitioner's allega- the so-called indemnity bond-is well understood to be a manufactured pretext for the sake of creating confusion in the public mind. It was a mere thread in an elaborate fabric of political conspiracy which is fast coming to grief under close scrutiny.

> If there is anything in circumstantial evidence Mrs. Botkin, the alleged poisoner of Mrs. John P. Dunning and children, ought to hang. But you never can tell what a jury will do when there's a woman in the case,

If General Comez is alive he should have his birth mark registered at once These constant reports of his death may make it difficult for the old warrior to establish his identity when he sees fit to re-appear in public.

Now that people dare express their preferences in Cuba, the popularity of General Lee with all classes becomes more apparent daily.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1.42 a. m., for Tuesday

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A child born on this day will notice that he pocketbook.

The critic often bath no brain. But in its place the gail That forceth intellectual strain

And efforts that appail. The shrewd girl will avoid getting int rguments with her steady fellow tin-The up-to-date bicyclist will now pro

'59 plate for his wheel. Ajjachus' Advice. heard money at this season

Blow it and make the merchant happy, as Do not be too regular in your habits, especially if they are bad habits.

NEWS AND COMMENT

The exports from the United States the calendar year 1898 will exceed those of any other year. Only twice in the his-tory of the United States have the exports in a calendar year passed the billion dol-lar line; in 1898 they will be a billion and a quarter. During the eleven months of 1898 ending with November they are greater than any full calendar year preceding, the total for the eleven months being \$1.117.681.119, and it is apparent that the December statement will bring th grand total for the year above \$1,250,000, statistics show that the November ex ports were not only the largest for No ember, but the bargest in any month i the history of our commerce. Of bread-atuas the exports for the eleven months ending with November, 1898, are the largest in our history, being \$277,125,341, against \$221,211,617 in the great exporting year of 1892; provisions are for the eleven months \$148,417,550, against \$125,597,607 in the eleven months of 1892. Cotton for the eleven months amounts to \$192,323,321, a figure slightly below that of 1886, though the total number of pounds exported by far exceeds that of the corresponding months in any preceding year, being for he eleven months, 3.436,652,534, or, m ared in bules 6.722.283, a larger total in bules or pounds than that of any full dendar year preceding. The import cord of the year 1898 will be as remark-de as that relating to its exports, but for ulendar opposite reasons, the total imports for the year being less than those of any calendar year since 1885. For the month of November they were but \$2,109,560, which was slightly less than those of No-yember, 1897, and less with three excep-tions than those of any November, since tions than those of any November since 1885. For the eleven months ending with November they were but \$579.844,123, while those of the coresponding months of 1867 were \$601,089,266 and those of the eleven months of 1896, \$622,558,856. The imports for the full calendar year will not exce \$640,000,000, a sum less than that of a calendar year since 1885, and fully \$170 600,000 less than that of the calendar year 1867. The year will show the largest balance of trade in favor of the United States ever presented in any calendar year. The December figures will bring the total excess of exports for the cal-endar year above the \$800,000.000 line while the bigiost excess of exports in any oreceding calendar year was \$357,090,014 is 1897, and \$321,363,685 in 1836. The importa tion of gold will be the largest for an The gold imports for calendar year. The gold imports for a cloven months cading with November a 1349,338,379, while no full calendar years duce 1366 ever reached the 3100,098,000 in and in that year the total for the twee was \$658.986.382 against \$544.99.118 on D cember 1, 1897. The total money in ci-culation on December 1, 1898, was \$1.858 \$79.501 against \$1.721.684.538 on December

The remarks made by President Mc by the instructor and boys of the one county where it had its origin kinley on Sunday before the pupils of the foundry, plumbing and machine divi-

tution for the education of negroes, constitute an admirable sermon, of universal application. Among other things he said: "I congratulate you on what you have done in learning and the acquirement of useful knowledge; on the fact that in the United States there is not a foot of ground beneath the flow with stars foot of ground beneath the flow with stars. foot of ground beneath the flag with stars and stripes on which every boy and every girl, white or black, cannot have as education to fit them for the battle of life education to fit them for the battle of Keep on, is the word I would leave with you today. Keep on in the efforts upon today, Keep on that in acquiring ward, but remember that in acquiring ward, but the same thing as important knowledge there is one thing as important as that, and that is character. Nothing in the whole wide world is worth so much will last so long and serve its possessor to well as good character. It is something that no one can take from you, that no one can give to you. You must acquire it for yourself. There is another thing. Do not forget the home. The home is the foundation of good individual life and of good government. Cultivate good homes, make them pure and sweet, elevate thand other good things will follow. I o gratulate you that this institution is gratulate you that this institution is not only looking after the head but after the hand. I congratulate you that it is not only making good orators but good mechanics. It is better to be a skilled mechanic than a poor orator or an indifferent preacher. In a word each of you must want to be best in whatever you undertake. Nothing in the world commands more respect than skill and industry. Every avenue is open to you. You will Every avenue is open to you. You will solve your own problem. Be patient, be progressive, be determined, be honest, be God-fearing and you will win, for no of-fort falls that has a stout, honest, earn-est heart behind it."

In a letter to the New York Tribune David Walter Brown offers a timely thought upon a tople of uppermost interest. Says he: "The road to safety lies in easting cose, in dealing with the Philippines from past precedents, and in adjusting our relations to them on a new basis suitable to the new conditions arising from their great population. For our safety and theirs, we must recognize from the beginning of our dealings with them that there are but two justifications for our retaining the islands: First, That b the fortune of war we have acquired a foothold in these islands, which is of great importants to aid in accomplishing our reasonable desire to share in the control of the Pacific and the trade of Asia. and, under such circumstances, that we cannot retire without great peril to them second. We remain in the Philippines to throw our powerful shield over them dur ing their development of a higher civiliza-tion and better government than they now have, and to apply in the the results of the training of English-speaking men in promoting justice and true liberty amon them. These islands should be to the United States not a means of enrichment and aggrandizement, but an incentive to effort to benefit the condition of millions of men. To accomplish this benefit to them and secure our democracy from harm the Philippines must be outlying dependencies, with the possi bility of statehood in the Union made so remote as to be beyond present practical

A number of our estremed contemporaries have recently issued special collections of Christmas miscellany and advertising; among them the Times, Free Press and Truth, the Olyphant Gazette, Avoca Argus and Wilkes-Barre Times. The issue of the Truth, which appeared last evening, was the largest and moscarefully prepared, but all had some distinctive recommendation to those who favor this form of journalistic enterprise

The name now mentioned as likely t receive the appointment as secretary of the commonwealth is William W. Greise of Lancaster. Greist is a Quay leader who always comes up to the mark of be promises, is a Republican of clean char acter and forceful ability and is tipped by the political gossips as a certain winner. The rock-ribbed Republicanism of old Lancaster is certainly entitled to recog

A German statistician estimates that it year there is a daily average of 5.65 uniling vessels at sea, with 44.890 men in their crews. Every day, also, 1,504 steam ships, with crews numbering 53,263 mer and 32,565 passengers, are affoat on the Atlantic. This makes a daily ave. agfor the year of 5,155 vessels and 130,727 per ons spread over the whole Atlantic sur

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mas "craze," as he pleased to term it, would soon a out. Never, let us hope, will such be the case. N Christmas time! How selfish we should all become: what a bright spot would drop out of life. No!

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