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If William McKinley can have his way there will be no "crushing" of rebels in either Cuba or the Philippines. Sensible natives will be conciliated and persistent law-breakers arrested and punished. But the military power will wage no war save in self defense.

Roosevelt's First Message.

The first message of Governor Roose velt is a document of widespread interest. It reveals the mentality of a man who seems destined to figure largely in the future politics of this country.

First of all he congratulates the public upon the remarkable success which attended American arms in the just war with Spain, adding: "As we grow into a mighty nation, which, whether it will or not, must inevitably play a great part for good or for evil in the affairs of the world at large, the people of New York wish it understood that they look at all questions of American foreign policy from the most thoroughly national standpoint. The tropic islands we have taken must neither be allowed to lapse into anarchy nor to return under the sway. of tyranny. War is a grim thing at best, but the war through which we have passed has left us not morely memories of glory won on land and sea, but an even more blessed heritage, high-power rifle, preferably that used the knowledge that it was waged from by the regular army. In any event the highest motives, for the good of others as well as for our own national honor, Above all, we are thankful that the country was indeed one when serious danger confronted it."

A targe part of the message is devoted to the consideration of labor interests, In it we find not merely wellrounded phatitudes but many specific rifles. The Springfield musket as a recommendations. After pointing out how many laws enacted ostensibly to first, owing to the limited range, it sufeguard workingmen are virtually inoperative because, of insufficient machinery for enforcement, he recommends that the enforcement of the whole body of labor laws he placed under the board of factory inspectors and money voted for the employment of sufficient assistants to secure enforcement, without fear or favor, A practical suggestion is also offered. concerning the sweatshop evil. "How to enforce the law on this subject, Governor Roosevelt says, "has perplexed the statesmen of other countries and states as well as our own. The most effective and uninquisitive means set devised for accomplishing this end is that recently adopted by Massachusetts, viz: providing that buildings used for manufacturing purposes must have a permit or license, such license or permit to be granted only on condition that the appointments of the building fulfill the recontroments of the law for manufactur-These permits or H censes ought to be granted by the board of factory inspectors, who should be held responsible for the proper inspection of the buildings and the enforcement of the law." At each point the message is clear, cornest and practical. Note what it says about the National Guard: "During the past year the guard was suddenly called upon to supply deficiencies in our scheme of national defense, due to the very small size of our regular army, which was, and is, totally inadequate to the necessities of the nation, admirable though the army itself. is in quality. The emergency was so sudden as to necessitate the calling out of the men of the national guard regiments, the time to raise and discipline ordinary volunteer regiments being lacking. It is much to be hoped that some well thought out plan may be adopted by the national government for the use of the guard in any future war. It would probably prove wisest to order out the guard for use in the United States, thus freeing the regular army for any expedition, at the same time calling for volunteer regiments, into which these guard-men who wished might go; then, when the volunteer force proper had been put in fair condition, the guard could be ordered home. In other words, the guard should be used as it was in the civil war, and should not be called out for foreign service. The identity of each organization of the guard should be preserved. "This calling out of the guard to do the work which should have been done by the regulars, and by special volunteer organizations, caused great hardship, and has resulted in much temporary disorganization in the guard itself. The work which the national of doubt upon the sincerity of the Morguardsmen ought normally to perform differs entirely from that expected gamy when Utah became a state, from regulars. All men who are admitted to the national guard should be physically and morally fit for any soldierly duty, but there are many men who do invaluable service in the guard who ought not to be called upon to serve in long campaigns unless there is urgent need. For instance, a large number of our most useful guardsmen who gladly give their service to the state are men of small means, business men, mechanics, clerks and laborers, with families who are dependent upon their exertions. Ordinary service in the guard does not interfere in the least with these men's work, and absence from their work for a few weeks to meet a special emergency does not cause any great hardship; but absence on a long campaign means the actual loss of the job, with delay in securing another after the return. This causes widespread suffering and hardship.

The Scranton Tribune inen who are eager to volunteer, it is spared.' It is evident that the new governor

of New York is on the side of General Miles in his fight against the management of the military department by politicians, for he says: "A very wise act of the last legislature has, for the first time, put the organization of the guard in this state on a proper footing. We now have a major general who is in fact, and not merely in name, the head of the national guard. The adjutant general is to work in conjunction with him; he is not an independent officer, still less a superior officer. He can up no more than deliver the orders of the governor and act as his representative. The major general has the power, and he should be given every possible facility for the exercise

of this power. If he fails to do his ints or fails to bring the guard up to the proper pitch of efficiency, he should be removed and another put in his place; but so long as he is in office he must be given a free hand. In other words, he must be given full power, so that the responsibility can be settled upon him, and then he should be held responsible for the exercise of this power and respon-

eibility." In the matter of equipping the guard Colonel Roosevelt goes to the heart of the matter, saying: "The lamentable result of keeping the guard armed with archa'c weapons, utterly unfit for modern warfare, was shown very conclusively in the late contest with Spain. It is an understatement of the case to say that a single first-class regiment, armed with the Krag-Jorgenson is worth three regiments armed with a low-power, single-shot, black-powder piece like the Springfield. The national guard should be armed with a small-calibre the cartridge should be the same. The last point is of --- utmost importance. All the fighting forces of this country should use the same cartridge.

It is a great mistake for the army and navy to use different rifles, but it is a greater mistake for the army and the national guard to use different modern arm has two drawbacks. is of small value against a fee armed with high-power repeating rifles. Second, owing to the black powder, it is a source of utmost danger to whoever

uses it, as the smoke that It makes serves as a target, an, the body of mon using it immediately become the object of all the hostile fire from evcry part of the field within range. It

has been proposed as a remedy to supthis could be done, but if done it would merely render the weapon less in his knowledge of methods. He is a man with a future.

should assume a more equitable portion of the cost,

Of all the theories as to the cause of the blowing up of the Maine the one mentioned, but not credited, by Town Topics is the most startling. According to that paper's informant, "the perpetrator of this awful crime is a citizen of the United States. He was employed to bring about trouble between this country and Spain by persons interested in the commercial spoils of a war. He went to Havana and arranged for the launching of a torpedo that was to strike a small vessel lying between the Maine and the Alfonso XII, and so give the Americans an impression that the Spanlards had attempted to blow up

will the country know the truth?

That interesting journal, Town Topes, has a way of stating truths which is refreshing. For example: "Mr. Bryan's nomination in 1900 will mean the election of McKinley as certainly as it did in 1896. No genuine Democrat can for a moment sanction this predestined flasco, Mr. Bryan must be struck off the list of presidential possibilities now and forever Then he may be left to talk himself to death.

The Chicago Record, in an earnest editorial, calls attention to the fact that the present century does not end until December 31, 1900. The popular idea that the century will end next December is all wrong. The twentieth century will not begin until January 1, 1901, so people need not be in haste about becoming poetic over the last year of the nineteenth century.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says he told General Miles that the latter should not have made the army beef scandal public. Secretary Wilson forgets. It was the war investigation commission which did that.

The production of gold in the United States alone last year was enough to age in the yellow metal.

The military plot microbe is becoming less dangerous in Paris.

----Porto Rico pacified herself.

SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Harrisburg, Jan. 4 .- The scene in the new hall of the legislature Tuesday night ply smokeless powder for the present was something to remember. The walls, weapon. It is doubtful whether or not hung in burkap of deep Pempeilan rea, would merely render the weapon less dangerous to the user without ren-dering it much more formidable to the foo. Any such half measure would be a failure. Our national guardsmen are entitled to the best type of weapon." These excepts from a most interest-ing message are sufficient to show that the new executive of New York state is both sound in theories and practical in his knowledge of methods. He is a

pledged, would die for him. He seem to inspire a strange, intense devotion that is in rare instances given to kings who sway by hereditary right, or to sreat military leaders, but seldom to men called "politicians" and almoss never to those we proudly term "states

men." That silent, powerful feeling was unmistakable in the great theong at the Tuesday night caucus. It was not for mere political preferment, not for hope of reward, but for love and honor of Quay-the man. Enthusiasm, indeed: Fortunate is the individual in this big world of pushing, restless mortality, who can command the something which is more than enthusiasm and little less than idolatry,

The legislature in the brand new chamber with its giddy red walls seems almost like an experiment, so new is everything. The room-the building, the peaker, and most of the members are pick span new. There are new clothes and new ideas. It is, in fact, a new legthe Maine. It unfortunately struck islature. Notwithstanding the gover-the American man-of-war." When nor's lugubrious tale of four years' woe and somewhat dubious prognostications.

it looks like a legislature which will do something noble and will be less likely to cause everybody to wish that it as-sembled only once in five years. It would bear a slightly familiar and friend-ly look to look to a Scrantonian, for there is John R. Farr, with his quiet, earnest face, in the speaker's chair. He never seemed a very big man, physically speaking, at home, but somehow he does look taller down here at that big desk, and everybody gives him respectful at-tention and exercise him with honor and and everybody gives him respective at tention and regards him with honor and friendly interest. He makes a splendid presiding officer, and it is a thousand pittes that his thousands of friends in this city could not have heard his speech Tuesday night in seconding Senator Quay's nomination. It created a decided

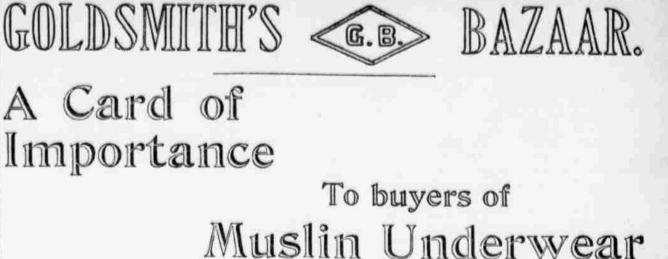
sensation, coming as it did, unexpected-iy, and was really a fine effort. He has a clear, penetrating voice and uses ex-cellent diction. Mrs. Farr was seated at a short distance away and received the ngratulations of many who appreciat ed her husband's work in Quay's behalf on this occasion.

F. W. Fleitz, the reading clerk of the ouse, is another Scrantonian who comes in for a big share of attention. His handsome personality and suavity of manner make him a very popular factor in this year's work. He will probably be deputy attorney general, although the Delaware county people put up a great light for their man Schaffer, Mr. Scheuer is destined to be prominent this session. The clorks, unfamiliar with his name, wrestle with it to the inevitable effect of getting it "Sure," which, after all, is not to had as applying to our Second dis-

trict representative, for he certain straight and sure and honest, and be depended on. Dr. Mackey is regive every American citizen one gold ing endless congratulations for his dollar. This does not presage a short-are in the voltar metal. Triends.

> The house, as a whole, impresses onlooker as comprising a remark handsome body of men who have by and good sense. It is already pred that it will be a great record ses The senate assembles in a pile *s* and gold "apartment" which seem be in artistic harmony with the sm assemblage within its walls. It is that Senater Vauchan is contain of 1 that Senator Vaughan is certain of

recognized on many important co tees. Considerable grunibling is that a Swallow county should be reing such prominent recognition in year's session but then it should t membered that Governor Stone has special need of extra votes but surmounted by Empire festoons in gilt, made a rich background for the sombre-coated throng that surged about the The senate was about the only ce need them they are to be had. The senate was about the only c of interest today, when Senator "He's all right!" being frequently be pulled down to the foundation w card. One by one personages whose names even he and Dr. Swallow both agree been well laid.



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The attempt of Grover Cleveland to form and handsome face rose above the

should stick to his heavy generalities.

Let Wanamaker Step Forth.

several other papers that the logical andidate for United States senator against Matthew Stanley Quay is John Wanamaker, It was he who began the fight against Quay. It was he who capitalized the whole anti-Quay campaign. His money, energy and skill are the direct inspiring cause of the present opposition and it is only common fairness that he should personally reap whatever benefit is to be

The setting up by him of dummy The setting up by him of dummy candidates would be an evasion of re-sponsibility. No man can be elected senator over Quay's political corpse who will not owe his success to Wanamaker: who will not from the Wanamaker: who will not from the Pittsburg. It was an involuntary tribute nature of the circumstances he a cre- of praise from a man who had never felt ature of his, subordinate to his die-tation. The representatives who are other night: "Well. I must say that if tation. The representatives who are following his lead in the matter of I were a woman I should fall violently absenting themselves from the regu- in love with Chris Magee." The first lar party caucus and who propose to hold together as a Wanamaker property until the senatorship is disposed

plified and the people could understand just where they are at.

A practical test in the case of Congressman-elect Roberts casts a shadow mons, who promised to abandon poly-

State Aid to Education.

Of the twenty-nine and one-half millions spent last year in the state of New York for public instruction the commonwealth contributed only a trifle over four millions, not quite oneseventh. In Pennsylvania last year of fifteen millions spent for the same purpose the commonwealth contributed almost half. It is Pennsylvania's boast that she leads all the states in the amount of her contribution to free schools, but it would be a better cause for boasting if it could be shown that the local communities in Pennsylvania asked less state aid and went deeper into their own pokets for this purpose than the local communities in any oth-

er state. The state of course should bear its share of the expense of schools, but

ared in the be sarcastic on the question of ex-throng, John P. Elkin's keen, alert eyes fashed over the mass of faces. Con-THE LACKAWANNA HOSPITAL flashed over the mass of faces. Con-gressman Connell, alertness evident in

every glance, and Senator McCarrell ne at all depressed by the governor's final scolding, were prominent figures. General There is obvious justice in the argu-nent of the Philadelphia Times and whose names are familiar and whose presence is a power, were seen on every slde

Something deeper than interest, more intense than suspense, rippled over the throng as a dignified figure, clad in a cafe au lait hued suit of faultless fit and finish was noted in the throng. The cutrance of no man, save Quay himself, could have produced the sensation made by this man as he took an unobtrusive place at a desk in line with that of the speaker, for he was "Chris" L. Magee himself. Everybody knows of this fareaped from such a political investsenior senator trouble than any other ten

impression one gets of him is in a sen eral appearance of being well groomed. From his slock, handsome head, which erty until the senatorship is disposed of and no doubt afterwards, should demand of their boss that he step forth in open command. Then the situation would be simto those who wore in the secret as he rose to nominate B. F. Jones, the sensa-tion that swept over the audience as he afterward stood in his place and said in firm, ringing tones: "I rise to ask that the nomination of Hon. Matthew Stan-ber Gray he made unanimous" constant

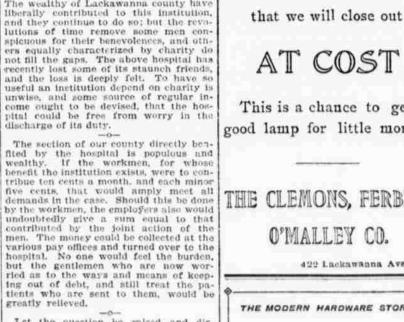
Quay be made unanimous!" carried thrill that they like to recall. Such thunder of cheers, such a swell of applause, such a white sea of handker-chiefs as greeted that marvelously well executed coup-de-tat are not always acorded to a speaker in what certain por

tions of the public press term an "unen-thusiastic caucus." That it was the greatest political stroke in Pennsylva-nia's checkered carser was acknowledged in every quarter, and that C. L. Magee will be elected United States senator six summate grace and tact with which the

To return to the charge made in sev-eral ournals that little enthusiasm way

ral ournais that little enthusiasm was soldom has so much enthusiasm heen. In one of the back counties of South widespread suffering and hardship. It is right to ask them to perform a short term of duty, but not a long term; and the disinclination to enlist for a long term should not be held to in any way reflect on them. If the country needs the services even of men with families, then, whatever the indi-vidual suffering, the service should be freely given; but where the necessity can be met by enlisting some of the tens of thousands of young unmarried

Mayfield, Nay Aug, Dunmore, Wimmers, From the Olyphant Record Maplewood. No one questions the usefulness of the Lackawanna hospital. It has been a May they live long and prosper is the wish of Lewis, Reilly & Davles, the hon-est and most extensive dealers in boots, shoes, rubbers, etc., in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Nos, 114 and 116 Wyoming avenue, Scranton, Pa. Bethel to many a poor man in these com munities, who would undoubtedly have passed away when injured, had he not had the kind nursing and skillful medical treatment freely given in this ben-cyclent institution. The institution de-serves support, and it is a mistake, to let so excellent an organization be handl-capped in its noble work, for the lack of funds. That is the case at present, and it is a matter of concern to many. This institution is a benefit to the poor The well-to-do, when sick or maimed, sel-dom enter a charitable institution, but the poor find them generally a God-send. The wealthy of Lackawanna county have liberally contributed to this institution, and they continue to do so; but the revolutions of time remove some men con-spicuous for their benevolences, and oth ers equally characterized by charity do not fill the gaps. The above hospital has recently lost some of its staunch friends, and the loss is deeply felt. To have so useful an institution depend on charlty is unwise, and some source of regular inome ought to be devised, that the hos-ital could be free from worry in the discharge of its duty. The section of our county directly bea



Let the question be raised and dis-cussed by some of our employers. It should be proposed to our people, and the kindliness that characterizes the workmen of our communities will not be found wanting in this instance.

THE PEOPLE NOT FOOLED.

Syracuse Post-Standard The people as a whole and on the av-

erage cannot be very greatly fooled by will be elected United States senator six years from now is frankly predicted. The beauty of this little scene was the con-summate grace and tack with which the nan in public station, who is rotten in summate grace and tact with which the great leader from Allegheny brought his support to his old time enemy. It was the refinement of art, the climax of po-litical firesse and won for him a place in the hearts of certain men which will be his for life and which will have a in the hearts of certain men which will be his for life and which will have a significant effect on the brillingt carres which shines before him. Little was taiked of yesterday in Harriaburg but "Chris" Magee and the infinite dignity and cleverness in the part played by him in the big game.

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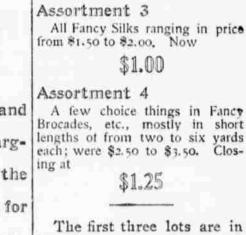
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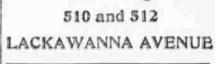
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