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SCRANTON, JANUARY 7, 1899.

One week from today the Republican voters of Scranton will avail themselves of the Crawford county system to nominate a candidate for mayor.

The Will of the Majority.

The assertion of Mr. Wanamaker and his lieutenants that the senatorial caucus of last Tuesday night was not regular is without foundation. It was a caucus duly called by the chairman of the house and senate caucuses of the night before.

To be sure, the decision of a party caucus has no legal power to bind. Members who do not enter it may at their option respect or ignore its decision. But they cannot well claim to be regular party men if they ignore it.

Yet we cannot believe that all of the men who absented themselves from last Tuesday's caucus are of this type. Some of them expect to continue in politics; to go before the party at some future time as aspirants for party honors.

It is said there are 6,500 school teachers in Pennsylvania who are paid less than \$200 a year. The teacher who is not worth twice \$200 is not worth a cent.

The Situation in the Philippines.

The publication to the Philippines of the president's proclamation setting forth the intentions of American military control and giving assurance of honorable purposes must be followed to its legitimate conclusion. Persons offering resistance to our authority must be met by the consequences if they persist, and if this warning is unheeded they must be punished as law-breakers.

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drawn from Holo. The place has been seized by an Asiatic army, whose leaders have a little education, whose rank and file have none and who are close to barbarism. The supremacy of this army means the end of civilization, peace, security, order, progress or self-rule in Holo and Mindanao.

In the report of the police department, as incorporated in Mayor Bailey's annual message, appears this statement: "The total amount of fines collected (during 1898) was \$2,578.50." This money has been received by Mayor Easley. The city treasurer's report, also a part of Mayor Bailey's message, does not show any record of the receipt of this item of fines.

Reorganizing the Guard.

As a basis for the necessary reorganization of the National Guard the Philadelphia Inquirer suggests that instead of the fifteen regiments of twelve skeleton companies, having an aggregate of 684 officers and 7,500 enlisted men, there should be twelve regiments of twelve companies, with a minimum enlisted strength of 75 and a maximum of 100.

The old infantry organization, in its tactical units, was an absurdity that was proven when the time came to assimilate it with the regular army. There were a separate company, a separate battalion of four companies, twelve regiments of eight companies each and three regiments of ten companies each, in all 131 companies.

As regards the form of reorganization our contemporary is unquestionably in line with intelligent public opinion. It might have gone further, however, and said what every well-informed citizen believes, namely, that the National Guard ought to be so reorganized as to become a guard national in fact as well as in name.

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men to woman suffrage which is half so effective in delaying its institution as the indifference of not actual voters. It is said that men who allow to vote males unable to read or write, unless whose votes can be bought and sold at any price from a drink of liquor up, males notorious for depraved instincts and ideals, should not be so sensitive about risking woman suffrage.

An exchange warns the public and press not to laugh at the statements of Nikola Tesla, as wonderful things may yet develop from his researches. No one who seriously contemplates Tesla's proposed inventions would feel like laughing. It is the possibility that he will utilize the roving thunderbolts and other unseen forces, as did the lamented Kely, principally in the newspapers and in presence of stockholders, that makes one feel like indulging in piousness.

It is good to know that the apprehensions which existed at the time Senator Davis, of Minnesota, was asked to be a member of the Paris peace commission, lest factional enemies during his absence should defeat him for reelection, were unfounded.

General Shafter, Wheeler and Wood

each recommended that Colonel Roosevelt be awarded a medal of honor for conspicuous gallantry at San Juan, but the war department, still piqued at the Santiago round robin, intends instead to confer merely a brevet title, which means nothing. It is not important. Roosevelt needs no certificates of bravery. His career is its own endorsement.

In his official position Senor Sagasta seems to be in the predicament of the man who has grasped the handles of a highly-charged galvanic battery and cannot let go.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will notice that man cannot change the spots on his reputation.

Building like war and politics, is a very practical occupation for the high-spirited man.

The season approaches when the landlord believes that some people would not be satisfied with heaven unless it was newly papered at least once a year.

People who observe the city ordinances will throw a little salt on the sidewalk today and look pleasant.

If you want to witness real war just observe a lot of committee work.

Of course Crover has a right to express his opinions publicly. But it's the man who gets him started that should suffer.

Ajachus's Advice. Do not imagine that the industries of Scranton depend upon the burning of coal, unless you wish to be considered soft yourself.

AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Harrisburg, Jan. 6.—Colonel Gilkeson has closed up his affairs as commissioner of banking and gone back to Bristol to practice law and play politics. Deputy Commissioner Morrison is in charge of the department and will hardly be disturbed until after Colonel Stone becomes governor.

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weakness, which had not theretofore existed. Immediately upon receipt of the report of the last special examination I wrote to the president of the bank calling attention to the matters disclosed and demanding an immediate explanation. The very morning my letter was received by the president and it was the first intimation he had of the deplorable condition of the bank.

Colonel Gilkeson recommends that the banking department be reorganized and the whole subject of such associations should be taken up by its legislature. He also makes the following recommendations: That the applications for charters of trust companies and other financial institutions should be submitted to the banking commissioner for his approval. That foreign corporations coming under the supervision of the banking department and applying for authority to transact business in this state, should be submitted to the commissioner of banking for his approval.

There are on the books of the department 1,290 building and loan associations, of which 58 are corporations of other states permitted by law to do business in Pennsylvania. The number of special examinations during Colonel Gilkeson's term closely approximates 2,300.

CUBAN MARKETS.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Washington, Jan. 6.—Now that the chief ports of Cuba are again open to the commerce of the United States and under conditions in which discriminations in duties and duties in favor of Spanish products and merchandise no longer exist, interest is revived in the new market which these conditions offer to importers and manufacturers of the United States.

Table showing the following table shows the total imports from Spain into the United States into Cuba, from 1888 to 1897. Columns for Year, Dollars, and Pounds.

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GOLDSMITH'S BAZAAR.

A Card of Importance To buyers of Muslin Underwear

Experience has taught us not to hold our first annual sale of Muslin Garments until the first week in February, because the reputation we have gained in this particular branch of our business has been caused by offering nothing but well made and up-to-date garments at the lowest possible prices.

The wonderful increase in our sales the past year has proven beyond a doubt that our customers are alive to the aforesaid statement and it has also prompted us to place orders for double the quantity of Underwear ordered any previous season.

Goldsmith Bros. & Co.

ALWAYS BUSY. For Boys' SHOES. Stand more kicks than any other shoes made. Illustration of a boy with a shoe.

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Lewis, Reilly & Davies. 114 AND 116 WYOMING AVENUE.

ODD LAMPS AT COST. This is a chance to get a good lamp for little money.

THE CLEMONS, FERBER, O'MALLEY CO. 422 Lackawanna Avenue.

Drop Lights. We have made a reduction of 25 per cent. on our line of Drop Lights as we wish to close them out before inventory.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO. 119 WASHINGTON AVE.

Beans and peas, Potatoes, Agricultural implements, etc. List of goods and prices.

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Hill & Connell, 121 Washington Avenue. Chairs and Rockers, Ladies' Desks, Parlor Cabinets and Music Cabinets.

Pieces of Eris-a-Brac, Tabourettes, a large selection: Tables, in endless variety.

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FINLEY'S Great Winding-Up Sale on Fancy Silks.

To make a complete clearance on all lines that have been broken up by our holiday business, we have arranged our entire stock of Fancy Silks into four lines, assorted as follows:

Assortment 1. All of our Fancy Silks that are suitable for waist, petticoats, dress and coat linings, etc., etc., and worth from 85c to \$1. Now 69c.

Assortment 2. Everything in our stock of Fancy Silks worth from \$1.00 to \$1.40. Now 88c.

Assortment 3. All Fancy Silks ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Now \$1.00.

Assortment 4. A few choice things in Fancy Brocades, etc., mostly in short lengths of from two to six yards each; were \$2.50 to \$3.50. Closing at \$1.25.

The first three lots are in lengths ranging from four yards to twelve and fifteen yards each, and we unhesitatingly say that, so far as silk values are concerned, this is an opportunity rarely to be met with.

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