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What the Supreme court says goes. But it will nevertheless be difficult for disinterested students of the Quay case to reconcile its ruling of yesterday with the statements of fact and law made in the plea of Senator Quay's counsel.

What Scranton Needs.

It is apparent to the most casual observation that the question of good or bad city government under the operative municipal act for third class cities is becoming more and more a question of the kind of man at the head of that government. Custom no less than law adds continually to the powers and responsibilities of the office of mayor.

The time has come in Scranton when after a season of the poorest and weakest government in the city's annals it is necessary to consider the city's future. This is a subject superior to personal feelings; it is one within the high sphere of duty.

Under these circumstances, notorious as they have become, the question of electing as the next mayor some citizen who will effectively halt this descent to municipal shame takes on an unusual importance.

Running two trains on one track in opposite directions is poor business at least.

Not Cowards and Fools.

The difference in principle between Mr. McKinley, representing the expansionists, and Mr. Bryan, Senator Hoar or ex-Senator Edmunds, representing the anti-expansionists, is more apparent than real.

An interesting suffrage proposition is under consideration by the North Carolina legislature. After specifying that every native or naturalized male adult, in order to vote, must have acquired a two-years' continuous residence in the state immediately prior to date of voting, the measure provides:

But no person may vote that has been convicted or confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment of the following crimes: Bribery, burglary in any degree, larceny, receiving stolen goods, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretenses, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, rape, assault with intent to commit rape, fornication and adultery, bigamy or before satisfying liens thereon, disposing of mortgaged property, crime against nature, sale of cotton within prohibited hours, dueling, gambling, conducting a lottery, injuries to houses, churches and fences; shooting at or throwing into cars, locomotives or trains; slander of an innocent woman, or of an attempt to commit any of said offenses; or of any felony prohibited by the laws of North Carolina or which may hereafter be prohibited by the laws of North Carolina; or of any crime whereof the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, unless the person shall be first restored to citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

In addition the measure insists that every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write intelligently, and he shall demonstrate his ability to do so when he applies for registration by making out to the facts; but if the applicant be not able to read and write, then he shall be entitled to register and vote if he shall at the time he offers to register be the actual and bona fide owner of property assessed to him in the state at a valuation of not less than \$200 on the tax list of the current year in which he offers to register, or on the tax lists of the preceding year, if the roll of the current year shall not have been completed and published; or if he shall be sixty years of age shall be permitted to vote at any election held by the people of the state which shall not, in addition to the above qualifications, have held on or before December 31 of each year for the two years preceding the year in which he offers to vote the poll tax assessed against him for those years, which tax is imposed on every male resident of the state between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years not otherwise exempt according to the constitution.

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to complete its strategic control of the North Pacific and to safeguard its present commerce and future commercial possibilities in the great Chinese empire, to which the Philippines are as much a key as are Cuba and Porto Rico to the potentialities of our eastern waters. Fate has put this duty and this opportunity into our hands and we would be both cowards and fools to throw them away.

Anti-expansion organs seem to have failed entirely in their efforts to picture President McKinley as the stern conqueror riding over the dead bodies of the victims of greed for territory. Even the most rabid are now obliged to admit that the policy of the administration is humane and conciliatory.

Cleanse Havana.

The scheme outlined by the late Colonel Waring for the sanitary regeneration of Havana, whose filthiness constitutes a peril worse than war, calls for the prompt expenditure of at least \$100,000,000. It is necessary, in the first place, to put in a complete system of sewers, of which the city at present has none; to fill up and close up every private vault, substituting modern plumbing, and to provide an intelligent system of garbage collection and disposal; after which the reclamation of malarial-breeding marsh land surrounding the city and the repaving of the streets would become imperative.

Unless the main features of this work shall be completed by June 1 it will be Colonel Waring's belief that an epidemic of yellow fever would be inevitable, the significance of which gains emphasis when we reflect that not less than 20,000 American soldiers, to say nothing of the thousands of American civilians seeking employment or gain in Cuba, would be exposed to its ravages. But where, it is asked, is the money for this work to come from? The customs receipts at Havana, which have to support in great measure the whole cost of our military rule, do not on an average exceed \$12,000 a day, and would not, in the period from Jan. 1 to June 1, even though available in whole for this purpose, defray more than one-fifth of the estimated cost.

The people of Havana are in no condition to endure extraordinary special taxation even if it were, on grounds of policy, advisable to levy it; hence the remedy cannot at this time come from this quarter.

If the advice of Colonel Waring, in the giving of which he sacrificed his life, is to be heeded and the cost of another siege of yellow fever saved, the money must be appropriated directly by the United States. We could reimburse ourselves hereafter, either by charging the expense against the Cuban government which is to be of our fair means. Yet though we had no ultimate prospect of direct reimbursement from a Cuban source, the expenditure would be economy. It would save the lives of our soldiers, and it would be a measure of protection for our Southern coast cities. It has been estimated that single epidemics introduced into the United States from Havana have cost in the Mississippi valley alone \$100,000,000 in 1878 and 1879 to 1891, in addition to the enormous cost of the sickness of those who recovered. Finally it would afford to the world a substantial proof of the sincerity of our humanitarian professions and add to American history a splendid achievement in the behalf of civilization.

Canned meat dealers will be slow if they do not take advantage of the free advertising the business has been receiving through the discussion provoked by the war department.

Suffrage Restriction.

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Thus far none save the patent medicine manufacturers have been able to discover a preventive for grip. The troublesome disease is no respecter of persons and attacks the prudent and careless alike. It is believed, however, that the person who is careful as to diet and does not worry over the possible consequences of an attack will have but little trouble with the disease under proper care.

The appointment to the vacant Russian ambassadorship of Hon. William Potter, of Philadelphia, who served under President Harrison so admirably as United States minister to Italy, would be a move which neither the chief executive nor the country would ever have reason to regret.

Secretary Alger states that he regards General Wood and not Colonel Roosevelt at fault in the case of the "round robin" of Santiago. In this respect Secretary Alger seems to stand alone, as he is about the only citizen of the United States who regards the "robin" as a fault.

The argument of Senator Hoar against expansion consists of impassioned rhetoric affirming, what our own history effectually refutes, that it is contrary to our principles to acquire new territory. Mr. Hoar is very manifestly the victim of a hallucination.

A number of guests at a recent hotel fire were suffocated by smoke. As fire-proof hotels are not always smoke-proof, the usual means of escape should not be omitted in the construction of a large house of entertainment.

The much-heralded keynote sounded by Mr. Bryan at Chicago the other night did not produce a jarring sensation of lasting character in the ear.

It has been noted that the leaders of the anti-expansion movement were not very noisy when the huge sounded for patriots to avenge the Maine.

Although the war is over, Senor Sagasta is the busiest man in Spain, warding off the periodically threatened cabinet crisis.

Congressman Roberts, of Utah, will probably soon be obliged to admit that in a political sense marriage is a failure.

It is possible that Aguinaldo and his followers found that the courted union with the United States came too easy.

AT THE STATE CAPITAL

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Harrisburg, Jan. 10.—Governor and Mrs. Hastings have issued invitations for a luncheon to Governor-elect Mr. Stone and Miss Stone at 3:30 o'clock next Monday afternoon at the executive mansion. Covers will be laid for twenty guests, including returning cabinet members and their ladies, Mrs. Richard J. Haldeman, daughter of General Simon Cameron, and other personal friends. After the luncheon Governor Hastings and family will retire from the mansion in favor of the incoming governor and his family. Colonel and Mrs. Stone will come to Harrisburg next Monday morning from Washington and will stay at the Lochiel hotel until it is time for them to go to the mansion.

Governor and Mrs. Hastings will be the guests of Colonel and Mrs. A. J. Dull, of this city, until after the inaugural ceremonies. They will go from Harrisburg to New York city and possibly make a short visit to Jamaica before settling down at Hillside. The governor's new residence will not be ready for occupancy before February, and he will not be in a hurry to move into it. Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. David Martin will be the guests of the Hastings at the executive mansion until they receive Governor and Mrs. Hastings will tender a farewell dinner tomorrow evening to the cabinet officials and their wives.

E. C. Gerwig, whom Governor-elect Stone has selected for his private secretary, will come to Harrisburg on Thursday to spend a few days with private Secretary and Mrs. Beiler. Mr. Beiler is one of the most capable and popular officials connected with the Hastings administration and his numerous friends throughout the state would be pleased if he should be taken care of by Colonel Stone. Mr. Beiler will remove to Philadelphia when he retires from office on Capitol Hill. The Governor-elect Stone has not indicated to his friends here what changes, if any, he will make in the clerical force in the executive department.

Adjutant General Stewart is arranging to take care of the six regiments of the new National Guard, which will be brought to Harrisburg to take part in the inaugural parade. The troops are fully armed and equipped, and the adjutant general is anxious that they shall make a good showing. There is ample room in the new capitol building and the public halls in the heart of the city to comfortably house the boys during their brief visit. The Harrisburg fire department and numerous political and civic clubs over the state have written to Chief Marshal Olmstead for a place in the procession.

General Gobbi will not qualify as lieutenant governor until after he has voted for Senator Quay next Tuesday. The vote will be taken in the morning and the same afternoon the general will resign as a member of the senate and assume the duties of the other office. A writ will probably be issued immediately thereafter for a special election in Lebanon county to elect a senator. Quay's friends are in control in the county and the indications are that Dr. E. P. Gerberich will be chosen. The anti-Quay people have not yet selected a candidate, and unless they see a chance to win they may not make a fight against the doctor.

Governor Hastings has accepted the resignation of Colonel Gilkeson as commissioner of highways and will hold the position open to be filled by his successor. Commissioner Morrison is still in charge of the department, and his friends have hopes that Colonel Stone will appoint him. The commission has always been loyal to Senator Quay, and if he is not appointed commissioner there does not seem to be much doubt as to his retention as deputy. Ex-Marshal Barrett, of Beaver, will be retained as an examiner, unless Senator Quay asks that he be given a better position.

The rural members of the legislature will renew their fight of the last session for a tax on bicycles and vehicles, to be applied for the improvement of the country highways of the commonwealth. They will also make a vigorous effort to secure an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to enforce

the provisions of the Hamilton road law, passed by the last legislature. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton has been pressing better roads on the farmers of the state during the past two years and has worked up a strong sentiment among them in favor of the measure which bears his name. It should be appointed secretary of agriculture, and his friends say he will, he may induce the legislature to appropriate enough money to enforce the law in certain localities. —Wanbaugh.

LITERARY NOTES

The new year of Scribner's Magazine opens in the January number with several features of distinction. The place of honor is given to Governor Roosevelt, who will contribute not only his own story of "The Rough Riders," but other articles on the naval preparations, the strategy and other important subjects growing out of the war with Spain. The frontispiece of the number is a drawing from life by Charles Dana Gibson of Colonel Roosevelt, and it is a most satisfactory representation of the salient qualities in the face of the new governor of New York. The first chapter of "The Rough Riders" is entitled "Holding their own" and it is a very start it reveals those qualities of vigorous description that have become associated with Colonel Roosevelt as an author. The magazine is edited by a man who he knew almost every man in his regiment, and this article is filled with the colonel's anecdotes of notable men from east and west who composed the most picturesque body of fighting men of modern times. The illustrations, which are to be a feature of this serial, have been chosen by the colonel himself from his collection of photographs. The completed narrative will be the most striking book of the year, written by a man holding one of the most exalted positions in the government of our country.

There are several noteworthy articles in the January issue of Scribner's Magazine. V. V. Alford, the Central American explorer, tells about the ancient city of Copan, with many illustrations. Gilson Willett has an illustrated article on "Plants That Eat Meat." "Christmas in the Philippines" is the subject of an illustrated article by W. G. Irwin, the magazine's correspondent at Manila. Mr. Irwin sends some interesting photographs which are here reproduced. There are also illustrated articles on Porto Rico, on "Bazaars in Constantinople" and on "The City of the Berlin System," while Henry Chadwick tells the story and points the moral of the base ball campaign of 1898. The fiction of the number includes three unusually good seasonal stories, and there are the usual editorial departments.

Edmond Kelly, a New York lawyer, describes in the January Century the experiences of "An American in Madrid During the War." When he announced his intention of going from Madrid to Spain, on the outbreak of hostilities, no one encouraged him to attempt it. Minister Woodford's secretary, a Spaniard, who had quitted Madrid with his chief, Kelly, was the only one who advised him to go. The Spanish Chargé d'Affaires quickly informed him that if he was a spy, he would be treated as a spy. But, disguised as a Frenchman by wearing a foulard cravat tied in a loose bow, Mr. Kelly slipped out of the Spanish consulate house "with a facility that was positively humiliating," and spent seven weeks in Madrid. Though known to be an American, he was absolutely untroubled.

The Forum begins the new year with an excellent number of "The Future Relations of Great Britain and the United States"; Adjutant-General Corbin contributes a paper on "The Army of the United States"; showing the wonderful improvement of late years in its personnel; and Mr. G. Everett Hill, who was private secretary to the late Col. G. E. Waring, gives the substance of the colonel's report to the United States government "On the Sanitation of Havana." All of the remaining articles are eminently readable.

A very curious presentation of the number of prisoners of the stamp of Webster in England, the Duke of Teutonia in Russia, General O'Brien in Russia, Viscount Taaffe in Hungary, who are leaders in many nations, is given in the January "Cosmopolitan" under the title "British Leaders of Fifty Nations." It will be found interesting to all who have even a drop of Irish blood in their veins. "The Jews in Jerusalem" is another article in the same number possessing interest for a large class.

The Woman's Home Companion offers \$200 in prizes of \$50 and \$10 for the three best short stories submitted before March 1st. The competition is open to all; the only requirements are that all stories entered for the prize keep within the 2,500 word limit, and be addressed Price Competition, Woman's Home Companion, Springfield, O.

The North American Review for January gives Andrew Carnegie the position of honor with an earnest argument against expansion. "Cuban Reconstruction" by Richard J. Hinton is a most informing paper. Senator Vest also opens his expansive and the remaining topics treated are well selected.

HAS RECEIVED NO ONE.

From the Philadelphia Press. If trade and civilization, personal liberty and material progress were possible in the Philippines today by the unaided action of its inhabitants, all would welcome this solution; but the present presented is similar to that in the Egyptian Soudan on the Upper Nile. The Philippine archipelago must remain more waste and savage tropical territory full of incurable massacre, bloodshed and misery unless some civilized nation like the United States establishes order. The alternative is not between an orderly and organized civilized state and the American flag, but between Malay piracy from the south, savage raids from the north and civil war on every island, the flag, the rule and the justice of the United States. The country sees this and knows it. The postulant attempt of newspapers which know better to deceive the public by declaring that the United States is suppressing national and independent aspirations at Manila has deceived no one.

THE MUGWUMP.

Oh, he's worried and he's flurried and he's bothered most to death; He'll talk about his troubles till he'll nearly lose his breath; He loves his country truly; he's a patriot stout and strong; And it hurts him to confess it—every-thing is going wrong.

Property, he told us, would turn out to be a myth. A political invention to deceive the people with!

The steam set up its puffing and the whies began to turn. And the farmers were astonished at the money they could earn.

From the New York Sun. The raising of the flag over the Philippines has roused the people of the United States suddenly to a consciousness that their duty to themselves demands the assertion of their power in relation to the rest of the world. An event so momentous naturally collects in opposition a mighty force of dormant prejudices, newly created fears and partisan strategy.

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