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Threatened surprises in the senatorial fight are a long time in coming.

Push!

For several months the Board of Trade has been trying to interest local capital in a bolt and nut works which can be induced to locate in Scranton if the proper encouragement is given.

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This is not the spirit in which Scranton was advanced from the proportions of a small settlement in a wilderness to those of an energetic metropolitan city, forming one of the wonders of the east.

The death of ex-State Treasurer Haywood is a human sacrifice to fractional splendor.

An Autocratic Bureau System.

Captain Leslie J. Perry, in a letter to the New York Tribune, gives a terrible scolding to the bureau system that is causing the United States to be ridiculous in the sight of the world.

It is the prime object with these bureau chiefs to be directly and exclusively under the department, for the very obvious reason that in that relation they are independent of all military superiors.

These staff bureaus and precedents today command the American army. They commanded it throughout the Cuban war.

Stranger still, by a hocus-pocus of craft and humbug, reinforced by the precedents created from time to time by themselves, they have seized the machinery of the war department itself.

He furthermore declares that Egan has unintentionally proved himself a benefactor in calling attention to the

utter helplessness of the war department under its present system and hints that this was probably taken into account in the extraordinary mitigation of that officer's sentence for his unmistakable outrage against decency and military discipline.

The fact that a United States cruiser has been sent to Bluefields to discover the cause of the failure of the gunboat Marietta to send reports, will probably provoke another wall from anti-imperialists who will imagine that the administration is desirous of annexing Nicaragua.

Benjamin J. Haywood.

After weary weeks of suffering, weeks and months of gasping for breath and fighting for life, Benjamin J. Haywood has yielded in the battle to the inevitable victor.

And still the house has not acted on the bill to make Dewey admiral. Can it afford to fail in this matter?

A Chinese Diplomat.

Wu Ting Tang, the Chinese minister to this country, spoke at the Southern society dinner in New York on Wednesday and proved by his speech that he is a diplomatist of the first rank.

What, then, are the facts? The congress of the United States, in withdrawing the withdrawal of Spain from Cuba, declared it to be the purpose of this country to secure freedom for the Cubans.

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It would be difficult to improve on this. If the American officers in Cuba were at first a little suspicious of Gomez it is partly to be accounted for by the fact that he was equally suspicious of them.

There are persons who apparently continue to be imbued with the idea that General Miles has committed a crime in taking an interest in the welfare of the men under his command.

It is alleged that Chauncey Depew has not been funny since he was elected United States senator. Mr. Depew is evidently reserving his wit for the coming editions of the Congressional Record.

There is no question that the inhabitants of Negroes are entitled to be numbered among the Filipinos who approach the condition of intelligence necessary for successful self-government.

The people of the island of Negron preferred peace to yellow politics and therefore raised the American flag as soon as they believed it to be safe.

The news from Manila would seem to indicate that Aguinaldo's veneration of civilization is exceedingly thin.

Against Woman Suffrage.

A significant feature of the suffrage question was brought out this week when a number of women appeared before the Senate Judiciary committee at Albany and protested against bills advocating woman suffrage.

The memorial closes with this somewhat remarkable statement: "Gentlemen, woman suffrage and woman's progress are founded on distinct and, as we believe, on antagonistic principles.

In the face of this determined and evidently growing fire from the rear, the suffragist cohorts will have to reform their battle-lines and lessen, for a period, their determined assaults upon "the common enemy, man."

We trust that Rudyard Kipling's illness has not been produced by the American parodies on his poems.

Senator Gorman threatens to make Schley a presidential candidate. Does he deserve that?

The Nation's Latest Question of Duty.

From Seth Low's Washington's Birthday Oration in Philadelphia.

PHILLIPS BROOKS once said that if a man believed that the country had escaped the danger which he had confronted it only by a series of happy accidents such a man naturally would be full of fear at every new step which the country would take because such a man never could tell when the country's luck might change.

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But some say that the islands should have been surrendered to the natives under a joint protectorate. It is urged that our action in demanding a cessation of the Philippine struggle to ourselves, is comparable with what the action of France would have been if, at the end of the Revolutionary war, France had made peace with England by demanding the cessation of England's American colonies.

able of exercising; but we could not, in justice to civilization, assume, in our treaty with Spain, a capacity for civil government on the part of the natives which has never been shown to exist.

But others again say that the American ideal is government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," and that, how- ever, wholly untrue the premises, the islands a government for the people, if it will not be and cannot be, under our authority, a government of the people and for the people.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Now that the excitement of the election is over, perhaps a few incidents of the day would receive some attention.

The equally successful war with Mexico produced no such result, and the imbro habit of a century is not so easily cast aside. Our mission, indeed, has been a world mission of the highest order.

COLLEGES.

When the citizen reads of colleges and universities, two or three favored institutions like Harvard and Yale come into his head.

Of the presidents of the United States were not college men. The Washington and Lincoln were among that list, say nothing about the college, either.

The colleges and universities that are set down as being in the lead are not represented proportionately to any great extent by men in prominent or public life than the small institutions.

There is no argument between the big and little college any more than between the big and little man. They are contemporaries, but not rivals. It is necessary that so many should exist and that they should be scattered all over the country.

Some 47 colleges and universities in the United States look like a considerable number, and it is true that when it is considered that it represents but one institution for 10,000 people it is not too many.

At some of the places the precaution of using the side door was not even made use of. The excuse for not keeping the law is that there are so many unlicensed places allowed to do business, that those who do pay license are wronged.

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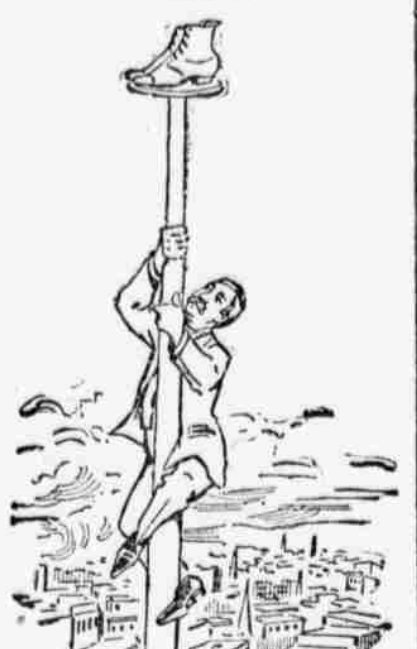
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