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The Dalzel senatorial boom also seems to need an application of "preservative."

Greeting the Volunteers.

On this day of the homecoming... the people of Scranton and vicinity have much to be thankful for.

The delays, the interrupted hopes, the weary stay in camp while other troops were marching to the front—these were a part of the fortunes of war.

The community's greeting to these men should be all the more enthusiastic and cordial in view of the fact that they were required while in the service to do the hardest work which soldiers can be asked to do.

All honor, then, to the sure and steady, ever ready, true blue patriots of the Thirtieth!

The effort to work up a national shiver over the execution of Mrs. Place seems very fortunately to have died unborn.

Ballot Reform.

A circular recently issued by the Pennsylvania Ballot Reform association bears interestingly as well as instructively upon the disability clause in the present ballot act.

The circular also points out that there was, and still is, no provision for testing the good or bad faith of the declaration that by reason of disability assistance is desired.

In remedy of these notorious defects the pending Keator ballot bill provides that "if any voter before receiving his ballot declares to the judge of election that he cannot read it, or that from any physical cause he is unable to mark it, the judge shall require him to make oath or affirmation to the fact, stating it specifically, and shall then permit him to select one qualified elector of the election district as a helper, who shall be permitted to enter a voting compartment with him."

of the names of the assisted voter and of his helper, and of the cause of disability alleged, and it leaves no apparent loophole.

With reference to these large combinations of capital which are now forming Attorney General Griggs says his personal judgment is that the danger is not so much to the community at large as it is to the people who are induced to put their money into the purchase of the stock.

The Remedy for Trusts.

The recent assertion by The Tribune that one of the first duties of the Fifty-sixth congress would be to grant discretionary power to the president to reduce or suspend the protective tariff on an article of general necessity whose domestic production had passed into the monopolistic control of a price-raising trust finds indorsement in a high quarter.

"While we do not share in the hysterical view of the terrible portent of these aggregations of capital as 'devouring monsters,' 'mammoth monopolies' and as 'constituting a monstrous oligarchy of monopoly,' we do believe that wherever they stifle competition and enhance prices to the consumer they should be regarded as inimical to public policy and should be shown no mercy by courts or legislatures.

"So when anybody declares that it is the duty of the Republican party to repeal every protective duty under the shelter of which its beneficiaries have organized a trust or combination of any sort to advance prices the idea meets the views of The Times-Herald to a dot. The purpose of the protective tariff was to foster industries, not to protect monopolies.

Legislation of this kind is the more necessary in view of the recent statement by Attorney General Griggs that the Sherman anti-trust law now on the statute books does not reach the majority of the great trade combinations concerning which the people nowadays complain.

General Egan is not so bad off after all. He draws a good salary and is not bothered by letter writers who desire buttons from his uniform.

The Big Show and the Side Show.

The difference in the matter of Jeffersonian banquets which has arisen between Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, and Mr. Belmont, of New York, could good humoredly be suggested for arbitration were it not for the vital principles involved; but those principles make it tragic.

The refusal of Mr. Belmont to recognize Mr. Bryan's right to question his Democracy is an additional evidence of how perdy to the cause, Mr. Bryan is either the boss of the Democratic manager or he is not.

Thomas Jefferson not excepted. He has also made more speeches than any other Democrat has ever made and he has done more talking since than any other man in his party or any other party.

True, Belmont, Croker and the other gold bugs cannot be forced to defer to Bryan, but if they don't like his style they ought to originate one of their own without trying to infringe on the Democratic trade mark.

Newspaper portraits of Miss Gardner, of Texas, the young woman that Colonel Bryan refused to kiss, completely vindicate the champion of free silver.

Doing Its Work Thoroughly.

Says the Chicago Times-Herald: "There is no attempt on the part of the beef court of inquiry to conceal its belief that most of the charges of General Miles have been specifically proved, and such as have not have had sufficient foundation to warrant his making them. As to the manner in which he made the charges public, that is not within the province of the board. It is the wish of the members, however, that the truth in regard to the use of a preservative other than cold air shall be absolutely proved or disproved.

While in Chicago the assertion set afloat by the yellow journals that Judge Advocate Davis was manifesting particular hostility to Miles was answered by Mr. Davis in these words: "I am not running around entering denials. I have not at any time manifested any hostility to General Miles and do not intend to do so."

The backward spring has almost destroyed hope in the breast of the raging flood correspondent.

People still have to consult the almanac to be convinced that it is spring.

Future Development of South America

From the New York Sun. MOST of the South American states have increased their population several fold since they threw off the Spanish yoke. Only in a few states has foreign immigration been a very important factor in the increase, though all the republics promote immigration by all means in their power.

Only 10,000 foreigners have made new homes in Colombia, where the land now waste would support in comfort a rural population twenty times as large as it is today.

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Major Sears, in a lecture before the American Geographical society, has said that Peru, more than any other nation, is copying the errors and methods. We have important interests there, for American capital is invested in the mines, in shipping, in railroad building and in agriculture.

The summer wind is sniffling round the blooming locust trees. And the clover in the pasture is a big day for the bees. And they been a-swingin' honey, above-board and on the sly.

Some say the crops is ruined, and the corn's drowned out. And probably the wheat will be a failure without doubt. But the kind Providence that has never failed us yet will be on hand 'n't more at the 'leventh hour I bet.

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men have the largest share of the worries and cares of the world and that the single ones manage to escape rather successfully, but now and then we hear of a single man who has troubles of his own. Down in Stroudsburg the Methodist congregation wants a young clergyman who has been acting in the capacity of a supply.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE FARMER. The summer wind is sniffling round the blooming locust trees.

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