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Scranton, Pa." Saturday's Instructive Primaries.

The political battle in Laucaster county which reached a decision at Saturday's primaries was fought directly and wholly up the Quay and anti-Quay issue. Nothing else entered into the contest. The Quay forces were led by Secretary of the Commonwealth Circlet; the anti-Quay forces were led by a variety of Republicans, native and imported, among them John Dalgell, General Koontz, Senator Film and ex-Senator Kauffman; and the issue separating them was whether Quay should be continued or deposed as the controlling factor in Pennsylvania politics. Senator Eby, of Laneaster, now voting at Harrisburg for Quay, had announced that if his constituents at the primaries should choose a majority of anti-Quay delegates to the state convention he would interpret it as a vote of instructions to drop Quay and east his vote in the joint assembly for some other Republican for United States senator, and around this amountement the thick of the battle cas d.

Lancaster county has the Crawford county system; the voting is open and direct. A fairer test was never made, and the result is significant. Not only was every Quay delegate elected, but the bargain counter bolters were whipped out of their boots in every city and becough and in almost every township in the county. The Philadelphia Press, which has led the anti-Quay fight, admits that the Quay men polled two-thirds of the total vote and that their victory has no parallel for compieteness in the political history of the county. On the same day in Butler county, the Quay men won a similar victory, electing their two delegates to the state convention and capturing 80 per cent, of the county committee. On Saturday Montour county also chose a Quay delegate. Of the counties which have held primarics since the caucus-bolting minority at Harrisburg deadlocked the legislature on the senatorship by declining to recognize the majority's right to rule, Senator Quay has lost one-Lebanon- and carried six-Indiana, Union, Blair, Warren, Lancaster and Butler. His loss of Lebanon was a distinct reverse, but his capture of Blair and Warren was more sively that as the fight on him now stands the party masses are with him and against the bolters.

The opposition to Quay has been shrewdiy planned. The idea of implicating him in a cooked-up criminal proceeding while hired newspapers and speakers polsoned public opinion against him and men like Senator Martin, themselves creatures of party regularity, at the last minute broke faith by refusing to enter the senatorial caucus represented a perfection of cunning, which, when lavishly backed by money, fed by miscellaneous disappointments over patronage and supported by the well-meaning but misguided moral element which had artfully been deceived by an ... Quay fiction until it had come sincerely to believe that Quay in politics was first cousin of the devil, has proved temporarily effective it accomplished the immediate purpose of deadlocking the legislature and putting fewer than sixty members of the joint assembly in a position to defy double their number. Yot as time vent on, the malignity, deception and hypocrisy of this political insurrection gradually became apparent to the plain people of the commonwealth and the primaries are beginning to record their revised opinions of it.

If a party majority in regular caucus assembled has no power to bind party membership together the party masses may well ask themselves what party organization is for. If the tail is to be permitted and encouraged to wag the dog, why bother to have a dog? As these points are duly considered throughout the state and weighed alongside the responsibility which is upon the bolters at Harrisburg for having in effect sold out their party to the Democratic opposition, it is not surprising but rather inevitable that there should be a groundswell of reaction in favor of the much abused but still unconquered leader. Matthew Stanley Quay.

At this rate things promise to be closed up at Manila so as to permit Admiral Dewey to come home in time to see snow again.

No Tenable Middle Course.

The situation presented in the refusal of the chairman of the executive committee of the Cuban military assembly to deliver over to General Brooke the muster rolls of the Cuban States may proceed to divide among those entitled to it the \$3,000,000 in cash now lying on board the transport Burnside in Havana harbor ought not to be difficult to handle. All that it calls for is a detail of American soldiers to proforce if necessary.

On its merits the case stands thus: band. Their representative command- nunciation of trusts be effective in ers have cordially accepted the offer of catching votes. the president of the United States to | The simple fact is that autocracy in divide among these insurgent soldiers any form is against the spirit of this \$3,000,000 as a good-will gift for the democratic age. Men born to theoretpurpose of starting them in the ways ically equal rights and privileges obof peaceful industry; and to the best ject to whatever tends to enslave them, of our knowledge the majority of the Sometimes they put the blame where

men themselves are eager to lay down it does not belongand denounce trusts their arms, accept this donation and go and corporations when they ought to The Tribune addressed to individual of all officially unrecognized armed do with the granting of charter rights employes. News thus addressed is at- bands of men, he could with good grace for the facilitation of industry, and the possible temporary absence of the cargo back to the United States and individuals to whom it is directed. Our notify the Cuban kickers that inas-

turber of the peace and put in jail. If they concertedly resist the sovereignty and until we vacate we should govern. similar manner. There is no tenable middle course.

The Tribune wishes to acknowledge the courtesy of Messrs, Barrett and Jordan of the Truth and J. A. Scranton & Son of the Republican in offering press facilities during the temporary disability of its own press.

A Pessimistic Doctor.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph May, pastor of phia, is, we fear, suffering from a fit contractors responsible for its folsting of melancholia, else he would not on upon the army, Friday last have declared at a public meeting: "The great danger before our country which would seem to be imminent is militarism. If this danger should not be averted I should have no confidence whatever in the permanent endurance of the republican institutions which are our glory and in which the progress of humanity seems to consist. Although the present looks very dark in that our nation is engaged in the meanest aggressive war a dvillzed nation was ever led into, I hink we find in the sober judgment of our people a creative force that is go- than ordinary interest. The purchase ing to defend us from the evils that of the Louisiana territory of Bonaappear to hang before us so lowering- parte in 1803 for \$15,690,900 has been ly. I have an underlying hope that the war system is very near its end, and that another half century may see possibly its overthrow among the naions of the world."

The occasion which elicited the foretoing spasm was an assemblage of quire it developed strong opposition, eminent clergymen, professional men principally upon the question of our and others convened in Philadelphia ability to govern and assimilate the for the purpose of approving the acceptance by the United States of the invitation of the ezar of Russia to an international conference to consider than an offset, and it shows concluthe subject of disarmament, and expressing the opinion that our repre- Bocky mountains and from the Gulf of sentative at the conference should advocate the establishment of a perman- district of New Orleans on the eastern ent tribunal of arbitration for the set- side of the Mississippi. Within this tlement of international disputes. The region there are now, in whole, or in berland, Md. From Cumberland he rode meeting otherwise was a splendid one, part, twelve states and two territories, resulting in wise and helpful discussion along the lines of the opening address of its presiding officer, Judge ists of 1803 were agreed on the propo-Ashman, who said: "The men of the sition that we had no need of this terbeside platitudes. They will ask as we fourths of what we paid for the Philare beginning to ask, 'Why, if courts ippines-was an exorbitant price to pay of law are competent to adjust differ. France for ceding it to the governences between individuals and between ment. In the light of the marvelous states, are they not adequate for settling disputes between nations? What dustry the opposition to this purchase the people of the United States and of now seems pitifully short-sighted and Great Britain at least, demand, is the unwise. Last year's corn crop of the establishment of a permanent interna- state of Iowa alone, which state was tional court, with judges holding a life part of the Louisiana purchase, would tenure, whose jurisdiction shall embrace all matters of international controversy and whose decrees shall be binding upon the nations who shall be parties."

It is a great pity that the just cause of peaceful arbitration has to be hindered before public opinion by the four greatest events in the annals of watery bloodedness of embarrassing champions like the pessimistic Dr. May.

Both the Otises seem to be right smart fighters, as it were.

Abnormal and Dangerous.

We take from the New York Sun the appended interesting opinion with

which we do not agree:

Most sensible men who study the subdefereeive that the opposition to them is of a colossal display of the probability in the newspapers. A great part of western genius and industry. papers by howling against trusts, and not howling the truth. For the rest the oppo-sition is made up of a few statesmen in sition is finde up of a few states in its stress for party plates, and of professional blackmatters. * * * in all our observation of trusts we have known but two kinds of assault made on them. The commonest was that instigated by Wall atreet stock jobbers for the effect it might produce upon the prices of a trust might produce upon the prices of a trust and even that ever on, with empty hands.

And even that ever be to me, tock in the market; and the less fre- And eyes that ever he to me, ment, but equally familiar, was that of And smiles that no one understands. the blackmaller. This last divides easily into two, the blackmailer who ha

If our caustic contemporary should think twice it would perceive that by its admission of the popularity of antitrust literature it gives its case away. Unless the great mass of people were disposed to view with suspicion, disinsurgent army so that the United trust and fear the centralization of authority which enables a few men sitting in secret conclave to control arbitrarily, at least for a time, both the production and price of articles of general necessity and the pay of the men employed in that production, owners ceed to the place where these rolls are of "hungry newspapers" would find kept and to take possession of them by scant satisfaction in "howling against trusts," since even in the case of hungry newspapers it costs money to howl A force of natives, about 13,950 strong, through the medium of type, ink and is in arms awaiting the chance to dis- paper; nor would party planks in de-

work for their island's reconstruc- ensure their own want of thrift, fru-

existing circumstances for the obvious reason that peaceful disarmament is immediately essential; hence the necessity for going ahead with the original programme in spite of the so-called assembly. If any of its officers or members obstructs the government be prising and independent, a programme should be treated as any other dis- that ought to win. We wish it success.

An American photographer has been of the United States in the execution badly used by a lot of Filipinos whose of its programme of pacification and portraits be attempted to add to his reconstruction they should be put down art collection. There are people on this with rifles if necessary. There cannot side of the water who would like to see be two heads to the Cuban body politic some of the kodak fiends treated in a

> Prof. Wood, of Winconsin, has inented a machine for photographing sound waves, but it is probable that the real beauty of the thing will never be appreciated until it has been focused upon one of Colonel Bryan's currency speeches.

Governor Roesevelt has no reservation in his condemnation of rotten beef and we wish he were secretary of war the First Unitarian church of Philadel- to take care of the rotten officials and

First Expansion.

ON THESE days of national expansion, when history is cited to sup-port both sides of the controversy growing out of the results of the war with Spain, the proposition to commemorate the centennial of the purchase by Thomas Jefferson of the Louislana territory is invested with more referred to by expansionists in the controversies of the past few months ftener than any other event in the history of our territorial development, Although the purchase involved the annexation of contiguous territory, it is recalled that the proposition to acnatives of the territory.

To a country comprising 327,844 square miles of area the Louisiana purchase added 1.171.931 square miles, extending from the Mississippi to the embracing some of the richest and most productive land in our national domain. Of course the anti-expansionoming century will demand something ritory, and that \$15,000,000-threeagricultural development of this vast area under AngloSaxon thrift and inpay the cost of the entire Louisiana territory eight times over, while the wheat crop of Kansas for the same year is valued at twice the purchase price.

As the acquisition of the Louisiana territory was the first great step in national expansion, and was one of the the republic, it is in every way worthy enterprising citizens of St. Louis. As Missouri ranks first in population among the states embraced in the Louisiana region, and contains the principal city, it is eminently fitting From the Philadelphia Ledger that the exposition should be held in that state. The success of the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha furnishes some idea of what the vast region embraced in the Louislana puroct of trusts intelligently must presently chase could get together in the way of a colossal display of the products

THE OUTCAST.

been taken into a trust, or who has failed to sell out to a trust, and the black-maller who owns a hungry newspaper. | However when I walk Along the crowded thoroughfare Along the crowded thoroughfares, And some leer in my eyes, and talk Of duliness, when I see in theirs-Like fishes' eyes, nitve or dead-But surfaces of vacancy-Blank disks that never seem to see But glint and glow and glare instead

The ragged shawl I wear is wet With driving, dripping rains, and yet it seems a royal valuent, where, hrough twisted torrents of my hair, see rare goms that gleam and shine Like jewels in a stream of wine, The gaping shoes that clothe my feet Are golden sandals, and the sarine Where courtiers grovel and repeat Vain prayers, and where in joy thereat. A fair prince doffs his plumed hat. And kneels, and names me all things

sweet. IV. Sometimes the sun shines, and the hill Of winter noon is like a tune he stars might twinkle to the moon f night were white and beautiful-or when the clangor of the town. And strife of traffic soften down The wakeful hunger that I nurse, In listening, forgets to curse, ntil-ah, loy! with drooping head I drowse, and dream that I am dead And luried safe beyond their eyes Who either pity or despise

-James Whiteomb Riley.

NEWS AND COMMENT.

on work for their bland's reconstruction. A gathering of Cuban politicians calling likelf the military assembly has secured possession of the army rolls and will not permit these to be used by General Brooke unless he first recognizes its authority to act in behalf of the army. Brooke has recognized no Cuban organization in this matter, but has treated with the insurgent commanders as individuals. If it were not for the larger interests of the island, which demand a speedy disarmament of all officially unrecognized armed bands of men, he could with good grace start the Burnside with tis \$3,000,000 cargo back to the United States and notify the Cuban kickers that inasmence has the second point the control of a new president's giff it will not be forced upon them.

This course is not feasible under the existing circumstances for the obvious reason that peaceful disarmament is summeliately essential; hence the necessity with the case of trusts and ecognized not the control of a new control of a permit they one carries to the gift of the facilitation of industry, and notify the Cuban kickers that inasmed has they don't appear to want the existing circumstances for the obvious reason that peaceful disarmament is comparable powered with the existing circumstances for the obvious reason that peaceful disarmament is a getter and C. H. Derby, well know the colours of the power on the mendous new authorized by the senting the first the calling the desirable or the industry of a tree pigning the entire of the field provided the love of a parent for his child. As an distribution the Chicago Times desired in the the provided that he had grown wears of the Comparable power on the first own want to gently interest in the Tribune. The course is not feasible under the control of a new provided the control of a new present at the summediately panel with the facilitation of industry, and notify the Cuban kickers that inasmediately and the control of a new present at the form the hadron of the control of a new provided the control

so the negotiations were broken off and name of law. Mr. Mediii continued to be the guid-ing spirit of the Chicago Tribune until

Under a rule adopted by the mavy department in naming new vessels battle-ships are given the names of states. We have now in the navy the battleships Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon and Texas. The ships of this class under construction have been given the names of Kearsarge, Kentucky, Illinois, Ala-bama, Wisconsia. Maine, Misseuri and Ohlo. The last three have just been contracted for and were authorized by the navy appropriation act for the current year. The three battleships authorized at the last session, and the construction of which is likely to be delayed until fur-ther action can be had by congress in re-gard to armor plate, will be the largest vessels of the navy, and will have a disdacement of at least 12,000 tons. No steps have yet been taken for giving them names, and it is suggested by the Wash-ing correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledegr that a movement should be started in Pennsylvania to have one of them named for the great Keystone state. "It seems fitting," says he, "that one of these pattleships should bear the name of the state from whose resources practically all of the materials that enter into the construction of modern war ships are supplied and fabricated, and within whose geographical limits the greater number of the vessels constituting the new navy were built,"

The new law in Kansas which provides that uncollectible judgments obtained against firms, corporations or individuals on behalf of the state shall be sold at public auction has not, according to the Philadelphia Record, proved very successful in its operation. In Cowley county the other day such a sale brought \$290, and the bill for advertising was \$1.450, leaving the taxpayers out of pocket just \$1,250. "When a Pop takes his hand from the plow," observes one of the state papers, "and puts it to the statute book the weeds of folly are almost sure to choke out the seeds of justice and com-

It appears from a tabular statement of the internal revenue bureau that the tetal recepts under the war-tax law up to February 1, 1899, amounted to 200 March 1, 1899, amounted to 200 Mar February 1, 1829, amounted to \$2,012,191. The distribution of the tax was as follows: For stamps on checks, documents, and patent medicines, \$25,353,446; beer, \$20,-654,600; special taxes, \$4,238,807; cigars and igaretter, \$2,502,058; tobacco and snuff, 88,162,621; Inheritances, \$258,851; excise tax, \$750,274. This indicates an annual revenue of upward of \$106,000,000 from the war (ax.

John Sherman's first visit to Washington was made in December, 1845, when said the person who is a be was 21 years old. Washington then hear bad news about had 20,000 inhabitants. Mr. Sherman rode "Well, he's the sort of many the said the person who is a sai Canadian line, with the in a stage coach from Mansfield, O., to out what time you are sure to be too in a stage coach from Manshela. O., to out what time you are the takes chances the national road south of Newark and busy to leave before he takes chances thence over that road by stage to Cumberland he rode ton Star. to Baltimore and subsequently to Washington in steam cars, the journey by rail taking the greater part of two days, and the entire journey nearly a week,

> Professor James Dewar, of London, who scovered the process by which air con-liquefied and thus made possible the wonderful experiments upon which Pro-fessor Tripler to now engaged, will soon receive through the American embassy the first gold medal ever awarded by the Smithsonian institution. The medal three inches in diameter and its bullion value is more than \$300.

Turkey has been engaged in war thirts eight years of the present century—considerably more than one-third of the time Spain comes next, with thirty-one years of war: France has had twenty-se years: Russia, twenty-four; Haly twer three; England, twenty-one; Austria, se-Holland, fourteen; Germany, Sweden, ien; Fortugal, ten; Denmark, nine.

Galusha A. Grow, although thremonths younger than John Sherman, en-tered congress four years ahead of the great Ohio financier and had he been kept there would doubtless have equalled of national observance by means of a or excelled Sherman at every point. In World's fair as now proposed by the natural ability he is easily Sherman's ...

THE PRIVACY OF TELEGRAMS.

A great mass of business will pres

upon the Pennsylvania legislature in the closing days of the session. Attention of the body by the interest attaching to the election of a United States senator and to the bribery investigation, and there is imminent danger that nowisand pernicious legislation may be pass-Unless members give private study to the bills to be voted upon crude laws are sure to be enacted, for little or no time can be spared for exhaustive and mforming public debate upon many pend-ing measures. Under the modern rules procedure in most of our legislatures full discussion of debatable bills is hardly possible. Plausible and specious reais will be advanced for the passage of certain bills which would work very much more harm than good, and should, there fore, be defeated as a matter of sound public policy.

Legislators are needed who can discover the ultimate effect and far reaching influence of proposed statutes, and detect the insidious public wrong which lunks in innocent booking bills. Sometimes the briefest bills reverse, and are intended to reverse, well settled law as decided by the courts, or to overthrow long established statute law obviously necessary to safeguard property or the rights of the citizen. If a bill is likely to work more injury than benefit to the pub-lic, it deserves defeat, whatever an ingenious special pleader may say in its behalf. Some special motive, some persona or class interest, is in the background of many bills. The vigilant representative by a little inquiry can discover whether the public will be benefited by the measure. If it be of doubtful expediency, the doubt, for legislation not clearly needed cannot be otherwise than ill-advised and harmful.

Among the specious bills before the legislature which should be defeated is house bill No. 19, practically removing pri-yacy from telegraphic correspondence. House bill No. 19 has passed in the house It provides that prosecutors and chiefs of police shall have power to examine telegams on file in telegraph offices when there is a "suspicion" that the messages refer to green goods, gambling or other Blegal business. The bill permits officer: to invade the privacy of telegrams, ap-

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very wrong." "That's what mother told him." said Johnny, impetuously, "and he said he didn't care."-Columbus Journal. "He isn't exactly what I'd call an in sincere man," remarked Mr. Blykns, "and he wants you to like him. But-" "Yes," said the person who is always eager to

JOVIALITIES.

Bates-That nephew of yours called me blackguard. Vates-Just like Hen; no tact about the boy. I've always told him that the truth was not to be spoken

A Helping Hand.-Aunt Harriet has

written letters to General Eagan and Congressman Roberts," "In the name of sense, what for?" "She wants them to join her Don't-Worry Club,"—Brooklyn

As It Seem - Mrs. Hoon Gooking up

from her reading)—"The Chinese invent-ed gun powder," Mr. Hoon-Yes; but it was so many years ago that they have

long since forgotten what it was for -

Justice-What have you to say in answer to the charge of stealing this man's plank walk? The Accused-I took it by

advice of my physician, 'yer honor, He told me to take a long walk every day,

This was the first long walk I saw to-

"My dear," said a repentant husband to his wife, "If I ever used any unkind words to you, I take them all back."

"No, you won't. I know you. You want to use them all over again," she

his web is it not wonderful? Do you re-flect, try as he may, no man could spin that web? Johnny-What of it? See me

replied.-Pearson's Weekly.

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I gradually improved and now, at forty seven, after having lived a protty hard life, I am in the very best of health.

My fliver and kidneys are in good shape and never to table me at all. I credit the Tabules for my improvement. They fixed me up all right when I taken the tore was no relief for the The other day I met my out decree. He has table incon my has visit if the life in the face and care of myself I would be dead within a year. Be greated no with " Hailoo, are you not dead yet?"

"So," I said, "I'll live to cat the chicken that scenarious according to the first of the second of the stable of the second of the s

dead yet?"
So," I said. "I'll live to cat the chicken that scratches over your grave."

"No." I said. "I'll live to cat the chicken that stratches over your grave."

I have never seen him since.
Our driver—there he is now—taken them continually since I recommended them. He used to suffer terribly with rhearmatism. He came in here one day with or ratches. I don't know how he steed it. His condition was something any if there a Tabules have caused him. His whole family takes them, he tells me. They think the world of them.

A printing ink salesman who comes in here also takes them for tonics up the system and keeping his stemach in good working order. He says nothing can equal them.

Why, my little boy and girl, that's them playing an obtaining an open there, take them. They were troubled with worms, both of them. The little nich was in a very bid way. Her face was sharp and pinched looking. Wanted to sit around the house and there in our. Always feit tired, lighth of them are too much candy, and you know that's just the thing to belo the worms. Well, I started giving them Tabules. I broke one Tabule into a rowder form and dissolved it in water. I gave each of them that due three times a day. The result you can nee for yourself. The worms are all gone now, and the children are as bealthy as I would wish them to be. They want to be ent of doors at a be time now, especially the little girl. I can't keep her in. Eat: way, bless you, I can't give them now, especially the little girl. I can't keep her in. Eat: way, bless you, I can't give them enow, especially the little girl. I can't keep her in. Eat: way, bless you, I can't give them enow, especially the fittle girl and to mother, we shall have to hustle around now to get enough together to feel those children.

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