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Governor Stone's exception to the naming of a battleship after a battle fought between Americans is timely and well taken. Let us have beace.

Let Quay Be Tried.

On Monday in Philadelphia another attempt will be made to secure a trial of the Quar case and the hope of the people of the state, without regard to faction or party, is that it will succeed. The charges forming the basis of this criminal prosecution have been bruited about for so long a time and made to play so conspicuous a part in the working out of personal and political antagonisms that the much-abused interests of justice call for a final ad- that would be appreciated by the comjudication in open court

On Monday morning Senator Quny | social status, will again present himself before the court of quarter sessions of Philadelphia county and through his counsel demand a public trial. To this he is are rapidly discovering that they canentitled and if the prosecution shall not trifle with Governor Roosevelt. again move for an adjournment the They tried to hold up his civil service court must consider whether it can bill but he soon overmastered them. afford to lay itself open to the charge They tried to pass an unfair bill raisof abotting a political consultacy by ing teachers' salaries in New York city granting further delay. A trial will as but he insisted that the unfairness be it progresses show what there is back stricken out, and it was. They tried of these charges, but a nostnonement to rush a franchise bill through detriwill be equivalent in the public mind mental to the interests of the residents to an acquittal, since it will virtually along Amsterdam avenue, in New York confess that Quay was accused and city, but he put his foot down and indicted for political purposes only. has wanted it from the first. His coun- publicane tried to the up Roosevelt's sel prevailed upon him to authorize the appeal to the Supreme court which the Mazet investigating committee to carried the case out of the joint juris- be appointed with Frank Moss as diction of Judge Finletter and District counsel, the man who knows more Attorney Graham, and all who read about the rotten spots in Tammany the argument of D. T. Watsor under- than any other in the city and who stand full well why that jurisdiction is fearless and incorruptible. Finally, was feared. But there has not been a to can the climax, the rotten Republimoment since the Supreme court remitted the trial to the Philadelphia with the Democrats for the purpose quarter sessions that the senator has not been eager to confront his accusets. in open court and angious to get them under cross-examination. To this end subpoenas have issued for Wanamaker, Gordon, Guffey and the entire number of principals in the concerted legal attack on Quey and these chief spirits in the prosecution will be called as reluctant witnesses for the defense.

After Monday only nine legislative days will remain of the present general assembly if adjournment shall be taken, as pledged, one week from next Thursday. It will be to the interest of the opponents of Quay to prevent a conclusion of the trial of his case before April 20 hence if a postponement is not sought the artificial lengthening of the proceedings by the multiplication of importinent testimony may be ex-

lection of checks drawn on out-of-town new members of jast year who have retransferred unless the obrioxious and uncalled for rule shall be uncondition- ful organization, and its influence in ify repealed. The small country traders have taken this matter up; they will xplain it to incir customers, the curmors will talk it over with their neighbors and by the time congress meets, if in the meantime the conspiracy of the New York Clearing House esociation in restraint of trade shall not have collapsed from its own weakness, a sentiment will be the to demand from congress corrective legis-It does not may to be hoggish in any

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lation

The rain was welcome yesterday, in that it placed a temporary check upon the gaugs of men who brush clouds of dust in the faces of the public on the protense of cleaning the streets. In almost every other city the asphalt paves are slightly sprinkled before the sweeper starts out and the annoyance of dust is thus done away with. The services of one man with a watering pot ahead of the street sweepers would accomplish much in the way of abating the nuisance that has been almost unbearable during the past few days Here is an opportunity for reform munity, regardless of politics, creed or

Roosevelt.

The logislators of New York state the objectionable features were elim-Senator Quay wants a trial and be insted. Croker and the Croker Repolice legislation and Teddy caused cans at Albany threatened to combine of defeating an appropriation to pay the expenses o the investigation of the canal frauds, and the governor's reply was that if they did he would pay the expenses himself.

These are just a few of the victories which Roosevelt has won since he laid aside the uniform of a soldier to resume leadership in civil affairs. The newspapers haven't made as big a fuss over these later engagements with the forces of boodle and corruption at Albany as they did over Teddy's work at La Guasimas or San Juan hill, when his opponents were a lot of Ill-clothed Spaniards fighting under their true colors; but we dare say that if all the facts could be known it would pected. The eves of the people of the as much courage, nerve and grit as, sufficiently indicated in the quotation linao, on the Island of Luzon, overland and a good deal better generalship we have made to go a long way toward

fused to renew. The League of American Wheelmen was for years a powerthe interest of bleycling and good roads has been almost unlimited. Of late, however, matters of importance to wheelmen have been subservient to the ambitions and bickerings of the head officials, and the once splendid organization is already going to decay. An effort is being made to organize the wheelmen of the country under another name, and it is probable that a certain class will also continue to stick to the remnants of the League of American Wheelmen, but the prestige of the organization, which has been destrayed by the petty jealousies of a number of indiscreetly chosen leaders,

is gone forever. There is a suspicion that the remarkable lung development of the base ball magnates has been cultivated for advertising purposes only,

Good News from Hawaii. The Hawalian Star of March 17, one

of the two sprightly daily papers published at Honolulu, contains this item: 'Yesterday and today have been record days for Honolulu harbor in the matter of steam shipping. A most unusual sight was presented about \$.00 o'clock this morning. The Gaelic was still in view, steaming to the westward: the transport Valencia was going out through the channel: to the eastward of the channel's mouth the Miowera was hove to waiting for the Valencia to clear the channel: the Dorie to the westward of the channel's mouth was just finishing her voyage from the Orient to this port; while Waikiki of the Miowera, the steam whaler Jeanette was at anchor. Inside the harbor in naval row was the blg British steamship Monmouthshire, like which arrived yesterday from Yekohama and sailed today for Portland. Further Ewa in naval row was the United States steamship Wheeling, which arrived yesterday from Vancouver after an Alaskan cruise. At the Mail dock was the big United States collier Scindia, which sails tomorrow for San Francisco. And at the Oceanic wharf was the Australia which arrived Wednesday. In the last three days eight can going steamships have arrived at this port, one man of war, one whater

and six merchant vessels. In addition to these steam vessels the harbor is unusually full of sailing craft. Never before has there been such a striking ocular demonstration of the growing importance of Honolulu as a shipping and commercial center." In the press of more exciting news

the affairs of Hawaii have not recently received much attention in the States; but it is encouraging to learn from the Star's well-edited columns that the commerce of our mid-Pacific territory is progressing satisfactorily, that government matters are going along smoothly and that a strong delegation is likely to be sent to Washington next winter to urge congress to organize the islands under a territorial form. The commercial and strategic importance of Honolulu, as a naval base commanding the whole sweep of the vast North be shown that Roosevelt has display- Pacific, the future theater of our mered in his capacity as governor just chant marine's greatest expansion, is

with it has gone all sanctity pertaining to the secrecy of the ballot box.

Another amendment that would be very wise is suggested by Mr. Woodruff's proposed amendment to the constitution abolishing the payment of taxes as a necessary qualification for an elector. It is only a few years since the state voted by a very large majority against such an amendment,

and it was done because a large majority of the people of the state appreciated the priceless privilege of the elective franchise that attaches to American citizenship, Instead of abolishing the tax qualification, every citizen should be required to voluntarily register his name and pay his in person; and the man who is taxes unwilling to pay 25 cents a year for

the privilege of exercising the sovereign power of an American voter has no fitness for American citizenship. Instead of cheapening and degrading the right of suffrage, we should seek to elevate and sanctify it, and that can be done only by teaching its grand importance to every citizen.

NEWS AND COMMENT.

Lieutenant St. Sauveur, the French military attache who was an interested military attache who was an interston witness of the Santiage campaign, is en-thuskaatle in his praises of the American private soldier. "If I had an army corps of them today." he declared recently. "Alsace and Lorraine would not beforg to Germany tomorrow." He added: "The American soldier is the best in the world, consider the volunteers int the higher

especially the volunteer, but the higher officials, the rich men's sons, the commissary they are—ab, rotten, I believe you say in English. It is a shame; it is ter-rible the privations the American troops were compelled to undergo. A French soldier is paid less than 1 cent a day and an American soldier gets 50 cents a day would rather be in the army of France The American private is actuated by the bighest motives. He is open-hearted and he has a life which he is willing to lose for the flag. But the others, the men of the gold lace and cpaulets, they are not like these of France, where experience and training count. They are favoriles, General Shafter stayed aboard ship three days after the first battle on Cuban soll General Wheeler, General Chaffee and others are the real heroes. In my opinion General Shafter was woefully lacking for the position he held. His troops were handled in the transports like cattle. Nogroes were landed first on the enemy's ceast. Why were not the tried and true

warriors in the van? The glimmer of the almighty dollar was all too evident in th Spanish war. The treatment of the Amer-can troops was a disgrace to so rich a sountry,

The imaginative Mr. Coon, who was go ing to hypnotize the president into in dorsing a \$30,000,000 five per cent, bond dorsing a \$20,000,000 live per cent, bond issue which the said Coen would then generously purchase of the Cubon as-sembly for \$12,000,000, pocketing the dif-ference-a proposition which, absurd as it appears, nevertheless sufficed to befuildle the speculative patriots at Havana for several weeks, almost causing an armed

elash with the American authorities-has, it seems, a reputation for eccentricity, According to W. E. Curtis he once proposed to construct an enormous float, or raft, two or three miles square, fill it with earth, decorate it with trees and shrubbery and erect upon it an enormous hotel, with casir.os, gardens, driveways theaters and other places of amusement This fleat was to be towed out 200 or miles into the Atlantic and anchored, the actually obtained considerable financial backing for the enterprise and issued gorgeous and entertaining prospectuses illuminated advertisements. The guile less Cuban should beware of such as he.

To reach Scranton from Manila the news must travel over a course of something like 14,000 miles. The chief stations en route are as follows: Manila to Bo-

telegraph; Bolinan to Hong Kong, calde

Hong Kong to Salgon, in Annam, cable

Salgon to Singapore, Malay peninsula cable; Singapore to Madras, India, cable



state and of the country will be upon the judge and upon the jury when this celebrated cause is called, and note will by made of every suspicious move.

All may not be able to cheer the hearts of the passing throng with springtime melodies, portical or otherwise, but almost any one can assist in making the world beautiful by planting a tree at this season.

Conscious of Their Mistake.

In 1896 it was a subject of wonder to many observers of our presidential campaign that so harsh a feeling should exist among so many morally good people against banks and bank ers. The literature of the Bryan movment was aimed almost wholly at the banking industry, which it neeused with great extravagance of language of being in a conspiracy to rob the producers of the country by the means of dishonest laws. From having once been regarded by public opinion as a model vocation, typical of scrupulous punctuality, honesty and fidelity to business trusts, the vocation of the banker, under the stress of this literature and by aid of demagalent ore tory, passed into disrepute among a great number of American citizens, 6,500,000 of whom, male adults, representing nearly one-half of the population, voted at the polls in that year u ballet equivalent in its meaning to the assertion, among others, that the banker is next in morals to a thief. Bryan was defeated and since then business has very generally and perceptibly improved. Many of those who were carried away by the Bryan fover have revived sufficiently in common sense to perceive that the Bryan movement was a mistake: that free coinage of silver at the old ratio is simply a vision of minds disturbed; that the bankers are neither better nor worse than other men but not one-half so black as the Bryan literature paints. ed them. The number of those capable of appreciating these truths if given in the none too wholesome atmosphere time for same observation and reflection would incerase if the bankers, for instincts have tainted everything they their part, would now show a little tact: but when a great body of them and blasphemy of Eagan when corlike the members of the New York nered was simply a natural expression Clearing House association try to take of the present staff system's true naadvantage of the upward tendency in general business to put in force a rule in relation to the collection of checks which looks on the surface like nothing loss then a plain clutch at the throat of business, without provocation or warrant, it is idle to expect that Bryanism as an infection of American polities will disappear entirely.

The bankers of New York fortunately in this grab-all characteristic do not fairly represent the bankers of the country. If they expected their strikto work through the general co-operation of the banking fraternity they have been royally undeceived. Its only visible effect has been a recoil that has seriously threatened the continued supremucy of New York city as the continent's undisputed financial center. Millions of dollars in deposits have

been transferred from New York banks American Wheelmen has been hastbeen transferred from New York banks. American Wheelmen has been hast-to banks in other eities where the col- ened recently by the action of 9,000 poil list. That has passed away and

than, he was called upon to exhibit in justifying Hawaii's annexation, Cuba. For, it must be admitted that while as governor he may have made The Hour Has Come ome minor mistakes, he has thus far given a signally clean and straightforward administration and has surprised his friends as well as disapnointed his enemies by the self-control discretion and tact which he has ex- From the Philadelphila Times.

hibited under trying circumstances. The Theodore Roosevelt of today is not the roystering swashbuckler, sword in hand and aching for a fight, that the public used to conjure up in its mind at mention of his name, but a cool, clear-headed, well-poised man of wonderful vitality and honesty and sounk, who broadens with his opportunities and is cleaviy fated to go

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higher still. ----The pottery trust appears to have been shattered by overbaking.

An Illuminating Investigation.

As the heef inquiry progresses, it hecomes clear, not simply that rotten meat was folsted on the arms, but that the whole system of doing business at the bureau headquarters was permeated with dry rot and intrigue, in the face of which the nominal head of the war department, though evidently fond of considering himself a factor in the situation, was as helpiess as a little child. Secretary Alger has his faults-too many of them, we fear. to qualify him to shine with lustre in his present position-but nobody will lot. believe that he was knowingly a party to the purchase of rotten heef, that he was predisposed to underrate or hamper the professional head of the army from maticious intent, or that he was aware of the suppression of official

reports and the perversion of records which are now coming to light. The rotten beef, the petty war on Miles and the manipulation of records. are obviously the work of the life-tenure bureaucrats, whose conceptions of patriotism and duty have dry-rotted of Washington and whose perverted touched. The villainous vituperation

ture. Eagan thought that by hurling the lie at Miles his own shortcomings would escape detection: hut, the exact reverse has happened. The search for evidence has been prozecuted relentlessly and under its accumulating weight Eagan and the whole hureaucratic system are slowly being crushed to their destruction.

This dry rot in war department management has got to be cut away and there is no use in trying to ignore the fast. The people are as a unit upon this point and as soon as the court of Inquiry formulates its findings they will expect to see McKinley sharpen his axe and send it hewing straight to the line thus marked out, utterly regardless of whom the blade hits.

The rapid decline of the League of ber of the ticket with the number on-

THE KEATOR BILL amending our present complicated ballot system in Pennsylvania, has passed the house finally and is now pending in the senate. Every amendment it proposes to our present ballot law is directly in the line of honest reform and in favor of intelligent and independent voting. It reduces the percentage of voters necessary to nominate candidates, and abolishes the circle at the head of different tickets by which the voter can mark an entire ticket by placing a cross within the circle. The ticket as provided by the Keator bill will be very simple. It cannot lead to confusion unless in the case of the most ignorant of voters, and they will have to more difficulty in voting correctly under the Keator bill than they would have under any other law. The names of all the candidates for each particu-

lar office are grouped under the title of the office, with the clear presentation of the party that has nominated each candidate. Thus the voter who knows little about the candidates and who desires to vote a solid party ticket, will only have to read the party name after each candidate and thus clearly guided in preparing his bal-This is the principle of the original Australian ballot that is now known as the most honest ballot law ever presented to any country.

Under the present ballot law with the great blanket sheet as the ticket and the names of the same candidates |] and Isabel the saintly printed in different columns, it is difficult even for an intelligent citizen to property mark his ballot; but when all the candidates for governor for instance are placed under the title of that office, with Republican, Democrat, independent or by whatever other title the party may be known, attached to the names of the candidates, there can be no embarrassment to even the wayfaring voter. If he does not know the names of his party candidates, or if he does not understand the English language, he can readily make out the name of his party and thus avoid being misled in marking his ballot. Such a ticket brings each voter to the consideration of all the candidates, as he will be compelled to mark one for each office, and that is certainly a commendable principle in a ballot taw.

There are two features which might well be added to the Kentor ballot bill. One should require the judges when computing the vote, to open any ballot box upon the sworn petition of ten or more electors of the precinct, alleging fraud. The ballot is entirely secret and there is no reason why the ballot box should not be opened at any time when the integrity of its contents is questioned. All the sanctity that pertains to the ballot box arises from former laws when by opening the box the vote of each citizen could be readily ascertained by comparing the num-

land telegraph; Alexandria to Marseilles, via Malta, cable; Marseilles to Havre, tor Ballot Reform Prance, land telegraph: Havre to Brigh-ton, England, cable; Brighton to Lon-don, land telegraph; London to Valencia by cable and land telegraph: Valencia to New York by St. John's cable, New York to Philadelphia to Scranton, land telegraph. An engineer named Germain in the French ministry of posts and telegraphs has just brought out an invention which he claims will revolutionize the telephone. By an ingenious adaptation of the telephone wire the microphone is made to develop and intensify the vibration reeeived so that it is unnecessary to place receiver to the car or stand with the mouth closed to the transmitter, and couversation is casily carried on between two persons, both of whom may be several vards distant from the instrument The invention has been several times officially tested and pronounced a complete success. It is familiarly known as the "high speaker."

> The town of Westhofen, in Germany, still enforces an old ordinance which for-bids any one walking in the street with a lighted cigar.

Since James Whitcomb Riley fooled the critics with his imitative poem, "Leona-nie," alleged "finds" of Foc verse have been at a discount; nevertheless a California contributor to the San Francisco Examiner, name not given, declares that the following came to him in Poe's hand-writing, and we reproduce it for what it is worth:

THE SEA OF SERENITY.

From the Mountains of the Moon, O'er her silent, silver valleys, Lit by earth-light soft in June. And Aurora Borealis Mute upon the mountain's top Listened to the sweet dews faintly Into nether caveras drop. 11.

And we snoke not and we moved not In our musing melancholy : Deep we loved, ah! we loved not As they love in worlds unhely. There the earth hangs full and golden O'er our planet's pallid plan, And all memories of the olden Days of the Earth swam back again, 121.

With a soft, a and insistence Flowed a stream of melody through the ether, through the distance Flowed for Dabel and me. From the zenith, blazing write Green and purple, opalescent. Blue and crimson suns with light Bathed the nadir, iridescent, 145

Many million triple sums Violet, and lilac, burning Where the crystal zodiac runs, On its golden axles turalna. Brighter than the flames of Ender Glowed the ruby sphere terrestrial

Best Bicycle Built

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on Friday."

mend Ripans Tabules and to give his own experience with them, which he relates as follows : "For fully twenty-five years I have been an asthmatic. As a general thing throughout the winter, I have to remain indoors at least three or four days in each month. I have suf-Mining, Blasting, Sporting, Smokelets fered a great deal-yet all the precautions I might take did not keep and the Repanne Coemics: Company's me free from these terrible attacks. About eighteen months ago I commenced taking RIPANS TABULES to regulate my stomach. I HIGH EXPLOSIVES. am of a bilious temperament, and as soon as I become bilious I am Eafety Fuse, Caps and Exploders Room 101 Connell Building, Serautan. sure to have attacks of asthma. The Tabules keeps my stomach all right, and for the past year I have not been confined to the house at all. My asthma is not cured-but the attacks are very slight. I use AGENCIES. THOS, FORM. on an average two Tabules every Sunday, one on Wednesday and one JOHN E. SMITH & 13N W. E. MULLIGAN,

