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If President Sherman manages to untangle the kinks at Manila there will have to be a revision of opinion about the efficiency of the college professor in every day life.

That Alleged Slate.

The newspapers in sympathy with John W. Wainwright and the insurgent movement are now bringing the alleged fact that Senator Quay and some of his friends have met and made a "slate" for the coming Republican state convention.

The objection made by the Wainwright contingent to the alleged Quay "slate" is not leveled at the individuals reputed to be on that "slate," even the insurgents have to admit that they are first rate men and good Republicans.

The objection made is that according to rumor they have been considered favorably by Senator Quay. If they had been stated by Wainwright, Flynn or Van Valkenberg, these newspapers would have handed them to the stove and worked overtime to manufacture public sentiment in their favor.

There has been no slate of any kind made by Senator Quay or any of his lieutenants, but if there had been one made it would have every reason to feel honored by insurgent opposition.

Indiscriminate Generosity.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Philadelphia Inquirer, recalls that when, in 1887, responding to a senate resolution Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer compiled a list of the school districts of the state in which a less sum of money is raised and appropriated locally than it received from the state for school purposes.

This compilation is published in the Pennsylvania State Journal for 1887; Part II, pages 231 to 235. It shows that in very few cases does the total amount of school tax levied for the district approach the amount received by state appropriation.

The most earnest Dutch champion in the interest of universal peace is said to be M. W. Waslewicz. It is difficult to imagine how a person with such a name can favor anything but disorder.

The Corporations and the City.

Discussing the question of franchise taxation now uppermost in New York, the Press of Utica remarks: "The great corporations are in a godly measure to blame for the antagonism which is felt against them. The disposition on the part of some of them studiously to avoid and evade taxation naturally arouse the enmity of those unable to follow their example."

These words are true and they suggest another thought. In our own community we hear much complaint at the part taken by some corporations in city affairs. It is well known that when councilmen are to be elected the large vested interests have a good deal to do with selecting at least a portion of the nominees.

any of his critics in liberality to the schools, but he believes that the state should not do everything and the local school districts nothing. His position in this matter will stand the test of intelligent and fair-minded investigation.

Although the "insurgents" continue their vainglorious talking it is noticeable that Colonel Quay is harvesting the delegates.

The President Unfairly Criticized.

At a meeting of the National Anti-Mob and Lynch Law association, held in the Wiley African Methodist Episcopal church of Springfield, O., recently some remarks were made reflecting upon the president of the United States which were unwarranted and injudicious.

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generally and make it a fixed principle to help to elect no man to any city office whom they consider unworthy of the confidence of the business community they would soon find the policy from the practical standpoint a paying one and they would be so doing neutralize much of the prevalent discontent at corporation methods.

Recent reports from the seat of war indicate that Aguinaldo's prestige has departed and that General Luna is the leading spirit in the Philippine insurrection. There is a suggestion about the name of Luna that ought to make him the idol of the "ants."

The disposition on part of railroad officials to shift responsibility for the Exeter disaster bids fair to make a just verdict by the coroner's jury a difficult achievement.

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The backbone of the Filipino insurrection will soften very quickly after the leaders discover what offices they are to get under the American regime.

When the Reading railroad is divorced from politics and managed by practical railroad men its list of wrecks will rapidly halt.

Dr. McGiffert evidently proposes to take up the work among Presbyterians where Dr. Briggs left off.

Great Britain's welcome to Dewey at Hong Kong ought to satisfy the most fastidious.

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Instead of increasing the cost of canned goods to the consumer, the duty on tinplate has had a contrary effect. Tin cans for packing purposes are sold today to packers at a price lower than in 1891, and instead of depending upon the Welsh product the packers are enabled to secure every pound of tin that they need right from the mills of the United States.

ley bill. Not only has the price of tinplate been reduced 25 per cent, but a similar reduction has resulted in the cost of roofing tin, to that the builder as well as the packer is able to reduce his price for roofing to the extent of 25 per cent. below the figures of nine years ago.

DEWEY ON THE PHILIPPINES.

From an interview with him had by a Philadelphia Press Correspondent at Hong Kong.

"I have the greatest enthusiasm in the future of the Philippines. I hope to see America's possessions the key to Oriental commerce and civilization. The brains of our great country will develop the untold agricultural and mineral richness of the islands. We must never sell them. Such an action would bring on another great war. We will never part with the Philippines, I am sure, and in future years the idea that anybody should have seriously suggested it will be one of the curiosities of history."

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Monster, and angel almost, beast and spirit, savage and seer, In your totality are the suns and the stars; Living and alert, we behold you master of the material; holding the earth in your palm.

But when you are dead you would not fetch thirty cents, Nor would thirty cents be of any use to you whatever.

Great is your reason, and great is your gift of language, And yet, you cannot tell me the reason of your reason, Or make any report of Nature and Life, The poverty of which is not so palpable. But that your brother who walks in the woods, or dwells with his kind, May perceive it with one eye shut.

Orators, statesmen, plenders, why all this talk and contention, when you ought to be doing something? Why all this hubbub and controversy? Do you not speak the same language that you cannot understand one another? Will you never learn that the individual cannot know it all?

Go to, disperse, reform! Your conduct excites a contagious oscillation. I see the miracles you have wrought, And, with my forehead in the dust, I salute your science.

As a child, with parted lips and eyes wide open, I observe your steamboats, railroads, telegraphs, telephones, typewriters, phonographs, bicycles, trolleys; Also your dynamos, batteries, ironclads, threshers, snowploughs, nickle-in-the-slots, repeating rifles, instantaneous cameras.

Likewise your stethoscopes, microscopes, kinoscopes, X-rays, wireless telegraphy— But this is not an encyclopedia or a tariff schedule—only a poem.

I say I salute your science, but why should I? (It has beared the market for poems—but let that pass.)

Why should I not rather salute a single hair on my hand? Science cannot imitate even that humble growth; Much less can it amplify the locks of the poet.

Or even arrest the cautious condition known to the unlearned as baldness. Epitome of the Universe, Slime and Sage, bifurcated embodiment of good and evil, poor pulling wretch, serene philosopher, stranger, brother, synthesis of Myself, I halt.

—William T. Larned, in the Sun. Yard and Office West Lackawanna Ave., SCRANTON, PA.

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