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The Scranton Times' octopus editor may now fairly ask for a vacation with full pay.

Now for Decent Streets.

Nothing is now lacking but the city controller's counter-signature to enable the Barber Asphalt company to proceed at once, according to contract, to repair the asphalt streets.

It is proper therefore, to regard this battle for street repairs as closed, and closed in the only business-like and sensible manner possible under the circumstances.

General Henderson's speakership campaign is of the cyclone type, and no mistake. We publish elsewhere an interesting pen portrait of this gifted and fortunate Westerner.

The Second Class City Problem.

The various facts and opinions which have been presented in The Tribune from time to time upon the subject of Scranton's coming transition into a second class city clearly indicate that this is a topic of more than ordinary importance.

In the nature of the case a change to the second-class form of city government appears inevitable soon after the completion of the Twelfth national census, for under the law there will remain no alternative after the governor shall have sent his mandatory notice to councils of the city's ascent above the 100,000 population line.

Good Summer Reading.

Some details of the experiences of the Royal Belgian Geographical society's Antarctic exploring expedition on board the steamship Belgica are now available and they make appropriate summer reading.

The Belgica left the South American mainland at its extreme southern point on Jan. 14, 1898, and after three months of steaming, sailing and drifting in a southerly direction, discovered, on March 16, at about 71 degrees 24 minutes south and 86 degrees 16 minutes west, that she could go no further, having become ice-locked.

beings, on the south shores of Terra del Fuego. The ice during this period of imprisonment averaged about 6 feet in thickness and extended in every direction as far as the explorers dared to venture.

The opinion of the commander of the party, Lieutenant de Gerlach, based on soundings and observations of the drift of the water currents, is that there is no undiscovered Antarctic continent.

The report that the Comtesse de Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, took a prominent part in the demonstration of the anti-Semitic rabble against President Loubet of France, showing "Vive l'armee," if true, would indicate that the United States of America suffered no irreparable loss when that young lady chose a titled foreigner for a husband.

The Right Disposition of Wealth.

They held at Yale the other day a debate upon the question, "What would be the best disposition of Andrew Carnegie's great wealth?" and the most sensible opinion offered came from Professor J. C. Schwab of the department of political economy, who said: "Probably the best thing that Mr. Carnegie could do with his money would be to employ it actively in business; that is, he should build factories and railroads and employ his money productively.

Professor Schwab's last sentence may need explanation. It is not surprising that the professor is hostile to charities; but as a sensible economist he doubtless realizes that prevention of the conditions which necessitate charities is preferable to indiscriminate bestowal of alms.

It is the fashion of a school of public agitators—demagogues, we might say—to throw odium upon men of means; to incite against them the envy of the excitable poor and to cause it to appear that wealth is necessarily a menace to the working classes.

In the case of Andrew Carnegie—to continue the concrete illustration begun at Yale university—it is very little indeed, that Mr. Carnegie personally gets out of his millions. He eats little more food than his employes at Homestead; wears not many more, though perhaps more expensive, clothes, and has shelter which, if more costly in its first cost, is likewise a greater means of putting money in continual circulation than the less expensive cottage of the mill hand whom the Carnegie investments supply with employment.

Mr. Carnegie owns \$100,000,000, which for sake of illustration we will assume that he does, and spends on himself and his personal needs \$100,000 a year and only a tenth of one per cent. taken from the money's interest or dividend-earning power.

The release of Dreyfus, the French captain, who has been unjustly confined on a penal island for the past five years, has been due principally to the efforts of his plucky wife who has not been idle a moment during his imprisonment.

M. Loubet's experience at the Auteuil races demonstrates that high officials in France are subjected to attacks almost as annoying as those of the American yellow press.

Mr. Henry Austin Adams is concededly a smart man, but smart men sometimes make themselves appear foolish.

The members of Aguilardo's press bureau appear to be off on a summer vacation.

The Indiana air ship and the Henderson boom appeared about the same time.

It will be just as well to have Baby Clark's abductors tried in Rockland

county. A hearing in that locality will probably decide to the satisfaction of all whether the kidnapping was genuine or simply a scheme to boom the circulation of a fake newspaper.

There has recently been enacted in New York state a law constituting it a misdemeanor for any person to sell or give away any document made up in whole or part of unwholesome acids or other substance intended to imitate the natural juice of fruits or the flavor thereof.

Devilry may at the time seem more exciting, but it rarely exhibits the longevity of virtue.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrological Cast: 2:15 a. m., for Tuesday, June 6, 1899.

A child born on this day will notice that there is still good work before the councils in the way of suppressing the soft coal nuisance in Scranton.

Some new brooms sweep so clean when they are first used that they are almost worthless after the first trial.

Even the bicycle searcher now has something to live for.

Ajaxchus' Advice.

Beware of the man who will not answer questions in a straightforward manner. There's no telling what he may be thinking of.

Thomas B. Reed's Probable Successor

Washington Letter, Times-Herald.

DAVID BREMMER HENDERSON, the probable successor of Thomas Brackett Reed as speaker of the house of representatives, is the man who has a better conception of the man said: "He has the exuberant buoyancy and hopefulness of a child; he is as young and healthy-souled as if he were still looking at the roses of his life with the morning sun new-risen upon him."

His life has been a fighting one. The fight kind of combateness is uppermost in his nature. He was once called a "Lorna Doone" kind of a fighter, and the term was applied to him by those who knew what kind of a fighter that is. He has been seventeen years in congress, having from the third district of Iowa, Dubuque being his home, joined the Democrats of that Democratic town indorsing what he does just about as cordially as do the enthusiastic Republicans.

He is 59 years old and he can never be president of the United States because he was born in Old Deer, Scotland, in 1839. His parents removed with him to the United States where he was 2 years old and settled in Illinois. They remained in that state until 1859, when they passed on to Iowa, and there has been his home ever since. His boyhood was spent on a farm, and he secured his education at the same time that poverty was knocking at the door.

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In congress he has been chairman of the committee on rules, in the absence of Speaker Reed, and is also chairman of the judiciary committee, two positions which have given him excellent opportunity to fit for the chair of the speaker. In the house the committee on rules takes much the place of the cabinet in the British continental government.

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most any other man in Iowa. In the east they have promoted the gallant Colonel and put the handle of "general" to his name. In Iowa he is plain "Dave" Henderson, without any handle at all, except on ceremonial occasions. That furnishes the clue to the colonel's popularity. He is pre-eminently a "good fellow" and instead of being always on a high horse, as most colonels would be, he generally walks with the privates. And when a man in the ranks can call his commander "Dave" without being conscious of taking liberties it is safe to assume he will follow his leader through fire and brimstone. It is this in-born trait of good fellowship that has brought Colonel Henderson close to other men, whether simple Iowa farmers or statesmen of international fame.

Colonel Henderson is noted in Iowa as one of the best trial lawyers in the state, but to his ability to win lawsuits he could earn two or three times as much from his practice as his seat in congress pays, but the fighting fever is in his blood, and he has no intention of giving up his seat in congress. He enjoys his biennial battle for political life, and the personal joust with Democrats at the national level is as fresh to him as the morning dew. Colonel Henderson is an uncompromising Republican, and he loves to run a javelin through a political opponent. In the days when he was responsible for leaving the bloody shirt he followed the fashion with zest, for he had not only lost a foot, but had suffered for years and submitted to three amputations of his leg. Formerly he got about on an artificial foot, but since the last operation, taking off a third section of his leg, he often uses crutches.

The colonel often pours oratorical vitriol upon the Democrats of the house, but he is personally popular among them. In the midst of his bitter remarks he takes out much of the sting by calling his political opponents "brothers" in a conciliatory tone. When he has finished one of these speeches he is likely to saunter about on the Democratic side of the house putting his arm around the necks of congressmen and "brothering" them in a hearty, friendly way that is irresistible. In making a speech it is a trick of the Iowa to throw his maimed leg over his desk and then hunch about the morning sun new-risen around three o'clock. When aroused he speaks with much vehemence, shakes his head with vigor and draws the fullness of his resources, his courage, his easy assumption of leadership, his prudence, his good will, his sanity of judgment, his good comradeship. He knows what he can do and he cannot do. He never affects the fable of omniscience. Yet again said this man who knew him: "He will swear with all the pious Scotch demagogue of John Knox at the Democratic members for their resistance to Reed's rules, and then he will pass along one of the aisles on the Democratic side and the members will rise up to greet him as if he were the cherished pride of the household."

FIGURES ON ILLITERACY.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record. The ratio of illiteracy among the nations of America and Europe is the highest in the world. Portugal is 89 per cent. of the population. Portugal is 89 per cent. in order, with 79 per cent of her people illiterate. In Russia 70 per cent. of the population can neither read nor write, and schools are prohibited among the peasants. In Spain the percentage is 82; in Greece, 45; Italy, 28; Hungary, 23; in Austria, 17; Austria, 15; Belgium, 15; France, 5.90; England, 5.80; The Netherlands, 5.40; Scotland, 3.27; Germany, 6.11; Switzerland, 6.65.

In the United States the percentage of the white population that is illiterate is 7.7; of the white native population, 6.2; of the white foreign population, 12.1; of the colored population, 55.8. The ignorance of the colored people and recent immigrants brings the total average illiteracy of the United States up to 12.3—a little less than Belgium and Austria, 17 the southern states—the percentage of illiteracy is higher than the average. In the south Atlantic states it runs up to 20.9, while in the north Atlantic division of states it is only 6.2. In the south central division—that is, the Gulf and southwestern states—the percentage of illiteracy is 15.7, while in the north central states it is 15.3, and in the north central states it is 3.4.

REXFORD'S, SCRANTON, June 6.

The clock sale is on—started yesterday morning. Five hundred and twenty-eight clocks—it is the opportunity of the year. There will not be another like this year.

Dresden China Clocks, Burnished Gold Clocks, Black Enamel Clocks, Alarm Clocks, Bronze Clocks, 27 Cases of Clocks.

Took two months of planning, thinking and searching the markets to get ready for this event. It is to your interest to come early.

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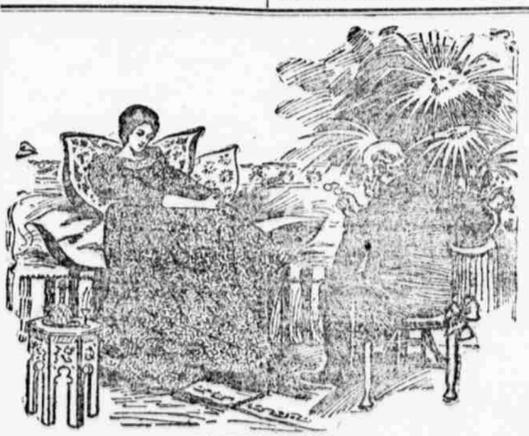
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