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By a re-arrangement of forces, The Tribune job department has passed under the immediate control of Mr. Albert de Follet, a job printer of practical and varied experience, whose record for producing good workmanship and fulfilling engagements promptly is of the best.

Contemptible.

A matter not in itself of much importance but typical of the depths to which the Wannamaker group of reactionists are willing to descend in their efforts to create an artificial public opinion is referred to in a dispatch from Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Times, reprinted elsewhere.

After laboring Governor Stone with incessant "invective for political and official acts which, if stated fairly, are proper subjects of comment, either censorious or otherwise, which are almost invariably misrepresented by the "insurgent" literary bureau at Harrisburg, that institution thought recently to adopt a new tack.

Says General Wood: "The whole problem today in Cuba is work. Put the idle people who are now reading the incendiary press, to work, relegate to a back seat the politicians, whose present importance rests solely on the attentions they are receiving from our people, and they will not have followers enough left to give them the slightest importance or weight in the community."

Trying an Old Trick.

The resources of municipal villainy are being marshaled just now in a desperate attempt to discredit the man who is conducting the current investigation into the methods of government in vogue in New York city.

Of course Moss handles his witnesses roughly; it is the only way to handle them. He does not handle them half so roughly, however, as they handle themselves or as, in confessional moods, they handle each other.

lage over the genuine reformer and his circumstances are easy in comparison, because win or lose, that is the end of it, whereas the reformer's battle is never ended nor is his enemy always amenable to the honorable rules of war.

When men whom we consider to be honest are willing to serve the state in civil life with the spirit which animates the soldier on the firing line let us see that they do not lack encouragement.

A Charge Which Ought to Be Investigated Fully.

Several days have elapsed during which Admiral Schley has been too busy with popular ovations to pay any attention to the charge of cowardice and selfishness preferred against him on the authority of Lieutenant Hodgson, the navigator of the Brooklyn.

"As the Spanish fleet came out of the harbor the Viscaya pointed directly toward the Brooklyn, which, however, was four or five miles distant. When Admiral Schley saw her coming he ran the Brooklyn away from her and described what has since been called 'the loop.' He says it was a tactical maneuver."

"Admiral Schley--'Hard apart!' 'Lieutenant Hodgson--'You mean starboard.' 'Schley--'No, I don't. We are near enough to them (the Spaniards) already.' 'Hodgson--'But we will cut down the Texas.' 'Schley--'Damn the Texas. Let her look out for herself.'"

The president's friend, Mr. Kohlsaat, is now in a condition of belligerence against Senator Foraker, whom he calls a traitor, dastard, lobbyist, etc., and whose political extermination he demands in the interest of the general welfare.

A New Cure for Idiocy.

How far will science go? This inquiry is suggested by sight in the New York papers of a news item announcing in the language of the Sun--that "Professor Woolsey, assisted by Drs. Christian, Wilson and Nutt, reshaped the skull of an idiot child at Bellevue yesterday in the hope that it will develop intelligence."

The quiet and amiable citizen now serving his country and civilization well as president of France says he did not court that office but that, having accepted it in the line of duty he will stick to it and do his duty therein at any and every hazard.

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An Explanation of American Greatness

From the Times-Herald. THERE was a good deal more than the felicitous compliment of a sailor to the nonmilitant sex in the words in which Admiral Schley spoke of the women of America, last Saturday.

There is far more in these words than lies on the surface. They touch the true somewhere is the gradual improvement of the world's admiration, envy and imitation.

Spelling Reform.

The newspapers, having had their laugh at Dr. Andrews, the superintendent of the Chicago schools, for proposing to introduce in the primary grades the reformed spelling of twelve common words recommended by the National Educational association, now owe it to the doctor to explain the purpose and scope of the innovation.

Drop silent e when fœnetically useless, writing -er for -e, as in live, single, eaten, rained, theatre, etc.

Drop a from ea having the sound of e, as in feather, leather, etc.

Drop silent u after g before a, and in native English words, and drop final u; guard, crucial, catalogue, leave, etc.

Change d and ed final to t when so pronounced, as in looked (look), etc.; unless the d affects the preceding sound, as in chafed, etc.

Change g and ph to f when so pronounced, as in laugh (lafter), etc.; phonic (fonic), etc.

Change s to z when so sounded, especially in distinctive words, and in id; abuse, verb (abuze), advertise (advertize), etc.

Drop t in tch; catch, pitch, etc. The following examples will render these rules more intelligible: "The nativ left at the fotograf and stuk his tung at it, altho he thot the flosfer was a demogog, be a demogog as the fotografer who wist the fotograf published."

He smokt a cigaret thruout the dialog. He was abusd, and he was laught. They had writt enuf abot the batt. Abuv the thorfore was a pedagoge. She cannot catch the car. There ar tribles enuf, and she had a singl fether in her hat. It was a rufly writt story. They ar writt deolous.

Many amendabl words cannot be changed for reasons such as these: (1) The changed word would not be easily recognized, as nee for knee; or (2) letters are left in strange positions, as in edg for edge, gasp for casque.

Of course neither Dr. Andrews nor any other spelling reformer proposes to force spelling reform on reluctant school children; but they argue with a good deal of force that inasmuch as the clumsiness, wastefulness and irregularity of the existing rules of spelling are generally conceded to stand in need of amendment, the sooner a practical start is made the better.

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