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The fact that the proprietor of the Times recently petitioned for a Barber octopus payement in front of his residence serves to indicate that the penny dreadful's battle against the asphalt snake was designed entirely for the gallerles.

Re-Elect Dr. Phillips.

The prospect that the Board of Control will re-elect George W. Phillips principal of the High School will be approved by the great body of the citizenship of Scranton and by none more cordially than by the pupils who have passed under his supervision. That there have been unnecessary frictions in the High School and that possibly Dr. Phillips may in some minor matters have been forgetful of the somewhat voluminous instructions issued to hlor at various times may be conceded without affecting the fact that in its main results his supervision of the High School's work has been admirably surveyaful.

on the first day of last May, referring to the campaign for the city superintendency then in progress. The Tribune said and now takes pleasure in repeating: "The city of Scianton is excoodingly fortunate in having two men so well placed as are Principal Phillips and Superintendent Howell. The former has made of the new high school something more than a mere jumping of place in the public school route; he has made it a radiating center of the entire educational system of the community, sending uplifting currents of energy and inspiration in every direction. He has done so well in so brief a time that in all kindness we feel constrained to suggest that for the city's sake he should not be disturbed. The high school is by no means a finished work. It has yet to be broadened. and improved. Protessor Phillips, all must admit, is pre-eminently the man to continue the immediate personal direction of this evolutionary process and on the professional side it constitutes by no means an inadequate ambition.

The city of Scranton is greatly indebted to George W. Phillips. It owes largely to him the introduction into the werk of its schools of the modern cluentional methods and principles which today have the approval of the substantial elements in the community but which, when Dr. Phillips first took hold of the schools, were conspicuous chiefly by their absence. So far as one individual deserves credit for a progressive movement necessarily involving the co-operation of many, he deserves it for putting the administra- be faced with regard rather for the tion of our schools upon the right track future than for the past. A continuand for initiating the merit system in

resture was at the time. Suddenly the opus discharged a huge jet of a dark-ored fluid full into the eyes of the untish, and then rushing forward with he rapidity of an arrow it encircled its arey with the long tentacies, and in an-other moment the victor and the ven-quished had disappeared below the surace of the water. In a few moments here we had bailed right over the scene id found the water was colored almost lack for a space of fully 200 feet in dia-noter, and we noticed an odor slightly embling jodine rising from the water our patent log line of snow-white cotton, which was towing astern, was colored alost black, and it has not yet assumed its white freehness although it has towed in the water fully 800 miles since the above episode. About twenty minutes after we had passed over this spot wo saw the huge creature again on the surmanner, rolling the body of the unrtunate sunfish over and over and bit off large mouthfuls with its cruel

If the octopus editor of the Times is wise he will file this bit of description away for future reference.

looking beak.

In 62 cities, according to statistics collected by the Chicago Tribune, Fourth of July accidents resulted in the death of 3 persons, in the wounding of 1.074, and in fire losses amounting to \$159,105. Of the injured 627 were hurt by cannon firecrackers, 113 by toy cannons, 60 by powder explosions, 59 by skyrockets, 143 by guns and revolvers and 15 by stray bullets. American patriotism needs to curb its explosiveness.

Settle the Strike.

The propriety of a conference between the men who are now on strike in the building trades and their late employers is indisputable. The principals in dispute should once more come together and see if there is not basis of agreement acceptable to The strike has shown suffieach. cient strength on both sides to warrant an attempt at its self-adjustment. Failing that, the community,

which suffers most, will be justified in insisting through public sentiment upon arbitration.

It is fair to the strikers to say that they have comported themselves with superior discretion under the difficult States Navy, circumstances which such a movement invariably entails. We are not entirely sure that the strike was wise in the first place; from the standpoint

of the general community, upon which the chlef burden has fallen, it must be said that the probable gains from the strike, if any, do not appear likely offset the certain losses, which the representatives of the strikers them-

selves estimate at high in the hun dreds of thousands of dollars. But that is a matter now beyond recall. As Mr. Cleveland said, it is not a theory, but a condition which confronts us-a condition which must

borne in transports across the wide sea, sweet land, our homes, everything that to be consigned to earth by the hands of their relatives or friends, and finally, that the honor of the flag and the authority of the government have been upheld by the army in Luzon, in a way that ought to make every right-think-

ing man proud." This statement was made particularly to the Washington representative of the New York Evening Post, the paper It Will Do,"-in short, the automobile or horseless vehicle, as we find it in acwhich has been most assiduous in circulating the libels in question. We do not believe that it will stop the Post from repeating with traitorous unction the magnified or manufactured gossip which does service in giving pretexts for copperhead opposition to the government; but it will make future reprprevent their acceptance by any same

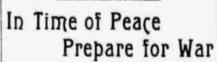
man.

Responding to popular criticism beause of the fact that on July 4 none of the foreign embassies or legations at Washington except that of Turkey displayed flags in tribute to the day we celebrate, one of the members of the diplomatic corps calls attention to the fact that our own federal government took no official cognizance of the day. If this is true, the Washington authorities need a shaking up.

A Camden man states that ham fat applied to the wound will in a few hours reduce the swelling caused by a caress from the "kissing bug." This is well worth remembering, assuming that there is a kissing bug.

General Wesley Merritt does not propose to be left out entirely in the Philippine campaign. He will fight a few battles in the magazines next fall.

In speaking of himself as a "fat chump," it is believed that ex-Governor Hogg was thinking of the other fellow.



From a Paper Read Recently at Utica by Licutenant W. G. Mayer, of Water-ville, N. Y., Formerly of the United TP HE old eternal truths are still the

truths of today. Victory in the future will come as it has always

come in the past to those who not only show courage and skill in the actual shock of conflict, but also cool and wise forethought in making ready for that conflict far in advance. One hears it often said by persons who are prone to mistake for thought the repetition of aged aphorisms, that some people intend to have peace come if they ight for it. They imagine that they are giving utterance to a biting and con-clusive sarcasm, when in reality they are the

stating a profound and simple truth. All the place the world has ever had has seen obtained by fighting, and all the peace that any nation which is neither subject nor trivial can ever have is by readiness to fight if attacked. Weak-ness and fear and defenselessness mean war and dishonor. Readiness, preparation and courage mean honor and peace. And, therefore, I say to you do not let onle close their eyes to the necessities of the case. Keep up the agitation and interest in the matter. We must keep the subject prominently before us. We need more ships, more dry docks,

LITERARY NOTES

Cy Warman's new novel of railroad life s entitled "Snew on the Headlight." In is said to pleture dramatic phases of a great railroad strike. The book is pub-lished by D. Applaton & Co.

"The Automobile in Common Use What It Costs, How It is Operated, What tual service today, is the subject of the opening article of McClure's Magazine for July. Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, the widow

of the novelist, has been spending the winter in Madeira. It will be recalled that she collaborated with Stevenson in some of his books. She has written a ernment; but it will make future repe-short story for the July Scribner's, enti-titions unmistakably malicious and tied "Anre."

> The August Century will be a Mid-From the Rogersville Review. summer and Travel Number, containing A girl, named plain "Mary" at her birth, dropped the "r" when she grew up and became Miss May. As she be-gan to shine in a social way, she changed the "y" to "e" and signed her letters Mae. About a year ago she was married, and now she hus dronned the "c" and it's many articles of seasonable interest. Among its contents of another character will be a brief paper by Major-General Leonard Wood, Military Governor of the Province of Santiago, tersely setting forth "The Present Situation in Cuba," and the outlook for the future. and now she has dropped the "e" and it's just plain "Ma." That's evolution.

The great work which has engaged Professor W. Z. Ripley for so long, "The Races of Europe," is nearly ready for publication by the Messrs. Appleton, This book is said to furnish a lucid description of the present living population of Europe from the standpoint of the phys-ical anthropelogist, and to show the intimate relationship which has gradually arisen between man and his geograph-

lcal environment, Professor Angelo Hellprin's important work, "Alaska and the Klondike," is said to present for the first time an ac-curate general account of the region which has so recently become famous Much has been written about the Klou-

dike, but a large proportion of this mate cike, but a large proportion of this mate-rial contains so many exaggerations that a proper perspective is impossible. It was for the purpose of discriminating between fact and fancy by means of a personal knowledge of the region and

its varied conditions that Professor Hell-prin, an experienced traveler and the leader of the Peary Relief Expedition of 1892, made his jourtey through the region. He now presents the results of

the journey, the character of the coun-iry, and the life of the mining camps. To those specially interested in the practical possibilities of the region, the book will make a special appeal. Students

thing on one condition."

kissed him, and then she sobbed:

able to prospectors and others practi-cally interested, since it furnishes assist-ance not to be found in any other pub-

lication. The Messrs, Appleton publish this book shortly. lication PUT TO THE TEST.

> Frederic C. Penfield, of New York, who was United States diplomatic agent and

The colored people of Philadelphia are raising \$10,000 in order to place in Fair-mount park a monument to Bishop Rich ard Allen, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal church, first as local organization, in 1787, and as a Na-

President McKinley is said to have the Bruno was no mere fortune hunter, What is the condition, dearest?" est memory of any man ever in politics not excepting Blaine. He never forgets a face, rarely a name. Recently he was "That you will prove you do not mar-ry me only for my title," he replied. "Oh, well," she said, "let's drop the passed by a man who, recognizing him by his pletures, bowed. They met at the next White house reception. "I'm glad subject. Can you be ready by a week from Wednesday?"



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HE DID NOT ATTEND.

church here in your city?' 'No,' was his reply, 'but we have a run.down Epis-

EVOLUTION IN TENNESSEE.

PERSONALITIES.

James M. Barrie announces his inten

Sir Julian Pauncefote says that he will

retire from his Washington post next

Lord Kitchener's favorite book is the

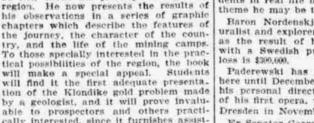
Koran, a copy of which he always car-

tion of visiting this country next autum

copal church that is almost as bad." "

"I will do thees thing you ask," he said; "I will prove that I want to marry you for yourself only-I will do thees Tears of happiness rose to her eyes. She threw her arms around him and "Ah, darling, I knew you would do so I have felt from the first that my noble

tional church in 1816.



April.

ries with him

place of the wholesale and summary distniceal of teachers for political loss, which must fall, in some procauses which prevailed without disguise prior to his accession to the city superintendency a dozen years ago. Whatever allowance of recognition must be made to others for subsequent developments in this direction, to the pioneer in this vitally necessary work of reconstruction all friends of education owe a permanent debt of gratiande:

For this reason it is intendely unpleasant that a feeling of estrangement should have developed between Dr. Phillips and Superintendent Howell so. far as to enter into and embarrass their official relations. From men of their character and standing better things are to be expected, and may not unreasonably be demanded. The time is opportune to point out to all concerned. that personal preferences and prejudives must be subordinated and unity of effort among all administrative officers in the schools must be enforced.

Some of the causes contributing to past discord can be obviated in future formed a large part of the stock in if the people of Serantan will elect to trade of the anti-imperialist agitators represent them on the Board of Control | is not necessary to protect the reputamea of Judicial temperament and a sincere and intelligent interest in the those stories have never received crewelfare of the schools, instead of menready to out a upon a moment's notice 4nto factional intrigues and cager to create factional divisions among teach- record. Says this observant journalisters and their friends. When the school board itself is reru by fends and con- fighting in Luzon: ducted on the principle of "to the victors belong the spoils" it is futile to hope for harmony among the men and women they put in charge of school work. The peanut type of politician has no place on any school board, least of all on one charged with administering the educational interests of 120,000 people. Until this type is eliminatedthere will be trouble at frequent intervals of the kind which now fills with displeasure every intelligent citizen of Scranton.

With 20,000 Christian Endeavor delegates in town, the wicked city of Dotroit must have been convinced ere this that the world at large is not so I myself secured a copy of the infamous had as painted.

A Real Octopus.

So much has been said of late in the columns of a flatulent afternoon contemporary about octopuses that the public may be interested in a description of a real octopus. In the San Francisco Call of recent date the captain of a bark plying between that port and Honolulu told this story of the monster which nowadays does such frequent service in the metaphors of Populistic orators and journallats:

Its even were large, of a greenish tint somewhat protruding; its mouth. however, was not so very large, and i appeared to be shaped like a partot's hill; its iontacles were tapering, and, like its body, of a grayish color, covered with spots. It appeared to possess the Shamsleen-like power of changing the color of these spots in a most extraordi-nary manner as fast as the eye could detect the changes; they varied from a very rich crimson to a dark, dull brown, these charges, 10 doubt, indicating the

ation of the strike means continued more men. During the last session of congress, portion, on all concerned. Let an

honest effort be made, therefore, to discover in a spirit of mutual conciliation whether this prospective loss cannot be averted. If it can be and is not averted, the persons responsible for the failure to avert it will com-

mit a moral crime.

Of course no one in this age will dare assert that a corporation has any rights, but interference with enterprise for the conventence of the publie, just for the sake of bothering a corporation. Is had judgment, to say plate for four monitors and a small quanthe least, as opponents of the park loop may discover.

An Emphatic Disclaimer.

The denial given by Brigadier General Harrison Gray Otis to the stories of alleged atrocities committed by our of alleged atrocities committed by our soldiers in the Philippines which have guestion under advisement. Until an tion of our troops in foreign service, for dence from any considerable number of Americans: but nevertheless as a matter of justice it is worthy to go on vide a reserve force which can be called soldier who was in the thick of the

"The reports to which you allude, the murder or maltreatment of prisoners etc., are without foundation in fact, and are nothing short of a libel upon our army in the Philippines. So far from these charges being true, the very opposite is the truth. Filipino nonombatants, as well as captive soldiers, have been treated with humanity and with marked consideration in a state of war, taking into account the numerous acts of treachery which our troops have had a fair right to resent and punish. The wholesale burnings of towns, villages and hamlets which have been reported in this country are true, but the Filipinos themselves set the fires. town-burning order, issued officially in it Spanish, by Luna, 'General-In-chief, of the operations,' as he signed himself. This order was issued in the month States are rather better off in this re-of March, during our advance upon spect, but they are still wretchedly pro-Malotos, and it settles the question of

who did the burning. "I highly commend the military ad-ninistration in Luzon, noting particu-tions last year." And the sting of this criticiam is in the fact that it is true." ministration in Luzon, noting particularly that there have been no serious mistakes committed; that splendid American troops, both volunteers and regulars, have won every battle against the insurgents; that the army has been adequately provisioned and efficiently handled; that the sick have been tenhad been small though percentage of We cannot all be honored by seats in the cases had been large; that mortality council halls of the nation, where our from wounds also has been small, in proportion to the whole number hit: volces raised in the furtherance of this object would be heard by thousands and tens of thousands, yet none so humble that recoveries from wounds have been signally successful; that the dead in battle or from disease have been rev. battle or from disease have been rev- and it must bear fruit, for it is sinh state of excitement under which the erently buried, either on the spot or sense-ordinary business sense, love of

urn or, more guns, more officers

notwithstanding the glorious work which had been done by the navy during the war, the great and seemingly insurbrother. mountable difficulties which had been exout the country in favor of enlarging and reorganizing this service, its affairs re-ceived but scant attention at the base of congress. The only important measure besides the appropriation bill advocated by the service and passed by congress was the naval personnel bill, and that was so amended and changed that it does

not answer the purpose for which it was intended. The armor plate bill, the bill for new ships, were both cut down so they fail to accomplish the plans of the

tily for three battleships—38 tons for cach ship. This is simply in order that the work of riveting on these plates may proceed and the completion of the ves-sels he no longer delayed. The main issue, however, of supplying plates for the side armor of these vessels and three others authorized last winter cannot be

agreement is reached as to the price to be paid there is no expectation that any of the six battleships building and au horized can possibly be completed.

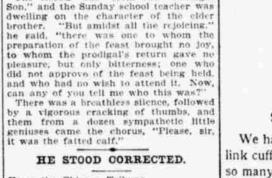
The bill for a national naval reserve f officers and men, which I regard as ne of the most desirable of them all as its title shows, it proposes to proin case of war and is composed of seafaring men who will be obliged to take at least a two weeks' training on board a man of war and under regular officers every year, and is under the national uthority as much as the regular estab-shment-this bill was not even con-

sidered, the excuse being that there was not sufficient time. And so with the bill for additional dry docks, and on yesterday I read an article from the En-gineer, copied by the Army and Navy Journal, which puts this matter in its proper light and in so much better lan-guage than I have at command that I ake the liberty of quoting it in its en irety: "One point the United States as signally failed in or omitted to ekon at its value. The docking accom-odation in the government yards is ractically at present of no value whater, and had the country been obliged meet a really formidable enemy at sea cently, instead of the effete, badly armed and indifferently fought vessels of the Spanish navy, in the case of a ishap with one of her large battleships, is quite possible that the injured vesel might have gone down for want of a

dry dock to put her in. The three private ship building yards of the United dded with large dry docks, and it was fortunate for the American naval depart-ment that they had not to fall back upon

their eyes to the necessities of the case Remember that it takes years to build and equip plants and foundries with facilities for making the ordnance and the armor of today. We are forced to do it a little at a time, and therefore forced to derly cared for by capable hospital keep everlastingly at it. Peace is the time for preparation for war, and our next war is not likely to be with Spain.

THEY THOUGHT THEY KNEW From the Louisville Evening Post. The lesson was from the "Prodigal





you've learned everything except how to bake bread, young woman?" "Yes, sir, We don't bake bread at cooking school." "Oh, you don't?"

"No, sir, We bake the dough."

TOOK HIM AT HIS WORD.

Senator Clark, of Montana, recently hald an asphaltum walk before his west-ern home, and the composition being not yet dry caused a temporary boardwaik to be erected with the sign. "Take the boardwalk." Some local wags noted this and the day after its appearance catried off the walk and wrote under the rign

the words "We have." TO VICTIMS.

sing the hymn of the Conquered, who fell in the baitle of life-The hymn of the wounded, the heaten, who died overwhelmed in the strife; Not the jubilant song of the victors for

whom the resounding acclaim Of nations was lifted in chorus, whose brows wors the chapter of fame. But the hymn of the low, and the hum-ble, the weary and broken in heart; Who strove and who fulled, acting brave-ly a silent and desperate part;

Whose youth bore no flower on its branches, whose hopes burned in ashes away,

From whose hands slipped the prize they had grasped at, who stood at the dy ing of day

With the work of their life all around them, unpitied, unheeded, alone, With death swooping down o'er their fail-ure and all but their faith overthrown, While the voice of the world shouts its chorus, the pacan for those who have

While the trumpet is sounding triumphant and high to the breeze and the sun

Gay banners are waving, hands capping and hurrying feet. Thronging after the laurel-crowned vic

tors who stand on the field of defeat. In the shadow, 'mongst those who are fallen and wounded and dying-and there

Chant a requiem low, place my hand on their pale, knotted brows, breathe a prayer.

Hold the hand that is helpless and whis per, 'They only the victory win I say we must not let the people close Who have fought the good fight and have quished the demon that tempts us

w thin. Who by have held to their faith, unseduced the prize that the world holds so blah;

Who have dared for a right cause to suf-fer, resist-to fight, if need be, to die." Speak, 'A'story; why are life's victors? Unroll thy long annals and say-

Are they those whom the world called the victors, who won the success of a

day? The Martyrs or Nero? The Spartans who fell at Thermopylae's tryst. Or the Persians and Xerxes? His judges

or Socrates? Pflate or Christ? -Fromi Blackwood's Magazine

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