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When space will permit, the Tribune is always glad to print short letters from friends bearing on current topics.

Senator Platt's statement in another place, is worth reading for both matter and manner.

For reasons which have frequently been presented in these columns and which are obvious to all acquainted with the early history of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, the people of Scranton feel a peculiar although inappreciable sense of proprietorship in this great steel-girt highway.

We do not suppose that these fears were held seriously; in their hearts the people that voiced them must have known better.

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The change in system announced with reference to Moses Taylor hospital, whereby the admission of private patients for pay will be discontinued.

"An Enemy of His Country." The lines between Bryanism and anti-Bryanism in the Democratic party are rapidly shaping themselves.

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fanatic, and, we believe (however unintentionally), his country's worst enemy and his party's destroyer.

We take issue with our contemporary's assertion that the party now out of power is best situated to take up fearlessly the problems it outlines.

While there is no disposition to pursue young Mollinax unfairly, the second indictment of him for murder will tend to restore the public confidence in the integrity of the courts which was unsettled by the first indictment.

Colonel Hawkins, of the Tenth Pennsylvania, will soon be in position to shed light on Philippine subjects, and if it is true that he was on Otis' blacklist on account of his short-cut methods of caring for his command he ought to be willing to shed it, without fear or favor.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle sees in the developments of the past few weeks signs that "a wide and deep conspiracy is on foot to discredit and overthrow the Republican administration at any cost of national honor or national welfare."

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of them was to fight and defeat the Spaniards at Manila, and at the time when the president dictated the language of the peace protocol the American army stood confronting the Spaniards.

It became immediately necessary for our government to define its Philippine policy; but the president was not to be forced.

A New Aspect. In agreeing to this arrangement as the basis of a peace conference, Spain made it her duty to withdraw her forces from the city of Manila and give room for ours.

This view compelled the course that was taken by our commissioners at Manila, and it is in our opinion that in having assembled so considerable a force at Manila, his power to add to the force was now gone.

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that the administration was using the unlikely means of a war in the Philippines as a means of extorting from congress an enormous regular army for the suppression of liberty at home!

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