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parson, he never gives us the evening service in the morning."

HUMANE DOCUMENTS.

Blaine Would Have Hesitated.

severely on the loyalty of Massachusetts,

and especially the Federalist party, dur-ing the war with Great Britain in 1812.

"On your wheel? Never!"

high-caste Chinese salute.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

SHOULD THINK AGAIN.

"You shall see."

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In situations like that in Cleveland only one thing dare be done and that is to enforce the law unconditionally.

The Proper Cure.

In instituting suits for criminal libel against the editor of the Scrantonian some of his victims have chosen the right path to justice. Personal chastisement is wasted on him and is, moveover, contrary to law. The law should be respected. It is adequate to reach and to punish even so vile a debaucher of the freedom of the press as is this unscrupulous peddler of defamation and filth. -

Public opinion in this country is noted for its patience. It will submit to a great deal of abuse and annoyance before resorting to stern measures. But when once it makes up its mind to clean house it generally completes the job. The public opinion of Scranton has long tolerated the outrageous licentiousness of this Sunday blackmalling sheet with meekness and resignation, but there are indications that it is growing tired. Its patience is giving out. It is getting ready to turn the hose on.

The Philadelphia Press learns that General Wesley Merritt will be returncal to the Philippines. Considerable travel expense and other costs could have been saved had Merritt been kept there. But the place by right belongs to the major general commanding.

The Proposed Special License Tax.

The proposition which the mayor has recommended to councils to increase the revenues of the city by super-imposing upon the large taxes already exacted a sweeping series of license taxes upon local industry and commerce, for the purpose of patching out the city's income and offering new incentives to councilmanic extravagance and jobbery, can be commended only on one ground. If it should prove to be the straw that would break the camel's back of public indifference to slipshod and wasteful methods of city government, it might he worth while to try it in the hope that it would be the effectual means of forcing a revolution for the better in city management; but not on any other account.

Let us examine some of the provisions of the Harrisburg ordinance which the mayor wants reproduced in Scranton. For example, contractors are to pay from \$5 to \$100 a year speeial tax, according to the volume of done. In operation this husiness

all the profitable avenues of the Dominion's trade with the United States, and he the means is a very short time better now. of compelling the Ottawa authorities to sue for mercy.

It would be a good idea for the leader of the Canadian Conservatives not to become too vociferous in references to this matter. The territory which now files the American flag along the coast of Alaska and is the abode of thousands of American settlers who entered upon it in good faith, with Ottawa's acquiescence and Washington's approval, will remain American territory until the Americans voluntarily decide otherwise. As such ftm title will be defended by every means necessary to a successful defense. That is the Anglo-Saxon of it.

The business men of Havana are desirous that military rule should continue in that city. In fact they are willing to accept imperialism, colonialism, expansion, or anything els) that will be accompanied by a sufficient number of troops to keep brigandage and the spirit of anarchy under control.

Our Inelastic Staff System.

Says Senator Proctor, who was a

most successful secretary of war: "I think that in due time you will see a reaction against some of the abuse whch has been visited upon Secretary Alger. He has been very seriously misrepresented. He is a good business man, and he has worked hard and ably in his position, and he is not deserving of the severe criticism which has been passed upon him. When General Alger took charge of the War department he found himself hedged about with many difficulties, over which he had no control at all, and which was an outgrowth of the American system. With European governments it is customary to make changes in the staff and to make such reassignments as the circumstances demand, but our system is positively inflexible; a man upon the

differently."

staff is there during his military life and the Secretary of War is not free to reorganize the business of his office to the best advantage. General Alger In Kansas, since 1859, every year endhad no reponsibility at all for some of the policies or acts for which he is criticised, and I doubt if any other rop. man in his position could have done

Opinions similar in tenor have been advanced by Senator Hawley, the chairman of the senate committee on 1 USC

military affairs, Postmaster General Smith and a number of other well-informed public men. In fact, the inflexibility of our staff system haz bemany millions. ome a topic of general complaint The official records of Kansas show

Without considering the personal factor of this situation as it affects General Alger, the broad need of a reorganization of the staff system is now so practically unfit for travel. clearly impressed upon the public con-

band of Washington correspondents, to give them a sensation for the dull seasciousness that public opinion will demand of the next congress some legislation in relief. Possibly one of the reasons which prompted the appointar insect does not exist.

nder crops, of which 1,600,000 is wheat, Charles P. Jones and Charles Virgin, successor was the administration's de sire to secure expert legal ability in that office for the purpose of drafting legislation calculated to modernize and er that was sunk off Portland more than give elasticity to our antiquated staff 30 years ago.

Hon, David B. Henderson, We will old clerk, who was helping him off with "It was first rate, Master Dick," said

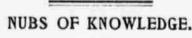
wager that General Henderson knows the old man with enthusiasm. "I don't know as I ever heard it better done." After a pause he added, "But the old

The recent effort to form a labor party in New York will no doubt be without beneficial realits so far as the laboring man is concerned. A labor party conducted upon principles of sound sense might be of great value to the workingman, but an organization that is sure to fall into the hands of the misguided persons who are at present fomenting strikes and applauding lawlessness can accomplish but little in aiding the man who nctually toils for a living. In future as in past the wise laboring man will cast his vote in the interest of the party that has best looked after his welfare In lawmaking and in shaning the gen-

eral conditions of the country,

As the days pass the Kentucky feuds assume a more serious aspect. The Howards, the Whites, the Bakers and the Griffins have received encouragement to continue hostilities by a declaration of war on part of the Philpots. It is not definitely known what element is to be aided by the Philpots, but so long as they are handy with shooting irons they will doubtless be welcomed by those who are anxious that the excitement should continue.

It is stated that Aguinaldo was once the editor of a boy's paper in his younger days. The \$3 printing press has been responsible for a considerable amount of agony in this country, but it seems almost too much to charge the Filipino agitator with having been a 'boy editor."



was surprised to hear the reply: "Agreed! And I will come on my wheel." Chicago has contributed nearly 7,000,000, so far in war taxes. The French death rate exceeds the

brith rate by nearly 20,000 annually, and there is no immigration to make up the deficiency. Russia's Asiatic possessions are three times the size of England's, but hold only 23,000,600 inhabitants, as compared with England's 257,000,000 subjects.

ing with the fingre 9 has been a great corn year, while every year ending with a cipher has shown a failure of the corn Successful experiments have been made

Paris with an automobile watering irt, and 200 of these will be put in service, replacing 800 horse-power carts now

The English promoter does not intend be outdone by his American brother, and many Klondike companies have been formed with an aggregate capital of

where there is not a single bicycle. It equal suffrage in the senate, which is in-follows without saying that in \$1 of the credible. Those who think that the fall-105 counties of Kansas the roads are The kissing bug was invented by a

son. They even invented its alleged scientific name. Entomologists say such ment of Mr. Root as Secretary Alger's In Manitoba there are 2500,000 acres

two amateur divers of Astoria, Ore., have found \$50,000 in the hulk of a steam.

doctor asserts that

PERSONALITIES.

The rewards of literature are fre. quently disappointing, but many a worker in other branches of activity would be satisfied to leave his family the \$140,000 bequeathed by the novelist, William Black, to his wife and children.

It is now stated that the German em at is now stated that the German em-peror will certainly go to Cowes in Au-gust in his yacht. He will visit the queen and witness the royal yacht squadron races. It is not, however, probable that he will visit London unless incognito.

When Wendell Phillips was last in Washington he was for a few minutes The Fremdenblatt (Tourist Journal), on the floor of the United States senate, surrounded by a group of sonators, among whom, says Harpers Magazets, which is published daily at Vienna, has the unique honor of having on its staff the oldest working journalist in the was Senator James G. Blaine, always a favorite with Mr. Phillips. It so hapworld, Herr Leopold Ritter von Blumon-cron, who was born on February 21, 1894. pened that a few weeks before this time Mr. Blaine, in presenting to con-gress the statue of Governor King, first Prince Roland Bonaparte had a house

warming in Paris a few days ago, on the governor of Maine, to be placed in the rotunda of the capitol, had commented completion of the mansion which he has been building during the last seven years, Almost every room contains an ethno graphical collection of souvenirs of Na-poleon. The library occupies three spa-clous galleries, each 140 feet long, a light charge. We have numerous iron gallery giving access to the uppe shelves.

of this party the father of Wendell Phil-lisp, John Phillips, was a conspicuous member. When Ellaine's speech was made Dawes and Hoar were the sena-tors from Massachusetts, and they both Secretary Alger's departure from th essayed some sort of an impromptu reply cabinet will leave in it only three of cabinet will leave in it only three of those members who entered it at the be-ginning of the administration, namely, Messrs Gage, Long and Wilson. The number of changes that have occurred in the two and a half years of its life has been very unusual. Six cabinet of-ficers in all have resigned-Secretaries of Sitas Sherman and Day the latter thereto, but did themselves little credit in parrying the thrusts of Blaine's glittering mapier. So, when Wendell Phillips met Blaine on this occasion he said to him, laughingly: "I wish I had been a member of this body for about an hour the other day, when you made that speech attacking the Massachusetts Fed-eralists." "Ah." sold Mr. Blaine, with of State Sherman and Day, the latter eralists." "Ah," said Mr. Blaine, with that ready wit which never deserted him, who accepted a United States judgeship; Attorney General McKenna, who as "If you had been here I shouldn't have made that speech!"-Pittsburg Dispatch. cepted a position on the Supreme court bench of the United States; Postmaster General Gary, Secretary Bliss, of the interior department, and Alger. General Galliffet's Chinese Salute.

Colonel Albert A. Pone, the millionaira The Prince of Wales, hearing that his bicycle manufacturer, first saw a bicycle in Philadelphia at the Centennial expotimate friend, General Galliffet, had taken to bicycling, often invited him for a spin in the Bois, in Paris, but invarsition of 1876. He was fascinated by the machine and spent several days in studylably received the answer, "Not yet! Not yet! When I am certain of myself." As this state of uncertainty was so proing its mechanism and unconsciously laying the foundations of his great fortune longed the prince had abandoned all ldca of the promenade, and, in fact, had al-Lord Russell, of Killowen, Ireland, owes his marvelous advancement as much to his indomitable pluck as to his great abil. most forgotten the general's accomplishment, when one day, inviting Galliffet to dine with him at the Cafe Chinois, he ity. Born nearly sixty-seven years ago in Ireland, he was called to the bar at the age of 27, and after nearly abandon. ing the law in despair reached in 1886 the dignity of attorney general, and, what

wsa more gratifying still, an income o \$150,000 a year. Surely enough, at the hour fixed the prince saw his guest pedaling up the street. Wishing to astonish his host still more, de Galliffet, when directly op-Major Webb C. Haves, of Cleveland,

posite, attempted a profound military salute, but this was beyond him, for, son of the late President Hayes, and has for some years been a resident of Cleve. losing his equilibrium, the next moment land, where he is second vice president he had measured his length at the prince's of the National Carbon company. He feet. However, it was not like the genwent into the Spanish war as major of eral to be beaten by a little thing like the First Ohio cavalry. He was trans-ferred to the staff of General Shafter that so, quickly picking himself up he hastened to explain how, ever possessed and was slightly wounded at the battle with a keen sense of the fitness of things, before Santiago on July 1. For gallantry he was but greeting his superior with a on that occasion he was made brovet lieutenant colonel of volunteers. Subsequently he served with the First Ohlo cavalry through the campaign in Porto Rico. The Thirty-first infantry will be commanded by Colorel Petlit, who is a

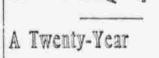
"No state," says the Constitution, "can be deprived without its own consent of equal suffrage in the senate." That means that a state must affirmatively Captain Dreyfus in prison at Rennes rises early and spends hours of the day over the documents bearing on his case, that there are 61 counties in that state where there is not a single blcycle. It equal suffrage in the senate, which is in-amines the immense mase of matter, and his only break is when his wife calls and ure of a legislature to elect a senator registers the "consent" of that state to be deprived of equal suffrage in the sen-til midnight, and sometimes even later. His power to labor after what he has endured in the last four years astonishes ate, should think again. It is not a question of Quay, or no Quay. It is a legal, his friends, and causes the admiration of even his enemies. He eats little, not because he is ill in any respect, but be-cause of this close application and its mental strain. He smokes a great deal

and is very impatient to don his new uniform, ordered a few days ago. This ardent desire to abandon civil clothes shows his full courage, and his desire to fight. The abandonment of his brother

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would mean that they would charge it back on the men that employ them in building operations; and these men, if employers of labor or dealers in merchandize, would in turn charge it back until finally it would fall upon the men who work for fixed wages. These could not charge it back; they would have to pay the original tax, with possibly some accumulated percentages added. In like manner the special tax on real estate agents, insurance agents, butchers, instalment houses, lumber dealers and local dealers in various articles of necessity, together with most of the other taxes provided for in the Harrisburg ordinance and urged by the mayor for reproduction in Scranton, would eventually settle down as an additional charge upon the earner of a lixed wage. The others could and doubtless would by pretext or surcharge escape these increased levies; but the wage earner is at the tax collector's mercy. He must pay the increased charges on the things that he buys because the things that he buys are necessary to his existence; but it by no means follows that he would get more wages wherewith to meet these increased expenses. He might or he might not; that is uncertain; but the increased taxation is as certain as death. There is no escaping it if one have only his labor as a capital.

What is the necessity for increased taxation in Scranton at this time? Have we reduced the unnecessary expenses of city government and curtailed the wastes until there is no further opportunity for the practice of wise economy? Are we as citizens getting full value for the taxes we already contribute to the city's support? Those are questions which must be answered in the affirmative before public opinion will sanction the imposition of a lot of special revenue taxes of doubtful justice and certain to create irritation. Yet if the thrusting on of a new layer of taxes is necessary to awaken the patient public to the necessity of cleaning house, that, of course, is another story.

The irrepressible desire of Governor Pingree to use General Alger as a club with which to whack at the administration takes a good deal of the serlousness out of an otherwise awkward situation.

The Anglo-Saxon of It.

In reference to the bombastic talk of Sir Charles Tupper based upon his statement that the United States has refused to arbitrate its boundary dispute with Canada, the facts are that the United States was willing to arbitrate before an unprejudiced tribunal all subjects within range of arbitration but Canada insisted upon packing the court and lugging in subjects as to which there could be no reasonable difference of opinion.

The threat of Sir Charles to introrelations. duce at Ottawa a bill restricting mining privileges in the Canadian gold fields to British subjects is humorous. Such legislation would, in the present condition of the American temper, produce the enactment at Washington of

system, which is the tap root of the I famou the use of soft soled shoes by the Celes evils in war management at which tials is accountable for the fact that public opinion so justly complains. they seldom suffer from nervousness The hard soles worn by the Anglo-Sax-ons are said to be the cause of their ex-

Dr. Swallow will probably continue treme nervous temperament. to be a conspicuous figure in the Pro-The X-ray besides being used as a dehibition party of Pennsylvania, but it ctive for living smugglers, is coming is not likely that he will be allowed into play as a mummy illuminator and will prevent the Arabs from paiming off plebelan clay as the genuine, if not only near the steering gear in future. will

An International Incident.

this one case will not be enough. There

is need of constitutional authorization

The lynching of five Italians at Tal-

An examination of a sample of ronsted lulah, La., last week, which has been "coffee berries" recently seized in Paris showed them to be entirely artificial. A made the subject of official action by chemical analysis disclosed the presence therein of ashes, gum, dextrine, etc., and the Italian government through its legation at Washington, re-opens a questhe microscope showed grains of wheat. tion involving an apparent weakness in starch, vegetable debris and animal our Federal constitution. In the sim- hairs. The berries were beautifully ilar case which happened in New Or- molded.

leans nine years ago, Mr. Blaine, as secretary of state, pointed out to the have been making a tour through the lumber regions of the United States were Italian government that the federal struck with the enormous waste of timgovernment in the United States had no power to compel the government of best without regard to other uses which a state to depart from its fixed custom might be subserved by a more conservaand procedure in treating crimes of vio- tive method of operation.

lence committed within its borders. He A London capitalist has offered to consaid the federal government would ex-haust its moral influence in the enhaust its moral influence in the enmission to use the tidal force for working deavor to move the authorities of Lougenerating plant to supply London with lectricity. He guarantees there shall isiana to do what justice demanded in electricity. the case; but it could offer no further normise or guarantees. here and one-half feet of water on the beach; in fact, it promise or guarantees. will be a huge marine lake.

The government of Italy replied that Four agents of the Nashville, Chattaits treaty and diplomatic relations were its treaty and diplomatic relations were nooga and St. Louis railroad measure in with the government of the United height respectively 6 feet 3 inches, 6 feet 3 inches, 6 feet 1/2 inch, and 6 feet 31/2 inches, and their aggregate weight is States and not with the state of Louisiana, and failing to move Mr. Blaine ana, and failing to move Mr. Blaine from his position of non-interference it graphed together, and would like to her for a time withdrew its official reprefrom any other railroad that can furnish group of four their equals in feet and sentative from our capital. The affair pounds. was subsequently patched up by con-

Fifteen cents seems to be a pretty gress voting an indemnity to the famsteep price to pay for one banana; yet ilies of the Italian citizens who had that is the price charged at Boston for bananas of the red color of the first heen lynched in the New Orleans antiquality, while those of the second quality are sold for five cents. The reason given Mafia excitement, thus admitting the wrong in our side of the case but not for the higher prices for the red bananas setting it right save in the immediate aspects. Now, in the same state, an-crops in Cuba by the war, and that the banana output has suffered like every thing else. other party of Italians has been lynched in defiance of the treaty stipulations

Army Doctor Barth, of Koeslin, Ger. which assure to them right of trial for offences charged and full protection of our laws until regularly convicted of crime. The gravity of this situation is by the provided by the situation of the situation o

increased by the coincidence visible. and strengthens the action of all the or-If judicial review of the facts in the gans of the body, appetite and thirst in. crease, and the more frequent movements present case shall show that these of the diaphragm and the wall of the Italians were illegally treated, as apabdomen materially ald digestion. pears on the face of the reports, there Compared with the enormous capital of will be open to our government in honsome of the English banks the largest

American institutions dwindle into in-significance. The National Provincial or no alternative from a prompt and generous proffer of reparation. The significance. personal merits or demerits of the Ital-England, \$73,000,000; London and West-England, \$73,000,000; London Joint minster Bank, \$70,000,000; London Joint the discussion. We have admitted Stock, and Lloyds, each \$60,000,000; Union Each of London, \$55,090,000; London and them into our country under solemn County Banking Company and Bank of guarantees of equal protection before our laws and we cannot let the mob spirit in Louisiana supercede the cov-enants of the nation. Dat adjusting spirit the Bank of England receives but the Bank of England receives but \$10,000

A MINOR MISTAKE.

for federal initiative in the prosecution From Tit-Bits. of all cases at law involving federal 'The 'squire's son had just been or dained, and on the following Sunday he was to take the morning service in his

intive village. The Philadelphia Record warns He was a young mai, and very nerv-ous. However, he did his best, and refriends of the administration to rememned to the vestry, having accom hed the service to his own satisfac ber that among the most determined turned opponents of the administration's army duce the enactment at Washington of bill in the last congress was the pros-laws which would effectually cork up pective speaker of the next congress, out a mistake. John," he remarked to the bill in the last congress was the pros-

Friend-Perfectly. You see, he's been preaching funeral sermons almost excluively for twenty years.

THE INVALID'S MECCA.

impersonal, constitutional question.

From Life.

ction

EXPLAINED.

Minister-No, sir; I don't believe that

Henry VIII, or Nero ever did a mean

Visitor (aside to a friend)-What a re-

markable person!' Is he quite right in his

From the Chicago News. Traveler-Is this a healthful locality? Native-Well, rather. We have had but ne death in nine years, and that was

he doctor. laughter of the Pharoahs, but ever, the Traveler-Indeed! And what did he die mulets on the breast being plainly visl.

Native-Starvation

THE USUAL WAY.

The host-"Now that they're divorced, what kind of an arrangement is to be made? The pessimist-"The town house will go to the wife, the country place and sta-bles to the husband." "And the children?" "To the devil."-Life.

SEVERAL.

"Henry, did you attend the lecture last vening, as you expected?" "Indeed I did, Amanda, and I tell you I had a great treat." "Unless appearances belle the facts, Henry, you must have had a good deal more than one."-Richmond Dispatch.

HER SAD FATE.

The wife of a Poet, blographies show it has happiness rich and rare; In rapturous revel he deigns to dishevel

know.

-Cassell's Saturday Journal.

her carefully done back hair. He calls her to listen, with glances that glisten, to songs of his sonsitive soul, hile she is discerning by odors of burning that cook, with her fancies of pen ny romances, is finding a heaven with X 37, and dinner is done to a coal!

Oh, there's nothing that's weary or hard In the life of the wife of a bard: No maiden would choose to reject on

refuse The offer to marry a son of the Muse!

Her duties should bring her to cherish her singer with readiness prompt and gay.

When nature beseeches for pines or for peaches, clear turtle or Crown Tokay;

For him in a holder of lewels must smolder eigars of a flavor unique. And as for the payment for food and for raiment, if creditors claim it she never must name it, for if he should know it the zensitive poet would warble no more for a week!

For a singer's a flower in the sun. And he shuts at the sight of a dun; The creditor storms and the creditor

There's not any money in sons of the Muset

A poet in passion must follow the fashion by choosing a love for life, Some Beatrice, or a Petrarchian Laura.

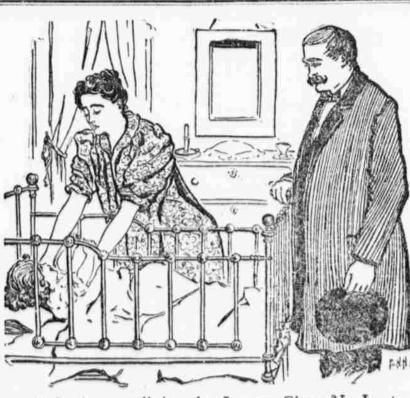
or somebody not his wife, It's strictly de regie for her to inveigle the Bard into tropical rhyme; The wife, if neglected, must not be de-jected or deeply affected, but try to be happy on prose that is scrappy and frequently snappy, and leave to her betters, the "onlie begetters." the sonnets and letters whose raptures and rages the subsequent ages will and rages the subsequent ages win read in his pages, and weepingly won-der why destiny's blunder had torn him asunder from somebody fittel with him to be knitted if law had permitted and he could have fitted and quietly quitted the woman half-mitted and read to be utilized who for witted and not to be pitied who fet-tered his fancy sublime!

For the wife who would check or control Such beautiful union of soul Deserves to be slated in all the Re

views For marring the life of a son of the

Muse! -Adrian Roos In Literature.





A barkeeper living in Jersey City, N. J., has been troubled a great deal with dyspepsia, heartburn and sour stomach. "I have tried everything," he says, "but found no cure until I was induced to try Ripans Tabules. They are perfect. I always use them for my children for constipation. I always keep them in the house. I have induced friends to try them, and they all indorse them."

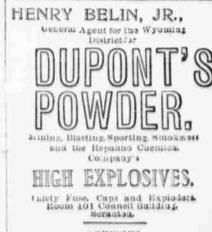
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