

The Scranton Tribune

Published Daily, Except Sunday, by The Tribune Publishing Company, at Fifty Cents a Month.

New York Office: 110 Nassau St., Room 2107.

Entered at the Postoffice at Scranton, Pa., as Second-Class Matter.

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

SCRANTON, AUGUST 18, 1899.

The fact that Secretary Root has decided that Miles shall no longer be general in name only is another promising indication that the new official is on the track that leads to success.

The Latest Posture of Colonel Bryan.

It will do no harm to be fair to Colonel Bryan, and those journals which are accusing him of cowardice because he has ceased to press the 16 to 1 issue and has begun to put increasing emphasis upon anti-expansion are not entirely fair.

The Republican party has no need to fear Colonel Bryan as an antagonist, whether the issue be one of currency legislation or external policy. It is desirable that the sense of the people be ascertained by ballot upon the question of expansion and if by taking the negative side of that question Colonel Bryan can bring about a direct issue the result is greatly to be desired.

The country has observed that Colonel Bryan has been in the past on the wrong side of leading issues. He was a free trader when the obvious best interests of the country demanded a protective policy. Results have singularly demonstrated that if the people of the United States had followed Bryan's leadership on this question they would have regretted it.

In challenging the external policy of the McKinley administration at a time when an alien foe is in arms against American authority, Colonel Bryan takes a political risk which effectually absolves him from the charge of cowardice. To be sure, it is his only alternative if he would not disappear from view; but none the less it is a daring one, might almost say an audacious feat.

Anyhow, the ability of General Otis to "ball down" despatches demonstrates that he has qualifications as a telegraph editor.

A Most Important Issue.

What the United States pays to foreigners for doing its ocean carrying trade is to some extent a disputed question. Captain John Coleman, the well-known free trader and opponent of protection in the American merchant marine, in a letter to the New York Times, under date of August 15, puts the amount so paid at \$200,000,000 annually.

Sir Robert Giffen, the well-known British statistician, in a recent address, stated that the gross earnings of British steamships in the foreign and colonial trade in 1888 were about \$39,980,000. The official tonnage of these vessels was 6,941,596 net tons.

Without going into the detailed figures it may be stated that nearly one-fifth of the carrying done in the foreign and colonial trade last year by British steamships was in the trade of the United States. The amount earned by British steamships in this United States trade was \$9,000,000.

The tonnage of the sail vessels in the foreign trade last year, including repeated voyages and excluding the vessels on the Great Lakes, was 7,445,618 net tons, or about one-fifth of the steam total.

bring the total up to \$210,000,000. But sail vessels do not carry passengers and mails and their freight rates are less than those of steam vessels.

If by legislation, as proposed at the last session of congress, we could save one-half that sum, \$105,000,000, annually, it can easily be seen what an enormous gain that would be to our people. At least 50 per cent. of that sum would go to labor in building, maintaining and running the ships.

Should the United States continue to pay \$182,000,000 annually to foreigners for doing its ocean carrying trade, or shall we as a nation do at least one-half of it ourselves and distribute the money among our own people?

The Boston Transcript suggests that Croker's flop to Bryanism is an indication that the boss is growing weaker. In intellect, yes.

Indiana's New Township and County Government Plan.

An interesting innovation in township and county administration is about to be tried in Indiana in pursuance of a law passed at the last session of the legislature of that state.

On paper this project looks attractive but it is well to remember that what is everybody's business frequently is nobody's business. The existing system is good enough if taxpayers will do their share, and if they won't do that, no system will give forth satisfactory results.

Many are finding comfort in the prospect that the bicycle will soon, to an extent, be superseded by the automobile, and that the nuisance of the crazy wheelman who rides over every-thing may in time be abated.

The unsettled state of affairs in France has recently furnished many grains of comfort for the remnants of royalty that have been clinging to the outskirts of toleration for years past.

Re-married Lily Langtry announces that she loves America, is coming here on another starring tour, and hopes that the papers will not say anything mean about her marriage, not even for advertising purposes.

Results of the recent engagements in Santo Domingo have doubtless convinced President Jimenez that it will be better to conduct his campaign by long distance telephone for some time yet.

The recent war has shown that officers with fighting titles in times of peace can in some instances display modesty during hostilities.

Augustus Van Wyck would be justified in remarking: 'Et tu, Croki!'

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaachus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will notice that in majority of cases the poet's wife is obliged to spin the spinning wheel while the husband of feminine genius cats sobby bread.

When displayed with flour sack headlines in the yellow newspapers, labor's motto of discontent invariably becomes a howl.

THE LOCUST.

There's a bug in the tree, with a harsh, high note.

Who tells of the fierce long heat; 'Tis a heartless scold that he sets about.

And the scowling that will not end Were it not for some laughing and thoughtless one.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES

Neighbor to a Chief Justice.

A family named Murray took up their residence very near that of Chief Justice Marshall, says the New York Sun.

The judge took the turkey and the shilling and walked to the front door of the house, where he said to the footman: "Say to Mr. Murray that Chief Justice Marshall is at home."

"Here, my man, take this turkey to that address. Here's a shilling for you. Now, hurry along!"

President Kruger, as is well known, is fond of backing up his opinions by Scriptural references. But it is not matter of common knowledge that His Honor's quotations from the Bible are often inaccurate.

Knew a Thing or Two.

When a boy at school, the late Mr. Spurgeon took a prominent part in answering questions.

"What do you mean by a bargain?" asked the duke.

One on Roosevelt.

Governor Roosevelt attended the last convention at Cornell, and while there entertained at one of the college fraternities.

It Was Time to Awake.

Judge Wheaton A. Gray, recently elected to the Supreme court commission, was hearing a criminal case in Fresno, Cal., on a warm day.

PERSONALITIES.

Samuel F. Langham has been coroner of the city of London for fifty years.

J. Pierpont Morgan, who amuses himself by keeping up one of the finest kennels in this country, has advertised these a new breed of dog of his own growing.

Arthur J. Balfour is so often spoken of as one of the younger English politicians that it comes almost as a surprise to find that he is 51. He was born on July 25, 1848.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The height of the rock of Gibraltar is about 1,437 feet.

Six San Domingo dollars are equivalent to one American dollar.

There are 2,244 foreign students at the German universities this summer, including 200 Americans.

In Prussia 418 school children under 15 years of age have committed suicide within the space of ten years.

In the last 20 years 1,500,000 unfortunate have been condemned to exile in Siberia by the Russian government.

Half the ships in the world are British. The best of them can be converted into ships of war in forty-eight hours.

At Asti in California, a cistern 24 feet long by 34 feet wide and 24 feet deep has been made in a hillside for the storage of wine.

Japanese workmen are obliged to wear their caps and buckles at all inspections stating their business and their employer's name.

An electric lamp for use under water—a consummation that has baffled electricians for years—has been produced by a German firm.

Twelve years ago one sailor out of every 100, on an average, lost his life by accident. Now the proportion has been reduced to 1 in 250.

Star Automatic Paper Fastener

Fastens papers in a jiffy, feeds itself and improved in every respect. Prices lower than ever.

Reynolds Bros Stationers and Engravers

Hotel Jermyn Building.

FOR \$10

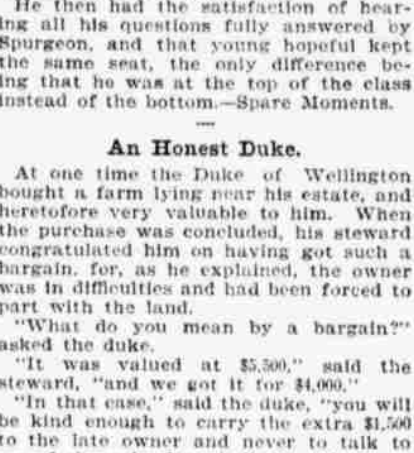
A Twenty-Year Gold-Filled Gase With a 15-Jeweled Waltham Movement.

Both Guaranteed

The Best Watch in the Whole World for the Money.

MERCEREAU & CONNELL

130 Wyoming Avenue.



Temperature Tamers.

Plenty of things right here to make the hot weather not only endurable, but enjoyable.

GUNSTER & FORSYTH

Luther Keller

LIME, CEMENT, SEWER PIPE, Etc.

West Lackawanna Ave., SCRANTON, PA.

Star Automatic Paper Fastener

Fastens papers in a jiffy, feeds itself and improved in every respect. Prices lower than ever.

Reynolds Bros Stationers and Engravers

Hotel Jermyn Building.

FOR \$10

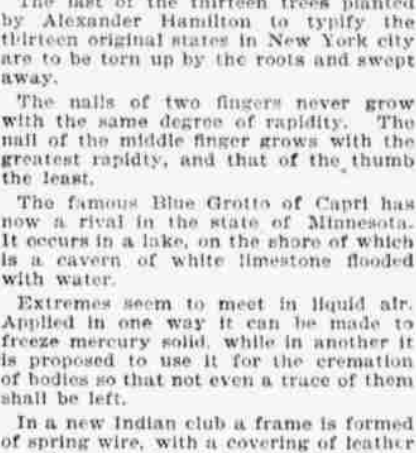
A Twenty-Year Gold-Filled Gase With a 15-Jeweled Waltham Movement.

Both Guaranteed

The Best Watch in the Whole World for the Money.

MERCEREAU & CONNELL

130 Wyoming Avenue.



Temperature Tamers.

Plenty of things right here to make the hot weather not only endurable, but enjoyable.

GUNSTER & FORSYTH

Luther Keller

LIME, CEMENT, SEWER PIPE, Etc.

West Lackawanna Ave., SCRANTON, PA.

Star Automatic Paper Fastener advertisement.

Reynolds Bros Stationers and Engravers advertisement.

FOR \$10 advertisement for watches.

Both Guaranteed advertisement for watches.

MERCEREAU & CONNELL advertisement.

Temperature Tamers advertisement.

GUNSTER & FORSYTH advertisement.

Luther Keller advertisement for lime and cement.

The Hunt & Connell Co. advertisement for heating and plumbing.

DUPONT'S POWDER advertisement.

RIPANS Tabules advertisement.

FINLEY'S New Fall Dress Goods advertisement.

Crepons, Serges, Cheviots, Tweeds etc. advertisement.

Plaid for Suitings and Skirts advertisement.

All Exclusive Designs advertisement.

Sterling Ranges advertisement.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO. advertisement.

The Hunt & Connell Co. advertisement.

DUPONT'S POWDER advertisement.

RIPANS Tabules advertisement.