the Scranton Tribune Published Dally, Except Sunday, by The Tribune Publishing Company, at Fifty Cents a Month.

New York Office: 150 Nassau St., S. S. VREELAND, Sole Agent for Foreign Advertising

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

When space will permit, The Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its frierds bearing on current topics but its rule is that these must be signed, for publication, by the writer's real name.

TEN PAGES.

SCRANTON, SEPTEMBER 4, 1899.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. State.

Justice of the Supreme Court-J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court-JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia.

State Tressurer-LIEUTENANT COL-ONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of

Washington. Election day, Nov. 7.

It is not likely that the peurlle efforts of the Sewerionian to create dissatisfaction in the ranks of labor organizations today will attract attention other than a passing smile. The members of the labor unions are too sensible to be influenced by any particular stench from that seething slop bowl of scandal.

Welcome to Our Guests.

CRANTON this week opens wide its hospitality to the National Letter Carriers' association and expects every guest to feel thoroughly at home. Whatever diversities of entertainment have deen prepared, it expects its vistters to accept unreservedly and for whatever of omission may appear it pecence of intent.

The letter curriers of the nation represent a superbly organized branch of the civil service who have just and large claim upon the respect and gratitude of every fellow-citizen. They constitute a special class of skilled their duties, do for the government pay and for the people in general a estimably to augument the public good. a model for the world they have very gence, courtesy and efficiency, effected does not exhaust this question to say labor in the public interest they have anxiety to do good work for the pleas- a navy worthy the nation's greatness. ure and nobility of doing it, which carries the public's debt beyond any prosaic question of dollars and cents, Domingo republic expects to accomand makes a supplementary draft upon plish much in the way of restoring our unfeigned appreciation.

The people of Northeastern vania, represented by and through the city of Scranton, are heartily glad of the opportunity to meet the postmen of the nation in the relationship of host to guest. To the limit of their ability and understanding they will strive to make the occasion of this flattering visit a happy one, and in the hope that the serious work of the convention may proceed with as much success and to as satisfactory results as there is reason to hope will characterize the lighter features of the association's stay among us, they bid their visitors a cordial and heartfelt welcome.

When Oom Paul decides to come down from the pedestal and talk the situation over in a reasonable manner it may be assumed with a certainty that he has abandoned the idea of receiving aid from any of the nations of

Shall Expansion Be the Issue? HROUGHOUT the country

among the thinking minds of the masses the hope that Republican party leaders will adopt the advice of the president and make expansion the leading issue in state campaigns seems almost universal. While under ordinary conditions the introduction of national questions into state politics is not to be commended, in the present circumstances there are special reasons for doing so. Whatever side we take, all good citizens must desire settlement of the Philippine question in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the people. The chief inspiration of the president is undoubtedly his belief that most of them agree with him that the treaty of peace with Spain was expedient and just. That they believe he should obey its mandates no reasonable person can doubt. As an exchange remarks, its provisions binds us as strongly as do those of our constitution, with the aided weight of responsibility to the world for their enforcement. And it will not be difficult to decisive. Public feeling on it already runs high and it is likely to be some nore int also, especially in those parts of the country where the money question is believed to have been settled.

issue clear and definite. The president so far as he has declared his purpose stands for the principle that it is his duty to maintain the rights socured by the treaty of Paris, leaving to congress the decision of the use that shall be made of them. He has rehearsed in plain terms the steps by which he has sought to fulfill that duty. He has made it plain that to the utmost limit of forbearance he has maintained friendly relations with the Tagalos who are in arms under Aguinaldo. Force was resorted to only when our soldiers were attacked, and even then efforts to establish order by peaceful means were not abandoned. The proclamation of our commissioners, going as far as the treaty per-

The important thing is to make the

remained to the president nothing but brought on. That determination and vigor should be in the arm that seeks to enforce the authority the treatymaking powers of the nation have assumed is right on our own account as well as for the insurgents. Having no choice but to put congress in a position "to determine the civil rights and political status of the natives," a president who would pause or parley uselessly with insurgents who refuse to acknowledge our sovereignty would be recreant to his trust.

The state campaigns that are to be fought on the expansion issue can be effective in enlightening congress only if the voters have a chance to make clear what they wish done in the Phil-Ippines when our authority is established. Discontent with present conditions is discontent with the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. What congress needs is guidance from the people as to the manner in which these terms shall be carried out.

Hon, John Wanamaker has returned home from Europe in good condition physically. The fact that since his return he has refused to talk politics indicates that the trip will be beneficial to the readers of Philadelphia newspapers as well.

Needs of Our Navy.

United States navy at Manila and before Santiago have fired the average American with a pride in the prowess of the Yankee tar and his invincible battleship that is almost unbounded. But the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette in a very timely article calls attention to the fact that pride won't supply the place of hard cash in keeping it strong and serviceable. Secretary Long is new confronted by the difficult work of estimating the navy's needs on a bogs generous indulgence, pleading in- basis that will be acceptable to congress and the country, and congress will soon have the greater task of deciding how many millions the navy shall get and seeing that it gets them. The estimate of the several bureaus of the department show that large increases are to be demanded, owing to workmen who, from the very nature of the rapid expansion of naval needs under the stimulus of war. One item, which employes them a measure of the largest, is \$18,000,000-\$5,000,000 service far beyond the measure of their more than the same item in the previous estimate-for "increase of the performance of helpfulness tending in- navy." With 54 warships of all classes now building, a greater number than As the active agents in the great inter- at any previous time in the history change of communication which has of the country, the friends of a big. made of the American postal system strong navy, will find abundant argument for increased appropriations largely, by their own superior intelli- which are not likely to be seriously opposed. Then there are docks, armor the results in the postal conveniences and ordnance to be provided, shipyard which so strikingly command our ad- plants to be repaired and enlarged, in miration and excite our civic pride. It addition to the usual demands. All these are costly, but Uncle Sam, havtient for this willing and well-directed ing become a recognized naval power. is not likely to allow fear of expense been compensated. There is among their to hamper him in responding to the number an esprit du corps, a spirit of strong popular demand for establishing

> If President Jiminez of the Santo peace and quiet on the isle of unrest, be should begin by changing his name

The Silk Industry.

HE remarkable development America within the last few years has been beyond the dreams of the promoters of the enterprise which not so many years ago was monopolized by foreign manufact-

So much attention has been paid to the enormous increase in production of iron and steel of late that similar nereases in other industries have falled to attract the degree of notice they deserve. One of the most interesting cases of this kind is the development of the silk industry in the United States, and more particularly in Pennsylvania. In the first half of the present year 9,691,145 pounds of raw silk were imported for manufacturing purposes, largely for Pennsylvania firms. If we compare the importation of raw silk in the first half of the present year with that of the first year of 1890 we find a gain of no less than 63 per cent., which is larger in proportion than the increase in importation of raw rubber in the same period of time, and greater than the relative gains in several other products. The following table from the New York Tribune will show the relative percentage of increase in a number

Dilly to a second	1800	1800, per et.	
	9.681.145	5,943,360	63
Cotton year's tak-	6,577,397	4,496,854	46
ings, spinners, baies Wool, pounds es-	3,330,018	2,349,475	12
timates of trade 5	00,000,000	400,000,000	15

Imports, raw.... 51,079,258 33.842,074 51

cases shipped 2,700,877 2,110,109 25 Central Pennsylvania was formerly known principally as an iron producing region, but of late years the character of its industries has changed greatly; and many of the towns in the eastern make this issue conspicuous and even | part of the state have also ceased to reap any benefit from the iron trade, and flourishing silk manufacturing industries have sprung up. The town of Emaus (which formerly depended wholly upon the iron furnaces) now has a silk mill employing several hundred hands. The Lock Ridge furnaces, located at Alburtis, have passed into the decline of old age, but a fine silk mill has grown up in this place. Raston and Allentown both have silk mills, and, in fact, all along the Lehigh Valley the change is apparent to any

The suicide of a young lady in Philadelphia the other day whose mind had been unbalanced by hard study, furnishes another warning to ambitious parents who are anxious that their children should overdo the matter in the way of an education. While the desire for thorough education should at all times be encouraged there is no mitted the executive to go, was the question that many persons about us last resort, and when it failed there | today would be happier if they had

one who may revisit these localities

after an absence of several years.

less education and better health. Much prosecution of the war Aguinaldo had of the knowledge that is crammed into many heads that are scarcely qualified by nature to hold it is of no practical value to any one not engaged in the work of teaching and does not recompense for the defective evenight, stooped shoulders and nervous debility that are results of too much study. A little knowledge is said to be a dangerous thing. Too much knowledge is also hazardous. It would be much better if all in ordinary walks of life one could aim at the happy medium between mental giants and physical pygmies.

Murat Halstead's definition of the anti-imperialist is unassailable. He says that the man who is not in sympathy with his country in its war is a traitor. There is a question as to the policy of tolerating the traiters who have sympathized with the Filipinos on grounds that the garrulous element in this instance has been harmless. All reports from Manila bearing upon the subject go to show that the anti-expansionists have in the short period of their pestiferous existence been responsible for the shedding of more American blood than were the so-called "Copperheads" during the civil war. But for the anti-expansion talkers in congress and out there would have been no war in the Philippines. The responsibility for every drop of blood shed by an American soldier in the Manila campaign rests with equal weight upon HE great achievements of the the dusky Tagal and his good friend across the water. It seems about time to make an example of some of these

> Religious work down in Tennessee seems to furnish excitement enough for the most enthusiastic. A Sunday school superintendent at Pine Bluff recently fired at a couple of Mormon missionaries from ambush and by mistake killed a popular young lady. Tortured by remorse he then took a knife and cut his throat and also sent a bullet through his head at the same in-

despicable mischief makers.

Commander Taussing, who assumed to have a better idea of the situation at Manila than Admiral Watson could ever acquire has been given a vacation. Naval officers will probably take the hint from this that only reporters are allowed to criticise the admiral.

The New York Journal is again barking at Governor Roosevelt, taking for its cue the governor's failure to regulate the canal frauds in an instant. Covernor Roosevit is fortunate in having the Journal on the opposite side no matter what his course may be,

Ex-Secretary Alger has declined the honor of becoming mayor of Detroit. Mr. Alger from observation evidently believes that the Detroit mayoralty has been against the storage battery.

Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, is said to be discouraged. He is beginning to doubt if anything on earth can change the evident foregone conclusion of the judges on the case at Rennes.

It is thought that Mrs. Langtry's daughter will not be as successful as her mother in the new play called the "Degenerates." She has not been rehearsing so long

The Democratic bookkeeper who has been deputized to keep account of the of the silk industry in mistakes of Governor Roosevelt is having rather an easy time.

The easy career of Jiminez must cause the eyes of Don Carlos and the Bonaparte family to turn green with

WHAT THE POETS SAY.

Carpe Diem. Ay, love me, dear, but just today,

The roses crimsoning the air Along the garden wall! Then if the dream and dreamer die-Whate'er shall be shall be Coday will still be thine and mine To all eternity.

And oh, there is no glory, dear, When all the world is do There is no splendor lasteth out.
The setting of the sun;
There is no thing that lasts, not one, When we have turned to clay, But this: You loved me--all the Fades with the world away.

And on, so little, little while This world doth last for us. There is no way to keep it, dear, But just to spend it thus. here is no hand may stop the sand From flowing fast away But his who turns the whole glass down And dreams 'tis all today.

-John Bennett, in the Criterien. Preserving Time.

Said Mr. Baldwin Apple To Mrs. Bartlett Pear, You're growing very plump, madame, And also very fair."

'And there's Mrs. Gladstone Peach So mellowed by the heat, Upon my word, she really looks Quite good enough to cat.

And all the Misses Crab-apple Have blushed so rosy red. That very soon the farmer's wife To pluck them will be led.

Just see the Isabellas! They're growing so apace. That they really are beginn To get purple in the face,

Our happy time is over For Mrs. Green Gage Plum, Says she knows unto her sorrow, "Preserving time has come."

Yes," said Mrs. Bartlett Pear,

"Our day is almost oc'r, And soon we shall be smothering In syrup by the score." And before the month was ended. The fruits that looked so fair Had vanished from among the leaves

And the trees were stripped and bare they were all of them in pickle, Or in some dreadful scrape: 'I'm cider," sighed the apple; "I'm jelly." cried the grape.

They were all in jars and bottles, Upon the shelf arrayed, And in their midst poor Mrs. Quince Was turned to marmalade.
-St. Nicholas.

Epitaph for an Honest Frenchman. Here lies a wretch who never got

His name in song or story; But never hatched a single plot To dim his country's glory! He never forged a thing to save A rogue in high position— France spits upon his hated grave And damns him to perdition. -Chicago Times-Herald.

Refleckshuns.

2 err iz humen; 2 4 give-xsepshunal.

The man who skoffs at religeon, you may rest asshured, haz polkadots on hiz konshents so large that eny klown that saw them wood never feel happy till he got a soot 2 match.

The person who iz awlways willing to give you a peace ov there mind 12 most genrally the 1 who iz leest abel 2

The slickest villuns in the world try resembel preechers in appearance.

The man who kwotes skripture while ellin you a hoss will bare wachin.

In my estimashun, the man who wares a 9.98 soot of cloze thats paid 4, stands a better chance of playing a harp, later, on, than the man who wares a \$60 soot 4 whitch he oze.

The line that devides geenyus from insanity is so neerly invizabel that multitoods, who imagin thay are on the former side, are in reality over in the bug-house department.

"Faint hart ne'er won fare lady," & thayd hav had there own trubbles livin with sum ov them I cood menshun. it's a good thing thay didn't

ANSERS : KORRESPONDENTS. L. R. K .- If you hav diskoverd a sulpher spring in yure back yard I kongratulate you; you are fortunate. However, youd better git the thing tested be 4 you begin 2 make a list ov the banks your going 2 keep the profits in. Its just possable that its a leek from a nabering sewer pipe. No buddy but an xpert can tell the diffrents.

Epicure-Tho I hav eaten lots ov hem, I never saw a live Welsh Rabbit in this country. I believe thay are ntirely indiginus 2 there nativ country

I dont see tho, why thay coodnt be raized in the United States az well az across the water. This iz a free country & az far az I no there iz no law agenst the promulgashun ov eny kind ov rabbits-the Welsh brand inkluded.

In preparing the kritters 4 market you shood pluck the fethers out 4 & aft, skrape the skales agenst the grane & clip the fins off close 2 the boddy. Remooving the wings iz ntirely a matter ov taste. Sum peepil prefer them I way & others both.

I 4 got 2 menshun the fackt that the innosent little beests shood be murderd be 4 being prepaird 4 market. If you hav eny konsienshus skruples agenst murder you can let your rabbits dle ov old age, thus surmownting a most vexashus problum & winning the everlasting friendship ov the Soslety 4 the prevenshun ov Kruelty 2 animels, witch iz a handy thing 2 hav round if you ever intend 2 run 4 offis.

Yeers ago, be 4 chafing dishes & Welsh Rabbits waz az fashnable & kommen az thay are at present, I waz thinking ov going in 2 the bizness myself. I rote the Prints ov Wales asking 4 advise on the subject & he rote back saying, "The best, kwickest, & most ekonomical way ov raising Welsh Rabbits, or eny other kind, in my estimashun, iz 2 pick them up by the ears."

Now if we had bin boozem frends I woodnt hav minded the joke, but 2 get sutch an anser from a peer ov the relm, after nclozing a 5ct stamp 4 reply, riled me & tho he tride 2 skware himself in menny ways, I never rote ?

Wishing you awl kinds ov suckcess in yure new ventshur, & hoping 4 a settin ov eggs when you get nicely 147.17 inches fell. startid, I am mostly Yours, -A Kidder.

DISCOURAGED LOVERS.

Didn't Want a Fifth.

The young nen with the swell suit and gold-headed came was trying to firt with the girl opposite, when the old man on his left nudged him with is elbow and hearsely wh'spered "Young man, pause and reflect."

"Are you speaking to me, sir?" demanded the young man. "Yes, right to you, but I've got such

a hard cold that I cannot say much. Let me repeat that you should pause and reflect." "What for?"

"You are trying to flirt with that young gal, sir!"

"And is it any of your business?" "It is, sir. Excuse my hoarseness, I kicked the bed clothes off the other night and got cold. I want to say to you, sir, that it is my business, sir. Suppose that you succeed in attracting that gal's attention?" & "Well, what of it?"

"She might be flattered and flirt back, though I don't think she's very flirtatious. It might lead to a case of love, and love to marriage."

'You'd better attend to your own business, sir," replied the young man. "That's what I'm a-doin', gir. 'Scuse me while I blow my nose. Yes, slr. I'm attendin' right to my business." 'Then let mine alone."

"Then you let mine alone! I'm that gal's father" "Oh, you are!"

"Yes, I am, and I don't want no more foolin' around. I've got four sonsin-law just about your shape, and am supportin' the hull gang of 'em, and before you saddle me with a fifth you'd better pause and reflect. It might be the last straw, and I'd turn the hull crowd out to dig for fodder under the snow banks."-Detroit Free Press.

That Is Not the Question. "Papa," asked Miss Bainbridge, shy-

ly. "Is it true that two can live or cl-aply as one?" "Who says they can"" demanded Mr. Bainbr'dge, quickly.

"Charley," replied the giri in a lowetone, while her cheeks fushed.
"Of course, I see what the young scamp is driving at, Nellie, and What you are driving at, but the question is not at all pertinent."

"Why isn't it pertinent, papa?" "Take a mental census of the size of this family, Nellie, and tell me the result.

"There are you and mama, Tom, me Lucy, Fred and Ada-seven in all "Then do you see that the question whether two can live as cheaply as one has nothing to do w'th the case? What do you know of Charley's ability to support a family of, say, seven per Miss Balnbridge went away and bevery thoughtful.-New York

He Knew the Rest.

Jou! na!.

"Tommy," said the young lady sharply, as her little brother opened the door softly and was about to enter the parlor, "you shut that door from the

outside and then take yourself off to bed at once!" Then she went on: "No, Mr. Borem, it is with the deepest regret that I say it, but I can only

be a sister to you, and---"Never mind the rest of it, Miss Chilton," interrupted Mr. Borem, radly: "I shall follow the example of my little brother and take myself off to bed at once."

And, crawling into his fur-lined ulster, he lighted a cigarette and waded out into the gelld night.-Chicago News.

An Episode from a Play.

(Enter George, looking angry.) Dolly-Oh, George, at last you have ome! What did papa say?

George-He gave me a broad, forcible hint to the effect that I couldn't have you. Dolly-But you didn't tumble, did

George-No, I had the good fortune

to light on my feet. Dolly-Oh, isn't it too bad! But I can feel for you. George-It's lucky that you don't have to.

Dolly-Oh, oh, but you aren't sore, are you? George-Not sore? What do you take me for-a cast-iren man? Dolly-Dear me, you don't understand me. I mean you don't feel bad, do

George-No I don't feel bad. In fact I feel very good-that is, it is very easy for me to feel.

Dolly-Oh, what shall we do-what

shall we do

George-I know what I'll do, all right. I'll go and take boxing lessons for a month, and then I'll do that dear papa of yours: that's what I'll do. (Exit George in rage, leaving Dolly in tears). -New York Evening Jour-

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

More than 2,000 persons are buried annually in the paupers' cemotery of Berlin The town of Maros Ujvar, Hungary, with 3.500 population, is without a single

The telegraph will be extended 1,000 miles south of Khartoum by the end of the year.

The postoffice building at Virginia, Sar Diego county, Cal., is made of an old

In the South within the last five months \$17,000,000 of new capital has been invested in cotton mills. There are 88 silk plants in Pennsylvania, and the output of silk ribbon in the state

has been doubled in three years. Madrid has at present 36 daily papers and 123 weeklies. Two of the daily papers have circulations of over 100,000 copies. During the fiscal year of 1897-98 the United States sold \$29,000 worth of type-writers in Mexico and \$18,000 in Argen-

The exports of dried apples for the lasfiscal year were 19,305,749 pounds, valued at \$1,245,733; while of ripe apples there were exported 380,222 barrels, valued at \$1,210,45s.

The finest looking people of Europe are said to be the Tziganes, or gypsies, of Hungary. Physically they are splendid pecimens of men and women, and are arely ill. Commendatore Bodia, an Italian statis

cian, has computed from rallroad returns of passengers that the foreigners who visit Italy spend 306,000,000 francs a year in the country. A New Orleans man is said to have

invented a sugar-cane planter, in the form of a wagon, that with three men and four mules will do the work hereto fore done by nine men and nine mules. Cherrapunji, in Assam, northeast of Calcutta, has the reputation of being the tast place in the earth the as annual rainfall being 493.15 inches, while t has the record of one month in which

The free distribution in San Francisco of antitoxin to sufferers from diphtheria who could not afford to pay for it has resulted, as elsewhere, in having the death rate from that disease, reducing it to 11.1 per cent.

The wealthy Russians are said to be extremely profitable to hotel and shopceepers in the lands in which they travel. Swiss authority insists that 29 ians will spend more in a month than 1,000 English men and women for the same period of time.

There are eight inches more rainfall annually on the south shore of Lake Superior than on the north shore, and three inches more in the cases of Eric and Ontario. There is also a greater precipi-tation on the eastern shore of Lake Huron and Michigan than on the western. W. H. Farr, of Osborne county, Kan., though weighing but 135 pounds, is prodigy of strength. Recently, on wager of \$30, he carried 150 pounds of flour on his back three miles without etting it down or resting, and then of ered to carry it back over the same

People who wear false hair will be interested in the announcement of a strange discovery made at Antwerp. In that city a bale of human hair, weighing 72 pounds, was stolen from a railroad station. It was afterward learned that the hair had been clipped from the heads of lunatics and convicts in public asy ums and prisons.

Star Automatic Paper Fastener

Fastens papers in a jiffy, feeds itself and improved in every respect. Prices lower than ever. We are still sell-ing the Planitary Pencil Sharpeners. The only sharp. ening device which never breaks the lead. On trial in your office for 10 days free of charge. We have numerous other novelties in office supplies, together with a large line of Blank Books and Typewriter's Supplies.

ReynoldsBros

STATIONERS and ENGRAVERS. Hotel Jermyn Building.



Temperature Tamers.

Plenty of things right here to make he hot weather not only endurable but enjoyable And the price at which we offer them is not going to make anyone hot, ex-

cept the man who charges a higher price for equal quality, and he is nu-Just think of these and get cool. Refrigerators at reduced prices.

GUNSTER & FORSYTH \$25-327 PENN AVENUE.

The Hunt & Connell Co.

Heating, Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Electric Light Wiring, Gas an Electric Fixtures, Builders Hardware.

434 Lackawanna Avenue

Luther Keller

CEMENT, LIME, SEWER PIPE, Etc.

Yard and Office

West Lackawanna Ave., SCRANTON, PA.



A well-known lawyer of high standing and reputation, practicing in New York City, states in a very emphatic way: "There is no doubt whatever that

RIPANS TABULES

are a good thing. Any one troubled, as I was for years, with dyspepsia and sour stomach, will find almost instant relief in nine cases out of ten. I have recommended the Tabules dozens of times, and the result has been uniformly beneficial

FINLEY'S

New Fall Dress Goods

We open toda our first importation this season of choice novelties in

Crepons, Serges, Cheviots, Tweeds etc.,

Also a magnificent line of

> Plaids for Suitings and Skirts.

signs. 510 and 512

All Exclusive De-

FOR \$10

LACKAWANNA AVENUB

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.

THE MODERN HARDWARE STORE Flag

All Sizes, IO to Cents.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO. 119 N. Washington Ave.

HENRY BELIN, JR., General Agent for the Wyoming

Mining, Blasting Sporting, Smokeless and the Repauno Chemical

HIGH EXPLOSIVES. taiety Fuse. Caps and Exploders. Scrauton.

> AGENCIES Pittston,

THOS. FORD. JOHN B. SMITH & SON, W. E. MULLIGAN,