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State Treasurer-LIEUTENANT COL-ONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of Election day, Nov. 7.

At the conclusion of the week's visit of the letter carriers, as they are about to disperse to their several homes, it seems proper to bear public testimony to the excellent impression which they have left upon the memory of their hosts. Scranton has had the privilege of entertaining numerous conventions representing varied constituencies and diverse interests but it is the plain truth to say that none of these has displayed deportment and appreciation of courtesies shown superior to those exhibited by the representatives of the National Association of Letter Carriers. The acquaintance of the past week has grown into more than the conventional relationship existing between entertainers and entertained; it has ripened into a close band of esteem which will insure the perpetuation of Scranton's active interest in the association's aims

The General in Command.

of the present in future return.

and membership and keep in reserve a

most cordial welcome should the guests

NEW guessing contest has been inaugurated by the Washington correspondents as to whether Otis at Manits will be permitted to have unrestricted control of the approaching militory campaian, or whether Otis will be limited to the civil functions of the governor generalship and one of the division commanders, Lawton or McArthur, put in immediate command of the field operations or whether a new commander in chief shall be sent on from Washington in the person of Major General Miles. All kinds of guesses can be had for two cents a copy and one has no more official weight than another; but certain facts are to be noted.

(1). The lot of superintending in detail the administrative affairs of an archipelago as full of trouble as the Philippines is and at the same time of trying to supervise in minuteness the varied military operations necessary to a speedy crushing out of the rebellion. is too much for any one man to underthere are limits to his powers.

(2) The army to be gathered in the island of Lugon when all the troops irtended for the fall campaign get therewill be the largest military force collected together in one campaign sipes new law upon the status of the forthe surrender of Lee at Appomattox; if | eigners in the South African republic, will be more than twice as large in numbers and equipment as the regular entire nation and under these circumstances it can hardly be withheld from Miles. Whether this direction shall be clusion.

that which he is ordered to do, and 4.5 and 6. not for a man to ask, but to obey-to go where he is ordered. You ask ma whether I want to go to the Philippines. You ask it, like other men have asked it, as if going to the Philippines was as easy a thing as going to Europe. War is a terrible thing. I said that the war in the Philippines was a serious matter some months ago, and some people took exceptions to that one word serious. The campaign in the Philippines is fact that you have five months in which you can campaign and seven months when there is a rainfall of a hundred inches. I do not want to go and I do not object to going: I will go where my presence or services are required. A commanding general should be where his services will be of most value."

Obviously this is where the army in

The United States cannot furnish much in the way of war news at home save in announcements that the foot ball teams have commenced to prac-

No Frauds Need Apply.

HE made-to-order freak Whitney's Point fair the other day that will probably prove a warning to enterprising showmen who at this season of the year are prone to astonish the attendants at agricultural exhibitions with the latest things in the line of monstrosities. The

a lifetime" to see the strange being from Uncle Sam's rew possessions.

The anxious crowd that had paid to behold the connecting link between an anti-expansionist and a Tagal soon discovered that the attraction was not a wild man at all, but a "fixed-up" negro who was so tame that he did not even carry a razor. Upon realizing the extent of the fraud, the audience proseded to wreck the tent and chase the wild man" and his manager to the woods. Agility as a sprinter doubtless mved the showman from serious in-The rustles of Southern New inev. York are willing occasionally to pay a lime to view the stuffed calf with two roads, or the hairless pig. or, perhaps, the tinsel-trimmed snake-charmer; but in these days of Oriental study the 'wild man from Borneo" must be the genuine article in order to give entire satisfaction at the agricultural fair.

The position of the French government at this time is unenviable. No matter what the Dreyfus verdict may be an uprising of some sort is almost certain to follow the decision of the court.

The South African Crisis.

HE contention of the Boers is that England is using the franchise question as an exnedient to seize full control of the Witwatersrand mines in the Transvaal, mines which in 1896 paid \$7,450,000 in dividends, \$13,500,000 in 1897 and \$25,450,000 In 1898, and which are oughly estimated to be worth half a billion dollars. Reduced to plain terms, President Kruger virtually charges that the empire of Great Britain is deliberately trying to steal the Transvaal on account of its mineral wealth, and that the points raised by England with regard to the Outlanders are mere quibbles designed to lead up to an act of wholesale robbery under the compulsion of superior force.

On its legal side the question is whether the Boers have ever surrendered the right to control their domestic affairs. England claims suzerainty under the terms of the treaty of 1881; this claim President Kruger flatly denies. But even if the British interpretation of that treaty be accepted, how, ask the Boers, can it be used to justify regulation of the internal affairs of the state under protection? There is nothing in international law, in custom, or in precedent," affirms the Washington Post, a journal in sympathy with the Boers, "to justify the claim that an independent state must enfranchise aliens at the dictation of the pretending suzerain." "We are determined," President Kruger writes, "to defend to the uttermost that freedom and self-government for which

our people have shed blood in every part of South Africa." In elucidation of the situation it is necessary to review briefly the official correspondence which has passed between Kruger and Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary. We avail ourselves of an excellent summary printed in the Philadelphia Record: About the time of the fiasco of the Bloemfonteln conference (at which representatives of the two governments vainly sought to reach a basis of settlement) a law was passed by the volksraad or Boer congress to extend take: and while General Otia bears the the franchise to Outlanders after a seven years residence in the Transvaa industrious and devoted public servant | This fact was communicated to Mr. Chamberlain by the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, whereupon a note was sent by the colonial secretary proposing the creation of a joint commission to inquire into the effect of the

Instead of a direct reply to these suggestions of Mr. Chamberlain the army in normal times: it will include Transvaal government submitted within its membership the pick of the counter proposals substantially as folmilitary talent and capabilities of the lows: (1) Five years residence to qualthe new electors to have a share-not the active personal direction of the defined-in the choice of the president; right of England to protect her subsenior major general in immediate com- (3) increased representation of the gold | jects anywhere against injustice. It mand of the army, who is Nelson A. | fields district in the volksraad-to the extent, probably, of eight new seats, or given in Washington or in headquart- one-fifth of the whole body; (4) other as much right to intervene in the ers near the tiring line is to be decided questions to be submitted to arbitraby the president, but common sense tion, but not by a foreign power; (5) intervene in Cuba-peaceably, if posdoes not admit of more than one con- Great Britain's intervention not to be considered as establishing a precedent; The opinion of General Miles bimself (6) the British government not to insist upon this point possesses interest: "I upon a further assertion of the existtake it for granted," says he, "that once of suzerainty over the Transvaal. every one understands that in the The concessions numbered 1, 2 and 3 army, in every grade, every man is in- were conditional upon the acceptance spired by loyalty. Every man does of the terms proposed under the heads

does it to the best of his ability. It is In his answer Mr. Chamberlain "assumes" that the franchise to be granted "will not be hampered by conditions impairing its utility, and will secure immediate representation"-the Boer proposal leaving it doubtful whether the qualifying law should be retroactive or whether Outlanders who should have resided in the Transvaal since 1884 would be obliged to wait another five years for the privilege of voting. The British proposal for a joint comnot a picnic. It is complicated by the mission of inquiry was therefore renewed. With respect to intervention and suzerainty, the Imperial note says that "the government cannot debar itself of the rights under the conventions, nor divest itself of the obligations of a civilized power to protect its subjects abroad from injustice." The note concludes with a reminder that differences exist other than those relating to the franchise, and which ought to be settled coincidently with the latter. To that end it was suggest- Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, ed that these matters and the question of arbitration be submitted to a con-

ference to be held at Cape Town. Bearing in mind the preceding facts the true intent of President Kruger's latest dispatch becomes clear. After expressing regrets that the British proposals were not acceptable, and admitbusiness received a blow at ting Great Britain's right under the conventions and in accordance with international law to protect her subjects, the Transvaal government denies the British claim of suzerainty, but agrees to the proposed conference at Cape Town. In other words, President Kruger declines to permit an inquiry curiosity on exhibition at Whitney's by commissioners into the effect of a Point fair was a "wild man" from Jolo, franchise law to be enacted by the Borneo, or some other location in the Transvaal raad because such an invicinity of the archipelago of unrest, quiry would constitute an admission of and many of the rustics of the South- | the supervisory power of Great Britain ern Tier were persuaded by the glib over the legislation of the Boer re-

admission of British overlordship. To emphasize his position President Kruger for the first time directly denies Great Britain's cliam of suzerainty. Then, by accepting the proposal of a conference, he thinks to put the British government in the wrong if it should now refuse to confer. On the other hand if Great Britain shall enter into a conference under the circumstances she will tacitly recognize the Transvaal as a complete and unabridged sovereignty, absolutely her equal, and independent. In fact, "Oom Paul" has adroitly narrowed the issue down to this one question, and has made it equally embarrassing for the British government to accede to or to reject his latest proposat.

The demands of the Outlander element, which England indorses and makes the basis of her present attitude, are indicated in the following facts: In 1881 the franchise was obtainable in the Transvaal after one year's residence. A treaty with England, signed in the same year, guaranteed equality of treatment for all whites. Then came the gold discoveries, the inpouring of foreigners and the Boers made a new franchise law requiring of the Outlanders a fourteen years' residence, the consent of twothirds of the Boer voters and the approval of the government. This law was enforced by the Boers until within two months ago. Under recent pressure the Boers have offered to make the residence period five years and to enfranchise one-third of the Outlanders; but as the Outlanders number three-fifths of the population and pay nineteen-twentieths of the taxes, this proposition, they contend, does not oncede enough.

There are other grievances, apart from the franchise; the Outlook summarizes them thus: The Outlanders also ask (2) such a redistribution of seats for the gold-fields in the volksrand (or Transvaal parliament) as will give to them a proper representation. At present there is none at all. The Transvaal now offers one-fifth, but the Outlanders, representing three-fifths of the population, demand a larger representation than one-fifth.

(3) The next demand is that for a onstitution safeguarded from sudden hanges. At present an ordinary resolution of the volksraad may change the existing constitution.

(4) A fourth demand is that the heads of the government shall be responsible to the volksraad.

(5) A fifth demand is that for independence of the courts. At present, if a judge does not respect any chance vote of the volksraad, he is dismissed from office. The chief justice was so dismissed.

(6) Cancellation of monopolies constitutes the next demand. There has been much oppression from the railway. iquor, match, brush, and soap monopo lies, and, above all, from that on dynamite, as mining is the great Outlander industry. In Cape Colony dynamite is imported at a profit for sixteen dollars a case; in the Transvaal it costs

twenty-five dollars to the mine-owner, (7) The Outlanders also ask that the English language shall be put upon the same plane of equality with the Dutch. Nine-tenths of the Transvaal's business is transacted in English, yet the official tongue is Dutch.

(8) The eighth demand contemplates he removal of religious disabilities. Other demands are (9) for a reorganzation of the present corrupt civil service: (10) for an untrammeled press; (11) for educational reform, and (12) for free trade in South African products.

The nub of the contention, however, is whether England has the right to demand that the Transvaal shall institute internal reforms. The English claim in the affirmative is based upon an interpretation of treaty provisions which makes out that the Transvaal ify Outlanders for the franchise; (2) has violated the pledge of equal treatment for whites; and upon the broad would seem from the foregoing statements of fact that England has quite Transvaal as the United States had to sible; forcibly, if necessary.

> That the insurgent element would like to organize a bolt this year is very apparent from their coquetries with the disaffected; but nobody wants to head one and the upshot of it all will be that the Wanamaker contingent will have to gray at home on election day, vote a Quay ticket, or go over to the Democrats, where they belong. It doesn't make a tremendous lot of difference which course they shall elect

The Wilkes-Barre Record seems to cherish the hope that Doctor Swallow will yet emerge from retirement and make mischief before the coming campaign is ended. It is feared that our esteemed contemporary will be disappointed in this instance. Dr. Swallow probably realizes that it will be useless to assail Republicanism in any locality this year.

Rudyard Kipling has won his copyright infringement suit against Elbert Hubbard, the philosopher and seer of East Aurora, who must pay over all grant.-Success. costs and profits. Thus does fell monopoly score another victim,

TOLD BY THE STARS.

The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolobe Cast: 1.48 a. m., for Saturday, Sept. 9, 1899.

@ J. A child bern on this day will regret that he was too late to enjoy all the fun of the Letter Carriers' convention.

when properly applied. Many a man who can recite poetry by the yard would doubtless fall in the attempt to drive A word to the wise is generally suf-icient, but columns of words from the

Talent always shows to best advantage

wise would not put sense into some The individual who is really able to

urn money generally keeps it locked in lire proof safe. Man's wisdom may often be determined y his ability to know when he has had

Ajacchus' Advice.

enough. Beware of the man who displays too much sympathy at your tale of woe. He deor-tender not to "miss the chance of public, and hence, by implication, an probably wants to borrow money.

He Couldn't Help It. The funniest interview I ever had or heard of, relates Julian Ratph in his terminis ences, was when I was on the staff of the New York Sun. I had been sent to look up some one in a suburb of the city. The address was a number

n Fourth street, but, to my amazement, found three such streets in the place The house I sought was not in any them. Tired and almost discouraged I turned into a cobbler's shop, and seeing a bearded German bending over a 'ast in the glare of a swinging lamp, I cleared my throat and said:

"I beg your pardon, but I am a re-orter of the Sun-"
"Well, well," he said sothingly, before could finish the sentence, "you cannot

I could not continue for a full minute o struck was I by the unexpected phil-sophy and wisdom of his reply. I could ot help being a reporter, and I knew it, had always believed I was born to be no, but who would have supposed a cobbler could have discovered all that by merely glancing at me?

A lovely old chap was this cobbler. I wish I could have run ,cross him often, and learned to know him. When I ex-plained that I wanted an address on Fourth street, and had already been to three Fourth streets, and would like to know if there were any more, he lifted his hammer and poised it in the air for half a minute.

half a minute.

"You vant to know if dere is some more of dose Fourt' streets?" he asked.

"Vell, I vill tell you. I haf lived here dwenty years, drying to find somedings owt, und I ditn't find anydings owt yet."

He Kept His Church.

It was rumored in the city of Provi-dence awhile ago that the paster of the Center church was about to marry a certain Miss S., a beautiful society young woman, but belonging to the Entscopal church. The good people of the pastor's church talked it over, says Life, and came to the conclusion that he might choose more wisely. Finally, it was left to the elders to wait upon and expostuate with him.

They visited him and expressed to him he feelings of the church. The paster listened patiently till they were through and then laconically remarked: "Gentle-men, there is more than one Congregational church in the world; there is but

Beyond the Reach of Insult.

A musical organization, intending to give a performance of an oratorio, began to be alarmed about the probable cost Accordingly the director of the chorus said to the leader of the orchestra, who was a professional musician:

"We've got to keep down our expenses, and I thought I might get you to leave out the trombones. You know they have only four measures in the entire oratorio, and if we leave them out we can save least \$15, and no one will be any the

The lender of the orchestra was extremely shocked, relates Collier's Weekly Assuming a tragic attitude, he ex-"That would be an insult to the com-

The chorus director reflected a moment and then said, cheerfully:
"Oh, never mind him; he's dead!"

Reasoned by Analogy.

Miss Amalie Kussner, the American artist, who has just painted a portrait of the Czar and the Russian imperial family, is a Western cirl who manifested singular genius for ministure painting when a mere child. She is handsome, brilliant and cultured, and during the last eight years she has visited many European capitals and executed more than 50 commissions for royalty.

Once at a New York hotel a chamber-maid, who had watched her painting a miniature, asked her what a picture like that would cost. Miss Kussner replied that it would bring \$200.

"Two hundred dollars for a wee little as that looking glass, you'd get enough money to buy out this hotel."

An Extreme Case.

"I think my Uncle Jerry," said Aunt Mehitabel, "was the contrariest man I ever see. I remember of his pickin' up a hot p'tater once when we was eatin' din ner, an' there wash't no company at the house, nuther. An' what do you s'pose he done with it?" "Threw it at somebody?" conjectured one of the listeners.

"No. He held it in his hand till it What did he do that for?"

'Cause anybody else would 'a' dropped

-Youth's Companion.

in Heroic Attitude. When Sir John Steell, the noted English sculptor, had the Duke of Weilington sitting for a statue be wanted to get him to look warlike. All his efforts were in vain, however, for Wellington seemed. udging by his face, never to have heard of Waterloo or Talavera. At last Sir John lost patience somewhat, and this

"As I am going to make this statue your grace, can you not tell me what u were doing before, say, the battle Salamanca? Were you not galloping about the fields cheering on your men to deeds of valor by word and action?" "Bah!" said th duke in evident score "if you really want to model me as I was on the morning of Salamanca, then do me crawling along a ditch or my stomach, with a telescope in my hand.

Chesterfield's Wit.

Lord Chesterfield was never at a los for a polite retort. Once he proposed person as proper to fill a place of great trust, but which the king himself was determined should be filled by another The council, however, resolved not to indulge the king, for fear of a dangerous precedent, and it was Lord Chesterfield's business to present the grant of office for the king's signature. Not to incense his majesty by asking him abruptly, he, with accents of great humility, begged to know with whose name his majesty would be pleased to have the blanks filled up. 'With the devil's!" replied the king, in

paroxysm of rage. "And shall the instrument," said the earl, coolly, "run as usual, 'Our trust; and well-beloved cousin and counselor'? -a repartee at which the king laughed and with great good humor signed the

The Inquisitive Youngster.

The old man was reading the paper on the front steps, says the Washington Post, and little Reggie was playing "Pa," said little Reggie, "did you learn

to pull wood when you were a little boy?"
"I'm - what's that?-uh-huh-lemme "And, say, pa, is mamma's hair wool?"

went on little Reggie.

"Uh-huh-run on and play now, kid, and lemme read this paper."

"But, ra, when you pull it, do you mix it?" persisted the innocent little love of boy, with a crafty, far-away twinkle 'Hey? What's that? What the dickens

did you say?" inquired the old man sharply, drouging his paper.
"Oh, nothin," said little Reggie, "Only I heard ma tellin' sis a while ago that if you think you're pullin' the wool over her eyes, you're mixed, that's all."

Recognized Sam.

The small boy who has not yet started o school was making a trial heat in the primer for his father, says the Pitts burg Times, and was reading the highly interesting bit of history which runs about this way: "Has Sam a drum? Sam has a drum and a gun. Nat has a flag

heard the populace cheer for Uncle Sam, whose troops they were. He thought a minute. Then he addressed his father. "Pop, I know who Sam is. He's Uncle Sam, and he has guns, and flags, and drums, and everything, and you bet he'

PERSONALITIES.

a bird."

Chaplain Reaney, of the Olympia, was orn on the English steamer fronsides, of which his father was commander.

General Miles has accepted an invita-ion to act as marshal of the Dewey braile at Washington, D. C., on Oct. 2. The Emperor William is said to be th only living sovereign of Europe upor whose life no attempt has yet been made. Kentaro Kanibo, the first Japanese to receive the degree of LL. D. from Har-vard, is on his way back to Yokohama, where he will take an important part in

public affairs. Sir Alfred Milner is one of the most charitable minded of men, and hates scandal-mongering. Cape Town goesips declare that he "would make excuses for a horse stealer."

Samuel M. Clemmens (Mark Twaln), who

s now in Germany, will spend the winter at Princeton. He has engaged a suit of rooms at the Princeton Inn. and will arrive, with his family, in October. A movement is on foot in Montana to give the Republican nomination for the governorship to Colonel H. C. Kessler, of the First Montana regiment, now under orders to return home from the Philip-

Dr. C. J. Hoadley, the Connecticut state librarian, has now in his possession an old placard, or dodger, which was dis-tributed ten days after Washington's leath, announcing a memorial service

Hartford. One of Pension Commissioner Evans critics the other day, accused the official of having a "literary bureau," "Yes, I have," retorted the commissioner, em-phatically, "and it consists of every rep-utable newspaper in the United States." John R. McLean, the Democratic can lidate for the governorship of Ohio, has iled an affidavit (required by law in the Buckeye state) setting forth an accounof his expenditures in connection with his nomination. The only item is for

traveling expenses and "incidentals," \$500 Major Putnam Bradlee Strong, son of x-Mayor Strong, of New York, and who s now home from the Philippines or ave of absence, has decided to abandon military career and to settle down to business. The major determined upor this course in deference to the wishes of his mother.

Creighton M. Foraker, the Ohio sena tor's brother, went to New Mexico in the early 80s for his health. He recovered his health, speedily become popular and prosperous, and two years ago was ap-pointed United States marshal. Since then he has won a great reputation for successfully running down thieves, es-pecially train robbers.

Suesmas Macmanus, the Irish story teller, is the latest writer to make a de-cided hit in America. He landed in New York a few months ago, an ungalaly, awkward figure, with a stack of manu-scripts in his trunk. Absolutely unknown then, he stormed the editorial rooms of several of the leading magazines, with the result that he is a soughtfor con-tributor for all of them now. His book, "Through the Turf Smoke," is proving yery popular. Before coming to America Mr. Macmanus was a school teacher. He is 39 years old, self-controlled and of rugged physique.

Admiral Dewcy told Joseph L. Stick-ney at Nice that he was fully resolved not to accept any invitations in the Unitnot to accept any invitations in the United States when his health would suffer therefrom. "I must think up some kind of a scheme," he said, "such as Lafayette used, in order to be popular. When he visited America, of every man presented he asked: 'Are you married?' If the answer was 'yes' Lafayette would realy 'Ab' happy man'. If 'no,' he reply 'Ah,' happy man!' If 'no,' he would say 'Oh, you lucky dog!' But seriously, I am going to regard my health thing like that!" exclaimed the maid.
"Say, miss, you are wasting time. If without jeopardizing it." without jeopardizing it.

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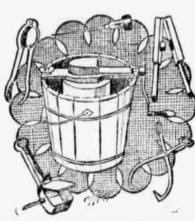
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