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Election day, Nov. 7.

One year ago the Scranton Times was hoping, with Admiral Dewey, that the American flag, raised at Manila, would never come down. Today it is howling with all its might for the flag to be pulled down and hurling all kinds of epithets at those who believe that its presence in the Philippines is absolutely necessary in the interests of ultimate peace, order, liberty and civilization. If its present attitude isn't a copperhead attitude what is it?

### A Suggestion.

T IS POSSIBLE that the citizens of Scranton may be willing to take a lesson from the citizens of Pittston, who, on account of the loose if not dishonest methods prevalent in the conduct of their city's municipal affairs, have just organized a Taxpayers' association, made up of representative business and professional men of all parties, and designed to force a better accounting from the city's officials. We are not familiar with the immediate causes of this extraordinary movement in our neighboring city; but the general inference is that some of the leading taxpayers of Pittston are of the opinion that they are not getting their money's worth in city government; and if that belief obtains in Pittston there is certainly good reason for the same belief in Scranton.

Last week the president of the Scranton common council, speaking with reference to a telephone franchise newly proposed in ordinance form, intimated that an investigation of methods might become necessary. It is notorious that for several years past franchise propositions of various kinds have been considered in our councils in a manner to excite public susplcion. Rumor, in some cases persistent, has alleged in connection with many of these propositions transactions which, if established in a court of justice, would have increased the population of the penitentiary. There has been nobody to assume the burden consequence is that if there are any members of councils open to undue influence there is before their eyes no particular deterrent influence. Men in public office anxious to sell themselves can usually find purchasers, especially if the constituents whose rights form the commodity in trade exhibit no

signs of objection. It is not an exaggeration of the truth to say that for the taxes they pay the taxpayers of Scranton are securing a poor return. It is pretty hard to find a place in our city government which might not be perceptibly improved without additional tax cost if an aggressive movement were made in that direction by intelligent men possessing the confidence of the people. The average man has little time to give to detective work in behalf of better government; but if convinced that he is being cheated and made to understand clearly in what manner and by whom, he will do the If a representative organization of taxpayers working strictly on business lines, without partisan taint or motive, and willing to go to some pains and expense to ascertain the exact truth about suspicious features of city government, would take hold in Scranton and keep hold until it had accomplished its purpose, we believe that the gain to the city would constitute an ample compensation for the investment of time, money and energy necessary.

Does this opinion meet with public approval?

We do not believe that patriotism or philanthropy enters into the conquest of the Philippines. There may be here and there a sanctimonious old hypocrite who pretends to see the hand of God in the steal.-Scranton Times.

Does our contemporary aim this shot at men like Archbishop Ireland?

### A Boomerang.

T IS A CHEERFUL sign of advancing intelligence in the public's conception of political proprieties that the ridiculous effort of J. Sterling Morton and certain other Nebraska enviers of William Jennings Bryan's popularity among Democrats to sandbag the latter by means of the ostentatious resurrection and publication of a certain letter written by Bryan ten years ago has utterly failed of its purpose. The letter was addressed by Bryan to Morton at a time when Morton was, we believe, a member of congress and Bryan, then a hard-up young attorney just starting in at Lincoln, wanted Morton's help to secure for himself the position of secretary to the state board of transportation. In his letter Bryan said: "I am grateful to you for your indorsement. Had hesitated to write you be-

Bryan is in politics solely for the money there is in it. The letter, in the light of its birth, proves nothing of the kind, although even if it did, the pursuit of politics in the hope of earning a livelihood is not necessarily a crime. But the point in this episode is not the flimsy nature of the accusation itself: it is the quick and non-partisan veto which public opinion has everywhere put upon J. Sterling Morton's smallpotato tactics. Republicans heartly opposed to Mr. Bryan in party belief and anxious to take a good fall out of him in legitimate discussion join with his Democratic friends in repudiating with scorn the peanut-politics that inspired Sterling Morton's boomerang.

If the Boers have put a \$25,000 price on Cecil Rhodes' head they have given him an advertisement easily worth that sum and thus earned his thanks But it is not a lofty style of fighting.

Hoar and McKinley. T NLESS Senator Hoar is hiding behind a subterfuge, he has come around at last to acceptance of the president's Philippine policy. Speaking at Worcester last week, he pledged his 'loyal support" and "hearty approval" to the doings and platform of the recent Massachusetts Republican convention, thus indorsing the following plank in that

"Under the treaty with Spain, the law of nations put upon the United States the responsibility for peace and security of life and property, the well-being, and the future government of the Philippine Islands; accepting this responsibility, it is our profound trust that the present hostilities can be brought to an early termination, and that congress, guided by a wise and patriotic administration, will establish and maintain in those islands, hitherto the home of tyrants, a govern-ment as free, as liberal, and as progressive as our own, in accordance with the sacred principles of liberty and self-gov-ernment upon which the American repubc so securely rests."

This plank expresses fully the policy and purpose of the president and the Republican party, otherwise set forth n President McKinley's Minneapolis speech in these words; "The future of these new possessions is in the keeping of congress and congress is the be retained under the benign sovereignty of the United States, I do not permit myself to doubt. That they will prove a rich and invaluable heritage, I feel assured. That congress will provide for them a governwhich will promote their material interests, as well as advance the people in the path of civilization and intelligence, I confidently believe. They will not be governed as vassals or serfs or slaves-they will be given a government of liberty, regulated by law, honestly administered without oppression, taxation without tyranny, justice without bribe, education without distinction of social conditions, freedom life, liberty, and the pursuit of hap-

Substantially the same sentiment apeared in the eloquent address of Boson's Democratic Mayor Quincy on Saturday in welcome to Admiral Dewey on an occasion pronounced by in one town-Farjardo-\$29,000 has Dewey the grandest ovation that liv- been given for a normal school, to said the barber, as he continued ing man has ever seen. Mayor Quin- train native teachers. This is what scrape. addressing the admiral, said

"Our people love you as an example of great devotion to high duty; they bestar in the past, so it will be in the future; that whatever may be the work to which you are called, whether in war or in peace, whether naval or civil, you will not be found unmindful of any obligations which the confidence reposed in you by your fellow countrymen may still lay upon you. (Prolonged cheers). In our national perplexity arising out of the strange and trying situation which conronts us in the Philippines, we turn to you, who know the conditions so well, for counsel, for guidance and for further service. Your fame was won at Manila and there it should be secured and perpetuated. The work which your fleet began was a work of liberation, not of conquest, of civilization, not of enslavement. However dark may be the present situation in those now distractd islands in the eastern seas, the true in the end, make themselves felt and rec ognized alike at Washington and in Luzon; when peace is restored, when the wise and statesmanlike counsels so asso clated with your own name again assert themselves, we may be sure that the Filinos, who accepted you as their friend and have never learned to regard you as an enemy, will be given the fullest lib erry which they are capable of enjoying. When that happy time shall come, when he American flag shall mean in those slands as it does at home, peace, order ducation, prosperity, then will be read lzed the promise of greater security and arger liberty which the report of your nons carried that morning to the listenng ears of oppressed millions. Then will me the time when the statue of George Dewey shall be erected in the chief square of Manila and when the natives themselves shall write beneath his name the single word, the proudest title that an be borne by mortal man, Libera-

According to the Scranton Times, both Mayor Quincy and Admiral Dewey, who applauded him, must be among the 'sanctimonious old hypocrites who pretend to see the hand of God in the steal."

A temperary agreement has been reached with Canada in the Alaskan boundary dispute which, until a permanent one is concluded, will leave the United States in possession of every water inlet and outlet to the Klondike country; retain within American territory the ports of Dyea and Skagway, one of which Great Britain wanted and at one time actually claimed, and give to the United States the bulk, if not all, of the Klondike trade. We can afford to let it go at

### On Kissing.

THAT IS without doubt a pertinent inquiry on a subject of more or less sentimental interest to persons of all ages and sexes is raised in a letter to the Sun from a correspondent who signs herself "An Old

Lady." She writes: ment. Had hesitated to write you because I dislike soliciting aid. I assure you that it is the money that is in the office, not the honor, that attracts me. If successful in getting it, it will tide over my beginning here."

With a great hue and cry this man Morton, with the aid of a few silly Republican papers in the West, has paraded this letter as an evidence that

Answering "An Old Lady's" question we venture to say that nice girls show considerable discrimination in their kissing of men. They do not make a practice of it in public places; they do not hold the kiss to be less sacred than a symbol of esteem or affection; and, above all, they are not foolish enough, save perhaps in very early life, before their ideas have been matured, to believe that this symbol can be cheapened by them without cheapening the whole relation of their sex to the sex which values the kisses of nice girls most of all.

From this premise it follows logic ally that nice girls do not, by aimless frequenting of the public thoroughfares at night and by little feats of coquetry and flirtation, perhaps begun wholly without evil intent, put themselves in the light, to disrespectful men, of inviting the temptations which too often end in the loss of character and honor. Those whose business requires them to be upon the streets of Scranton after nightfall have probably noticed enough of this foolish loltering to cause wonderment at the apparent indifference with which it is regarded by parents; and sometimes the thought has come to them that if parents are indifferent the city authorities should not be, for when this evil ripens into actual degradation, it generally means new expense to the charity and correction departments of our city government, with heightened peril to the public morals. Of course nice girls do not need these words; yet there are girls and parents who do; and it is high time they were spoken.

Rudyard's Kipling's letter, read last week at a mass meeting of Englishmen held in support of the British side of the Transvaal controversy, shows that the celebrated Anglo-Indian writer of poetry and fiction can also write pithy political prose. "I am entirely in sympathy," he wrote, with the object of the meeting and realize our country's obligation at this crisis to support her majesty's government unreservedly. Their demand, I take it to be, is for equal rights for all white men from the Cape to servant of the people. That they will the Zambesi; their aim the establishment of a republic instead of an oligarchy, and their vindication a new and regenerate Transvaal, governed under the equal laws formed in open council by free men, neither corrupted nor coerced, representing every inment which will bring them blessings, | terest in the land." England's case has not been better put.

News unsensational travels slowly and that may be why Sept. 25 last is not yet regarded by the American people as a date of particular importance; but it was of importance nevertheless, for on that day the first completelyequipped English-teaching free school was opened in Porto Rico. It is located at San Juan and includes all of religious worship and protection in grades from kindergarten to professional courses. The intention is to make it a model school for the whole island. Already its facilities are overtaxed and additional room is to be secured. In smaller communities smaller schools are being opened; and expansion is doing for Porto Rico.

It was recently reported in some of the papers that Attorney General Griggs, in one of his speeches made while accompanying the president on his western tour, had delivered a blow at international arbitration. What he said was this: "People sometimes deplore war and speak of peace conferences as if they could blot out of the soul of man all love of gallantry, all admiration for heroic deeds. You may declare and resolve to the end of the world, my friends, but longest and last in the admiration of the human soul will live deeds of heroism and gallantry done in noble causes for the benefit of the world." This is an impregnable assertion of fact.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Lines that will probably be written to Sir Thomas Lipton in 1919.) wandered to the seaside, Tom, I've stood upon the shore And gazed upon the ocean, as we did in days of yore.
But none were left to greet me, Tom-no one who seemed to know About the race we didn't have, some

twenty years ago. The sea is just as blue, Tom, the whitecaps are at play, The breeze is just as absent at it was

upon the day
We tried to get the yachts to sail and
found they wouldn't go use the wind refused to push-just twenty years ago.

The fog is just as foggy, Tom, the water's just as wet As 'twas the day we tried to race-dear Tom, do you forget? The steamers still are steaming, but the

as they did upon that day, some twenty years ago. They're still a-changing sails. Tom, and lengthening the mast, Just as they tried to do it in the days that long are past, But the same old calm is in the air, the gulls fly to and fro,

While the yachts are standing like they did, just twenty years ago. The Shamrock swings as slow, Tom; the skipper tries to luff And the Columbia still is calling Sham-rock's every binff.

But Skipper Parker's gone, Tom, to Germany, you know, . For Kaiser Withelm called him back just twenty years ago.

The silver cup is still here, Tom, as it has always been.
We dust it off and look at it, and then
we slyly grin And think about the breezes, Tom-the ones that didn't blow When you were here to lift the cup, just twenty years ago.

My lids have long been dry, Tom, but As I mized out upon the yachts and saw them idly lie-Those yachts that ne'er were beat but once, and that was, Tom. you know. When the time limit beat them, Tom. just twenty years ago.

The yachts are drifting calmly, Tom, no searer to the line Than ever we could get them in the fall And daily they postnone the race, just as

they did, you know, When you came here to lift the cup, just twenty years ago -Baltimore American..

### fogy, of course, but do nice girls "kiss HUMAN NATURE STUDIES as a Literary Person," has been secured by the publishers of The Century and

Knew the Family Secrets. Robert G. R. Reid, the "Czar of New-oundland," has just arrived home from Algiers, where he has been sojourning for his health. Mr. Reld controls the entire finances of the colony, and is to Newfoundland what Cocil Rhodes is to South Africa, says the Philadelphia Sat-urday Evening Post, Mr. Reid was born

urday Evening Post. Mr. Reid was born in Scotland, and started life as a poor boy. He always had a ready wit, however. When he became famous and rich one of his poor relatives arrived in St. John's, and started the story that he never recognized the poor members of his family. Reid heard of this, and while walking through a hotel one morning he spied the distant cousin. He walked straight up to him and, patting him upon the shoulder, cried out: "Why, my good fellow, are you here? Did you use your brother's ball money to skip the country?"

The relative, it is said, never again re-marked that Reid forgot his family.

Dewey's Sarcasm. Though as a general rule quiet and moderate of tongue, Admiral Dewey can on occasion show intimate acquaintance with the sultry language often heard on board ship, relates the Chicago Chronicle. Then, again, he has been known to restrain himself under great provocation. While explote in the Mediterration. While cruising in the Mediterra-nean some fourteen years ago on the Pensacola, of which he was then captain, a white squall struck the vessel. Some sailors bungled their work in such a way as nearly to cause the loss of a spar. They expected to hear something sul-phurous when they reached the deck, but Captain Dewey only said to his next in command: "Will you kindly tell me what was the matter just now with the agril population on the maintepscil Needless to say the sailors would have much preferred the most vigorous ing to being thus delicately classed

But the creditor got on his car. "Look a'hyar!" said he. "I'se gittin' mighty tired o' comin' eroun' here after dis yere morey. Hit's always de same thing. Come eroun' nex' week. I'm tired o' comin' croun' nex' week, I wants ma money! I come in las' week and ye tole me ter come sgin nex' week, an' I comes nex' week and yo' tells me ter come de week after. I wants ma money!"
With that the barber took the middle
of the floor and declared himself. "Look a-hyar, black man," said he,
"whut yo' pesterin' me about yo'
money? Isn't I done tole yo' to come
nex' week? What yo' expec'? I've done
tole yer de same thing all de time. Nex'
week! nex' week! I take you had. week! nex' week! I tole yer dat las' week and I tells yer dat now. I hasn't changed. I'se prepared to do jes' whut says."-Memphis Scimetar.

### Won by a Letter.

Cutilifie Hyne is one of the successful story writers of England, his Captain Kettle yarns having "gone" there with a boom second only to "Trilby" here so long ago, writes Kenneth Herford in the Detroit Free Press.

One day this summer he told a little party how it was his first story hap-pened to be accepted. "I was unknown and sent it to the Windsor," he said. When I wrote the note accompanying he manuscript I was thinking about omething else. I learned this afterward. I wrote, 'If you don't send this back will you please use it?' Afterward the editor told me the story was frightfully bad, but the letter so clever they bought the tale just to encourage me."

### He Had Not Changed.

Graham Macfarlane relates that the other day he was in a barber shop pre sided over by a tonsorial artist who is a man of color. The operation of shaving Mr. Macfarlane was about half finished when there came in another negro, a back driver, who demanded \$2 that the barber owed him for a hack at a funeral. "Come in next week an' I'll have it,"

### TO STIMULATE INDUSTRY.

From the Archbald Citizen. The new managers of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western railroad are not content to wait for business until i omes to them. They propose to look fo it and if it does not already exist, then they will create it. This, in substance, will be the result of the latest innovation of the progressive people who are now directing the destinies of the Lack

wanna line. Elsewhere in this issue of the Citizen there is a more extended reference to the creation of a new officer to be known as dustrial commissioner whose duty it will be to build up the business of the towns contributing to its support. It is posed to advertise the advantages of the territory tributary to the Lacka-wanna line and in others ways to interest capitalists in the abundant resources it

affords. The arguments advanced in favor of the plan are so reasonable that it is rather surprising that none of the other roads doing business here did not take it up. The plan has been followed with much success in the west and in certain places in the cast that are not near so favorable to its operation as is the region whose business outlet is the Lacka-

wanna. That part of the line in the vicinity of Scranton seems to be a particularly fa-vorable field for the work of an industria ommissioner. With coal at the most reasonable prices, with abundant water, plenty of labor and other facilities that enable manufacturers to meet close com-petition, it is difficult to see how it is possible for any other section of the Union to surpass the northern anthra-cite field of this state. Yet the facts are igainst us and so they will remain undirection indicated by the managemen of the Lackawanna line. They are to be commended for having

set a pace which, we hope, will stimulate industry on the part of same of the other lines doing business in this region.

### DEMOCRACY'S ALLY.

From the New York Sun.

If the Democrats in any state are discouraged they should be heartened and uplifted by the thought that, far away across the Pacific, the Hon. Emillo Aguinaldo is "praying to God that the great Democratic party may win the next presidential election and imperialism fail in its mad attempt to subjugate us by arms."

### LITERARY NOTES.

President Hadley, of Yale college, one of the best authorities on the subject in the country, and a man whose opinions have the value of deliberate observation of actual conditions, has written an ar-Trusts" for the November Scribner's.

Swinburne's new tragedy, which he has finally entitled "Rosamund, Queen of the Lombards," will be published late in the autumn by Dodd, Mead & Co. It is also announced that the same house will publish a new edition of Swinburne's complete peems, revised and rearranged by the author. Dr. Weir Mitchell's new story, which

The Century Magazine will print in as rial form beginning with November, i called "The Autobiography of a Quack. Dr. Mitchell has used his knowledge of the under side of his profession in a way which is said to make an unusually at tractive psychological study.
It was current newspaper report a few

months ago that Mark Twain was writ-ing an autobiography, and that it would not be published for a hundred years This idea, if it ever existed in the mind of the author, has been given up; but he did some work on an autobiography, and one chapter to activise "My Debut

by the publishers of The Century and will appear in the November number. A curious and entertaining book has teen brought out by Laird & Lee, of Chicago, under the title of "Dreams and Omens." It contains a list of interpreta-

tions of dreams arranged in alphabetica form, which have been compiled from an cient and modern documents, and is calculated to interest those who cherish is belief in the meaning of nocturnal visions. But whether one has faith in its contents or not it is a volume that can not fail to furnish endless amusemen bellished with dainty flustrations, artis tic covers and is in every way an at-tractive book. (Cloth, 75 cents. Laird & Lee, Chicago.)
Of all the thousands of visitors who

pass through the city of New York dut ing the year it is doubtful if a score of them see anything of the quaint and curious spots that are hidden in out-of-the-way corners. It is doubtful whether they stop to consider, in the rush and whirl of the city, that the metropolis has not quite swallowed up the picturesqueness of hundred years ago. Writers have bee prone to deal with that which is modern and in the observation of progress and improvement neglect the daintiness and poetry of the older town. In this older section of the town there are tiny villages hidden in the midst of crowded tene-ment sections, lost thoroughfares, for-gotten graveyards, reminders in land-marks of Peter Stuyvesant the valiant Dutch governor, houses that were stand-ing when the English took the town without a struggle from the Dutch who were always going to prepare for war and never did. There are days of delight for those who will wander through old Green wich and Chelsea villages, and through all the picturesque scenes connected with the city where Washington lived, where Irving wrote, where Thomas Paine was an exile and where Nathan Hale died. All such scenes are brought together in the pages of a dainty volume soon to be issued by Charles Scribner's Sons, calle "Nooks and Corners of Old New York, by a well known New York journalist. Charles Hemstreet, who has placed the esearch of many years in unique form while the facile pencil of E. C. Peixotte has pictured the quaintest bits of the ancient city.

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