

The Scranton Tribune

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

New York Office: 130 Nassau St., S. S. VREBLAND, 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 friends bearing on current topics. But its rules are that these must be signed, for publication, by the writer's real name.

SCRANTON, NOVEMBER 14, 1899.

The argument by Colonel Hitchcock, in another column, in behalf of the cruiser Brooklyn does not meet any of the points raised by Secretary Long in his letter to Admiral Schley. It simply emphasizes why, in compliment to what the Brooklyn did in battle, Schley was spared the court martial which his conduct, prior to and subsequently, so richly deserved.

On Its Last Legs. THE CAPTURE of Tariac Aguinado's latest "capital," together with the bush-beating operations connected with it, doubtless denotes the end of organized resistance to American rule in Luzon.

Last February the insolence of Aguinado's strutting lieutenants waxed fierce as they mistook for cowardice the American army's unwillingness to witness a rupture.

For this reason the personal whereabouts of Aguinado ceases to have its former importance. Aguinado, the dictator, about to rush upon Otis and drive him into the sea, was one character to the native imagination.

In arranging next year's estimates enough money should be allowed to the street cleaning department to equip the dust sweepers with a sprinkling cart.

Mark Hanna. SPECULATION as to whether Senator Hanna's health will permit him to go through the wear and tear of another presidential campaign, especially in view of the fact that he has already enjoyed all the glory appertaining to the position of national chairman and can, if he chooses, step down and out with an unbroken record of extraordinary victories to his credit, turning over the party organization to an unequalled man in his successor in the harness, is in progress both in Washington and throughout the country.

A Pertinent Inquiry. OLD COMFORT is extended to Colonel Bryan by his former eulogist, the New York World.

more heartily than by the much-abused individual himself. Mark Hanna represents, not perhaps the most exalted ideals of American citizenship, but certainly the whole-some doctrine of going directly after what you want, and getting it if it is to be got. If we were living in an ideal republic there would be no need of having a Mark Hanna to run our political machine for us, so as to get enough votes of the right kind out to the polls on election day, cast properly and counted correctly.

The Solid South Quaking. MANY OF THE best people of the southern states, men of intelligence, enterprise and active capital; the kind of men who take hold when new projects are to be put through; in other words the aggressive, public-spirited class, have for a number of years been growing away from the bare-brained national management of the Democratic party.

ADmiral Schley ONCE MORE. Editor of The Tribune.— Sir: Again following in the wake of the Sun you take another whack at Rear Admiral Schley.

Now a word about the work of the several ships during the action at Santiago. It is indicated, if not alleged, by the detractors of Schley, that he got out of the fight, to run away; "showed his heels to the enemy," etc.

It thus appears that there were exactly forty hits by the heavy battery guns. Of this number the Brooklyn must be credited with twenty, which is the number of firing times.

Admiral Dewey should be given a permit to wear false side-whiskers when on the streets of New York.

States. Electors. Republican 25 202 Democratic 19 247

The inquiry is a pertinent one, even if we accept the World's figures. But in our judgment the difference between the vote polled in an off year and that polled in a presidential year would

have been sufficient, had last Tuesday's election been for president of the United States, to have given Major McKinley, as against Colonel Bryan, on present issues, more than 123 majority of the electoral vote.

In the matter of the surcharging of the county commissioners with money expended in the rebuilding of the court house, court made an order yesterday directing that an issue be made with the county of Lackawanna as plaintiff and county commissioners Giles Roberts, S. W. Roberts and John Demuth as defendants.

Regarding the surcharge of \$38.37 made for gas fittings furnished by Hunt & Connell, the explanation is offered that this did not appear in the specifications because the latter were for plumbing only.

The surcharge of \$474.00 made by the surety as difference in cost of twenty-six closets as per specifications and of closets actually furnished at \$22.08 each, is taken exception to.

Now a word about the work of the several ships during the action at Santiago. It is indicated, if not alleged, by the detractors of Schley, that he got out of the fight, to run away; "showed his heels to the enemy," etc.

It thus appears that there were exactly forty hits by the heavy battery guns. Of this number the Brooklyn must be credited with twenty, which is the number of firing times.

This fully justifies the claim made for the Brooklyn that she fired more than one-half of all the shots of heavy calibre that took effect upon the Spanish ships.

The inquiry is a pertinent one, even if we accept the World's figures. But in our judgment the difference between the vote polled in an off year and that polled in a presidential year would

SURCHARGING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

THEIR ATTORNEY HAS FILED SPECIFICATIONS OF ERROR.

They Set Forth In Detail That the Surcharges are Unjust and Unwarranted and That the County Commissioners Faithfully Complied with All of Their Duties to the Taxpayers.—Court Made an Order Yesterday Directing That the Case Be Tried in January.

In the matter of the surcharging of the county commissioners with money expended in the rebuilding of the court house, court made an order yesterday directing that an issue be made with the county of Lackawanna as plaintiff and county commissioners Giles Roberts, S. W. Roberts and John Demuth as defendants.

The report of the county auditors is to stand for the plaintiff's statement and the defendants are directed to lead the general issues and file specifications of error particularly within thirty days.

In a large number of cases where surcharges were made the explanation is made that the same was a necessary and proper expenditure in the repairs of the county court house.

Regarding the surcharge of \$38.37 made for gas fittings furnished by Hunt & Connell, the explanation is offered that this did not appear in the specifications because the latter were for plumbing only.

The surcharge of \$474.00 made by the surety as difference in cost of twenty-six closets as per specifications and of closets actually furnished at \$22.08 each, is taken exception to.

The auditors surcharged the commissioners \$7,322.18 on the following account: Bill of James T. Hall & Co. \$11,823.18

The auditors surcharged the commissioners with \$870 on the following bill: James T. Hall & Co. \$12,250

The auditors surcharged the commissioners with \$329 made for putting in iron roof beams is declared improper because the commissioners say that the same was not included in the new contract with the Berlin Iron Bridge company and was accordingly a proper expenditure.

The auditors surcharged the commissioners with \$171 made for closets not put in and of \$108 for putting them in as declared improper.

Jonas Long's Sons' Store News. Cloaks and Suits. A flying trip to New York by our cloak buyer, and case after case of new goods tells the story of the great sale arranged for this week.

Women's Jackets made of good heavy Heaver and Oxford mixtures in brown, gray or black. Double breasted, four or six button. The regular \$5 kind at \$3.50.

Ornamental Parquet Floors and Borders. Ornamental Floors, such as we offer have been in use in Europe for generations. They are no experiment.

Hill & Connell 121 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. Heating Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Plumbing and Tining.

Chafing Dishes New arrivals—patens that will surely please you. If you want the best, come here.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO. 119 N. Washington Ave. HENRY BELIN, JR. MEMBER Agent for the Wyoming District.

DUPONT'S POWDER. Mining, Blasting, Sporting, Manufacturing and the Republic's Ordnance. HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

The Hunt & Connell Co. Heating, Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Electric Light Wiring, Gas an Electric Fixtures, Builders Hardware.

Luther Keller LIME, CEMENT, SEWER PIPE, Etc. West Lackawanna Ave., SCRANTON, PA.

FINLEY'S The Silk Sale of the Season

A purchase of nearly 2,000 yards enables us to offer the greatest value in up-to-date silks that that have ever been brought to this city.

For Wedding Presents. The largest and finest assortment of Sterling Silver-ware Prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$100.00.

MERCEREAU & CONNELL 130 Wyoming Avenue. Something New. WRITE US And We Have It.

Pen Carbon Letter Book No Press. No Water. No Work. No Time.

Reynolds Bros Office Supplies Our Specialty. 139 Wyoming Ave. HOTEL JERMYN.

There was a clergyman in a Long Island village who suffered from dyspepsia to such an extent that it positively seemed sometimes as though his doctrine was not sound.