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## TEN PAGES.

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The Filipino junta at Hong Kong has evidently last Aguinaldo and the rest of the government, and is depending entirely upon the efforts of correspondents of heated imagination for consolation.



letter from Mr. W. W. Scranton, in another column, we have com-

paratively little to add to the comment. made yesterday. Mr. Seranton's view of the law of responsibility for signed newspaper publications is different from that propounded by the courts and we prefer the opinion of the courts upon this subject.

As to the mayor, we renew our be-Mef that his private financial accounts are not a fit subject of public debace at this time. While they might be proper for discussion if he were at present a candidate for office, at this moment he is the mayor of the city, holding the people's credentials and entitled, in private relations, to orulnary courtesy. We, too, have grave doubts as to the advisability of municipal ownership under the conditions which exist in the city of Scranton. But we have no wish to emplasize this argument by unfair illustra-

Whether or not the editor of this paper should have given notice to Mr. Scranton of the proposed changes in text in his submitted letter is a matter of judgment and we concede that this might properly have been done. The circumstances under which the letter was received and considered made this somewhat difficult and no thought was entertained by the editor that changes so obviously in the line of prudence and fairn#33. and made with honest motive, would be excepted to and minde the basis of personal attack. To prevent any misunderstanding in future, however, we wish to re-assert the remark | saw fit to again steal away and join of vesterday that contributors must his dusky comrades. The lenlency of expect the right of editorial revision the American officials in dealing with to be exercised whenever the editor's the turbulent followers of Aguinaldo judgment so prompts. Contributions has had, no doubt, a mischlevous effect will be accepted in future only on this in producing a wrong impression upon condition.

The present editor may or may not derstand considerate treatment that be "temporary"; but while he is the has not been prompted by fear. The editor he will perform his full duty new policy of dealing with these restas he sees it; and with this remark the less bandits in the way of inflicting discussion closes. .

In order to prevent missoppehangion

rors of a panic that is liable to occur | botter utilized by substituting mon. The peculiar strength of the tic beat any time in a manufacturing establishment crowded with women and tween women and the Prohibition girls. It is the duty of the factory in- party has chiefly depended on the fact spector to see that laws in this ro- that this was the only partisan politispect, as well as these relating to tal organization which recognized woexits and fire escapes, are properly men as on a par with men, and apparently considered their services observed. The inspector who announces his coming with a blast of indispensable. The Irohibition orator trumpets, or the official who looks always made a great hit when upon his duties as a political plum in be appealed to the sentimental prophthe way of pleasure trips about his ecy of the haleyon days when women district, can generally be relied upon may vote and when, therefore, intemperance will be promptly suppressed. by factory superintendents to look The suffrage cry has been the Prohiwith indulgence upon any shortcomings in the way of protection for embition lecturer's strong card. Just how ployes that is seldom needed. But the he will reconcile the new movement toward the exclusion of women in the earnest official who appears at unnational deliberations of the party expected periods and has only

tically in his care in sability in the past is a trifile difficult when visiting shops that ave filled to to forses. overflowing with busy operatives, is The appointment of General Leonard Wood as governor of Cuba is but an-In the postal and Internal revenue departments of the civil service the inother demonstration of the wisdom and spectors arrive at unexpected mospirit of conservatism which pervades ments night or day and the official the administration at Washington. in charge of government funds must Notwithstanding the fact that it has be prepared to give an account of his been apparent for many months that stewardship at any time without General Wood was the most available man for the position requiring so much warning or opportunity to arrange any seeming discrepancy. If the same care resolution and diplomacy, the president was observed in every case in looking has been deliberate in making the after the welfare of the humble emchange, preferring to weigh the matter ployes of the factory and workshop thoroughly before selecting a successor that is taken in protecting the cash to General Brooke. General Wood's of the government, it is believed that career at Santlago has proved his abilloss of life would be very rare in cases ity to deal with vexatious problems of disaster by fire. that continually arise in the recon-

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struction of Cuba, and it is safe to predict that under his wise direction General Funston makes a mistake in avowing that he will return and hunt the discordant elements of the island his signderers when through fighting will be educated rapidly to the condi-Filipinos. The most clusive and treachtion that will make self-government erous of the dusky opponents of the advisable. American soldiers in the Philippines Wall street has always been consid-

are honorable and easy to locate when compared to the satanic slanderer, ered the pulse of the business world who, like the fiendish firehug under and has been looked upon to give first cover of darkness, applies the torch to indications of depression in trade or increase in values. The fact that Wall combustibles here and there and disstreet values could shrink to the exappears before the results of his work tent of \$50,000,000 recently and have no become apparent. General Funston evicisible effect upon business elsewhere dently speaks hastily when he expresses a determination to inflict puns proof that this country, in a comishment upon the despicable element nercial way, is getting beyond the control of Wall street. With the gold that has attempted to stain his escutcheon. It is not worth the effort. standard established in a manner to meet currency demands of trade that

### The Proper Cure.

the safety of the lives prac-

often unpopular.

American expansion, it will in future T F. AS LATEST advices indicate, probably be impossible for any clique the Philippine insurrection has of money sharks in Wall street to form been reduced to a few bands of combinations that will produce any sort roving robbers who kill and of panic outside of the circle of speguplunder at will, the solution of the lators "on 'change." problem cannot be far off in case prop-

er measures of dealing with the mis-Sessions held by the State grangers creants be adopted. Heretofore, the at Lock Haven this week have been Filipino warrior had only to drop his nteresting and instructive. Conditions gun in the bushes, throw up his hands which were instrumental in the organand come into the American camp with ization of the society do not today exthe cry of "Amigo" on his tongue's ist to an extent that makes grangerism end and be forgiven and fed until he a necessity as protection for the farmer and farming interests. Yet as a social organization and means of interchange of ideas upon most profitable features of husbandry the grange will ever prove a beneficial institution. the treacherous Tagals, who cannot un

A burlesque actress went insane at Rochester the other day. This seems to be a reversal of the order of things. It is the man on the front row who usually has the most cause to go inswift and severe punishment upon sane. them in future will without doubt have

LETTER FROM MR. SCRANTON.

Editor of The Tribune-Bir: Today's editorial in The Tribune on "Mr. Scranton Ruffled" has greatly edified me. In common, I think, with most people, I hold that, while an editor has a perfect right to refuse to print any letter he nees fit, it is not exactly the thing, after accepting a signed letter from a responsible party, to cut out. from a responsible party, to cut out without notice to the writer, a paragraph, which spoils the point he is trying to make: yet, in omitting what I said about Mayor Moir, that is exactly what The Tribune editor did. The Tribune is not responsible for what I may say over my own signature. If I say anything objec-tionable about any one, I alone am reonsible, and I ask no man or paper to sponsible, and I ask no min or paper to assume responsibility for me. The Tribune says the question before the community is whether water rates are too high. True. The question of municipal conceship is also equally bewith the professions of their indispen-

fore the community and, of this, Mayor Moir, ewing to his position, is the most prominent advocate. Now Mayor Meir is a public man, and I dissent entirely from the view taken by The Tribune's emporary editor that such characteris-tes of a public man's private life as are likely to affect his public action, are no subjects for examination and discus-on. If a man is a thief and comes up sion. If a man is a thier and comes up for tax collector, should it not be spoken of? If a man is a notorious drunkard and comes up for policeman, is it not to be mentioned? If a man is a forger and asks for a place in the city treasur-er's office, are not his habits proper mat-ter for consideration? Benjamin Frank-lin well said, "It is hard for an empty her to stand unright" and if a man can-In weil sola, 'It is hard if a man can-hard to stand vpright', and if a man can-not keep his petticst debts paid, and then advocates a change in municipal affairs, which would put it in the power of such men as himself and Mr. Melvin to get loot, to which anything yet seen in Scranton would not be a circumstance, may we not allude to the fact? And is it not a matter for thoughtful public re-flection? Is there any other corporation n town, such, for instance, as an elecrie light company, hable to be affected by councilmanic action, and which has und it hard to collect from the mayor? re-affirm with emphasis that any characteristic habits of a public man like

the mayor, likely to affect either his public action or his views of public afairs, are fit and proper subjects for public knowledge and consideration. have watched the mayor's course i as a Republican, I confess I shall feel as much relief as gratification, if he gets through his term of office without any andal in regard to funds, rightfully longing to the city, attaching to his skirts. Have I done any injustice to the mayor in all this? The courts are open o him.

Everybody knows that too many petty oliticians in Scranton regard public tee as an opportunity for plunder. But think it will be pretty well understood ofter a while that the Water company, has increased so rapidly through at least, hus no free list. W. W. Scranton.

Scranton, Dec. 14.

### NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Sixteen ounces of gold are sufficient to cild a wire that would encircle th arth

The Minneapolis mills grind enough wheat to keep 15,000,000 people constantly supplied with bread. The total quantity of diamonds four n 1888 in the Transvaal was 22,843 carats, valued at £43,730 (\$212,812.01). The Saginaw river, in Michigan, is eighteen miles long, and on its banks have been produced 18,000,000 feet of pine onrds While in Washington women are in

disfavor as government employes, they are increasing in number in the British tvil service.

The largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a de-file in Northwestern Nevada. It is said o be 606 feet long. In America the ministry is being more used as a profession by women than the law. There are about 300 women min-isters in the United States. Six hundred and fifty thousand pounds of tea are consumed in Britain every day,

SEWER PIPE, Etc.

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LIME,

which gives 5,200 gallons a minute, night

CEMENT,



It may be well to state that the new South African consul, Mr. Hay, is not the author of "Little Breeches."

### A Peculiar Legal Defect.

PECULIAR defect in the prominence in the local court.

cesterday for, we think, the first time In any county. The facts were these: One Peter Petrusk had been bondsman for a certain Alexander Smith. who had fled to Missouri, leaving Petrusk liable for the farfelted ball. To secure Smith's return, Petrusk gave information before an alderman and made oath in the district attorney's office that Smith, before departing, had burgiarized Petrusk's house and stolen \$500. Upon this information, duly supported by affidavit. Smith was arrested in Kansas City and brought back on requisition papers. After his return it appeared that Petrusk's charge of burglary was wholly false and Petrusk was subsequently inflicted for perjury.

Upon trial the point was raised by wetrusk's attorney that perjury in Pennsylvania can consist of false swearing only in violation of a Pennsylvania statute or to the material obstruction of a process of court. The requirement of an oath to information calling for requisition proceedings is catabilished by act of congress but not by any statute in this commonwealth, hence the quarter sessions court of Lackswanna county had no jurisdiction and the judge was compelled to instruct the jury to acquit.

The loophole here lef: for abuse of legal privilege is large. Under this state of the law in this commonwealth any man having a grudge against another need only await until that other desparis into another state to trump up a mass of falsehood under oath, causing the man's arrest, his detention fending the arrival of extradition papers and his return in custody, all to a most unjust purpose. We understand that District Attorney Jones will draft a law for submission to the next legislature giving statutory force to the rules of the state department at Harvisburg governing applications for ex-Gadition. The need of such a law is obvious and the matter should not be permitted to fall into oblivion.

Mr. Bryan is in danger of becoming known as the lone speechmaker,

### Factory Inspection.

HE RECENT fire in Reading which resulted in the death of one woman and serious.

injury to several girls employed in a factory may be the agent of much future benefit if the warning is heeded by the factory inspectors of operatives in necessarily crowded quarters. The system adopted by ment many mill owners of barring windows

anima Managing Manuel Edgar estoft D maintiff has subinte

whole effect than all the Italy wants nothing but good-will peace overtures that could be made. from China and her ends are there-The insurgents who still resist the good offices of the United States government are not patriots in any sense of the word and never were. They do not desire independence, civilization, statutory laws of this com- or law and order. They hope only for monwealth was brought into a chaotic state of government which will allow them to plunder and persecute at will their weaker brethren it the archipelago. Good government and a system of service that affords protection alike to the austere and humble is a state of affairs to be dreaded. It is useless to attempt to tame this element of barbarism by good advice or moral suasion. They must first b made to understand that the laws of the United States are accompanied by penalties that will be administered with firmness and despatch. When the Filipino bandit begins to realize that his career as an exponent of Atkinsonism is sure to terminate at the end of

> to turn his attention to the development of his country. If Brother Roberts could induce his neighbors in Utah to keep quiet, he would be able to make a much better showing.

a rope he will no doubt be more willing

## Unfair to the Ladies.

HE PROHIBITIONISTS have started an innovation with regard to their national con-

vention at Chicago which may prove to be a beem rang. Many of the members have meditated long and carnestly over the admission of women on the floor of their convention with the result that an open protest is now made against the precedent already established of allowing feminino representation. This step is taken on plea that a more decided the effort should be made to give the party weight in national affairs. It is claimed that more influence and, therefore, more votes can be gained by not giving up so much space in the convention to the women, and a determined stand is to be made in favor of the change of programme.

This is truly a significant incident. The Prohibition party chicily owes its existence to the impassioned, enthugiastle work of women. The Wo Christian Temperance union wa principle lever which hoisted pr tian as a partisan power the pinnacle of the THORE period in its history ular was largely the women who on the movement culminating abortive attempt to secure a eco

tional amendment prohibiting manufacture and sale of lique the United States. It has been by the personal intensity of characteristic of the sex that the hibitionists have been enabled to comand those who employ large numbers | mand the attention and to ascert the sway they have held over public senti MEARS& HAGEN

It is, therefore, very noticeable that and locking doors during working at this late day it should suddenly be hours is dangerous under any circum- | realized that the place heretofore held stances and tends to increase the tor- by women in the conventions can be

fore apt to be gained at less expense than will attend the fulfillment of the ambitions of other foreign powers, It is a triffe unkind in the base ball magnates to claim the attention of the country before congress is fairly in running order.

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gineers, like all other human beings, are subject to ills and more than once RIPANS TABULES have helped me along when, without them, I must have failed in my duty.

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