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When space will permit, The Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends bearing on current topics...

SCRANTON, DECEMBER 26, 1899.

Undoubtedly the happiest man yesterday was the man who did most to make others happy.

More Power for Probers.

THE CONTENTION of Frank Moss, chief counsel of the Mazet committee, that it is worth while to make such an investigation as that committee has recently made of New York municipal affairs...

Superficially this state of things might be accepted as establishing that legislative investigations open to the suspicion of partisan bias are not of great value...

saloons and receives in license fees \$3,124,631. Boston with two-fifths of Philadelphia's population has 790 saloons and its license fees not \$1,180,688...

The twentieth century will begin immediately after the clock shall have struck midnight on the evening of Dec. 31, 1900...

Civilizing the Indian.

THE RECENT decision of Indian bureau officials to allow no more specimens of the noble red man to leave the reservations for exhibition...

General Lawton's Letter.

AT THE DINNER of the New England society Friday night the Hon. John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Spain...

Some License Statistics.

BEFORE THE enactment of the Raines law in 1896, New York state had 23,427 saloons, which paid for licenses \$2,921,368.

peculiar administrative qualities exhibited in Cuba by General Wood. As Mr. Palmer views the situation, the fighting is over and instead of that the organization of good government...

New Jersey seems to be an unfortunate locality in which to enter the paths of righteousness. A young man who stood up in a mission there...

SOME CURRENT VERSE.

Put Up the Sword. I have sung of the soldier's glory As I never shall sing again; I have gazed on the shambles gory, I have smelt of the slaughter-pen...

To Rudyard Kipling.

Prophet of brawn and bravery! Bard of the lightning man, You have made us kneel to a God of Steel...

The Old Hunting Coat.

A thing of stiff canvas, dirt spotted and torn; Scaled corduroy collar; huge pockets that tote The game; and its fabric is crumpled and worn...

Yet none of them offers the comfort and cheer And happiness found in the old hunting coat. —Colorado Springs Gazette.

ALMANACS. As usual the Philadelphia Ledger Almanac this year is a model of completeness and intelligent condensation.

PASSING SMILES. How She Lost Him. He—Positively, you're the first girl I ever kissed.

A Promise. "When I die," said Blatant. "I want to be cremated."

He Wasn't to Blame. "Sir," began the tramp as he stepped in front of a pedestrian.

Had Her Doubts. "I don't believe professors know so very much," said Mamie.

Up Against It. She—I think Lieutenant Peary is a noble, brave man.

Cut in Two. Mrs. Bibbitts—So you have named your girl twin Henrietta?

Empty. "Yes," she said, "Miss Willington spoke of you at our party yesterday afternoon."

A Great Help. Parke—Don't you find it a great thing to have a telephone in your house?

Another Matter. "You told me your heart was mine," said Blower.

No Hope for Him. "Then you cannot be the sunshine of my life?" asked the young man.

The Feminine View of It. Mr. Watson (drastically)—What makes you limp so? Shoes too small?

A Movable Fashion Plate. "You manage to keep right up with the modes in the suburbs, Mrs. Plain."

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE. For every million inhabitants in Russia there are only ten newspapers and journals of all sorts.

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