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When space will permit, the Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends...

SCRANTON, DECEMBER 29, 1899.

In Monday's Tribune appeared an article entitled "A Stringent Food Law," charging that certain brands of baking powder...

The Battle Against Disease.

THE DETERMINATION of the board of health and the school authorities to unite in a campaign for the better protection of school children from infectious diseases is gratifying...

But with respect to the general sanitary regulation of the city it is, we find, a prevalent opinion that much more ought to be done than is being done.

The general police force should be more effectively utilized as allies of the health board, particularly in the collection and distribution of information relating to the progress of disease.

While it is useless to generate a scare we think it a duty to emphasize that the situation is a serious one, which requires more than ordinary treatment.

Congressman Roberts will display decided incapacity to grasp the situation if he lingers about Washington much longer when so many opportunities are offered by the lecture platform.

Lackawanna's Exhibit of Crime.

THE STATISTICAL table prepared by Clerk of the Courts Daniels for the state board of charities and correction, showing one year's work of the criminal courts in Lackawanna county...

Estimating the population of the county at 150,000, here is one person in every 70 charged with the commission of crime, and eager as the petty magistrates are to multiply fees by returning flimsy cases to court...

A Dangerous Precedent.

UNLESS THERE existed in connection with the alleged seizure by British officials of vessels laden with American flour...

to arouse public sentiment to the need of stopping this great flow of lawlessness at its fountain sources...

The curious report to the effect that Aguinaldo has arrived in the City of Mexico indicates that a Mexican cable despatch and Youxi Indian story must have got mixed.

Surgical Heroism.

A CRISIS has been reached in the performance of American duty in Cuba and it is very fortunate that the man at the head of affairs there is such a clean-cut man as Leonard Wood.

A dispatch from Havana printed in yesterday's Philadelphia Press contained this information: "Eight more arrests were made in the custom house frauds today and warrants are out for the re-arrest of three of the appraisers recently released."

The Hindu astrologers now stalk upon the scene with the information that the stars and signs are against the British. Like the average seer, the Hindu prophets have neglected to come to the front until it is too late to profit by their predictions.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES.

Advised Not to Read It.

John Luther Long, the well known author of several successful books and the editor of many charming stories, spent the past summer at a quiet resort along the New Jersey coast...

A Tiny Patriot.

Mrs. Donald McLean, agent of the New York Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was a wee bit of a girl during the civil war.

Didn't Owe Him Anything.

Mrs. Sallie Marshall Hardy, who is a descendant of Chief Justice Marshall, visited the Supreme court chambers in Washington recently and was introduced to Justice Harlan by a functionary of the court...

An Apt Retort.

Among the anecdotes related by Hon. John Bigelow in the October Century, in a series of extracts from his conversations with Von Bunsen, is this about the famous banker Rothschild: During the famous congress of Vienna each of the several monarchs present was the guest of some nobleman.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD.

From the Indianapolis Press. Wherein lies the moral difference between the man that sells his vote and the man that buys it? The world certainly recognizes such a difference.

sume that for such losses as our exporters may have sustained in consequence of these reported seizures England will promptly offer adequate reparation.

An exchange expresses surprise that Rudyard Kipling's fondness for war poetry should not have induced him ere this to join the troops in South Africa.

PAUL KRUGER.

His Personal Bravery. Paul Kruger, writes Allen Sangree in Ainslee's Magazine, appears just as every newspaper reader has often seen him depicted, whether in portrait or caricature.

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THE DYING CENTURY.

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set him down as a "shrewd and able man of affairs." It is unnecessary to point out specific instances.

We may have, for the seller an added indignation, begotten of trust betrayed, but this does not properly account for the contempt we bestow upon him...

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