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SCRANTON, FEBRUARY 28, 1900.

Unless some o. our pro-Boer friends take immediate action on this side of the water, the kinks are liable to all or out of the lion's tall in a few days,

To the Mayor.

OW THAT the slot machines have been removed by order of the mayor, we direct his honor's attention to the fact that never before in the history of Scranton has prostitution been so bold in flaunting its painted face on our main thoroughfares as it is today, and never has the radius of its distribution been so large. It may not be possible wholly to eliminate this evil; but it has been shown in previous administrations that it is possible to confine the vice within narrow limits, check its more offensive public manifestations and permit honest women to appear upon the streets without having continually to brush elbows with denizens of the nether world.

The same kind of executive energy hiding will push back into the alleys greater vice of which we speak. We call the mayor's attention to this matter with no inclination to threaten him with dire exposure. We do not insimuate, for we have no proof, that tribute is levied from the city building upon these shameless women who infest our streets and that their unparalleled effrontery is the consequence of immunity bought and sold. But we consider that when the work of mube carried forward in good faith, and we shall therefore expect to see the police force of Scienton today given double quick marching orders in the direction of forcing eackwards the high tide of deligat vice which is now sweeping down our thoroughfares to the public's mingled peril and disgust.

The mayor, we assume, is sincere in well the obligations of his office. In his efforts to do this he deserves the united and earnest support of all upright citizens.

Most people who have purchased copies of "Sapho" recently probably did so in order to be able to determine the extent of the wickedness of the persons who went to see the play.

Of Vital Importance.

HE WEAVER case involves a point concerning which it is very desirable that there should be, in this community, a laying down of the law. The right of the Weavers to believe what theys please in matters of religiou health?

their personal beliefs, to use every erned cutrageously. reasonable means to ascertain the the fact clearly appears, exemplary justice must be a iministered or the law relating to contagious diseases of the community will be left without adequate protection.

If the tendency of Christian Science is to tear lown these reasonable safeguards then it, too, must go,

There seems to be no difficulty experienced in perpetuating the Dewey arch, but a hitch is promised in the distribution of the Dewey prize money.

Constitutional Guarantees.

HE SPEECH of Senator Deyesterday and summarized Mr. Bryan. in another column, clarifies a point which has evidently become obscure in the minds of some Republicans, especially those who have, on constitutional grounds, opposed the Imposition of a nominal tariff on imports from Puerto Rico. In the brillight percention of Mr. Littlefield. which we published yesterday because of its literary excellence, fear was expressed that unless the "human rights" of the inhabitants of the new dependencies should be "imbedded in the constitution" they might become "ephemeral and circumscribed" and might at any moment become the sport and by-play of congress, "too often affrighted at shadows." But according to Senator Depew it was Legislator Littlefield who was affrighted by a shadow. Save he:

"While the constitution does not extend over the territories of its own force and without legislation, its prohibitions are binding on congress. In those prohibitions, which are also privlieges enjoyed by the people wherever dur jurisdiction extends, is a complete bor, give him taffy)

charter of rights which congress can neither limit nor impair. All personal privileges and immunities, such as religious freedom, property rights, freedom of speece and the press, and equality before the law must prevail wherever our flag floats. But outside of the constitution and laws is an unwritten law created by the genius of the institutions of the paramount power and controlling its acts and officials in all colomal governments. The flag carries with it everywhere the genius and spirit of American liberty and law. No American governor, council and judiciary would be tyrants if they could, and could not if they would. An insult or a blow at civil or religious liberty by an American administration in far-off Luzon would be flashed under the ocean and across the land The people would rise in hot indignation, which the president and congress

would be swift to grant and inflict." the constitution would not permit a civil government in Puerto Rico to suppress free speech, to establish a state-supported religion or to erect before the law a privileged class, even were any American administration fool-bardy enough to attempt any of these things. The bill of rights appiles wherever the flag floats. But the contention of those who hold that details of legislation may be different in colonies than in the states of the Union, because conditions are different, is supported by the uniform practice of all nations which have successfully administered colonial possessions.

Philadelphia has already arranged an interesting programme for Republican national convention week. The delegates will do the rest.

General Cronje's Surrender.

ORD ROBERTS' appropriate celebration of the anniversary of Majuba Hill simplifies the problem of the British which drove the slot machines into campaign in the Orange Free State and makes probable an early slege of Preand materially lessen the ten-fold toria. So long as Cronje's command held out against the odds surrounding it, it was an expensive clog upon the forward movement of the invading corps. There is good reason to believe that the British commander could have forced an earlier capitulation, but he had to deal, not only with the enemy in force, but also with the peculiar attitude of public opinion which has regarded with satisfaction every exhibition of ferocity by the Boers yet nicipal purification is begun it should has denied to the English the military right to make reprisals in kind.

Had Cronje caught Roberts in the trap which proved Cronje's own undoing, there would, it is safe to believe, have been no fine scruple in withholding heavy bombardment. Either the British army would have had to surrender immediately and unconditionally or else it would have been shot at wishing to administer faithfully and and pounded by the Boer guns until no alternative but surrender was left. This is war. War is not a pastime of courtiers. As General Sherman said, it is helt. But the war which Lord Roberts has had to wage is not simply a pitting of strength against strength but a wary and politic use of strength so as to avoid the offering of pretexts for foreign intervention or diplomatic embarrassment. In estimating the significance of Cronje's surrender this circumstance needs to be borne in mind. It tends somewhat to o'tset Lord Robrts' superiority of strength

The defense of the Boers has been magnificent. Their courage can never again be questioned. Nor has their generalship been inferior. The strategy of Cronie's retreat is admitted on every hand. The strategy of his holdfaith cannot be questioned. The fact ing out for a sufficient time to enable of their being Christian Scientists has the other Boer forces to perfect their no hearing. The simple question is, plans of future resistance is apparent. Are those who disbelieve in ordinary | These qualities command universal admedical treatment of the sick to be miration and will operate to soften the permitted to ignore the law requirms; ultimate terms of peace. But it canthe placarding of cortagious diseases not be overlooked by those who are and thus to endanger the public disposed to be fair in this matter that the necessity for all this saughter was It seems to us that there can be lorced by Boer obstinacy in refusing, only one answer. The law was enact- in the first place, to deal justly and ed for a beneficent purpose, it is in equitably with the English-speaking full force, and public opinion over- people whom they had invited to take whelmingly sustains it. It is the duty up a residence within Boor territory of those in care of the sick, whatever and whom they afterward mis-gov-

It would be the policy of wisdom for nature of the sickness within their the Transvaulers to anticipate the inhousehold and, having so informed evitable by early overtures for peace. themselves, to take measures to pre- | England in the end is bound to overvent the communication of the disease | come resistance by force. Having gone to others. This duty is so elementary | so far she could not now do otherwise. and unquestionable that it should not A policy by the Boers of more dogged need, in the case of any ordinary intel- opposition would cost many more lives ligent family, to be enforced by law, and much additional treasure, but it Yet where it is ignored and proof of could not avert the imperious necessity which is upon England to free South Africa of oligarchic oppression and to open all the territory from Capetown will cease to have force and the health | to the Limpopo to equal justice and equal rights. We indulte to hope, however, that this fact will be appreciated at Pretoria. The Boers have set their stubborn heads for war to the last ditch and they will persist simply to their own more thorough undoing.

Democratic Chairman Jones has mapped out a scheme of action for the oming campaign with features calculated to please everybody with a political hobby. In other words, he is willing that the followers of the various brands of Democracy may think what pew, delivered in the senate they please if they will only vote for

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 23t a. m., for Wednes day, February 28, 1900, 102 A child bern on this day will notice that the woman who is truthful about her age

is usually very young. The "Sapho" investigating committee appears to have secured an uncalled for share of the advertising with no benefits from the box office receipts.

It is easy for a youth reared in the lap of luxury to fall off into the mire of pov-The officer who depends entirely upon the puffs of public opinion for a guide-toard will generally have a lively official career. erty.

Success in life often depends upon abil-ity to judge between useful and useless

Grim winter in Scratten will soon give way to dirty streets. Satan never fails to keep an appoint

Ajacchus' Advice

Senator Depew Is an Expansionist

A ceres

From His Speech in the Senate, Delivered Yesterday,

T HERE ARE well-meaning and year in London, and did last wear in Boston, to protest against the beheading of Charles the First. But Charles the First was beheaded two hundred and fifty years ago. By his death the chains which bound a free eople were broken. Cromwell, with all his mistakes, all his errors, and all the injustice which can be charged against him, created that reign of individual judgment and conscience which has voluted into civil and religious liberty. which has created the commercial spirit f the English-speaking peoples, which has made them explorers, travelers, masters upon the sea and land, as settlers and colonizers, and has carried, with their influence, self-government and representative institutions all over the world. It is still an academic discussion whether President Lincoln had the right to coerce a sovereign state, but the exercise of that right saved and re-created this republic and has made it the foremost power of the world. There are constitutional lawyers and writers upon public questions who still discuss the power of Abraham Lincoln to issue the emancipation proclamation, but he did issue it, slavery was abolished, and the blessings of the act are enjoyed by owner and bondman equally, by the free states, and by those that were once known as the slave states. We are in the Philippines; we are there to stay by conqust and by treaty ights. All which precedes the ratification of the treaty by the senate of the United States is an academic question.

Territorially, constitutionally and by

the decisions of the Supreme court the United States have been expanding for tearly a century. Constitutional objection and indiscriminate abuse preceded, attended and followed each of these acquisitions. The grim specter of the ruined republic was each time dragged out from the stage properties of the spectacular drama of despair, only to be laughed back into its crypt by prosperity, population, thriving industries, nutual benefits to the old and new states, and the blessings of American law and liberty impressing the people with the wisdom of the expansion, There have been tyrants and usurpers. f President McKinley is one, doing hese same things in the past as he has done, and they are Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, James K. Polk, and Franklin Pierce. Our country on this continent, and without including the Spanish Islands, numbers 3,692,128 square miles. Washington governed a republic of 1,378,981 square miles, and 2,313,144 have been added from the close of his administration to the beginning of President McKinley's. The United States has a domain with nearly three times greater area than it possessed when it became a nation, and stands original and alone in the benefideent processes of its growth. Its authority has been extended over new lands covering an area as large as twothirds of the continent of Europe, at a mere trifle of the cost to Frederick the Great of the province of Silesia, or to France of the narrow limits of Savoy. For ninety-seven years we have, in the exercise of that sovereign power which is inherent in nations, gained property by all the processes known to government, but we have waged no war for or our territories have come by conquest and treaty, by purchase, annexaand the country are unanimous in the e brief until by similar unanimity Puerto Rico and Hawaii, Guam and

Our friends in South Carolina, Mississippi, and Louisiana who stand shivering with fear lest the Filipinos, by becoming clizens, will have the constituttopal right to vote, or by being deprived of that vote will become the victims of despotism more autocratic than Russin, have found no difficulty in excluding from the ballot a large number of their citizens. South Carolina, by the new constitution of the state, makes the requisite for voting the abillly to read understandingly the censtitution of the United States, and the possession of \$300 worth of property. If this test were imposed on the Philippines, it would effectually deprive the whole native population of the su rage. They make for their denial of the consent of the governed the ingenious plea that neither by the declaration of independence nor the constitut on did the negroes acquire rights or recognition; that the fathers never meant to include them. Certainly, if this be true, it applies with greater force to the alien races who inhabit the Philippine islands, whose existence was unknown to the signers of the declaration or the

framers of the constitution. By uniform legislation from the formation of the Republic and by repeated and clear decisions of the Supreme court these principles are established: First, that the constitution was meant for the states in the Union as they severally adopted it. Second, that it becomes operative upon every state subsequently admitted into the Union. Third, that it does not extend by its own force over territory acquired after the adoption of the constitution, but that congress has the power to grant so much of its provisions as it deems wise. It has been said that government by the United States in the new islands will be a despotism. Such a belief shows a singular ignorance or misapprenension of the constitutiona! limitations upon our powers and the spirit of our institutions. While the constitution does not extend over the territories of its own force and without legislation, its prohibitions are binding on congress. In these prohibitions, which are also privileges enjoyed by the people wherever our jurisdiction extends, is a complete charter of rights which congress can neither limit nor impair. All personal privileges and immunities, such as religious freedom, property rights, freedom of speech and the press, and equality before the law must prevail wherever our flag floats.

But outside of the constitution and laws is an unwritten law created by the genius of the institutions of the para mount power and controlling its acts and officials in all colonial govern-ments. We know from Cleero's oration hat even a Roman proconsul was subject to this idea. England received her lesson in the danger of violating this spirit when she lost her American colonies by our successful revolution, and she has today the greatest and most loyal colonial empire the world has eve known by granting such measures of self-government as each colony demonstrates its ability to maintain. Elec-tricity and steam have annihilated time

and distance. The Philippines are nearer Washington by months than New Orleans was in Jefferson's administration. The flag carries with it everywhere the genius and spirit of American liberty and law. No American governor, council and judiciary would be tyrants if they could, and could not be if they would. An insult or a blow at civil or religious liberty by an American administration in far-off Luzon would be flashed under the ocean and across the land. The people would rise in hot indignation, demanding justice and punishment, which the president and congress would be swift to grant

and inflict. All other nations have been familiar through the ages with the power of sovereignty. Their people have gradually won individual rights from the throne, but without impairing in its national relations this power. We have developed the other way. Slowly and eluctantly we have surrendered individual rights that we might be a nation. We have been a hundred years trying to understand that a government of the people has all the strength perpetuity and powers of sovereignty, but with an ever-present responsibility to the people. When submitted to the arbitrament of the sword, the sacrifice of a million noble lives on one side and the other opened the minds of friends and foes to a broader and more elevated understanding of the indissoluble unity, the vast and expansive possibilities, the creative and beneficent spirit and the mighty and glorious power of the United States.

The fears daily expressed of disas

trous consequences to ourselves from the productions and industries of these islands have no justification in the long experience of other nations. Great Britain has found her best markets in her colonies and no invasion of her industries from them. The same is true of the crowded highly organized, and sensitive industrial interests of Holland. The people of the temperate zones govern all tropical countries outside the Americas. The northern races are the migrators, the colonizers, the rulers and the organizers of the productive energies of the world. There is a closeness and contact between all parts of the lands and peoples which are under general government. Though Great Britain has no greater commercial advantages with her colonies than other and competing countries, yet she furnishes 45 per cent of their imports. and if analyzed so as to select only the articles she produces the proportion would be greater. The rapid development of wants and ability to gratify them created by civilization and stable government will enormously increase the consumption and purchasing power of the inhabitants of our island possessions.

America and Europe are the beneficiaries and the victims of the marvelous development of the nineteenth century. Electricity, steam and invention have stimulated production beyond living limits, unless new markets can be discovered. Now the world's problem of markets for the surplus of farms and factories, or low wages, want of employment, idleness, and want is near our own doors. The markets for the products of our farms and factories accessible by the Atlantic ocean will soon be filled. But across the Pacific are limitless opportunities. Within a distance from Manila not much greater than Havana from New York live 900,000,000 of people, purchasing now annually from all nations, of conquest or subjugation. We have the things which we produce, to the treated our defeated enemies with up- sum of a thousand millons of dollars, usual mercy and consideration. Wheth- of which we furnish five per cent. And yet with our Pacific coast and its enterprising people, the opening of the ion, or discovery, the people, concress, canal across the isthmus and an American merchant marine that five per cen affirmation of our title. The time will should be fifty. With railreads opening up these countries and civilization stimulating their people, the possible the Philippines are held to be equally increase in their trade dazzles the and sacredly territory of the United Imagination. To relieve home cong stion starvation and revolution, England, Germany and France are increasing their armies, enlarging their fleets and either waging war or on the eye of great conflicts while partitioning Africa, threatening China, seizing Aslatic principalities and mad'y building railronds across the continents of Acia and Africa. By victorious war and triumphant diplomacy we are in ou own territory within easy reach, at Manila, of China, Siam, Korea, Annam, the East Indies and Japan. Without war or entangling alliances we will have equal rights with other nations to the ports of the Orient, with all that it means for the demonstrated superfority of our manufactures and the surplus harvests of our farms.

> This is not a sordid view, nor can any right apprehension of our Philippine policy or our relations to our island colonies be sordid or purely commercial. In spite of ourselves we have colonial possessions. We have no pollcy to declare, no glittering resolutions or proclamations to make and in the future to embarrass us We will stamp out the insurrection and establish a stable government. We will organize local government. We will constitute courts. We will insure with the whole power of the United States security for life and property, freedom of religion and the equal and just administration of the law. The kindergarten of liberty, under competent instructors, rapidly develops its pupils for larger responsibilities for citizenship, respect for from. law, for judicial duties and for a constantly increasing share in their local and general assemblies. One year of rule by the United States in Cuba is a convincing object lesson. Brigands have become farmers, and revolutionis s con servative citizens. Order has taken the place of anarchy, and law of license. The Cubans are developing their industries and rapidly acquiring habits of self-government. So the uplifting of the people of the Philippines to the comprehension and practice of orderly industry, respect for individual rights, confidence and then participation in government will ald enormously to their happiness and reciprocally to the strength, prosperity and power of our

THE CHILD'S HEART.

The heart of a child, Like the heart of a hower, Has a smile for the sun And a tear for the shower; Oh, innocent hours With wonder beguilled-

Oh, heart like a flower's In the heart of a child The heart of a child. Like the heart of a bird,

With raptures of music

Is flooded and stirred:
Oh. songs without words,
Oh, melodies wild—
Oh, heart like a bird's
In the heart of a child:

The heart of a child.
Like the heart of Spring.
Is full of the hope
Of what Summer shall bring;
Oh, glory of things
In a world undefiled—
Oh, heart like the Spring's In the heart of a child!

-Arthur Austin-Jackson, in the Bosaker.

0000000000000000 In Woman's Realm &

When Lent began She went each early morn To say her prayers. She kept Each fast and did adorn Herself in palest gray that swept Like mist the sea has worn; When Lent began.

Through Lenten days, To ball and theater no more

Hied she, but wrought instead Weird garments for the poor and bore Self sacrifice in all and read The books which time forbade before. Through Lenten days.

When Lent is o'er... Her summer frocks are things to dote On. Nights of slumber have her years Turned back. What once she did devote To violets and sweets, as Easter nears She's saved enough to buy a silker

When Lent is o'er 64H OW I DREAD Lent," exclaimed a lady the other day. "Why?" asked her friend in wonder. "You

aren't a Catholic nor an Episcopalian and you don't keep it."
"Yes I do," replied the first speaker.
"And so does my cook. She positively almost starves herse!", and it does make almost starves herse!; and it does make her so cross, poor girl. Then there are the church services. I'm always giad to have her attend them most faithfully. Indeed I think a great deal more of a mald who is conscientious in her religious observances, but sometimes I am at my wit's end to know how to manage to keep harmony in the household. My husband is just as apt to ask company to dinner on Wednesday or Friday evening as at any other time, and then poor me! I simply have to go out in the kitcher and grovel in order to preserve peace. Whenever we are a little late for dinner I feel that I have committed a sin, so if don't keep Lent I don't know anybody

THIS IS the season when the fact most apparent than ever that women were the primal cause of sin in the world they are taking upon them-selves most of the penitence. Imagine a man in good health and corresponding sense fasting. Of course the clergymen are expected to do that as part of their official duty but who really and truly expects a man to do any extensive fasting in these days? It would be a good thing for some men if they would observe the fast days for doubtless they cat too much every meal of their lives.

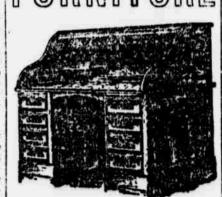
It is chiefly a feminine prerogative to attend church services. Why should men trouble to go when there are the dear women who will pray and fast and do penance not alone for themselves but for the fathers and husbands and brothers and sweethearts, and who will not even cease their sweet intercession at

IT TOOK a brave person to ask a woman yesterday if she were going to see "Sapho." Many women went to see "The Turtle," "The Telephone Girl," and other so-called plays no better than the much talked of production of which so much has been said, but the free advertising given "Sapho" in this town while it no doubt added to the receipts of the house naturally made women a trifle coy about acknowledging an intentriffe coy about acknowledging an inten-tion to be present. It is only fair to Scranton women to say that as a class they are not anxious to see demoralizing It is not simply the fear of being criticised for giving the honor of their presence to such performances but they are really not desirous of filling their minds with pollution. It needs neither a censor nor a committee to keep the woater where vile plays are presented, and they are not wild to act on committees organized for the purpose of censorship.

He Tumbled. A British red ran down the copie, He ran as though the couldn't stopje, But on the veldt He got a beldt, And forthwith took adrontic

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