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#### TEN PAGES.

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#### Next Saturday's Primaries.

N NEXT Saturday afternoon, between 4 and 7 o'clock, Republican voters in the First and Second legislative districts, comprising the city of Scranton, the third most populous community in the state will meet at the regular polling places, under the direct primary system, to indicate their choice for party nominee for the legislature. It is important that they choose wisely.

In the First district Speaker Farr, whose record at Harrisburg, beginning with the free text book law, which has saved to poor parents thousands of dollars in the cost of educating their children, and including the compulsory education law, the law to make eight hours a day's work in state and city employment, the law to protect the American flag and, of especial local interest, the law creating the West Side hospital, in which, since its organization, more than 2,000 persons have received free treatment during illness or disability, is opposed for the nomination by T. Jefferson Reynolds, of the Fifteenth ward, a young man without experience in legislative affairs and whose candidacy is really meant to punish Speaker Farr for having been so successful in promoting the interests and the prestige of his district. It is well known that when, during the last session of the legislature Mr. Farr as speaker de clined to surrender to a clamorous minority faction or to be browbeaten by the subsidized press of Philadelphia, threats were made that he would be made to pay for his independence. It is equally well known that Mr. Reynolds was put forward as the candidate of this faction and that the voters of Hyde Park and Providence are being solicited to wreak vengeance on Mr. Farr, not because he has not served them well, but because Mr. Reynolds' factional backers could not use him as they wished. We mistake the temper of the plain and loyal people of the First district if they will have any part in such a programme of revenge. They know what John R. Farr is capable of doing for them and they will ask him to continue the good work he has already done-work which has not been surpassed by that of any other member in this or any other

In the Second district a similar sitnation is presented in the opposition of Frederick Connell to Representative Scheuer. During his first term at Harrisburg Mr. Scheuer was especially useful to his district by reason of his membership on the appropriations. municipal corporations and labor and industries committees. He introduced in the house and successfully plloted to passage the law to prevent vindictive and extravagant election contests-a law which if it had been on the statute books a year or two sooner would have saved the voters of Lackawanna county \$80,000 to \$100,000 by preventing the Langstaff contest. He also introduced the defective affidavit bill which protects honest voters from ignorant or evil disposed election officers. He secured \$5,000 for the Hahnemann hospital, protected the other charities of Scranton from the cuts which were so general in the last legislative session, and started the influences which, if continued, will provide a suitable home for Lackawanna hospital. In every requisite of a conscientious, faithful and successful representative, Mr. Scheuer amply established his right to claim a re-election; and he is opposed by a young man. avowedly set up by a faction, who has not, within our knowledge, previously lifted a finger for the Republican party or for the public interests of the Sec-

ond district. The city of Scranton, as it is about to pass from the third class into the second class of cities, will have need in the next legislature, in the adjustment and protection of its growing legislative interests, of the best men that it can find to represent it. cannot afford, under the whip of factional scheming, to displace legislators who are tried and true by the nomination of men absolutely inexperienced.

Criticism is easy; performance difficult. The Republican party is a party of performance.

France and England. FRIEND sends us a clipping from the London Times of Feb, 19 which says that the French ambassador, speaking ar a distribution of prizes and certificates to successful competitors in an examination in French language and literature at the Mansion house on the preceding Saturday, said France and England were the two countries in the world which represented the best ideas of progress and civilization, and, in spite of what some gloomy prophets might say, he was convinced that there would never be anything but good relations between the two coun-

Our correspondent thinks the foreing a sufficient denial of the rumors, now entrent, of the near approach of Senator Morgan is right. In taking trust, with him, that these rumors measures for the national defence the

could have no adequate warrant nor disastrous result upon France, crushing out what hope there has seemed to be that the French republic might survive the temperamental follies of its Gallic constituents and rise gradually to the plane of a permanent and liberal institution until it should become a beacon light for European

It it to be hoped that the giving to Lord Kitchener, by the Anstrian milltary attache in South Africa, of the credit for England's recent successe will not start a British parallel to the Schley-Sampson controversy. Roberts and Kitchener evidently understand

#### Intolerable.

CONDITION of affairs is presented to view in Kentucky which requires general consideration. It is a situation of revolution; of the forcible overturning of the fundamental rights of American citizenship; of the prostitution of government to malicious ends; of passion, prejudice and bandit daring usurping the place of justice.

To begin with, we have a group of office-seekers plotting to steal by forms of law absolute control of the election machinery of the state; we have them put in possession of that machinery and in spite of the partisan one-sidedness of the arrangement, we have their own appointees returning a 15,000 plurality for the Republican nominee for governor in a poll in which reputable Democrats assert that there was actually cast for him not less than a 50,000 plurality. Although the revis ion of the returns by the Democratic canvassing board cuts this plurality down still further, it dares not overthrow it altogether, and the Republican nominee in due order is declared elected and inaugurated. Then, it is found that the Democrats, thanks to the Goebel returning boards, have a small margin of control in the legislature and to make that margin sure they proceed to unseat a number of fairly elected Republicans, 'Once in sure control, the contest is sprung and the prejudiced tribunal is about to render its pre-determined verdict when the bullet of an assassin lays the Democratic claimant low.

"Thereupon," affirms the man whon

the people elected governor; a man who in defending his rights and the rights of the people of Kentucky and of every state where republican forms of government are supposed to pre vail, has exhausted all his private resources and incurred the continuous and prospective risk of assassination, "a conspiracy was formed to fasten this helnous crime upon all or some of the state officers elected by the people. the purpose being to obscure and cover the political robbery and to terrorize and destroy all opposition. In order to carry out this foul conspiracy they procured an act appropriating \$100,000 ostensibly for the purpose of detecting the criminals, and have employed a lawyer whose course in the criminal practice of Cincinnati was so odious as to cause a riot, resulting in the destruction of the court house and the loss of over forty lives. Following this an employe of the notorious Cincinnati Enquirer has made affidavits, charging that the Hon. Caleb Powers, secretary of state; his brother, John Powers, a captain of a company of state militia; W. H. Culton, a clerk in the auditor's office; the Hon. Charles Finley, ex-secretary of state, and Captain John W. Davis, policemen of the state house grounds, conspired, aided and assisted in said assassination. Warrants were issued and said W. H. Culton, during the night of March 9, was taken from his home, where his wife and child were sick, and incarcerated in the county jail, without ball, or being given an opportunity to secure bail. On the day of said assassing tion, Harlan Whittaker, whose residence is in Butler county, Ky., was arrested, charged with said crime and assassination, and was placed in jail and kept confined without trial for over one month, in defiance of the provision of law requiring a speedy examination trial and that a person charged with crime shall be brought out every two days. Upon the trial he was held over without bond, notwithstanding there was no evidence introduced showing his guilt. For some cause, or without cause, our courts, composed almost entirely of Democratic judges, have become so partisan that it is practically, if not absolutely, impossible for any man not of their persuasion to obtain a fair trial. As organized, the courts are courts of conviction instead of courts of trial."

Our telegraphic columns carry the story forward to the time of writing. The chaos born of wilful fraud is fed by continuous audacity until it has now reached a proportion that, we submit, properly comes within the meaning of Section 4 of Article IV of the federal constitution, which says that "the United States SHALL guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government." If the United States courts cannot or will not interpose a restraining hand, the chief executive of the United States must be appealed to to undo, if he can, a monstrous wrong, which has become intolerable.

General Michener, of Indiana, a veteran campaigner offers to his Republican brethren good advice when he says: "The long delayed campaign of education should begin at once. Nearly all the issues for discussion in the approaching campaign are new to the people and to statesmen. The work of organization should begin now. It takes more time and more hard work to completely organize the party in power than the party in minority: the latter is always organized, for it is on the offensive. It takes time and labor to bring organization out of the disorganization which normally prevails in the party which is in power. These are fundamental truths which ought to be impressed upon the minds of some gentlemen who seem to have forgotten them. We need less grinning and more grunting."

mer not be verified. Such a war United States does not have to ask the

ald or consent of England or any other nation. To make an attribute of sovereignty a matter of treaty stipulation, as the senate foreign relations committee does in its canal treaty amendment, is to descend from the sublime to the pathetic.

A glance over the scenes of action in the Transvaal and in Kentucky. not to speak of the threatened debates in the United States senate, seems to thoroughly vindicate the astrologers who have been predicting 'fearful deeds" for 1900.

By what right does the Democratic party profess friendship for Puerto when, only the other day, it voted almost solidly against he bill to pay over to Puerto Rico the \$2,000,000 of duty already collected on imports from that island?

With two governors and two armies in the field there is no reason why the blood of Kentucky should not be kept in the condition of newly-charge1 ginger ale for several days hence.

A recent wedding in Philadelphia, to which 3000 invitations were issued netted \$50,000 worth of presents. And yet they say marriage is a failure.

Both the English and the Boers want peace. The difficulty seems to exist in deciding who shall draw up the articles of agreement.

Captain Mahan demonstrates that Monroe doctrine pressure without a navy is the most hazardous kind of

Rev. Mr. Sheldon is one of the men of the hour who will probably not remain over sixty minutes.

Candidate Debs displays

hesitancy about plunging into the boy orator campaign act. The United States can well afford

navy second to none; such a navy

The war fever of France is of the

intermittent variety. Aguinaldo and Dr. Leyds are still mong the missing,

#### Outline Studies of Human Nature

Cullom and Blaine.

S OMEBODY out in Illinois has started a story that Senator Cullom has neglected the interests of the soldiers in securing pensions and the recognition of other claims upon the government, which is about the biggest lie that was ever told of him or any other public man, as the commissioner of pensions and the members of the senate committee on pen-sions will willingly testify. Senator Cul-lom has three clerks at work in his committee room, and one of them devotes his entire time to the applications and

complaints of pensioners. I think there would be no impropriety in telling a story about Senator Cullom that is distinctly apropos of this charge. While Mr. Blaine was secretary of state he sent for me to come down to Bar Harbor, where he was taking his summer vacation, and Senator Cullom, learning of my journey, asked me to urge him to appoint a broken-down old soldier out in Illinois to a consulate for which he had long been an applicant, writes W. E. to do so, and he told me some rather distressing details of the case. It seems that the old veteran's health was delicate, and Senator Cullom hoped that his life might be prolonged if he could se-cure a small consulate with a salary suf-

No opportunity was offered to speak to Mr. Blaine about the case until one Sunday afternoon while we were taking a walk among the hills back of his house at Bar Harbor, when, seizing the first interval in the conversation, I informed him that I was the bearer of a rather urgent message from Senator Cullom. With-

out waiting to hear what it was, he turned on me and asked: "Is Cullom a candidate for the prest-

"I don't know. I suppose he is." "Well, he will never make it." said Mr. some things, but he's got no sense about others. He seems to be always looking at the past instead of the future. He recommends men for office for what they have done for him rather than for what they are able to do for him in the future. For example, he has bethered the For example, he has bothered the life out of me ever since I came into the state department about a broken-down old soldier who is dying of consumption and thinks he can live a little longer if he can get a consulate down in the trop-ics. If Cullom should bring in some bright, active, promising young man I should be inclined to appoint him, but I cannot make the consular service an asylum for invalids."

#### Sweet Liberty.

I' M GOIN' fast, Ames," said old Mis' Walker in a voice that plainly intimated she was stabbing him as much is lay in her power.

Amos held his gray head in his hands, but said nothing. She had always been the spokesman, and experience had taught him that silence was the best

ourse.
"You'll be marryin' again when I'm Still there was no word from Amos.

"I say you'll marry again," repeated
Mis' Walker in sharp reminder.
"I don't guess I will," objected the
prospectively bereaved husband.
"Oh, yes, you will," responded she with
acrimonious conviction from which there
was no appeal.

In a tone of demurring he pleaded humbly:
"I don't exactly feel like it just now,
Sarah."—Waverly Magazine.

#### The Buling Passion .

THE CLERGYMAN had finished and the organ was pealing forth the son-oreus rapture of the Mendelssohn

march.
"One moment, George," said the radiant bride, and facing the audience she raised her exquisitely-bound, though somewhat bulky, prayerbook in her daintily-gloved hands and pointed it directly at the brilliant audience. was a sharp click.
"All right, George," said the bride,

And as they marched down the aiste she showed him that the supposed prayer, book wasn't a prayer book at all. It

"It's my own idea. George," she whis-ered. "Clever, isn't it?"-Cleveland

Another Beason for His Dislike. REV. ANNA HOWARD SHAW, of Washington D. C., is a very eloquent speaker as well as an able theologian. On one occasion she occupied a pulpit temporarily, and had in the congregation a clergyman who was strongly opposed to women divines At the end of the service, which he had seemed to enjoy, he

was asked if he had changed his opinions. He replied slowly:

"Not to a great extent. Before I heard her I thought women were incapable of filling a pulpit acceptably; now, however, I believe that they are too capable altogether for the good of us incumbents,"—Philadelphia Post.

One Thing He Could Do.

O N ONE OF "Old Hoss" Hoey's trips across the Atlantic the steamer, moving slowly along in a dense fog at about 3 o'clock in the morning, struck on the rocks of Fastnet, the light not being

Fortunately, nothing more than a scare for the passengers resulted. Everybody was soon on deck except Hoey, who had slept all through the trouble. One of his friends sent a steward for aim, and at last he appeared, still a trific befogged. When the facts were explained
to him he joined fervidly in an impromptu praise service which the passengers were holding. Finally there came
a lull in proceedings and "Old Hors" took advantage of it to propose three cheers and a tiger for the captain. The proposition caused much astonishment and someone ventured to ask on what grounds he based the proposed honor to the captain. Drawing himself up to his full height, "Old Hoss" replied impress-"On the ground that he is the only man sailing the Atlantic ocean who coul-have hit that rock without a light."

NOT LONG AGO a Boston clergyman received an evening call from an elder-y man and woman who expressed a wish to be joined in the bonds of matrimony

then and there.
"Have you ever been married before?" asked the clergyman of the man, an honest-eyed, weather-beaten person of sea-faring aspect.
"Never, and never wanted to be fore," was the prompt reply.

"And have you ever been married be-fore?" the question came to the woman. "No, sir," she replied with equal that appealed to the clergyman at once he added, "I never had a chance!" The marriage ceremony was speedily performed, and the clergyman refused to take any fee, telling the bride, with a take any fee, telling the bride, with a twinkle in his eye, that it had been a privilege to officiate which he would have een scrry to miss.-Youth's Companio

A Servant's Idea of Distinction.

THE REIGN of Lord Brassey as governor of Victoria is drawing to a close, and the famous Sunbeam is being overhauled for the homeward voyage. Here is the latest story: During the carly days of his governorship he had on his staff a young earl who was fond of wearing a gorgeous uniform. After the governor and party had viewed the exhibits at up-country agricultural show one da, s excellency, in a commonplace frock-coat, led the way to the luncheon-room. But he was promptly stopped and warned aside by an attend ant, who said:
"Pardon me, sir, let his excellency in

The man thought that the brilliantly attired earl must be the governor.

#### PERSONALITIES.

Henry James' income from his books during 1899 is said to have been some-

thing over \$6,000.
Within three years William Jennings Bryan has traveled nearly 100,000 miles for the purpose of speech making. Senator Stewart was first elected to the senate in 1864, and is now serving his fifth term, which will expire in 1905.

Dr. J. J. Henna, a native of Puerto Rico, now in Washington, says that there are 188,800 beggars out of a population of 1,000,000 in that island.

Mrs. Taylor, wife of the governor Kentucky.. was in no way intimidated by the exciting times in Frankfort. She visited the soldiers each day, and carried o them baskets of cake and sweetments ford, Conn., has a novel plan for reforming saloons. The scheme is to have the best citizens frequent the saloons, not to drink, but to form a social surrounding of a high order.

The London Leader says it is a mis

take to think of General Joubert as a rude, unlettered soldier, whose strategy is merely instinctive, as he has made tudy of nearly everything worth reading on the theory of war.

Sir Ford North, retired from the judicial bench of England on a pension of £3,500 a year, states that he will devote the property of the pursuit of

his remaining days to the pursuit of beetles, moths and butterflies, as etymology has always been his hobby.
Two members of the present congress began life as sallors. Each was a New Englander by birth, each ran away to sea, and each finally made his home in California. One is Senator Perkins and the other Representative E. F. Loud. Sol Smith Russell has a double in the senate. His name is Turley, and he is a senator from Tennessee. If Mr. Turley should ever wear the Hon. John Grigsby's clothes and stovepipe hat he could

go on the stage anywhere, and there isn't an audience in the United States that would know him from Russell. It is announced that Professor Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, will deliver the address at the dedication of the new chemistry building of the University of Kansas next fall. Dr. Remsen is acknowledged to be the fore-most chemist in America, and is the author of a number of valuable scientific

works. On the tomb of John Ruskin's father at Shirley, near Corydon, England, is the following characteristic epitaph, placed there by his devoted son: "He was an entirely honest merchant, and his memory is to all who keep it dear and helpful. His son, whom he loved to the uttermost and taught to speak the truth.

says this of him." Sir Augustus Harris once settled the pitch question in his own off-hand fash ion. A famous prima donna of his opera company came to him complaining that the piano used for vocal rehearsals was

the plane used for vocal renearsals was too high, and asking that it might be lowered. "Certainly," replied Druriola-nus, with a bow. "Here Forsyth, have a couple of inches sawn off the legs of this piano.

T. Carson, the mayor of Brownsville,
Tex., is known in that part of the country as the "perpetual mayor." He has
held the office for 21 years, and he can-

not get out of it. He has declined re-nomination time and again and threat-ened to resign if elected, but the people have nominated and elected him in spite of it. He was the first mayor elected in Texas under the new constitution of 1879,
J. C. W. Beckham, who claims to be
the de jure governor of Kentucky, comes
of one of the oldest families in Kentucky,
His father was William N. Beckham, of
Nelson county, and his mother is the daughter of ex-Governor Robert C. Wickliffe, of Louisiana. On the first day he was eligible to hold the office he was nominated by the Democracy of Nelson to represent it in the house of representatives.
The late R. D. Blackmore could never

endure to have advertisements printed or his books, and when a cheap edition of "Lorna Doone" appeared, with a flamboyant assertion on the back cover that "Blank's cocoa is the best." he sent a peppery letter to the publisher, and ended with the quaint applicables. ed with the quaint anti-climax: "And besdies, I have had to drink chocolate for some time, and I know Blank's cocoa is

At a banquet in Washington the other At a banquet in Washington the other evening Senator Depew told an interesting story of three young men who, having graduated from Yale about forty years ago, started for their homes in Michigan. Kansas and New York to begin the battle of life with the agreement that if they were successful they would hold a reunion at the college ten years later, but it was not until the other night that they met, at his house, in his city. They were Justices Brown and Brewer of the supreme court and Mr. Depew himself.

#### 9000000000000000 In Woman's Realm

NO STORIES are more fascinating to the average feminine reader than the ones in which a character develops from a grub into a brilliant butterfly under the miraculous changes wrought under the miraculous changes wrought by dress or education or environment. The chief charm thus far in Miss Humphrey Ward's "Eleanor," now running through Harper's, is the transformation made in Lucy Foster by having her hair done differently by the deft hand of Eleanor. The discarding of the plaid gingham frock also adds to the effect. The women of the story, unlike most of the present day novels, are the only characters one would care to know. Anybody more distinctly tiresome and uninterestactersione would care to know. Anybody more distinctly tiresome and uninteresting than Manisty, the hero of the tale, would be difficult to portray. Mrs. Ward is certainly getting even with Ford for creating such a heroine as Janies Meredith, and with various other popular authors whose heroines are fools differing only in the picturesque quality of their fool performances.

PROPOS OF Kentucky warfare, Rev.

Mr. Lewis, a former rector in this region, who went to Kentucky some years age was rather uncomfortable for some time because of the unexpected things which were always occurring in his parish. Indeed his wife found her nervous system fast breaking down under the continuous strain which she was under because of the fiery temperament under because of the flery temperament of her husband's parishioners. Finally after some months of excitement the clergyman nerved himself to the point of requesting his vestrymen to leave their "guns" at home instead of bringing them to the vestry meetings. The wondering gentlemen did so with reluctance, evidently regarding their rector as a man of whims who must be humored much in the fashion employed with a child,

SAID A VISITOR yesterday as she walked up Lackawanna avenue:
"Good gracious! Is Scranton going to smash entirely? With flaming red signs of 'dissolution sale,' 'Settlement Sale' and every other kind of sale, all the way up the street it really looks like the way up the street, it really looks like western boom-town after the boom take Dolph Atherton all his time to try to counteract the effect of this street or strangers who come to town." Then she added: "It reminds me of the big sign in front of a store in New York. 'Great Fire Sale! Don't go elsewhere to be cheated. Come right in here!"

THEY AREN'T "ready made clothes" any more. You don't hear of "hand me downs" or anything of that sort which seems to irritate men wher accused of wearing such garments. In stead they are "Ready to wear clothes," and oh, the difference it makes!

#### AN OBJECT OF CHARITY. Sho-I didn't see you at the Charity

Ball. Don't you approve of its objects? He-Oh, yes; that's why I didn't go. I'm one of them.-Philadelphia Bulletin.

#### GLAD OF IT.

"There's many a noble song unsung." Dealer.

#### THE STORY OF LIFE.

Only the same old story, told in a different strain; netimes a smile of gladness, and then a stab of pain; etimes a flash of sunlight, again the drifting rain.

etimes it seems to borrow from the crimson rose its hue; netimes black with thunder, then changed to a brilliant blue; netimes false as satan, sometimes as

Only the same old story, but, oh, how the changes ring! Prophet and priest and peasant, soldier and scholar and king: etimes the warmest hand-class leaves in the palm a sting.

metimes in the hush of even, some times in the midday strife; netime with dove-like calmness, some times with passion rife; dream it, write it, live it, this weird, wild story of life.

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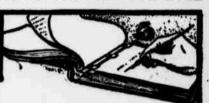
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