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The Shamokin example of arresting hoodie councilmen is likely to spread.

Next Saturday's Primaries.

ON 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...

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...

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In the Second district a similar situation 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.

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 of the adjustment and protection of its growing legislative interests...

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

France and England.

A FRIEND sends us a clipping from the London Times of Feb. 19 which says that the French ambassador, speaking at 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...

Our correspondent thinks the foregoing a sufficient denial of the rumors of a treaty between England and France. We trust, with him, that these rumors are not verified.

could have no adequate warrant nor could it have other than a most 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 progress.

It is to be hoped that the giving to Lord Kitchener, by the Austrian military attaché in South Africa, of the credit for England's recent successes will not start a British parallel to the Schley-Sampson controversy, Roberts and Kitchener evidently understand each other.

Intolerable.

A 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 means 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.

"Thereupon," affirms the man whom 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 prevail, has exhausted all his private resources and incurred the continuous and prospective risk of assassination...

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."

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 strutting."

Senator Morgan is right. In taking measures for the national defence the United States does not have to ask the aid 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 Rico, when on the other day it voted almost solidly against the 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-charged ginger ale for several days hence.

A recent wedding in Philadelphia, to which 2000 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 bluff.

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

Candidate Debs displays some hesitancy about plunging into the boy orator campaign act.

The United States can well afford a navy second to none; such a navy would pay.

The war fever of France is of the intermittent variety.

Aguinaldo and Dr. Leyds are still among the missing.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Cullom and Blaine.

SOMEbody out in Illinois has started a story that Senator Cullom had neglected the interests of the state in securing pensions and the recognition of other claims upon the government, which is about the biggest lie that was ever told him since he came to the United States. Senator Cullom has been a member of the senate committee on pensions for many years, and one of them devotes his entire time to the applications and complaints of pensioners.

"I don't know, I suppose he is." "Well, he will make it," said Mr. Blaine. "Cullom is very shrewd about 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 bothered the life out of me since with a salary suit 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 tropics. If Cullom should bring in some bright, active, promising young man I should be inclined to appoint him, but I cannot make any consular service an asylum for invalids."

Sweet Liberty.

"M GOIN' fast, Amos," said old Mis' Walker in a voice that plainly intimated she was stabbing him as much as lay in her power. Amos held his gray head in his hands, but said nothing. She had always been the spokesman, she had explained and taught him that silence was the best course.

THE BULLING PASSION. THE CLERGYMAN had finished and the organ was pealing forth the sonorous rapture of the Mendelssohn march. "One moment, George," said the radiant bride, and facing the audience she raised her exquisitely-beautiful, though somewhat bulky, prayerbook to her daintily-gloved hands and pointed it directly at the brilliant audience. There was a sharp click.

was asked if he had changed his opinions. He replied slowly: "Not to a great extent. Before I heard that I thought women were incapable of filling a pupil acceptably; now, however, I believe that they are too capable altogether for the good of us incumbents."—Philadelphia Post.

One Thing He Could Do. ON 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 visible.

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 him, and he came on deck. He was a little fogged. When the facts were explained to him he joined fervidly in an impromptu praise service which the passengers were holding. Finally, Hoey came a lull in proceedings and "Old Hoss" took advantage of it to propose three cheers and a tiger for the captain. The president of the entertainment committee 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 impressively: "On the ground that he is the only man sailing the Atlantic ocean who could have hit that rock without a light."

Two Answers. NOT LONG AGO a Boston clergyman received an evening call from an elderly 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, rather-beaten person of sea-faring aspect.

"Never, and never wanted to be before," was the prompt reply. "Have you ever been married before?" the question came to the woman. "No, sir," she replied with equal promptness; and with a touch of humor that appealed to the clergyman at once, he asked if she had ever been married before. "The marriage ceremony was speedily performed, and the clergyman refused to take any fee, telling the bride, with a twinkling eye, that it was his privilege to officiate which he would have been scrupulous to miss.—Youth's Companion.

A Servant's Idea of Distinction. THE REIGN of Lord Brassey as governor of Victoria is a story to be told close, and the famous Sunbeam is being overhauled for the homeward voyage. Here is the latest story: During the early days of his governorship he had on his staff a young earl who was fond of wearing a gorgeous uniform.

PERSONALITIES. Henry James' income from his books during 1899 is said to have been something over \$5,000.

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In Woman's Realm

NO STORIES are more fascinating to the average feminine reader than the ones in which a character develops from a weak, ordinary creature under the miraculous changes wrought by dress or education or environment.

PROPOS OF Kentucky warfare, Rev. Mr. Lewis, a former rector in this region, who had been in Kentucky some years ago was rather uncomfortable for some time because of the unexpected things which were always occurring in his parish. Indeed, he really looked like a nervous system fast breaking down under the continuous strain which she was under because of the fiery temperament of her husband's parishioners.

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 when accused of wearing such garments. Instead they are "ready to wear clothes," and oh, the difference it makes!

AN OBJECT OF CHARITY. "I didn't see you at the Charity Ball. Don't you approve of its objects?" "He—Oh, yes; but why I didn't go, I'm one of them."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

GLAD OF IT. "There's many a noble song unsung." "Thank heaven!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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

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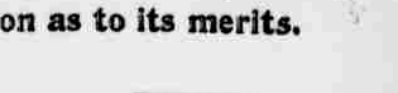
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