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THE BEST NEWS SERVICE.

OUR READERS are, of course, aware that The Tribune, as a rule, is not given to crowing or declaiming invasions upon contemporaries as a newspaper of modern ideas and enterprise. In view, however, of the plague that has been made over the Laffan news service recently adopted by our esteemed morning contemporary, the Scranton Republican, a comment upon the manner in which events of the day are chronicled may not be out of place at this time.

A reporter of the Laffan Bureau was informed tonight that the population of the state by counties has not been given out. The above quotation seems a rather singular admission from the representative of a press bureau that claims to have within its grasp a bunch of cable wires that girdle the earth by land and sea and threaten to encompass the moon.

The address of the Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang before the American Academy of Political and Social Science, at Philadelphia, will no doubt receive due consideration from thinking readers. Wu Ting Fang is foremost among the Chinese statesmen of today, and is amply qualified to explain China's position in the chaotic whirl in Asia, that has been brought about chiefly by the ill-conceived desire on the part of the powers of Europe to divide and possess the Flowery Kingdom.

Evils of Endowments.

ATTENTION HAS recently been called to the constant growing tendency of owners of vast fortunes to devote large sums of money to works of public utility by the preference that has usually been exhibited upon the part of donors to bestow their gifts in the form of endowments to universities and other institutions of learning. It often happens that wealth that has been acquired by most questionable means is thus devoted to works of beneficence and is instrumental for good or evil according to the influence it exerts in the teachings of the institution that accepts the bounty.

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The average number of murders committed annually in the states of the Union during the last decade is as follows:
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asked to resign their positions on account of political views to which they had given expression.
It is indisputable that in time past, the acceptance of large endowments by colleges has had the effect of restricting the teachings of those colleges. This fact was appreciated at Wellesley when, earlier in the year, Mr. Rockefeller offered a contribution of \$100,000, and a number of the faculty presented a memorial to the trustees protesting against the acceptance of the gift, because of the embarrassment which would surely result when the department of economics should be engaged in the study of the industrial conduct of trusts like the Standard Oil company.

The incident at Wellesley forms the basis of an article by Miss Seudder, in the current number of the Atlantic, and she has there admirably stated the reasons why colleges, especially, should carefully avoid the acceptance of "tainted wealth." To quote from her article:
"First, to ignore a scruple is to help suppress it. Every institution which accepts without explanation money under suspicion or indictment weakens the awakening demand for ethical scrutiny of the sources of wealth."

The church and the university, standing as they do for the subjugation of the gross automatic instincts of the race by conscience and reason are our most safe and natural guides; and ill betides the country where they become the rear rather than the van.
For a college or church which accepts questionable money as a matter of course injures far more than it benefits the cause of education and civilization; and the higher its standing and the stronger its influence, the more fatally does it effect this end."

Another reason, equally practical, equally cogent, should impose caution in the acceptance of money: the danger lest our colleges forfeit the respect of the people.
No one can move among working people in an informal and intimate fashion without realizing how entirely they lack confidence in the integrity of our academic life, how honest and sincere is the scorn with which they view it.
If the great throng of the unprivileged come to distrust the centers whence these unifying forces should proceed, and to view them as class institutions, where is our hope for the future? Better than this, let poverty be the portion of our colleges, as it has been the portion of some of the strongest centers of intellectual life that the world has known."

There is no duty before the academic and religious world in America more pressing than the duty of strengthening the demand that methods of acquiring wealth come wholly under the dominion of the moral sense. There is no opportunity more significant, more in danger of closing forever, than the opportunity of convincing the public at large, by definite sacrifice of worldly advantage, if need be, that the intellectual life of the country, as represented by its organized centers, is disinterested, honest and free."

The Murder Map.

ITS STRUGGLES against the passions of men our Christian civilization is making phenomenal strides, but it has not yet stamped out the crime that brought the divine wrath down upon the head of Cain. On the contrary, the statistics of murder in Christian America are appalling to those who have indulged the comforting delusion that we were far ahead of the old world nations in our observance of the sixth commandment.

Statistics of homicides form a grewsome topic of interest that shocks the sensibilities of a normal human being, but their value to the students of criminology and sociology cannot be denied. When analyzed with reference to periods, localities and social conditions they naturally form a basis for calculating with considerable accuracy our progress in the work of humanizing and elevating the standards of conduct. They also enable us to locate the centers of crime and to determine what states show a preponderance of homicidal offenders.

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that crime is in proportion to density of population. It is also noted that Illinois, with a population of 5,800,000, averaged a less number of homicides annually than Mississippi, with a population only 1,500,000. Vermont, with a population of 550,000, has only six murders a year, while Nevada, with a population of only 60,000, has an average of thirty-nine homicides annually.

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The Wave of Prosperity.

AN EXCHANGE points to the significant fact that it is not only dealers in stocks that have reaped a harvest since the election. There is a remarkable rise of value of farm lands in the neighborhood of the Pennsylvania coal mines. This is due to efforts of railroads to open new territory to mining, and to existing coal companies to extend their operations in expectation of increased demand for the product.

When the farmers are done reaping their harvest for lands that the artisans will come in larger employment, Bryan's prophecies are coming out just as they did in 1896.
With the arrival of each steamship from Colombia intelligence is received to the effect that the enterprising citizens in the vicinity of the isthmus of Panama are able to carry on quite a war without the assistance of Richard Harding Davis or Jim Creelman.

The abolition of press censorship in Manila may be taken as an official recognition of the departure of the yellow correspondents.
Tammany's reform move has already demonstrated that a few scape goats, at least, will take a journey to the wilderness.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

How Creelman Lost His Hat Brim.
HOMER DAVENPORT, the cartoonist, was an assiduous attendant at the Republican national convention, says the Saturday Evening Post.
"Did I tell you about my father and Creelman?" he said at the close of one of the sessions. "No! Well, it was this way: My father has been here with me, and I've been busy pointing out to him and those men people round about my father could feel, when he read his paper, that he was now getting his money's worth."

A Dooley in a Cabinet.
MR. LONG, the secretary of the navy, says the Saturday Evening Post, gave the final cabinet dinner of the season on board the yacht Sylph. It was Mr. Long who thought of the idea of giving the cabinet dinner on a luxurious boat on the Potomac. He is always individual and never does what other people do.

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Mr. Dooley's latest letter will be read and read by the public.
The host added that Mr. Dooley with characteristic insight had named his article: "Why no cabinet member can be nominated for the vice-presidency."

They Were Also Notable.
WHEN a newspaper man gets to be a "writer," it is likely that he will be able to do it in literature to the extent of publishing books with his name on the title page, the backs of journals are at liberty to mention his name, says the New York Press. They never think of mentioning each other's names.

LEGAL.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY.
Thomas Darling, No. 1076, September Term, 1900.
Divorce. By Thomas Darling, respondent.
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RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western.
In Effect June 10, 1900.
South-Leave Scranton for New York at 1.45, 8.00, 8.00 and 10.00 a. m. For Philadelphia at 5.40, 8.00 and 10.05 a. m.; 12.05 and 8.35 p. m. For Stroudsburg at 6.10 p. m. From Stroudsburg at 2.40 p. m. Arrive at Hackettville at 6.55, 7.15, 10.15 a. m.; 12.08, 2.47, 4.45, 7.19 and 9.45 p. m. Arrive at Philadelphia at 10.00 a. m.; 1.05, 3.40, 6.00 and 8.23 p. m. Arrive from New York at 1.05, 4.00 and 10.50 a. m.; 1.00, 1.50, 5.48, 8.46 and 11.30 p. m. From Scranton for Buffalo and intermediate stations at 11.00 a. m. and 8.20 a. m.; 1.55, 5.48 and 11.35 p. m. For Oswego and Syracuse at 4.10 a. m. and 1.55 p. m. For Utica at 1.10 a. m. and 1.55 p. m. For Montrose at 2.00 a. m.; 1.06 p. m. and 5.48 p. m. For Nicholson at 4.00 and 6.15 p. m. For Binghamton, 10.25 and 8.50 p. m. Arrive in Scranton from Buffalo at 1.30, 2.55, 5.35 and 10.00 a. m.; 3.30 and 8.00 p. m. From Oswego and Syracuse at 2.55 a. m.; 12.25 and 8.00 p. m. From Utica at 2.45 a. m.; 12.38 and 3.30 p. m. From Nicholson at 8.50 a. m. and 6.00 p. m. From Montrose at 7.55 and 10.00 a. m.; 3.20 and 8.00 p. m. Bloomsburg Division-Leave Scranton for Northumberland at 8.00 a. m. and 3.00 p. m. For Plymouth at 1.05, 3.40, 6.55 and 11.30 p. m. For Nanticoke at 8.10 a. m. Arrive at Northumberland at 6.35 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 12.30 p. m. Arrive at Scranton from Northumberland at 9.20 a. m.; 12.35, 4.50 and 8.45 p. m. From Plymouth at 7.50 a. m.; 3.20, 5.35 and 11.10 p. m.

Lehigh Valley Railroad.
In Effect May 27, 1900.
Trains Leave Scranton.
For Philadelphia and New York via D. & H. R. R. at 6.45 a. m. and 12.03, 2.30, 4.27, 8.27 and 11.30 p. m. Sundays, D. & H. R. R., 1.58, 7.48 p. m. For White Haven, Hazleton and principal points in the coal regions, via D. & H. R. R., 6.45, 8.18 and 4.27 p. m. For Pottsville, 6.45, 2.18 p. m. For Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, via D. & H. R. R., 6.45 a. m. and 12.03, 2.30, 4.27, 8.27 and 11.30 p. m. For Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Bithers, Geneva and principal intermediate stations, via D. & H. R. R., 8.18 a. m. and 1.05 and 4.25 p. m. For Genesee, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Chicago, and all points west, via D. & H. R. R., 12.03, 2.30 (Black Diamond Express), 7.48, 10.41, 11.30 p. m. Sundays, D. & H. R. R., 1.58, 7.48 p. m. Pullman parlor and sleeping or Lehigh Valley parlor cars on all trains between Wilkes-Barre and New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Susquehanna. ROLLIN H. WILBUR, Gen. Supt., 26 Cortland street, New York. Gen. Pass. Agt., 26 Cortland street, New York. For tickets and Pullman reservations apply to 300 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton, Pa.

Delaware and Hudson.
In Effect Oct. 21, 1900.
Trains for Carbondale leave Scranton at 5.50, 7.55, 8.53, 10.13 a. m.; 12.00, 1.23, 2.30, 3.02, 5.20, 6.55, 7.07, 9.15, 11.15 p. m. For Hazleton, 6.45, 8.18 and 4.27 p. m. For Pottsville, 6.45, 8.18 and 4.27 p. m. For Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Bithers, Geneva and principal intermediate stations, via D. & H. R. R., 8.18 a. m. and 1.05 and 4.25 p. m. For Genesee, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Chicago, and all points west, via D. & H. R. R., 12.03, 2.30 (Black Diamond Express), 7.48, 10.41, 11.30 p. m. Sundays, D. & H. R. R., 1.58, 7.48 p. m. Pullman parlor and sleeping or Lehigh Valley parlor cars on all trains between Wilkes-Barre and New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Susquehanna. ROLLIN H. WILBUR, Gen. Supt., 26 Cortland street, New York. Gen. Pass. Agt., 26 Cortland street, New York. For tickets and Pullman reservations apply to 300 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton, Pa.