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The cabinet makers of the press are applying the buzz saw to a large amount of political timber these days, but the president does not seem at all agitated over the possibility that repairs will be necessary.

rule.

Purifying Councils.

A HE BASIS of settlement reported to be considered in connection with the pending bribery cases against cer-

tain councilmen, namely, that the accused, in lieu of taking chances of conviction, forthwith resign under pledge never again to seek office, has the merit of contemplating a wholesome object lesson free from any appearance of personal animus or severity. So far as its influence upon the community would be concerned it ought to be good. Corrupt practices in councils are largely the reflex of a degenerate public sentiment, which this demonstration might lift up.

There remains, however, the need of supplying an equal object lesson for deterrent influence upon the men of means and social standing who, when pline. in search of municipal privileges, are not unwilling to go into councils and buy votes as they would buy stock of a jobber. No programme of reformation is complete which overlooks the tempter. Our city has doubtless had its share of experiences with men high in influence and reputation who have speculated in public franchises and added to their wealth by means comnared with which the tactics of the highway robber are preferable, at least on the score of frankness.

To drive from office men who have betrayed public trust is a work of justice: but not less so would it be to call to an account the chief architects of their corruption, who pocketed the bulk of the profit.

The Boers are showing a very ungentlemanly disregard for the statement that the war in South Africa is over.

The Vacant Senatorship.

HE ACTION of Colonel Quay in taking a lease of a house in Harrisburg, to be used by him as the headquarters

of the stalwart forces during the fight over the organization of the legislaand over the election of a United

of personal preferences omprejudices. Pennsylvania must have its due representation in the United States senate: the incoming general assembly must not adjourn without electing a senator. And more than that, his election must be in response to the orderly processes of majority selection put forth by the membership of the majority party. These issues are more vital than any personal or factional aspects of the situation. The greatest Republican commonwealth in the union, with interests approaching in magnitude and diversity those of an empire, must not in the senate at Washington have only half the voting power that is wielded by Rhode Island or Nevada, the latter less populous than the city of Wilkes-Barre. Nor must the determination of the person to fill the vacant office be exercised by a handful of political tangents from the orbit of Republican regularity, whose whole

The Sultan of Turkey acts like a

man who wishes to convey the im-

pression that he has the greater por-

tion of a pack of cards up his sleeve.

ROM A SOURCE near the Why Croker Is flad.

tion of zeal as a purifier of New

York's morals was not wholly unsel-

fish. The Record's information is that

Croker is planning, by means of the

anti-vice movement, to pay off some

scores of failure and omission run up

on election day by former beneficiaries

of Tammany interest and protection.

He had contracted to turn New York

to Bryan in exchange for federal pa-

tronage. To carry out this contract

he needed 100,000 Democratic plurality

hattan island is known to the pre-

William E. Curtis-

n for advice. The

go Record learns that Rich-

ard Croker's recent exhibi-

ign troops. 11. Free worship in all parts of China. 12. Modification of existing treaties for the exof trade. 13. All forts on coast of China to be disnantled and importation of war material prolibited These demands, to be effective, need

the assent of the various home governments, and the United States, in opposing them in the manner and form as advised by the ministers at Pekin. is actuated by certain well defined considerations. The ministers want their thirteen separate propositions put into one specific ultimatum, indorsed by all the powers. That would mean that if China refused the demand the powers would have to declare war upon her. Now war with China would mean not merely friction and trouble among the allies, together with the expense and horrors usually incident to war, but furthermore an absolutely hopeless undertaking. 'The Chinese army could programme is a direct denial of the not be reached; the immensity of undamental principle of our govern-China's area and population is such ment, which is that the majority shall that there are not soldiers enough in

Christendom to police the empire effectively in the presence of a hostile native feeling; and with no foe within reach and all food supplies for the maintenance of an invading force having to be imported, the experiment of declaring wholesale war on China would be like declaring war on a

great fog or storm-an exhibition of stupendous folly. Hence it is that the American ad-

ministration opposes the making of demands on China which, if persisted in, would involve war. Such a demand is the requirement that the eleven guilty princes be beheaded off-hand. Two of these princes control with their soldiers the persons of both the emperor and the empress dowager; it would be easier to get these princes to behead their sovereigns than to get the sovereigns to behead them under existing circumstances. Another point of difference is the

below the Harlem. He got 30,000. The question of indemnity. Most of the men who failed to do what he expected ministers at Pekin want to exact \$600,them to do are now marked for disci-000,000. They might as well ask for \$600,000,000,000, so far as China's abil-The Tammany organization consists ity to pay is concerned. The revenues

of 35 district leaders, one for each asof the empire are already mortgaged to sembly district, and 1013 precinct captheir limit. Any increase in taxation tains, one for each voting precinct. is bound to be at the expense of future These, meeting together as a general foreign commerce-a cutting off of the committee, and looking to one head, foreign nose to spite the foreign face. now Richard Croker, constitute Tam-The powers realize this, but those many. In each election precinct, in among them which are believed to addition to the captain, are 14 paid covet more Chinese territory-in which workers, or over 15,000 in all, who are category the name of Germany is assigned to look after a certain numplaced by common consent-proceed ber of voters and held resposible; and upon the theory that a big cash deback of the workers are the precinct mand, followed by China's inability to clubs, ranging in membership from 50 pay, would make possible seizures of to 500 voters each, all enrolled memterritory as indemnification. bers of Tammany Hall, and every man The United States has been success personally subject to Croker's orders ful thus far in preserving a concort day or night. The name of every of the powers in China along lines of householder and every voter on Manreason and common sense; and it looks

cinct captains and the latter are supposed to know just what strings to The little red Frankfurter sausage pull in order to raise or lower a mareceived a severe blow in the Baltijority to order. The precinct captain, more courts the other day, when three to use the graphic language of Mr. venders of the popular midnight lunch wagon delicacy were fined \$10 each For value received gives the henefit of his influon a charge of selling adulterated food. nce and protection. He is the friend, advised A chemist declared that the sausage and confident of every family in the precinct receives its brilliant color from applia boy is arrested for breaking a window; if cation of aniline dye which is injurthe father or the son falls into the hands of the police; if there is trouble about anything the family immediately appeals to the Tammany capous to health, and the judge imposed

sentence as above. In its unadulter-

state the juicy Frankfurter con-

The most extensive sewage familing in the world, perhaps, is carried on by the city of Paris. It has a total of 10,422 acres under cul-tivation, of which 3,560 acres are owned and op-erated by the municipality. The greater part of the area is under the control of private partween Pekin and the sea to be guarded by for

ies. The sewage is conveyed to the farms by means of extensive pipe lines, several huffdred miles in extent, all of which is under the management of the civic authorities, so that the exact amount of sewage that is dealt out to each truck gardener can be easily ascertained at any time. The entire system is conducted upon the most sanientire system is conducted upon the most same tary basis to prevent any evil results in the cultivation of vegetables for the market. Fur-rows are made in the ground, so that the sew-age water soaks into the ground without touch-ing either stems or leaves. The sewage farm is drained at a depth of four meters with con-cate when when the market the surface affuent and take it into the Seine. The purity of the effluent which is discharged into the river is constantly verified by analysis,

and fish live in it perfectly well, as, for exam ple, in a little river at Ashieres, which carries it into the Seine. This system of irrigation started in 1872 with 125 acres, since which time it has increased nearly ten fold. This increase s a sufficient proof of the success of the opera

tion. The city would find no customers for its sewage if its use was unsuccessful or badly pay-According to the law of 1889, the amount of sewage used must not exceed 5,240 cubic yards per 21/2 acres per annum. This must be distribited in a systematically intermittent manne On any given day no more than one-quarter o the total surface is being irrigated, and each part of the farm is irrigated at intervals, which depend upon the nature of the crop. age farms at present available are capable of taking 262,000,000 cubic yards of sewage water annually. The municipal lands are farm lands. As regards the others-those in private hands-the chief use made of them is for the raising of all kinds of vegetables for the market, includ-

ing large quantities of potatoes and beets. The total cost of all the farms foots up to 38,000,000 venue. tranes. The maintenance of the sewers and outfall

cleansing, pumping stations, sewage farms, house sanitation, etc., in short, the total expenses, ex-ceed \$1,000,000 per year. This is far from be ceed al, 000,000 per year. This is far from be-ing covered by the tax-it falls short by about 8300,000 a year. The income, however, will in time be doubled by the extension of the tax to all the houses in Paris. It is said that when the profits on the sewage farms are in eluded it makes the receipts foot up to about \$1,500,000.

The system is far from being perfected, but the has stuck to its original plan, marked out nearly forty years ago. While there has been much criticism of the system, a large share of t has arisen from ignorance, and not becaus here has been a real foundation for it.

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ville.1

PARISIAN named Conte devised the proce by which all black lead pencils, and in-deed pencils of all sorts, were manufac-tured. Prior to this in 1761 the great A

pencil factory of the Faber family had been es-tablished in Nuremberg. Pencils were then made from pulverized graphite cemented into olid blocks by means of gums, resins, glue, sulshur and other substances, but none of these preparations yielded useful pencils. Conte's process consisted of a most intimate mixture of graphite and clay, both first brought to a ondition of the finest sub-division. now as if this concert would continue.

. . . Organized labor had its troubles even at thi Quincy avenue, city, arly date. By a statute passed in England it WANTED-ENERGETIC AND TRUSTWORTHY was enacted that all persons combining with others to advance their wages or decrease the quantity of their work or in any way effect or young man; must have good recommenda-tions; \$12 per week guaranteed. Room 40, Coal Exchange building. control those who carried on any manufactur or trade in the conduct and management there WANTED-PARTNER WITH \$1,000 IN A GOOD light business; best stand in city; will of might be convicted and committed to the uguarantee \$1,000 first year. A. B., General De common jail for any time not exceeding three calendar months, or be kept at hard labor in livery. the house of correction for a term of two calendar months. Sec. 4 . . .

William Murdock made such progress in the discovery of practical methods for making, stor



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States senator, serves as a reminder that factional activities, covering many months of anxious planning, are about to draw to a focus. Under the constitution, the general

assembly is to meet at noon on the first Tuesday in January, which this time will be Jan. 1. The first test of strength will be upon the election of a speaker of the house and of a president pro tempore for the senate. The stalwarts, under Colonel Quay's lead, have announced their candidates for these positions-Representative William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, for many years chairman of the important committee on appropriations, for the former; and Senator William P. Snyder, of Chester county, for the latter. The programme of the anti-It was by means of a canvass taken Quayites has not been announced. Whether fusion of the "insurgent" Republicans with the Democrats will be attempted or, if so, upon what terms, are matters for the future to disclose. There are 13 Democrats out of a total of 50 senators, and 49 Democrats out of a total of 204 representatives, a Republican majority, on joint ballot, of 130. The point in doubt so far as fusion is concerned is whether the insurgents or the Democrats are to have the naming of the anti-Quay nominees. Two years ago the Democrats gave the insurgents their votes and received nothing in return. They may this time suggest that the insurgents do the yielding. There are more Democrats than insurgents in both houses, but as it is insurgent doctrine that the minority should rule this, in itself, affords no clue to the fusionists' intent.

The same air of mystery surrounds the anti-Quay programme as to the joint ballot for United States senator. The insurgents are agreed only on one thing; that they will not enter a caucus of the Republican party, or be influenced by its decision. The stalwart Republicans, at the last state convention, formally named M. S. Quay as their choice for the vacant senatorship, and in the recent campaign Colone | Quay challenged his opponents to unite on a man and carry his name together with Quay's own before the voters for a direct popular expression. The challenge passed unheeded. No one knows whom the insurgents want for senator or by what process of selection they would undertake to designate their choice should the ability become their's to effect an election. Having declared unalterable opposition to the principle of majority rule as illustrated in the orderly operation of the party caucus, they are left with no means of uniting upon an affirmative course and must either throw their votes to the choice of the Democratic caucus, which would be inconsistent as well as un-Republican or else repeat the futile tactics of last session whereby a scattering list of names was balloted for with daily alternations, in themselves suggestive of

Certain truths stand out prominently in connection with this approaching contest and must be faced, regardless

furnish bail, hunts up witnesses, effects a com-promise with the complainant or sees the judge, tains elements in the way of seasoning who is usually a loyal Tummany man, and the bond of membership is as strong as Masonry. If anybody is sick the district captain sees that that are sufficient to make the individhe is well placed in the hospital. If a member of the family is sent to the house of correction on Blackwell's Island he gets visitors' passes and finally a pardon. If one of the daughters has been educated at the Normal academy he finds her a place as teacher in the public schools. He gets work for the widows of Tammany politicians and finds employment for the children. He is in close communication with every contractor and finds jobs with them for the unemployed. He distributes the charity fund, for Tammany spends a large amount for the relief of the poor every winter. He keeps on good terms with the elergy; he attends weddings and funerals; he gives a ball in the winter and an excursion in the mmer, with beer and sandwiches and a bras band, and thus keeps his hands upon every family in his precinct, and they reward him on election day by voting as he instructs them

latter finds somebody

by this perfect machine the Friday prior to election that Croker learned his jig was up. This advance poll came within 3,800 votes of being absolutely correct out of a total of 330,000. Croker also learned just where the treachery was and who had committed 3 it. His method of revenge is certainly unique. He visits his displeasure upon the assembly district leader in whose tivated thou balliwick the defection was located. This district leader is the human reservoir into whose pockets flow the various trickling streams of systematized blackmail that are relied upon to supply the wherewithal for practical politics. To put the screws of revenge on a suspected lieutenant it is only necessary for Croker to threaten an investigation. The threat is usually enough.

There is now some question whether it was over-indulgence in the national bird, or the efforts of the Thanksgiving poets that caused the greatest amount of headache yesterday.

The Situation in China.

O UNDERSTAND the present status of the Chinese problem it is necessary to bear in mind that the foreign rep-

resentatives at Pekin, who have witnessed and personally suffered from the Boxer horrors, and who, apart from their immediate recollections, have many long-standing grievances against the Chinese government, have permitted their desire for vengeance to bias their judgment. They have demanded:

1. The execution of eleven guilty princes 2. Suspension of examination for office for fiv years where the outrages occurred. 3. Erection of a monument to Baron Von Ket-tler at the scene of his murder and an apology to the German government by an imperial prince to the German government by an imperial prince sent to Berlin for that purpose. 4. Edict announcing the dismissal and punish-ment of all officials in provinces where anti-foreign outrages may occur in the future. 5. Indemnity to states, corporations and indi-viduals, including compensation to native Chris-tians employed by foreigners. 6. Exection of monuments in every Christian

tians employed by foreigners.
6. Erection of monuments in every Christian burial ground where graves have been profaned.
7. Imperial proclamation suppressing Boxers and punishing leaders.
8. Reorganization of taung-li-yamen and for-eign affairs intrusted to one minister.
9. Becognition of the right of representatives of foreign powers to confer personally with em-peror as in civilized countries.
10. Legations and line of communication be-

ual whose digestive organs have not been recuperated by a long fast hesitate on the brink of investigation, and now that it has been demonstrated that in Baltimore at least, the rare blush upon the link is produced by chemistry, this much sought number upon the midnight menu will probably cease to be in demand. Look not upon the Frankfurter when it is red! And Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease is suing for a release. Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs achia. XXVI.-SEWAGE FARMING AT A PROFIT. New York, Dec. 1. S EWAGE FARMING is comparatively unknown in this country. The system has been in vogue in most large European cities for many years. Berlin and Paris have culrobbery. sands of acres, giving them an earning value which, in the aggregate, has mounted into the tens of thousands of dollars annually. European cities lack many of the modern con-veniences which are an old story to American cities, yet, all things considered, they are the better housekeepers. The affairs of a city are more economically conducted, particularly in the utilization of the city's wastes. What is con-sidered worthless on this side is made to yield

a revenue on the other. The disposition of the sewage is one of these sources of revenue, Pasadena, Cal., is the one American city which has undertaken to conduct a sewage farm That the innovation should first take root on the Pacific coast is not strange, because irrigation is a necessity in that region, and it is only natural that the waste water of the city should be turned to some useful purpose. The sewage farm with its 300 acres of land,

together with its buildings, pipe line and other other equipments, has cost the municipality \$76,-600, but it is worth much more, and could not be purchased for twice that amount today. For the year ending Feb. 28, 1900, the cash received from the products of this farm and paid into the city treasury was as follows:

Total\$5,002 51 The operating expenses amounted to \$2,915.02, which left a profit of \$2,087,49 for the year, in

cash receipts. In addition to this there should he placed to the credit of the farm, for hay furnished to the fire and street cleaning departments, the sum of \$940.41, which runs the total profit of the institution up to \$3,027.90. Superintendent Dobbins, who has had charge of the farm from its inception, said :: of the farm from its inception, said:: "The care of the sewage farm during the year has been entirely satisfactory. The crop from the sixty acres of walnut trees, containing 1,650 trees, amounted to 31,832 pounds of No. 1s, 4,289 pounds No. 2s, and 75 pounds of mixed walnuts, which weres old at the rate 5% cents for No. 1s, 6% cents for No. 2s, and 7 cents for mixed. This was one cent above the association price. Thirty acres additional are now being set to wa-nuts.

acres additional are now being set to wa-nuts "We now have twenty-seven acres in alfalta, and 180 acres in barley; the balance of the

and 130 acres in barley; the balance of the land is sown to corn and beets. "The net profit is sufficient to pay 4 per cent, on the sewer bonds, now outstanding, and it is confidently expected that the additional water that will be available for use on the farm when the contemplated addition to the sever system is completed, will, in a short time, increase 'ne re-ceipts sufficiently to pay the interest on the bonds to be issued for the purpose of properly severing the city."

his home in Paris, the success of the experiment attracting much notice and comment. Tieng-tsou-tai-oang, king of Corea, suffere an abscess to put an end to his life rather than submit to the contact of the lancet. This was the result of the law of the land that to toue the king with a weapon of iron was treaso The rule was rigidly enforced. The reputation as a composer of Ludwig ve Beethoven, who is in music what Shakespeare i in poetry, became established beyond the limits of his own country. It was at this fime that his deafness, noticed first in 1797, became more pronounced. His celebrated Septuor, Opus 26, and the First Symphony, Opus 21, were pub lished this year. A violent earthquake at Constantinople de-sti id the royal palace and an immensity of buildings. It extended into Roumania and Wal-. . . The famine in China induced the government to direct by an imperial edict that a greater portion of the land should be devoted to the cultivation of grain. Galloping Dick, a remarkable criminal, was executed at Aylesbury near London for highway Pius VII became pope during the last year the eighteenth century at the age of firty-eight and was destined to serve one of the most excit. ing periods in vatican history. An eruption of Mt. Etna, one of the mos celebrated volcances in the world, situated or the eastern scabcard of Sicily, occurred. . . . A storm did vast damage in London throughout the whole of England. . . . Gold was discovered at Ceylon. . . . The manufacture of shear steel began Sheffield. Vaccination was introduced into the United States, it having been discovered two year

before by Edward Jenner, of England. The use of leaches or infusions in tanning heavy leather was first insisted on by Seguin and the adoption of his suggestion led to the shortening of the time occupied in tanning by about one-half. Samuel W. Chuffuck, who invented the "pony" sounder and circuit-closer attachment to th telegraph key, was born in Vermont.

Among the births of the year of persons wh afterward won fame were the following John Junius Burk, Louisiana lawyer. following John Burnside, Louisiana sugar planter. Warren Burton, New England author and mi

William Bushnell, American physician railroad manager.

J. Benjamin Cahoone, naval pay director. Zenns Caldwell, American educator, and writer. John McLeod Campbell, D. .D., Scott theol-Madam Maria Corador-Allen, English vocalis

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLD-ers of the Consumers Ice Co., will be held at their office, corner of Adams avenue and Ash street, in the City of Scranton, on Tuscing, the 18th day of December, 1900, at 2 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of of-ficers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. ie meeting. JOHN A. SCHADT, Secretary.

JOHN A. SCHADT, Secretary. SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the City Clerk, Scranton, Pa., null 7.30 o'clock p. m. Thursday, December 6, 1900, to purchase one hundred and thirty-five City of Scranton Coupon Bonds of one thoesand dollar cach. Nos. 1 to 45, inclusive, of said bonds redeemable June 1, 1900; Nos. 46 to 90, and to be free of all taxes, the city assuming the payment thereof. Bids will be received upon a three, three and a half and a four per ceat, bond. Each proposal shall be accepted and not complied with and to apply upon the purchase price of said bonds if awarded to such bidder. All bids to be unconditional. The city caserven the right to reject any or all bids. M. T. LAVELLE, City Clerk. Scranton, Pa., Nov. 28, 1009.

OFFICE OF THE SCRANTON BOLT AND NUT Co.,

Co., Scranton, Pa., Nov. 20th, 1900. A meeting of the stockholders of this company, will be held at its general office, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D., 1901, to take action on a proposed increase of the capital stock of the company from \$150,000 to \$250,000. L. M. HORTON, Secretary.

ESTATE OF SILAS FLOWER, LATE OF THE Township of Clifton, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, deveased. Letters of administration upon the above-named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the said estate will present them for payment, and those inducted thereto will please make im-minister neument to

mdiate payment to W.E. FLOWER, Administrator, THOS, F. WELLS, ESQ., Gouldsboro, Pa Attorney for Estate.

ESTATE OF ROBERT C. LEE. LATE OF THE Borough of Dummore, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, decused, Letters of administration upon the above-named estate baving been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the said estate will present them for payment, and those indebted thereto will please make im-mediate payment to

mediate payment to CHARLOTTE LEE, Administratrix, Dunmore, Pa.; WILLIAM S. SIMPSON, Administrator, THOS. F. WELLS, ESQ., Attorney for Estate.

Wire Screens.

MEGARGEE BROS., PRINTERS' SUPPLIES, EN. velopes, paper baga, twine. Warkhouse, 130 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa. JOSEPH KUETTEL, REAR 611 LACKAWANNA avenue, Scranton, Pa., manufacturer of Wire

Wabbling or vaciliation always indicates weak-ness of character, inefficiency. Men with back-bone, nerve, grit, do not wabble. They are not afraid to look a king in the face. Though they may not have a statistic on them. may not own a dollar, they at least own them aclves, and are not afraid to stand crect.

From Success.