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The usually well-informed Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, Major Carson, is in error in alleging that Congressman Connell made a bargain with Congressman Dalzell concerning the new court bill.

The Ripper Bill Analyzed.

FOR THE benefit of those who are not yet informed as to the exact provisions of the amended "ripper bill," and there are many, including some who nevertheless are free with criticism of it—it is worth while to translate the bill's main features into common English.

It vests executive power in a city recorder, who is to take the place now held by the mayor; and in the hands of nine departments, emblemmable into seven, namely: Public safety (fire, police and sanitation); public works (streets, bridges and public buildings); collector of delinquent taxes; assessors; city treasurer (who may also collect delinquent taxes); city controller; law (city solicitor); charities and correction; and sinking fund commission.

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Now these facts are interesting and entirely proper for public instruction but the trouble is that they do not tell all the story. With regard to the immediate cost of our regular army, which is the target of the greatest attack, Mr. McClellan and the Atlanta Constitution, if wishing to be fair, should also have said: First, that it was the Democratic minority in the last congress that rushed the president against his protest, into the war with Spain, which has brought on all the necessities now calling for enlarged army and naval appropriations. Had the Democratic fire-eaters in congress and in the yellow press kept at all, the president would have controlled the more war-like elements in his own party and achieved by diplomacy what

under the circumstances it took war to accomplish.

In the second place, these vast post facto criticisms of the high cost of their own prescription should also have the manliness to point out that by the foolish limitation of time on the army bill passed two years ago, under which all volunteers and many regulars have to be discharged by July 1 next, and the delay in passing the re-organization bill at this session of congress, owing to Democratic filibustering, there has been an increased and unnecessary cost imposed on the government of about \$60,000,000. That is what has swollen the army bill to such large proportions and it is altogether due to the work of so-called anti-imperialists and the Democratic party.

A Cause of Wonder.

THE ESTEEMED Daily News of Luzerne county bears toward the politics of the state at large. Nor was there an atom of jealousy in our remarks; for, apart from the undesirability of jealousy as a factor in life, the circumstance should impress our contemporary that there is no occasion, from a Lackawanna standpoint, for political jealousy of Luzerne.

With regard to the need of an additional judge in the mother county we are not informed. If it exists, Luzerne should have one, no matter how inconsequential may be the standing of her delegation at Harrisburg; and Lackawanna would be glad to use its influence in helping Luzerne to get it. But what surprises us, and what surprises many observers of contemporary affairs, is that a great and populous county like Luzerne, the third in magnitude in the commonwealth, should be content year after year to see the important offices in the state government go in many instances to much smaller counties, like Indiana, and Wayne, and Northampton; Hixson, and Lycoming and Tioga; and should be willing to be practically without representation in the councils of the dominant party or faction where processes of government are determined upon and honors and favors apportioned.

This, we may take it, is not a manifestation of modesty so much as it is an exhibition of inability to unite upon a course of political policy calculated to enforce substantial recognition of Luzerne's importance. The political leaders of Luzerne seem to be deficient in the knack of subordinating small local differences to large general results. They do not pull together. Dyspeptic obstructionist politics and the spirit of cautious rivalry at those uppermost in state affairs appear to be in the ascendency; and while this condition of affairs does not especially concern us, it does excite wonder that the practical men of the mother county, the men of strong common sense in every day activities, should be willing to stand for or tolerate it.

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American Goods Sell Everywhere.

THE GROWING popularity of American products in the various parts of the world is all the more manifest when we consider that the manufacturing and exporting nations are making earnest endeavors to extend their commerce as illustrated by the figures of the monthly summary of commerce and finance and cover exports by grand divisions and countries in 1900 compared with 1899. These figures are published in the December number of the Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance and cover the calendar years from 1890 to 1900. They show that our exports to Europe increased during that period from \$62,000,000 to \$116,000,000, or 68 per cent.; to North America, from \$55,000,000 to \$100,000,000, or 82 per cent.; to South America, from \$15,000,000 to \$41,000,000, or 273 per cent.; to Asia, from \$22,000,000 to \$38,000,000, or 73 per cent.; to Oceania, from \$17,000,000 to \$24,000,000, or 41 per cent.; to Africa, from \$1,500,000 to \$4,000,000, or 167 per cent.; to South America, from \$15,000,000 to \$41,000,000, or 273 per cent.; to Asia, from \$22,000,000 to \$38,000,000, or 73 per cent.; to Oceania, from \$17,000,000 to \$24,000,000, or 41 per cent.; to Africa, from \$1,500,000 to \$4,000,000, or 167 per cent.

A more detailed analysis, considering the exports of our country, also shows some interesting facts and figures. The table which follows, The United Kingdom, stands at the head of our list of customers to 1890, still maintains that position, but only shows an increase of 12 per cent. in 1900. Germany, whose commercial relations with the United States have been the subject of much discussion, shows an increase of more than 100 per cent., and an increase of 100 per cent. in the single year 1900 compared with the preceding year. France, which stood third in the list of our customers in 1890, is now fourth. Canada, which was fourth in the list in 1890, has taken third rank in 1900. Japan was fifth in 1890, is now fourth in the list. To Hong Kong the exports of 1900 are double those of 1890; to British Australasia, two and one-half times as much; to the West Indies, three times as much; and to Japan more than five times as much as those of 1890, while in British Africa the figures of 1900 are six times as much as those of 1890.

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