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THE FLAT RATE FOR ADVERTISING.

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TWELVE PAGES.

SCRANTON, APRIL 13, 1901.

For a small island Porto Rico seems to have produced an unusually large crop of political bunco steers.

The Sunday Problem at Buffalo.

IT IS ANNOUNCED in a semi-authoritative manner that the management of the Pan-American exposition has decided and will soon publicly announce that the gates of that exhibition will be closed on Sundays.

From a business standpoint the decision unquestionably is prudent. No doubt Sunday opening would attract large crowds, but it would do so in great part at the expense of week-day attendance.

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American Courage.

THERE HAS BEEN general discussion of the experiments conducted by the United States army surgeons at Quemados, Cuba, to ascertain the means by which yellow fever infection is transmitted.

The drift in our large cities away from puritanical Sunday observance is unmistakable and within certain limits perhaps tolerable.

But while this tendency toward a more liberal view of Sunday as a day for rest as well as for play and devotion cannot be wholly checked, it is important that it should be as far as possible safeguarded.

Mr. Krupper is the only one who is now prepared to give expert testimony in favor of General De Wet.

"Cram" Methods.

ALTHOUGH the Scranton Teachers' institute has closed it appears that the present institute season is no over.

The extreme beauty of this "cramming" system is that it is not limited to the teachers for whom this "permeated fine feeding" is set forth as the week's closing intellectual feast.

The "cramming" method of trying to stuff children's minds with information about many things, to be drawn upon as best they may out of the baggage, at examination times, is quite fairly typified by this programme set for the teachers; a programme in itself typical of not a few others.

"Child Study" and "Character" are two of the themes usually set down, and supposed to be set forth, in those conglomerate programmes to the "consideration" of which the teachers are summoned at stated intervals before being sent back to crowded school rooms.

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part, to any valuable extent, impossible, and relegate the development of "Primary" in the child to the rear.

The appointment by Governor Stone of Dr. N. C. Schaeffer as state superintendent of public instruction meets with deserved approval in all quarters.

That Filipino Junta Again.

THE INTERESTINGLY idiotic Filipino Junta in London has received from its twin in Singapore a fearful description, in detail, of "the engines of torture" that the American authorities at Manila "have been erecting at the Malacanang palace for the purpose of torturing Aguinaldo into signing the peace proclamation and taking the oath of allegiance."

These Londonese Filipinos have "deferred their protest to the European governments" against this dreadful state of affairs "until they hear from Singapore that the torture had actually been inflicted upon Aguinaldo."

They submit that, if they had taken the slightest stock in this dispatch which they pretend to believe, their procrastination in making a protest shows a cruel indifference on their part to the fate of the leader whom they themselves being safe in Europe, as Aguinaldo was in Washington—they have professed such reverence for!

Oh, humbug, curious are the performances of thy worshippers. Do these creatures imagine that either the European governments or the people of Europe are fools?

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Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs.

AMERICAN CITIES have a larger amount of asphalt pavement than any other country's cities combined. The first successful asphalt pavement was laid twenty-five years ago by the late General W. W. Averell on Pennsylvania avenue in Washington, D. C.

There are several good reasons why the streets of American cities are not as well paved as those in Great Britain, Germany and France.

Some interesting contrasts are revealed in a study of the paving conditions in the leading cities of the United States. For instance, the city which lays by far the largest number of square yards of asphalt pavements are as follows:

Table listing cities and their asphalt pavement statistics.

Of the twenty-two largest cities, Boston is the most completely paved. It has the largest number of square yards of unpaved streets in proportion to the total, and New York comes second and Washington third.

When the quality of the pavement is taken into consideration the city of Baltimore may be put down as being the best in the United States. It has over 7,000,000 square yards of cobble stone pavements, and of the worst possible type.

These were but four cities in 1899 which had over a million square yards of granite block pavements. New York, with 9,275,296 square yards; Philadelphia, 5,739,596; St. Louis, 1,235,836; Boston, 1,912,176.

Strange to say New York has but 50,000 square yards of brick pavement, while Chicago has a total of 129,440 square yards, which have more than a million square yards of brick pavement—Philadelphia, Cleveland, Columbus, O., and Des Moines, Ia. There are also a score of cities in the West which have half million square yards or more of brick pavement.

This incident shows that not all the courage of the army is confined to the firing line.

"As smart as a Philadelphia lawyer," used to be a phrase of compliment—one quite proverbial. But there has been some decided deterioration in the brilliance of the Quaker city's legal intellect when the Philadelphia Law academy refuses admission to its membership on account of sex, and follows up that action by appointing a committee to draw up an amendment to its constitution, inserting the word "male" in the qualifications for membership.

Syracuse dispatches of Thursday chronicle the arrest of a fourteen-year-old boy and his sister, aged twenty-two, she being implicated by the brother's confession, for starting a number of fires in that city. He says they did so "because they liked to see the engines." He has been sent to the Utica Reformatory school, and "the girl is held for the grand jury on the charge of arson."

To this the dispatches add: "She is not bright." We submit that a jail or penitentiary is not the proper place for a person of any age "not bright"—on the level apparently of the fishbowl-minded for whom states are supposed to provide suitable institutions for their care and training.

Chicago citizens will have no use for an Anglo-American alliance that does not include beef in every stage from hoof to can.

J. Pierpont Morgan evidently believes that he has arrived at the stage when it is safe to turn down the ubiquitous reporter.

The limited supply of rummage sale weapons will make the surrender of Filipinos less profitable in the future.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrological cast: 2:31 a. m. for Saturday, April 13, 1901.

A child born on this day will be liable to see how the inside of saloons look on Sunday, in Scranton.

The man who informs a woman that she looks old and the wife who looks like a gun barrel possess the same reckless characteristics.

The rural small boy now arranges a schedule of prices to be charged visiting trout fishermen who desire to visit large trout.

The Easter bonnet will make another effort to appear on the surface tomorrow.

Ajacchus' Advice.

It is often better to give than to receive when it comes to the matter of campaign cigars.

Little Ads. at the Flat Rate.

In applying the flat rate to these little ads it has been decided to fix the price for each ad, at 10 cents, or the same ad, may be inserted three times for 25 cents. No ad. will be accepted for less than 10 cents, but any number of words can be inserted so long as the ad does not exceed four lines. As there are twelve lines in one inch, four lines three times will occupy just one inch of space, which, at the flat rate, costs 25 cents.

From 25 to 30 words will go in four lines which, as above stated, will cost but 40 cents. For longer copy, the advertiser will be paying a little more for the space they have heretofore occupied. But in absolutely no instance will one advertiser be paying either more or less than any other advertiser for the same service.

There may be a few changes. As was announced about a month ago the Tribune will on Monday next, the 15th, apply the flat rate to all continuous business. This means that a general adjustment has been made all along the line. A few advertisers will be paying a little less, and a few others will be paying a little more for the space they have heretofore occupied.

It is possible that one or two of the Tribune's advertisers will be missed from its columns on Monday, but during the past month others have been secured which will more than make up any shrinkage that may come from this source.

In declining to insert advertising in any way that any business advertiser may suggest, it is the only right way to do business, and the Tribune will undoubtedly continue to win the admiration of its constituency by adhering to it.

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Cuba's Trade with Foreign Countries.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Washington, April 12.

IMPORTS INTO Cuba from Europe are in an increasing, but not a startling, degree. The reports of the treasury bureau of statistics show a falling off in exports of domestic merchandise from the United States in the eight months ending with February, 1901, but the reports of the treasury bureau of the war department in charge of the commerce of Cuba also show a decrease in Cuban imports from the United States and an increase in imports from other foreign countries.

According to the treasury bureau of statistics, the domestic exports to Cuba were \$16,923,456, against \$16,412,917 in the corresponding month of the preceding year. The war department statement for the nine months ending with September, 1900, shows imports from the United States into Cuba of \$24,253,626, against \$24,091,000 in the corresponding month of the preceding year.

A detailed examination of the imports by classes shows that European manufactures are rapidly and vigorously invading the Cuban field under the very eyes of their American rivals.

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TALKS BY THE PUBLISHER.

A Further Application of the Flat Rate.

BEHAVING Monday morning the Tribune will take another forward step and apply the flat rate to its want ads. This means a considerable sacrifice, as it has always secured a higher rate for this business than twenty-five cents an inch, which is the highest charge under the present small ad advertising system.

In connection with this advertising will be run an "Exchange Department," in which persons having any article that they would like to exchange for some other article can introduce an announcement, but without cost, will not necessarily be using the real name of the advertiser, but some distinctive word or initials, and answers may be called for at The Tribune office.

The following table shows the total value of the imports into Cuba in the nine months ending with September, 1899 and 1900, respectively, and the increase or decrease in each case.

Table showing import statistics for various countries into Cuba.

WHY SOME MEN FAIL.

My love is this: Why some men fail. In life their chosen goal— They seek to fill, with half the will, A plan that needs the whole.

They saw the seed on mount and mead, And wait to see it spread; While, half convinced, they leave, unturned, The clod upon its head.

They wait to play the light of day, Knowing that there will come, At event-ful, the welcome call, To rest the unturned clod.

These down the tide to life they glide, In poverty and pain, Leaving undone, from sun to shade, The things that lead to gain.

But when the last lone hope is past, No more to light their way; And all is lost—they learn the cost Of doing things halfway.

—Edwin T. Jones, in Success.

The People's Exchange.

A POPULAR CLEARING HOUSE for the sale of all kinds of property.

Agents Wanted. AGENTS WANTED TO SELL THE LATEST INVENTION for producing a brilliant and cheap light.

Help Wanted—Male. HARNESMAKER—AN EXPERIENCED HARNESMAKER wanted.

Help Wanted—Female. A DESIRABLE POSITION FOR YOUNG WOMAN at Courson's, Address or call at office for particulars.

Situations Wanted. SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, AS collector; has had ten years' experience with a leading firm of this city.

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FOR RENT.

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Store in The Tribune building, now occupied by the Times. Including Desks, Steam Heat and Electric Light.

Also 1200 feet of floor space on 4th floor of the Tribune building, suitable for light manufacturing.

Enquire at office of THE TRIBUNE.

SUMMER HOME—ON PARADISE LAKE—GEM of the Adirondacks—2 1/2 miles north of Saranac Lake.

FOR RENT—HOUSE NO. 642 NORTH WASHINGTON street, Dunmore; bath, heat and cold water.

FOR RENT—12-ROOM HOUSE; 800 WATER street, Dunmore; bath, heat and cold water.

FOR RENT—ROOM HOUSE, MODERN IMPROVEMENTS, on Green Ridge street.

FOR SALE. BELGIAN HARES (IMPORTED). HASLAM'S 118 Cliff street.

FOR SALE—ONE PAIR BLACK MARLES, perfect match, sound and kind.

Wanted—To Rent. HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY, WITH TEN OR twelve miles of Scranton; furnished or unfurnished.

Wanted—To Buy. WANTED TO BUY—STAMP MACHINES (NO ELECTRIC). State price and condition.

Real Estate. BUSINESS, RESIDENCE AND FARM PROPERTY. See W. T. Hackett, "Real Estate Exchange."

Business Opportunity. IF YOU WISH TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS, see W. T. Hackett, "Real Estate Exchange."

Rooms and Board. LARGE FRONT ROOM WITH BOARD FOR TWO gentlemen. 119 Adams street.

Money to Loan. MONEY TO LOAN ON IMPROVED CITY REAL ESTATE. HENRY BILLIN, JR.

Money to Loan. MONEY TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE. any amount. A. H. Holgate, Commonwealth building.

Lost. LOST—DIAMOND BROOCH—SILVER, LIBERAL reward if returned. 119 Madison street.

LEGAL. TO THE OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS of property bounding or abutting on both sides of Belmont street.

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FINLEY'S

Laces and Embroideries.

The trimming "par excellence" for artistic dress adornment. Garniture of rich and rare loveliness.

We display the most extensive assortment. Complete line of Cambria, and Nainsook, to the most elaborate designs in wide flouncings and all-overs.

Very choice and handsome. 510-512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

Exclusive Designs! It is some satisfaction in buying furniture to buy goods that are not peddled all over the city.

Largest Buyers of Furniture. In Scranton, enables us to control the product of the very best factories in the United States for this city.

A Metropolitan Stock at less than metropolitan prices.

Hill & Connell. Washington Avenue.

HAVE YOU. Seen what we have in Odd Boxes of Stationery.

At prices that will surely interest you. The above may be seen in our display window.

Reynolds Bros. Stationers and Engravers.

Miscellaneous. TO RID YOUR LAWN FROM ANGLE WORMS and ants and make your lawn green and give it the green color, use the Green Lawn Dressing. We put it on for you. 118 Cliff street.

FOR DISINFECTING AND FURNISHING NEWLY WASHED LINEN. For sale in any quantity. Haslam's, 118 Cliff street.

TO MAKE LITTLE HICKORY USE HARD wood and make it soft and pliable. Use the Green Lawn Dressing. We put it on for you. 118 Cliff street.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, ELECTRICIANS. Plumber, etc. See the Green Lawn Dressing. We put it on for you. 118 Cliff street.

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