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SCHANTON, PA., JUNE 12, 1901.

The Times last evening issued an interesting "housewarming edition" of 24 pages commemorative of its occupancy of a handsome new home of its own, In addition to the usual quota of news, comment and miscellany a number of special contributions were printed. notable among them a history of the Times and of Secution Journalism by P. A. Barrett, whose acquaintance with his thome covers twenty-eight years of active work in newspaper production. The Times has in late years been wonderfully successful and we extend to its enterprising proprietor, Mr. E. J. Lynest, our compliments and best wishes,

#### Third Term Talk.

THIRD TERM for a president of the United States is practically impossible, and will remain so until public opinion shall undergo a greater change than is now in prospect. Hence the talk of a third term for William Me-Kinley has been simply speculative goscip, useful for mild mental exercise in a dearth of more strenuous

No one who knows Mr. McKinley believed that any consideration whatever short of an irresistible public call could tempt him to hazard his present almost unprecedented hold on public esteem by entering into an aerimonious struggle for a third consecutive nomination. There is no such call, and there is not likely to be. His personal statement removing his name from public consideration is simply a common sense interpretation of the facts.

Yet, speaking a purely personal opinion, we have never been converted with the term sufficiently long to save of frequent presidential elections. viewed in connection with its complaever, consistent nor is it reasonable.

In the present conjunction of circumstances, the opportunity to retain has been shown by the incumbent administration, whatever fanciful objections might be conjured up by alarmists, would, as a practical proposition. offer many substantial advantages. The administration machinery is in thorough working trim. It knows lisduties and the instruments of their performance. Its retention would struck Eilly Paterson. insure a continuity of policy in helds of administration where un- Carnegie's "Comfort" to Britain. certainty or change would surely be costly and might be disastrons. In home affairs this is importent but not supremely important. In insular offairs it is very important. The necessity of having, with each change in the white house, to reconstruct the personnel and methods of administering the government of the dependent islands put by the Spanish-American war under American trusteeship must be obviated in some manner, otherwise confusion, if not failure, will follow unerringly.

The Pau-American seems to be raking in the usual number of box eifice shekels without making much fuss about it.

## Elihu Root.

ISCOVERY has been made by the Philadelphia Inquirer present secretary of war, is be a member of the cabinet. He hasn't got good sense."

This discovery is entitled to classification under the heading of "important if true." Our Philadelphia contemporary may have exclusive sources of information: but the general opinion differs widely from that just quoted. It remembers that when Mr. Rest took hold of the war office the was department was in a state of confusion and factional unrest; and it remembers that in a surprisingly short time he whipped it into line, brought the discordant bureau chiefs into subjection and effected a reconstruction of the army staff system which puts his name high on the roll of his country's benefactors. That he may have resisted somewhat sharply various efforts to inject polities into army appointments and promotions, and that he may have attended more strictly and firmly to his duties as he viewed them than was influence who had grown accustomed

token a lack of "good sense." indicate quite the contrary.

If Mr. Root has a keen sense of his to it. That importance come to him without selicitation and he accepted fice. The man who can earn ten times as much in the practice of his proworking for Uncle Sam-who can earn it togitimately and by preponderant should say that the government services.

Only 22 of the 59 applicants for admission to West Point passed the exminations held this week, Evidently emething more than the approval of ongressmen and senators is needed to enter the United States Military academy.

#### China's Famine and Indemnity.

INISTER WU'S cablegram to Li Hung Chang that the Christian Herald of New York had just placed by cable a preliminary contribution of \$20,000 from Americans for the relief of the famine-stricken province of Shan-Si, at the disposal of the relief committee formed by American missionaries in China, has brought this re-

Pekin, June 8.

Wir Ting-fang, Washington. Your cable of June 5 received. The famine in Shan-Si is causing great suffering and distress to people there. benevolent people of America, through the Christian Herald, are very kind in raising a relief fund and remitting as a first instalment the sum of twenty thousand American dollars to afford immediate relief. We are extremely grateful to the Americans, whose liberality and beneficence make no distinction of race or country. I have duly informed by telegraph the imperial government and the governor of Shan-Si. Li Hung Chang.

Although the famine in this great northern Chinese province is even more terrible than was the last famine in India there has been far less reported in regard to it. Until the missionaries learned the situation and applied to the missionary societies in this country for aid the diplomatic situation in China crowded out of the dispatches any but the merest mention of conditions of starvation in a province with many millions of population, conditions that have brought on even cannibalism ac-

cording to a recently published letter. Certainly it seems like a mockery of humanity, to say nothing of Christianity, for governments professedly Christian to be wrangling for months over how to squeeze an enormous indemnity from China under such circumstances as these. The United States is so far the only country in which any endeavor is being carried on to save the lives of millions of to the belief that third terms would starving Chinese. The United States necessarily be more dangerous than government, wearied with the wrangsecond terms. A single term rule, ling, has once more, through Mr. Rockhill, the present acting representative the country from the wear and tear in Pekin of this country, appealed to the European powers to submit the inwould be a consistent proposition and demnity propositions to the arbitration a reasonable one. The public skittish- of The Hague tribunal. That tribunal ness when a third term is mentioned, was established, all those European powers joining in that establishment, cency over a second term, is not, how- for the express purpose of arbitrating international disputes where diplomatic negotiations have failed-as they have done in this indemnity business, China until 1905 an administration which also was a party assenting to The has shown such wonderful ability as Hague tribunal. There is therefore no shadow of reasonable excuse for the European powers to refuse acceptance of the United States' proposal for such reference.

> There is a growing belief that it must have been some of the mysterious Mr. Guernsey's ancestors who

NDREW CARNEGIE ba taken advantage of his British birth to offer some exceedingly plain advice, the Nineteenth Century magazine, to the industrial magnates the newspapers and general public of his native land. He quotes from the London Times and other sources of British public opinion one pessimistic utterance upon another of the late so optimistic Briton. Then, after certifying as true all the pessimist says of the industrial and financial situation and the precedence of the United States, he proceeds to remark:

"Yet comfort is near, which, with venture to offer; but before the proper indispensable. He must adjust him- and provide the small amount of absolutel self to present conditions, and realize That Hon, Elling Root, the that there is no use in these days etc. They have solicited only from those wi dwelling upon the past, and especially filled with an overweening sense of must be cease measuring his one counour importance, and he thinks try with the forty-five countries of that when he opens his mouth no dog the American Union, E pluribus unum. nust be so unmannerly as to bark." It is out of the question to compare Furthermore, "Mr. Root may be a 41,000,000 of people upon two islands, sharp practitioner, but he isn't fit to 127,000 square miles in area, with over 500 people a square mile (England and Wales), with 77,000,000 upon 3,500,000 square miles, unequalled in natural re- pride. sources, with only thirty people a

square mile." Whether this statistical setting forth of comparative wealthy size and numbers will comfort his British reader Mr. Carnegie is evidently himself doubtful, for he proceeds to strike a knock-down blow at the most cherished of Britain's ideals and policies.

Read his statement. He says: "It is pitiable to see so many lives lost and so much money squandered in pursuit of shadowy dominion over barren territory in far off, sparsely populated lands, ostensibly to secure new markets for British products. The markets of uncivilized lands amounts to so little, and Britain has no advantages from her nominal sway under the policy of free trade, for free trade does not follow the flag-it fellows the lowest price current. Loyal altogether pleasing to persons high in | Canada buys three times as much from the United States as from to a manipulative prerogative in army Britain. Even her Union Jack she affairs can be imagined. But these buys in New York. If 2s 6d a year

of the British people for home products, the market would be enlarged to the extent of all its exports to wa importance he is clearly entitled | China; less than 6d per head would equal the profit. One pound per head | public by D. Appleton & Company. would give Britain more new trade it at a very great pecuniary sacri- than her total exports to India and South and East Africa combined, or to Canada and Australia, China and fession as Mr. Root receives while | Japan combined; to Germany, Italy | and France combined, or to the United States, Brazil, Argentina and may be humble in demeanor or may a year. If the £28,000,000 of increased stopped and spent by the people at is lucky to have the benefit of his home upon British products, this would give a new market equalling that of Canada, South and East and West Africa, Foreign Africa, south and east, and the West Indies, Cevlon and Hong-Kong, Conquering new territory for markets abroad is dronping the substance for the shadowchasing rainbows. The case against this policy is closed. Trade has not increased. The true statesman will soon turn his attention to the bettering of conditions at home, for it is here that the greatest increase of British trade can most easily be effeeted. A profitable home market is

> used to conquer markets abroad." This is not all. He proceeds to remark that the industrial situation. 'sombre as it is and dangerous as it may become," is not the chief source of danger, but that "it is the financial and political situation which is alarming, for it needs no prophet to foretell that a continuance of the aggressive temper which alienates other governments and peoples, and which has mistaken territorial acquisition for genuine empire making, must soon strain the nation's power and lay upon its productive capacity such burdens as will render it incapable of retaining the present volume of trade, which is essential to the preservation of Britain's position as foremost in the world, financially, commercially and industrially, (American Union, hors concurs)."

Will any gift of millions to Scottish universities, or any wisdom in the advice given, make Mr. Carnegie's plain speaking tolerable to his readers in Great Britain? Here is his conclu-

"If ever a nation had clear and unmistakable warnings, as the writer thinks, that the time has arrived when it should beneeforth measure its responsibilities and ambitions throughout the world with its re-s sources, and cut its garment according to its cloth, it is the dear old motherland of the race, with its trade stationary, an army of thirty thousand men or more to be provided for in South Africa, even after peace comes: its expenditures and taxation increasing, and its promises to pay already at such a discount as to attract capital from across the Atlantic. Rocks ahead, sure enough: but this does not mean that the officers of the Ship of State are to drive it full steam upon them. On the contrary, it should mean that the rocks, being now in sight, will be avoided. It is to be feared that even that "dear old motherland" will fall to sugar-coat the pill that Mr. Carnegie offers, or induce "the British pessimist" to accept Mr. Carnegie's offered THE NEW YORK SUN

Oom Paul now seems to be about the nly one who is desirous that the war in South Africa should continue. As Kruger and his money bags are far rooms and among all financial men out of range of bullets, it may be some time yet before his opinion can be

Ninety-two railroads have already received charters at Harrisburg, I begins to look as though the dream of having a trolley car stop at every man's front gate is to be realized.

Uncle Sam's credit will not be im paired by a refusal to erter into part nership with foreign nations in assuming responsibility for the settlement of

## Why Ball Tickets Cost Ten Dollars

Sir:-There seems to be some mis-enception be intention of the committee managing the opening exercises of the new Thictoenth Regi ment armory in fixing the price of tickets at 86 for a gentleman and lady, which some wh would like to attend think is more than the can afford to pay

your readers' permission, we shall. The travers for making this the price a state of receptivity can be reached base not been able to obtain within \$20,000 o by our pessimistic friend one step is as much as is required to finish the armor necessary purniture, such as desks and chair ould give large sums, and have not heretofor applied to the public generally for subscriptions It was thought that \$10 tickets to such an teresting event as the opening ball is to night be sold to as many 2,000 people who could feel like contributing that amount toward he completion of a structure which is a reditable and so necessary to the maintenant of the regiment, in which all take so mu-

It is hoped and expected by the trustees a omesittee that everyone who feels an interen our military organization and appreciate he sperifices our men have made to sustain in the past, under very discouraging circum dances, will avail themselves of this oppotunity to give the slight evidence of it at leashich the purchase of a ticket would amou whether they wish to attend the ball r. The people of Scranton base not beallied upon as frequently of late as formerly id in the support and encouragement of s mard, and can well afford to celebrate to stable event generously and cheerfully.

There ought to be at least 2.500 friends at to contribute \$10 to our magnificent armory, veryone will do it the regiment will be catab hished without burdensome deht.

II. M. Boics. President Truestees Scranton City Guard.

#### Scranton, June 11. LITERARY NOTES.

Max O'Reil writes from London that "The Sc circumstances do not necessarily be- | were added to the purchasing power | link success. He says that the author has a get

ine gift for comedy and achieved " an astounding success,' in reconciling the reader to the marvelous, "The Seal of Silence," is the first and last novel of the author. This remarkable

Mrs. Eila W. Peattle, whose remance, 'The Releaguered Forest,' is to be published shortly by D. Appleton & Company, has had exceptional epportunities for acquiring a broad knowledge of American life. She was born in Michigan while her father was at the front as a soldier in the civil war. For several years she was a successit legitimately and by preponderant merit in a community where the competition of professional skill is much fiercer than it is at Washington— United States, Brazil. Argentina and Canada combined, and equal to one-half of the total export trade to all United States. Her stories and sketches were accepted by nearly all the leading magazines, and she gained an executional reputation by hi be proud, but in either event his importance must be conceded. We curred during the last five years were forest," has been described as a consistent study of a woman's inconsistency, sketched against the background furnished by the great pine for

The Delineator for July, in addition to its regular literature of tashions, is notable for some striking effects in three-color printing used in connection with an interming article on the Pan-American exposition. The original water color sketches of C. Y. Tuner, director of color to the Buffalo show, were loaned to the Deline for for purposes of reproduction and the engravings which have resulted are marvels of il-lustrative polyclirematic printing. The July edition of the Delineator is 625 000

jost important books of the season, will be is sued early in July. The great interest in comindustrial growth of the United States, makes the strongest weapon that can be this book a most timely one.

> "A Sailor's Log," the autobiography of Ruar Admiral Robley D. Evans, has proved so popular that D. Appleton & Company, the publishers, produce the sixth edition-this within four weeks of the original publication,

> ith an introduction by Cardinal Gibbons, is to se issued in a new and more compact edition on & Company.

Pere Didon's remarkable "Life of Christ."

Students of hypnotism will be interested in ttle book just issued by Laird & Lee. Its title is "Practical Hypnotism," and the aim of its author, the Comte de Saint-Germain, is to make his whole subject clear to the lay reader.

#### CURIOSITY CONQUERED HER.

A South Halsted street housewife stuck he sead out of the window in a second-story flat few mornings ago when she saw a street vender anyas, stop before the door and snapped,

"Don't want any what?" asked the arab in he gruffest tone he could command.
"What have you got?" asked the housewife. "Oh, you don't want any," replied the peddler, "Gee up," and he started down the street behind his wagon and shaky old horse, "Now I wonder what that man has, anyway, oliloquized the housewife. "He's the most ex

sperating peddler I ever saw."

She watched him until she saw him drive u again she threw a shawl over her head and walk ed nearly a block to ask a woman whom she has never seen before what the vender wanted to sell. And probably if he had known how much be aroused her curiesity he would have been hap pier than if he had sold her a peck of onions,

### LEAVE A KISS IN THE CUP.

I love not wines but should'st thou wish

That I its slave might be. Thou needest but to taste the cup, Then hand it back to me: For unto me that cup would bring From thy dear lips a kiss.
And while I drank would softly yield

A double mend of bliss,

Money Article, Headed The Financial Situation

published each Monday, has for 15 years been looked for with the greatest interest in banks and counting and has been respected as perhaps the most intelligent review of the money market and stock market. In this article, Monday, June 3, the Sun in the course of a review of the business and condition of the Southwestern Railway systems says: "Another potent influence affecting Atch. inson for good is the oil discoveries People here have not paid as much attention to this matter as they should. The general tendency has been to scout it as a craze. there is no longer any doubt that it represents a permanent and almost incalculable increase of wealth to the Southwestern territory, and hence inevitably, to the Atchinson, Southern Pacific and other railroads in that section. These railroads will gain much by the additional business generally growing out of the new development, but their chief product will be in the astonishing saving rendered possible to them in the cost of fuel. A ton of coal in oil does not cost over \$1, whereas the coal used by the Southern Pacific and Atchinson railroads last year cost between \$3 and \$4 a ton. As the expenditure for this purpose is nearly 25 per cent of the total cost of transportation on the roads, the importance of the new found economy is apparent. It means millions of dol-This article fairly represents the

lars to these railroad properties." trend of thought toward the oil in dustry among capitalists generally, The magnitude of the industry and its importance as a source of wealth is perhaps not yet appreciated by the general public, but the leaders in finance recognize fully that oil and its numerous by-products is to cut a great and constantly growing figure in our domestic and export trade the extent of which is already colos-

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#### Rules of the Contest,

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Only new subscribers will be counted. Renewals by persons whose names were on our subscription dist prior to May 13 will not be credited. The Tribune will investigate each subscription and if found irregular 11, any way reserves the right to reject it. No transfer can be made after credit has once been given.

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