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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 2, 1901.

In the eleven months ended Saturday, The Tribune printed 347,877 inches of reading matter, none of it plate matter, all home edited and home set. In the same time the Republican printed 231,263 inches, 2,290 of it plate matter; the Truth 187,279 inches, 6,363 of it plate matter; and the Times 177,512 inches, 11,226 of it plate matter.

Contrasts.

IN THE caucus on Saturday of the Republican members of the national house of representatives things went as had been expected. General Henderson was unanimously nominated to succeed himself as speaker, the old house organization was continued and the attempt of Mr. Hepburn to force an amendment of the rules was good-naturedly but effectively squelched.

Very different was the Democratic caucus. While it went through the form of nominating candidates for speaker and the other house offices, it found itself in a sea of troubles the moment it undertook to define a party policy.

Two years ago today the Republican majority in the house of representatives was 113. Today it will be 29. In its present condition the Democracy is not even a good minority party.

The imprisonment of the crank who desired President Roosevelt to back him in a theatrical enterprise was eminently proper.

Kindergarten Progress.

THE Scranton Free Kindergarten association has just issued its annual report, which contains much interesting and encouraging information.

The report of the Free Kindergarten association shows that two kindergartens have been maintained under these auspices in which one hundred and forty-five children were enrolled.

The report at hand is the work of Miss Susan W. Underwood, the chief kindergarten, and contains much food for consideration from thoughtful readers.

McKinley on Reciprocity.

REASONABLE for recollection at this time are the words uttered by William McKinley in that wonderful last speech of his at Buffalo upon the subject of reciprocity. He said, you will remember:

keep what we have. No other policy will get more. By sensible trade arrangements which will not interrupt our home production, we shall extend the outlets for our increasing surplus.

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Last year Cuba bought from the United States \$16,118,796 less than she sold to us, and from other countries she bought \$19,253,086 more than she sold to them.

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The American Way.

FIDELITY in trusts has attained its highest degree of efficiency among Anglo-Saxon peoples.

In response to calls from the senate committee on affairs with Cuba, the War department has prepared and rendered a complete detailed and itemized statement of all the receipts and expenditures of the government of Cuba from the 1st of January, 1898, to the 30th of April, 1900.

Imagine Spain making such an exhibit! As the hour for the convening of congress approaches it becomes more apparent that Mr. Palmer will have difficulty in pleasing all of the Wilkes-Barre newspapers.

The Cuban Political Outlook.

WRITING for the New York Sun on Cuban politics and probabilities, Emilio Nuñez, civil governor of Havana province, and one of the most intelligent Cubans, predicts the election of Senator Tomas Estrada Palma to the presidency next February.

According to General Nuñez, the candidacy of General Maso has in the long run virtually the same meaning, but Maso is less a statesman and, we infer, more a demagogue than Palma.

Operations in Cuba, the Philippines and China have given the American marine an opportunity to distinguish himself by taking rank with the foremost fighters of the world.

with contempt as a sort of ship's policeman and a fit subject for the ridicule of the "jackets."

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New Light on an Important Matter.

HOW THE WAY TO ASSASSINATION WAS PAVED IN THE DAYS OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

ASSASSINATION would its perfect work in Louisiana Territory. By the stroke of a pen the area of the United States was doubled. By the exercise of a wise policy the allegiance of the people was transferred without the firing of a gun excepting the rifles of the flag.

Notable prompt and gratifying was the acknowledgment of the new allegiance made by the people of Louisiana, of which St. Louis is the capital.

How was the assimilation accomplished? The father and son of the illustrious Henry Harrison (Ultimate the policy. From Vincennes the governor of the Northwest Territory worked out the problem with the governor of Upper Louisiana.

"I believe that my trip to your country will be postponed for some time. I have been waiting for that other ship to get my receipt, but it is not probable that I may receive it this very day to go on immediately.

"The mail has brought me the intelligence of the treaty with France laying in the hands of the president and senate of the United States. Evidently, too, you will receive a copy of the treaty and conversations.

At the association policy of the administration at Washington developed, however Harrison was much earlier in his election calculated to carry that policy into effect.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRADE.

A writer in Country Life in America tells the story of one Mark Carr, a jolly, sturdy workman living among the foothills of the Catskills.

Mark Carr and his boys drive two oxen, loaded with young trees, through the deep snow to the river at Catskill, when the father started with them for the city.

One old-fashioned silver dollar secured a string of sidewalk on the corner of Greenwood and Vesey streets, and there the long-sighted mountaineer set forth his forest novelties.

Always Busy.

Always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy, always busy.

LI HUNG CHANG INTERVIEWED.

From the World's Work. A correspondent recently interviewed Li Hung Chang.

"Is it true that Prince Tuan has been banished to Solitude?" asked the correspondent.

"Why was he not executed?" "It is against the laws of China to execute a prince."

"But," said the correspondent, "the present Donaghe Express evoked an imperial prison in the last rebellion."

"Then," said Prince Tuan, "was fighting for the government, the Donaghe Express must have concluded with him in the attack upon the legation."

"I had nothing for a moment. Then Mr. Tseng, the interpreter, replied: 'His excellency says that the oranges in the table came from Canton.'"

Christmas Gifts for the Children



THE TRIBUNE'S JUNIOR EDUCATIONAL CONTEST

Gold and Silver Watches, Sleds, Skates, Games, Etc.

To be given to the Boys and Girls of Northeastern Pennsylvania who succeed in making the largest number of words out of the letters in

S-C-R-A-N-T-O-N-T-R-I-B-U-N-E.

HERE IS THE LIST OF GIFTS.

Gold Watch, Four Silver Watches, Writing Desk, Three Sleds, Two Knives, Combination Game Board, Bagatelle Board, Checker Board and Checkers, Hop Scotch, Numerica.

Set of Boxing Gloves, Rugby Foot-Ball, Brush and Comb Set, Bagatelle Board, Magic Lantern, Dominoes (with double nine), Progressive Words, Pillow Dex, Swing-a-Ring.

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

Prizes will be given to the boy or girl, under 16 years of age, building the largest number of words out of the letters contained in "Scranton Tribune."

No letters must be used any more times than they appear in these two words. As an instance, a word with more than one "E" would not be admitted, but a word might contain two "T's" or three "N's."

Plurals formed by adding "s" or "es" not allowed. Only words found in the main portion of "Webster's International Dictionary" (edition of 1893) will be allowed.

Proper names, or any other words appearing in the "Appendix" will not be allowed.

Obsolete words are admitted if they are defined in the dictionary. Write on one side of the paper only.

Write very plainly; if possible, use a typewriter. Place the words in alphabetical order, numbered in rotation.

Write your name and address, age and total number of words at the top of your list.

Send the list—do not roll. Contest closes Saturday, December 21, at 6 p. m.

All letters of inquiry for additional information will be promptly answered. Address your list of words, or any question you wish answered to:

CONTEST EDITOR, Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

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This is what we are doing with our Furs, Jackets, Suits and Skirts.

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124 Wyoming Avenue. Furs repaired and remodelled now at reduced cost.

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