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Neither admirals nor generals can play horse with the present commander-in-chief. If they don't know it yet, they soon will.

The Practical Issue.

A GOOD plan in considering the street railway franchises now before councils is to not get excited or worked up into a frame of mind about them, but to keep cool.

The men back of these ordinances had for many years heard public complaint at the inefficiency of the service afforded by the Scranton Railway Company.

A chance came to test this feeling among the people. The legislature passed a law incidentally making competition possible in the street railway business in Scranton.

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Now, however, some citizens appear to have developed a sudden solicitude for the future of the Scranton Railway Company.

The new street railway proposition, as we understand it, is virtually this: If we people want a good system in place of a poor one and will say so through councils, they can have it by means of these ordinances.

There is the loss excuse for Edgar S. Maclay in the fact that his previous writings show he was a man who knew better.

Roosevelt as a Politician.

OF COURSE President Roosevelt is giving attention to politics. He could not do less and do justice either to himself or to his party.

He wants to hold together the Republican Party. He wants to preserve for the party and country what it has already achieved.

We do not credit all we read and hear about his having begun to lay waste to the nomination in 1904. No doubt he has the ambition to be his party's standard-bearer in that campaign.

He is fair-minded and fair to the country by his intervening administration. He is willing to call for his nomination unconditionally.

He has set out to be president in fact as well as in name, and he will succeed. He has just enough Dutch in him to give assurance on this point.

worldly wisdom and mainly politics, can win for Theodore Roosevelt the nomination three years hence he will get it, but not necessarily certainly not at the expense of his self-respect or high conviction of duty.

There is again talk of trying to get the government at Washington to petition the government of Great Britain to pardon an American woman recently convicted in London of forgery.

The business of one national government to busy itself with the court proceedings of another government.

The Habit of Criticism.

ONE OF THE serious evils in this country, which ever and anon finds conspicuous illustration, is the proneness of the American people to believe all of their public servants.

It can truthfully be said that the expenditures of public moneys authorized by those in representative positions are usually planned with less anxious economy than are the expenditures of those same men in private life.

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Enforcing Discipline.

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Manifestly, however, the rebuke now nominally addressed to Miles is actually meant for all lounging and meddling employees in the Federal service.

The following table shows the total sugar crop in this country, from the year 1890 to 1901, and the value of the crop in each year.

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AS TO WHITNEY'S VERACITY.

Editor of The Tribune:— In your issue of 18th inst., you published in Whitney's collection an article setting forth a new use to which a locomotive may be put.

It is supposed to have occurred near Barnes' pond. Some of Whitney's friends had found and killed a small garter snake and placed it where Whitney, while strolling with his very best girl, found it.

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Hill & Connell's Holiday Furniture.

There can be no more appropriate gift than one of the following lines, all of which are marked in plain figures:

Writing Desk, Dressing Table, Parlor Cabinet, Bed Room Cabinet, etc.

Low prices and large assortment to select from, of well made and desirable patterns.

Hill & Connell 121 N. Washington Ave.

A Second-Class City with a First-Class Stock of Cut Glass, Sterling Silverware, Clocks, Etc.

Suitable for Wedding Gifts. Merceurel & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

Headquarters for Incandescent Gas Mantles, Portable Lamps.

THE NEW DISCOVERY Kern Incandescent Gas Lamp. Gunster & Forsyth 325-327 Penn Avenue.

ALWAYS BUSY.

CHRISTMAS FOOTWEAR Our Stores are filled from heel to toe with common-sense Christmas Gifts, from 25c to \$5.00.

Lewis & Reilly, 114-116 Wyoming Avenue. Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Goldsmith's Bazaar



A Useful Christmas Gift Our Handy Laundry Bags

If you want to make the head of a family or a bachelor or a spinsters happy, buy one of these Handy Laundry Bags.

There are Two Ways. of sending one's linen to the laundry 52 times a year.

Price \$1.00. Misses' and Children's Sets of Angora, Badger, Raccoon, Opposum, Sable and Chinchilla; from 98c to \$8.98.

A Holiday Sale of Furs. 500 Ladies' Cluster Scarfs of Sable, Fox, Opposum, Stone Marten, Brown Marten, Beaver and Electric Seal; from \$1.98 to \$4.98.

Matched up Sets, of the best Lynx, Fox and Bear—Boa and Muff; from \$9.98 to \$49.98.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas. Our Holiday Display This Year

Beautiful Things for Christmas. Fine Gold and Silver Watches

C. LUTHER, 133 Wyoming Avenue. ESTABLISHED IN 1837.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON. Organized 1872.

Capital, \$200,000 Surplus, \$550,000. William Connell, President.

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