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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

Controller-EVAN R. MORRIS Election Pebruary 18,

For the benefit of the Scranton Times we will say that The Tribune's circulation was never so large, substantial, loyal or profitable as it is today. And the best of it is that it is growing steadily, in all directions and among

Appeal of the Delinquent Tax Case.

Y THE appeal which is to be made to the Supreme court in the matter of the delinquent tax collectorship it is hoped that a clearer view may be had of the law in this case. The opinion of the local court leaves the matter in pretty much the position that it found it. From a reading of this opinion it is impossible to say who is now the lawful collector of delinquent taxes or whether his compensation is to be computed on the basis of the tax payments made to the city treasurer subsequent to September 1 last, at which time unpaid taxes became delinquent, or whether the city is liable for double payment for one service.

It is, indeed, an open question whether Article XVII of the charter, which provides that "all city officers and employes shall receive a fixed salary for their services," makes possible a basis of compensation for the collector of delinquent taxes resting on a percentage of collections, especially if the total amount received in one year by the percentage arrangement should fall below the \$2,500 minimum which the charter requires to be paid to the head of each executive department. The manifest intent of the new charter act was to establish the municipal service on a fixed salary footing, using the word salary in its commonly accepted sense of an invariable sum, payable in equal instalments. This intent is defeated if some city officers are to be paid fixed sums and others paid variable amounts on a percentage footing.

These and other uncertainties in the premises make it desirable that the court of last resort should define clearly the purpose and meaning of the law. Not until that has been done can its enforcement in this direction proceed

If the groundhog saw his shadow vesterday he must have been gifted with second sight.

Light Breaking for Cuba.

RADUALLY the muddle at Washington over what should be done for Cuba is clarifysudden determination of the Republican committee to take off the war taxes before considering the Cuban issue was in pursuance of a political play. Recognizing that concessions to Cuba would be made in any event, if in no senting beet sugar and tobacco dis- during the course of his lifetime.

the coming election. This plan does not seem to be satis- devilment. factory to the president, who is insist-On Saturday he sent for Speaker Hen- good, or humanly good, with a reasonderson and one or two other house them. Its purport has not been disclosed; but it is safe to guess that be called to their attention how disastrous it would be from a political standpoint to have the administration's declared policy, McKinley's as well as Roosevelt's, sandbagged in the house of its friends. The result of this talk, or of it in combination with other influences, is that there is now a feeling at Washington that concessions will be made to Cuba at an early date, and that they will not have to be forced on the house, but will originate

in that body, In the meantime, that accomplished legislative architect, Senator Spooner, has devised what may prove a useful compromise measure. He proposes That the United States charge full culty on the basis of as complete au-Dingley rates on all Cuban sugar and tonomy for the conquered republics as tobacco coming in from Cuba, but in Is enjoyed by the people of Canada consideration of the agreement of the was recently possible to the Boers, who, Cuban republic to reduce the Cuban through their foreign agent, Dr. Leyds, turiffs on American goods going into threw it aside, with the assertion that Cuba, the United States is to refund to they would accept nothing short of unthe Cuban government, say 40 per cent. of the duties collected on Cuban sugar | nificent; but it is not sensible. and tobacco. If the Cuban officials shall see fit in their turn to pay back this 40 per cent, refund to the Cuban he who has a fine stomach." And a planters, that would be a matter in good liver.

which the United States would not b

directly concerned. We have no doubt that substantially what the president asks and what good faith and a clean national conscience demand for Cuba will be awarded by the present congress at the present session and with very little further delay. The opposite in incon-

We advise all who are open to evilence, argument and conviction in the Schiley case to get, read and ponder a ony of the "comment" on Schley's an peal laid before the president by the judge advocate of the court of inquiry, Captain Lemly, and his legal counsel, Mr. Hanna. It absolutely demolishes the Schley myth,

Yankeedom's One Hundred.

T MUST be conceded that the Germain kaiser knows his bustness. The latest proof is embodied in the New York Sun's story of the plans of a luncheon which certain business men are to give in onor of Prince Henry, Feb. 26.

From this it apears that the kaiser told the German ambassador that be wished his brother to meet one hundred of the Americans who are chiefly esponsible for the wonderful advances n industry and commerce made by the American people in the past few years. He intimated that he desired Prince Henry to meet and converse with these men as informally as possible, so that he might learn as much about them, their ways and points of view as possible in a brief time. The emperor is credited with asking his ambassador to so arrange this meeting that not merely those Americans whom the newspaers portray as among the foremost men of their generation, but those who actually are the makers of America's present proserity will be present. He wants his brother to go up against the real thing, to use a graphic slang ex-

with. It is not an easy task to pick out the one hundred men of most importance in the business life of a country so full of great men and men reputedly great as is the United States. But a committee of twelve New Yorkers, according to the Sun, have undertaken to make this selection. They are working in secret. Their names are withheld. Pull cannot reach them. Nobody outside of the few who are necessarily in the secret will know until after the guests assemble who are to onstitute this temporary academy of Yankee immortals. The first definite knowledge that the public will have on the subject will be when the names are published the morning after the luncheon shall have taken place.

Hence there is nothing to do but

Because, as the spokeswoman of the legation women at their formal reception by the Empress Dowager, Mrs Conger, the wife of our minister to China, used kind instead of abusive words, she is receiving sharp criticism among the foreigners at Pekin. And yet, we are told, you can catch more tiles with molasses than with vinegar,

Too Good.

AN A MAN be too good? This question may seem absurd, but every little while something arises which appears to give point to it. One of these occurrences has just taken place in Nebraska,

In the town of Bellwood there lived for fifteen years a man by the name of Gould. He was an elder in a church; he taught in the Sunday school; and his exemplary abstinence from all the visible small vices that in other men call for professional reprobation by teachers of morals, was made the theme of many eulogistic references. He was the cashier of the village bank; and here, again, he supplied an example for the youth of the town, Yet the dispatches now say that during these fifteen years Gould has been uttering forged paper until the total of ing. It now appears that the his peculations reaches the amazing sum of \$100,000. The other day be was members of the house ways and means found out, he confessed and is now in

We do not cite his case to furnish a chance for cheap wittlelsm at bank cashiers. We doubt that there is a body of men in the country averaging other way than by an amendment higher for honesty than bank cashiers. tacked on to some appropriation bill The point in Gould's case, and in ail by the senate, the house leaders, so other cases of a similar nature, is that the story goes, concluded that they it does not do to be too good. In every might as well do what they could to man there is about so much natura save from defeat the members repre- cussedness which will have to find vent tricts. By washing the house's hands, can be dammed up for a time; but In it was thought that some districts, that event it is likely to accumulate otherwise doubtful, might be saved in until it bursts the restraining induences and eventuates in a flood of

Our observation is that the man who ing upon the party standing up to its does not try to be unnaturally good, duty without fear of the consequences, but is content with being just healthly able spillway for the outflow of natural leaders, and had a frank talk with tendencies, makes, in the long run, the safer fellow in a position of trust.

> Those who have traveled upon the historic James river from Norfolk to Richmond will appreciate the announcement of the Old Dominion Steamship company that it will soon put into service two handsome new steamers plying between these cities There is no prettier ride in the country than between the memorable banks of this noble stream, and there is no river of magnitude in the country which has such poor travel facilities.

> It is asserted by the London correspondent of the New York Sun that a settlement of the South African difficonditional independence. This is mag-

"Blessed," says Thomas C. Piatt, "is

HE IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST MERCHANT

YN THE LONG list of American multi-millichaires are a few names that have little or he significance to the average reader, lincon-spicuous among these is the name of Marshall Field. It is seldom heard outside of Criesco.

d. It is seldom heard outside of Chicago, pt in mercantile circles. Yet Marshall Field greatest merchant in the world, and, possibly, the third richest man in the United States, The supreme achievement of Marshall Field's He has been the accumulation of an immerse fortune. When the variety and magnitude of his business operations are considered, it is marrel-

cel corporation, commonly known as the Steel trust, there was no public mention of the name of Marshall Field, although he is one of the

The extent of his holdings in the great lines of railroads is not definitely known. It has been stated with some color of authority that he has 80,000,000 invested in Baltimore and Ohio, and his holdings in Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Northwestern are known to be large. In the Pullman Cor.

Conservatively stated, Marshall Field's wealth bis great rejail store. It is not so large or imposing as the Pullman residence further down such in excess can only be surmised, and it is the street, yet George M. Pullman in the latter of the street, yet George M. Pullman in the latter of the street, yet George M. Pullman in the latter of the street, yet George M. Pullman in the latter of the

loubtful whether he himself knows.

In this age of enormous individual fortunes, is not so marvelous that one man should have quired this great sum, as it is that it is not so marvelous that one man should have can money, made a sum, as it is that it is the control of the con nequired this great sum, as it is that it is all a clean money, made honestly, in a legitimate bus-iness. To credit it solely to the ability and busiess methods of its owner would be an error, rough Mr. Field takes pride in the belief that the basis of his business success is CASH. His entire business is conducted upon a cash basis. There is no evidence that he ever owed a dollar, and it is certain that he never borrowed one. He never gave a note or a mortgage, never bought or sold a dollar's worth of stock on margins. Ills nearest approach to speculation has been in

Although a heavy investor in stocks, Wall cago that does not advertise in the Sunday street methods are obnoxious to him as are those

of the wheat pit is as unknown to him a other form of drunkenness. In an indirec-the Titatic struggles on the board of trade een of profit to him, for he has supplied letims of wheat, ribs and land corners with ash to settle their losses by buying their in giltedged downtown real estate and adding it his lucrative permanent investments.

Another foundation stone of his success I been business integrity. The house of Marsh Field & Co. is as far above suspicion as Ca ar's wife. The great merchant has escaped the sobriquet of "Honest" Marshall Field, but the

business operations are considered, it is marvelous that one man in his waking moments can exercise even a general supervision of them.

It is wholesale and retail dry groods business is in excess of \$20,000,000 a year. He manufactures a large percentage of the goods he selfs, and the rattle of his looms is heard in the manufacturing centers of both hemispheres. He has factories in England, Ireland and Scotland, in France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria and Russia, in Chima, Japan and India. His woolyn mills furnish a local market for the Australian wools grower, and the revolutions of his spindles in South America run races with the governments of that part of the world.

When J. Pierpont Morgan organized the United When J. Pierpont Morgan organized the United It may be charged in part to the sensitive prithat is so apparent in people who live much themselves or are wholly absorbed in their ow

should invested in Baltimore and Ohio, and ois holdings in Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Northwestern are known to be large. In the Pullman Car company he is the largest indicidual stockholder, and has controlled the affairs of the largest part vidual stockholder, and has controlled the affairs of that great corporation for a number of years, in real estate alone his wealth exceeds that of many multi-millionaires who are more widely known than himself. A conservative estimate of the real estate owned by Marshall Field in Chicago alone, including land in the vicinity of the Calumet river, peculiarly adapted for manufacturing purposes, places if at \$50,000,000. In addition to this he has a great deal of valuable iron mining land in the northern peninsula of Michigan.

Although not known by the titles of banker than this man of sixty-six, as he walks to his place of a solder carries himself better than this man of sixty-six, as he walks to his place of the contour of features, but not their animating keenness and shrewdness. It cannot put the rapic glances in the cold, gray eyes, set far back in the head. If Marshall Field were in the midst of a State street crowd on bargain day any student of claratic crowd on bargain day any student of the head. If Marshall Field were in the midst of a State street crowd on bargain day any student of claratic crowd on bargain day any student of claratic crowd on bargain day of the cold, gray eyes, set far back in the head. If Marshall Field were in the midst of a state street crowd on bargain day student of claratic crowd on bargain day of the cold, gray eyes, set far back in the head. If Marshall Field were in the midst of a state street crowd on bargain day eyes, set far back in the cold, gray eyes, set far back in the co Michigan.

Although not known by the titles of banker and financiar, his banking and purely financial interests are large.

Marshall Field's wealth his great regail store. It is not so large or im this great regail store. It is not so large or im this great regail store. It is not so large or im

but the owner can scarcely be called an art col-lector or a connoisseur.

In this home of his younger days the man of many millions dwells alone. His wife is dead, and his children, a son who hears the same name as himself, and a daughter are both married. Mr. Field is not publicly identified with church affairs, as are Rockefeller and Morgan, but whenever his religion is expressed in any act it reveals the old Puritan spirit of literal ob-servance. He is the only big merchant in Chi-

OUTLINE STUDIES OF HUMAN NATURE

One on Ingalls.

A good story from the New York Times is told of the railroad magnate, M. E. Ingalis, Ingalis is allied with the Varderbilt system in the Mid-dle West, and like all prominent railroad men, maintains an ante-room, where callers are re-

A few weeks ago, however, an individual sweet onzed person surveying en eve, after which, looking at Ingalls, de-

"Is Ingalls here?" "I am 'logalls," returned the magnate lacon-The stranger strade to the desk and threw down

m envelope.
"Letter for you," he said curtly. Mr. Ingatta read it and frowned. "Do you know what is in this letter?" he de-

'd feich that to you I'd get a job." "Indeed! Don't you think it would be more becoming in you as an applicant for employment it least to knock at the door before entering and ve your hat while in the office? And, for mire for Mr. Ingalls rather than for Ingalis? Beneath this merited rebuke the man moved

ot a muscle. Title me the letter." said he voberly Ingalls promptly handed over the letter, and his visitor went out, closing the door be-hind him without a word. While the clerks were still grinning over the incident there was a timed nock at the door. The door was opened. There sequious bow, carefully wiped his feet, removed

is hat, and meckly said:
"Is Mr. Ingalls here!" The magnate beamed, "Ah, my young friend," graciously, "that is better. What can I countryman drew himself up with a fero-

s glare. "Do for me?" he yelled. "Do for You can go to h-, you little bold-headed And he withdrew, clamming the door behind

That Biscuit Story Again.

He teached being the other evening in a rame of mind far from electful. Affairs at his other had not exactly saited him, and his tempor was ruffed. When he sat down to suppor his ife noticed his depression, but made no con

'My dear," he begon, os he broke open a bis ly mother used to make. Ah, she was a cook al. You must have dumped a whole bex of a thise, and they are as heavy as lead. Pd. to cross the boyon after eating a couple of

His wife said nothing, but an annued maile

"By the way," he continued, "I had a letter rain mother the other day, and she says she will sage advertiser wants to know about newspap is it us one day this week. I had forgotten to tell and magazines. or about it. When she comes you can take a w lessons in the making of biscuit, and—— Yes, I know, John; she came this morning upted his wife, unable to longer keep silent she insisted on going right into the kitche

"What! You don't mean to say she is, here and

"Yes, I do," replied the wife, laughing heart-y, "and I hear her coming downstairs now."
"My dear, here's a five," said her horband, pening his pockethock, and histily taking a ill therefrom, "And I guess I can manage to let ti have that Einter bonnet. But, mind, not ord to mother."
"John, dear." said his mother, after the usua

chirations were over, 'I thought it would be pleasant surprise to you to hake blacult as I lid when you were a boy." ⁹I was just complimenting Alice on her blaculi hen you came in. My dear, phose pass me an her. They are delicious. —Memphis Scimitar.

What Justice Is Like,

While M. Constans, the arrist, was spend day with President Loubet at Rambouillet ras asked by his host open what subject he we saw engaged. "M. is President," said the other I am painting a big canvas symbolizing justice "I am painting a big canvas symbolizing fustice,"
"Indeed, and how do you conceive her?" Where
at the painter began to describe his hieal is
glowing words, speaking from the heart as only
an artist can when delivering his soul to a sympainetic listener. But the president quietly in
terrupted him with a twinkle in his eye, "I
that how you conceive justice?" he said. "Pai fair! And now would you like to know what shreally is, in point of fact, and in actual life?"
He runninged in his pocket and produced a coin

Meuter. Particularly polite and gallant was the youn s maintains an ante-room, where called a man who was sauntaring down alread to state their errand before being admitted one day not long ago, when the sidewalks were a the great man. man who was sauntering down Witherell street A few weeks ago, however, an individual sweet aside all onte-room arrangements, and stalked by the outer guards with an air of authority which completely upset them. On he went, boildly pushed open the door of the sanctum and entered. Surprised, lugally looked up and beheld a tall, by any corresponding the considered the constant of the wealth of slush on the walks had dimmed their brilliancy. He was approaching the constant of the constant o proaching a crossing. Just ahead of him a young woman was wheeling a baby carriage in the same direction. The gutter was more than ankle deep with ice cold water. The young woman hesitated. To the rescue came the young

> "Can's I assist you!" he asked, "Thank you, very much," was the reply, pereciative in its tone that the young man holddy across. Then he picked up the carriage and arried it over.

"There," he said, as he set it down, "I guess ruess I haven't wakened it." He said "it" beuse he didn't know whether there was a girl or a boy under the shawl. "Oh, it isn't a baby," volunteered the young an easy way to get the graceries home, ye

know,- Detroit Free Press. SOME BRIGHT IDEAS.

From the Saturday Evening Post. Women are the real scientific experts; they sreak men's hearts without hurting them. The author of many editions shows a disposi ion to let fame take all the time it wants as

The heroes of the Philippines are those who are sent there first. There seems to be nothing but hard, dismal work left for the others. Mr. Lewis Nixon, who succeeded Croker as the head of Tammany Hall, declares that the corner stone of the building shall be honesty. If it is to be as big as the old corneratore they will have to creet a new building.

The good newspaper has circulation: the good preacher has crowded congregation; the good distor has many patients; the good worker has big wages; and the complaints about the lack of success are almost always due to the lack of ome necessary quality, to some fatal inclination

r to downright luziness.
There is often unexpected humor found in the industrial news of the world. A consular report from England states that recently there was a trike of teamsters in an English fown because their employer refused to discharge a driver who had made a journey to a neighboring town in three hours' less time than they themselves had been accustomed to take.

IT FILLS THE BILL.

There are numerous directories before the pub this wire said nothing, but an amused smile them is more compact or handy for reference than the "Blue Book," issued by the J. Walter "By the way," he continued Thompson Ce., Times building, New York. I contains in small space really all that the aver

Always Busy

should fit the foot-or you large or small. don't want it. There is styleeffect of smartness in our shoes which appeals to good dressers-but more important-every pair of our gentlemen's \$5 shoes are at this time \$4, which is important to the economist.

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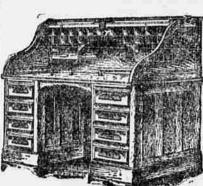
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