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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

Controller—EVAN R. MORRIS.

Election February 18.

Judicial Salaries.

THE PAY of the Federal judiciary is abundantly out of proportion to the income of men of equal ability in active practice of the law.

It is proper to consider that when a man is named for a judicial office the people expect him to abandon all avocations of a profit-winning character.

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trimes a fierce battle waged, but finally a basis of harmony was evolved. A protocol was signed declaring that the principles declared at the international peace conference recently held upon invitation of the czar of Russia at The Hague shall be considered as American public law; and the United States and Mexico were authorized to jointly negotiate with the signatory powers of The Hague convention for the admission into it of the other nations of the American hemisphere when they shall ask to be admitted.

Supplementing this protocol, an article was adopted requesting the president to convene a plan for such a general convention as would apparently meet the wishes of all the republics. If possible he is to arrange for a series of protocols to carry the plan into execution, or if this should be found impracticable, to present the correspondence with a report to the next conference. As a bait to the nations which insisted upon compulsory arbitration, the conference received and filed treaties accepting the compulsory feature drawn and signed by them.

The United States delegation, Mr. Pepper says, kept itself well in the background so far as controversy went, and contented itself with exercising moral influence. Thus it allayed any possible feeling of jealousy which might have existed and calmed the delusion that this country is animated with a desire to play the boss over the other republics.

The future, of course, must determine how much good will come out of these efforts to bring about a better understanding among the frequently jealous American republics. It is naturally a problem the solution of which takes time. That the drift is in the direction of harmony is encouraging; and statesmanship can only wait, work and hope.

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down the North American. This is truly awful.

Mr. Carmack's statement in the senate regarding the perpetual lynching of 10,000,000 Filipinos appears to be another instance of great slaughter with the jaw-bone of an ass.

Partisans of Admiral Schley say they will abide the president's verdict. They said the same of the court of inquiry. They will on one condition. It must be what they want.

In the matter of obeying the constitutional mandate with respect to restrictions of the suffrage, congress should recollect that while caution is good, courage is better.

Contemplation of the Philippines (anti) question reminds us that the oratorical bolt throwers of the senate are in good condition.

In these days of copious newspaper illustration it is often difficult to distinguish between the society belle and the cloak model.

Wu Ting-fang will doubtless be duly grieved to learn that he has forfeited the approbation of President Sun Gomers.

According to accounts, Governor Taft has found it easier to pacify the Filipinos than the military.

The fee farmer makes no complaint to the effect that it is not growing weather.

CUBA, A PARTNERSHIP.

THESE days of anxiety to do the best we can for Cuba in her hour of extremity, the recognition of our moral obligation will not be out of place, but timely. Our contract with Cuba and the world, was not from the Spanish yoke, and to give her independence. It is not in keeping with American ideals, intentions and purposes, to put her under a yoke of servitude.

Cuba does not ask us that full measure of trade liberty which would be hers, were she a member of the American family, as are the Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii. All she asks is that our markets be partially opened to her products—mainly sugar and tobacco.

But, some one will say, Cuba, until she is able to walk alone, according to the report here, she is unable to support herself. She is a helpless child, and we must "go partners" with Cuba, until she is able to walk alone.

It is not a charitable donation we are asked for, but a limited partnership. By lowering our duties for a stated term of years, we enter the Cuban firm as a limited partner, without any chance of losing our money by bad debts, for the reason that we ourselves can and will buy all her products for a good many more years, than she will be able to produce them.

For the Tribune.

The Waterbury fire shows why insurance rates are increasing in this country. There is too much sham and too little genuine fire-proof construction.

At Helena, Mont., if present plans do not miscarry, Ella Murray, a Missouri lady, 8 feet 1 inch tall, weight exceeding 400 pounds, will soon wed Edward Beupre, whose height is 8 feet exactly and weight 367 pounds.

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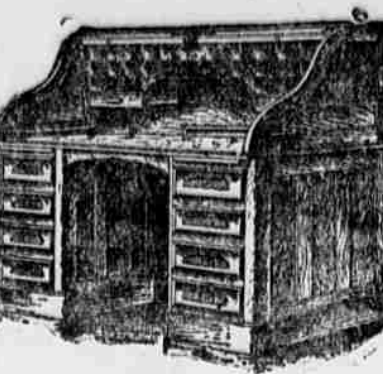
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According to a new executive order, government employes must not lobby for increases of pay. Lobbying is to remain a monopoly of corporations in search of pelf.

In the selection of the new internal revenue collector for Philadelphia the president has accepted the choice of the Pennsylvania senators and turned

Office Desks and Office Furniture



New and Complete Assortment

Being the LARGEST FURNITURE DEALERS IN SCRANTON We carry the greatest assortment of up-to-date Office Furniture.

Hill & Connell

121 Washington Avenue.

Always Busy

A shoe that fits the eye should fit the foot—or you don't want it. There is style—effect 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.

Lewis & Reilly

114-116 Wyoming Ave.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON.

Capital, \$200,000 Surplus, \$550,000

Pays 3% interest on savings accounts whether large or small.

Open Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30.

FINLEY'S

Clean-up Sale of Blankets and Comfortables

There are not a great many of any one grade. Yet in the whole lot we have a fairly good assortment. We take a big cut in prices to close out the entire lot this week.

Blankets

Our Blankets at regular prices are the best values on the market. All are marked down, and are here at these figures, 95c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.88, \$6.50.

We call special attention to the \$4.88 and \$6.50 Blankets being extra size, all wool and shrunken.

Silk Covered Down Quilts

\$12.50 quality, marked to \$9.75.

Comfortables

Are marked down low to sell them quick. Price, 95c to \$3.00.

A Second-Class City with a First-Class Stock of

Cut Glass, Sterling Silverware Clocks, Etc.

Suitable for Wedding Gifts.

Mercedez & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

Are You a Lover of the Beautiful?

Do you wish to have pretty things? We will be pleased to show you Solitaire Diamond Rings, Diamond and Emerald Rings, Diamond and Ruby Rings, Diamond and Opal Rings, Diamond and Sapphire Rings, Diamond and Turquoise Rings. We will mount any desired combination to order.

E. Schimpff, E. Schimpff,

317 Lackawanna ave.

A Difference

There is as much difference in Diamonds as there is in human faces, and not infrequently as much hidden deception. When you wish to buy a diamond come to us. You can rely upon our judgment and representation.

E. Schimpff, E. Schimpff,

317 Lackawanna ave.

HALF COST SALE At Crane's

To Clean House Will Sell as Follows:

- 20 Raglans and Newmarkets at \$6.90, All Wool
25 Raglans and Newmarkets at 9.90, All Wool
15 Raglans and Newmarkets at 14.90, All Wool
15 3-4 Jackets at 8.90, All Wool
25 3-4 Jackets at 11.90, All Wool
20 3-4 Jackets at 13.50, All Wool

100 27-Inch Jackets from \$5.00 to \$13.00 that were \$10.00 to \$30.00. Alterations free of charge.

324 Lackawanna Avenue Take Elevator.

SCRANTON'S BUSINESS HOUSES.

THESE ENTERPRISING DEALERS CAN SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS OF EVERY CHARACTER PROMPTLY AND SATISFACTORILY.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR. Storm wash and doors, store fronts, office and store furniture, in hard or soft wood, and jobbing. 208 N. Wash. ave. L. SOMMAR.

FOR SALE BUGGIES and WAGONS of all kinds; also House and Building Lots at bargains. HORSES CLIPPED and GROOMED at M. T. KELLER Lackawanna Carriage Works.

J. B. WOOLSEY & Co CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS. Dealers in PLATE GLASS AND LUMBER OF ALL KINDS.

SECURITY BUILDING & SAVINGS UNION Home office, 208-209 Mears Building, transacts a general building and loan business throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

E. JOSEPH KUETTEL, near 511 Lackawanna avenue, manufacturer of Wire Screens of all kinds; fully prepared for the spring season. We make all kinds of porch screens, etc.

HANLEY'S BAKERY.

420 SPRUCE ST. Successor to HUNTINGTON

We make a specialty of fine bread stuffs. Orders for Salads, Oysters, Croquettes, etc. promptly filled.

A full line of Ice Cream and Ices. PETER STIPP, General Contractor, Builder and Dealer in Building Stone, Cementing of cellars a specialty. Telephone 3322. Office, 527 Washington avenue.

THE SCRANTON VITRIFIED BRICK AND TILE MANUFACTURING COMPANY Makers of Paving Brick, etc. M. H. Dale, General Sales Agent, Office 529 Washington ave. Works at Bay Ave. Pa., E. & W. V. U. It

Your Last Opportunity...

To take advantage of Our Great Removal Sale is this week, and perhaps not all the week either, as we shall try and get into our new store before Saturday, if possible, so come today or tomorrow and secure some of these bargains:

Carpet Department

This department offers the best inducements in the store. The present prices will only last until we move to the new store. Kalga Rugs, 9x12 set, assorted dark colors, suitable for office or dining room. Regular price \$10. Sale price..... \$12.00

Unusual Reduction in Wall Papers

Gilt and Embossed Papers, worth from 10c to 75c a roll, reduced to 5c and 25c

Curtain Bargains Bobbinet Ruffle, lace edge and insertion, per pair..... \$1.50 Swiss Curtains, plain, unusual values at..... 65c

Watch for the Opening of Our New White Front Store.

Williams & McAnulty, 126 Washington Avenue.

A Bargain Harvest for Shoe Buyers

We are in the midst of old-time Sacrifice Sales of Winter Footwear. The shoes we shall offer during this sale are not old or shoddy; among them will be the well known makes of Johnson & Murphy and The Stetson. Don't let this opportunity slip away. Here are some of the values:

- Lot 1—J. & M. and the Stetson. Men's Patent Leather, Patent Ideal Kid, Enamel and Box Calf, regular \$5 and \$6 values, all sizes, for. \$4 and \$4.50
Lot 2—Men's Enameled and Box Calf, winter weight, regular \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 value, for..... \$2.50 and \$3
Lot 3—Ladies' Box Calf, lace, winter weight, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values for..... \$1.75
Lot 4—Misses' and Children's Lace and Button, regular 75c and \$1.00 value, for..... 50c

It will be cheaper to buy now than it will be to wait.

LEWIS, RUDDY, DAVIES & MURPHY, 330 Lackawanna Avenue.

Spring Style Hats

Now Ready

Headquarters for Incandescent Gas Mantles, Portable Lamps.

THE NEW DISCOVERY Kern Incandescent Gas Lamp.

Gunster & Forsyth 253-327 Penn Avenue.