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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

Centroller-EVAN R. MORRIS.

Election February 18,

To make sure of it tomorrow, vote

Contrasts.

PON James Jennings, who brutally attacked Harry Mc-Laughlin, of Dunmore, for daring to ride to a Pine Brook dance in a street car last Christmas eve, and who, if the jury's verdict is to be believed, also committed perjury on the witness stand, a fine of \$25 and costs is imposed.

Upon Cassimire Chikiewicz, a young Polish woman of Priceburg, who had the bad luck to be provoked by her sister into a squabble in which she struck an unlawful but not an unnatural blow, a fine of \$50 and costs is imposed, in spite of the jury's urgent recommendation of mercy.

In the case of Jennings there were no extenuating circumstances whatever. His was an act of wanton lawlessness which would have shamed a Hottentot. In the case of the Polish woman, It is doubtful if guilt was more than nominal. She, at all events, had provoca-

Judge Edwards, who prenounced the first sentence, inclined toward mercy. Judge Weand, of Montgomery county, who pronounced the other, inclined away from mercy. If there is to be inclination either way, that toward mercy

This is the first time Evan Morris has fun for office. Give him a show.

Creeping Along.

T IS announced in correspondence from Washington that the written pledges for attendance at tonight's caucus of a majority of the Republican members of the house save been secured by Judge Crumpacker and those who are with him in the effort to investigate the abridge ment of suffrage with a view to the reapportionment of representation.

to clothe a special committee of eleven

The idea that if left alone the disfranchising movement in the south will to the men disfranchised and give a sions otherwise liable to flare up into ton he will be entitled to congratulain this country until it is settled right; licans who are in favor of temporizthey know to be a measure of simple be solved.

If to do were as easy as to talk, Democratic statesmanship would undoubtedly be the finest in the world.

His Usefulness Gone.

HE POSITION of Lord Pauncefote, the British minister to this country, is not at present an enviable one. The revelations which have been forced by the German government as to his attitude toward the United States in the spring of 1898, during the unsuccessful attempts of the friends of Spain to avert our intervention in Cuba, put him Di an embarrassing if not intoler-

It has been much paraded in the English and American press and believed that of all the foreign representatives stationed at Washington before our recent war Lord Pauncefote was especially and peculiarly our friend. Time and again we have been told how it was his friendship for the American people which caused him to notify President McKinley, in advance, of the intended visit of the representatives of the six great powers of Europe who, on April 7, presented a collective note expressing the hope that hostilities might be averted. It has been said so many fimes without denial that it had come to be believed that but for the ter our government would have been so contented with them at home.

caught unawares and possibly embarrassed. His kindness, so the general belief has run, saved us from annoyance and enabled President McKinley very neatly to turn the tables on the august ambassadors of the restless sov-

ereigns. The revelations of the past few days have brushed away this pleasing concelt and established very plainly that Sir Julian Pauncefote has been receiving at the hands of the American people more consideration than his conduct at that time deserved. It is now shown and admitted by the British foreign office that Sir Julian, not satisfied with the reply made by President McKinley to the ambassadors when they called on him for the purpose of intimating that he had better go slow, ook the lead in an attempt to draw up a second note, more pointed than the first, virtually warning us that a hand laid on Spain would be laid at the peril of a hostile coalition of European powers. Nor is it possible longer to excuse his conduct in this matter on the assymption that he acted merely in his conventional capacity as dean of the

London Times, writes to his paper, confessedly on authority, that Sir Julian believed we had no ground for war, that the judgment of civilization would not endorse a war and that the United States ought to forego the thought of war. In other words, this kind and gracious friend proposed to do our thinking and our acting for us. He regarded us incapable of self-government.

further continuance in this country can work to any good end. There are some things which Americans may overlook and yet not forgive; and as we read the story of his singular conduct four the story of his singular conduct for the story of his singular conduct f years ago it must be counted among

Central city Republicans should

in the Right Direction. N ADO has been caused among organizers of speculative Jersey corporations by the intro duction at Trenton recently of an amendment to the corporation act providing for greater publicity of corporation affairs. The measure is worthy

It provides that "every corporation organized under this act, and the directors and managers thereof, shall cause to be kept proper books of account in which shall be kept full, true and complete accounts of the affairs and transactions of the company; and shall once at least in each year, and at intervals of not more than twelve months, cause the accounts of the company to be balanced and a shareholders' balance sheet to be prepared; and shall cause a copy picturesque, an examination of the pages of the of such shareholders' balance sheet to publication above mentioned, the Statistical Abof such shareholders' balance sheet to be laid before the stockholders at the annual meeting, and a copy to be decompany for the inspection of the stockholders in person during a period of at least seven days before the meeting." The shareholders' balance sheet An acceptable basis of action has must contain (1) the amount of the been found, it is said, in a proposition capital issued and the amount paid up thereon, distinguishing the amount paid members with power to subpoena and up in money from the amount paid up examine witnesses under oath and to otherwise than in money; (2) the send for records and other evidence amount of debts due by the company, so that it may finally report what, if distinguishing the amount of mortany, proportion the number of male gages and lien charges upon the gencitizens 21 years of age, in any state, eral assets of the company; (3) the to whom said state denies or abridges actual amount of surplus, if any, and the right to vote, bears to the total the nature and mode in which it is innumber of male inhabitants of that vested; and (4) the amount by which state of voting age. Once there is a the gross value of the assets of the definite report on this subject before company has been increased since the congress, it will be difficult if not im- last balance sheet in consequence of possible to further ignore the constitu- any increase in the valuations of real tional mandate concerning representa- or personal property belonging to the company.

What gives significance to this amendment, apart from its obvious run its course without ultimate harm justice, is that it is introduced into the Jersey legislature by the assemblyman peaceful vent to prejudices and pas- who last year came to be known as on especially friendly terms with the Unitviolence has many supporters at Wash- ed States Steel corporation. Indeed, it ington, and if Judge Crumpacker shall is freely said in New York financial even get so much as a fair investiga- circles that that great corporation is behind the amendment, and that its tion. Nevertheless nothing is settled purpose is to exclude from the benefits of incorporation as far as possible enand on that principle those Repub- terprises of a doubtful character, in order that the reproach now resting ing with the constitution and with what upon corporation methods in the minds of many people, who do not discriminjustice might just as well face the ate between the numerous corporations question one time as another. It is one which are honestly managed and the of these problems which have got to comparatively few which are manipulated by sharpers, may be lifted. What gives color to this theory is the fact that the form of bookkeeping recommended in the amendment is precisely the form already employed by the United States Steel corporation in advance of any requirement of law,

Any step in the direction of increased security for the small investor in industrial securities, or, we might better say, in the direction of common honesty and fair dealing, deserves cordial welcome. If the United States Steel corporation is bent on making Jersey corporations respectable it is entitled to civilization's help.

Andrew Carnegie is a better philanthropist than statesman. He says this country doesn't need a navy. It needs one as much as New York city needs firemen and policemen. If they were lacking, would Andrew live there?

Secretary Root's bill providing for a general staff, stipulates that General Miles, while in active service, shall be at the staff's head. Thus is another cruel war averted.

One of the new York critics complains of Paderewski's opera that it is not like Wagner's. Maybe that is why it will be popular.

In view of Senator Hoar's willingness to believe ill of his countrymen in the British minister's attitude in this mat- Philippines, it is a wonder he can be

AMERICANIZING MEXICO BY WALTER J. BALLARD

facts from the valuable annual report of Consul General Barlow, of Mexico City.

being improved.

The city is one of the best electric lighted in United States. A good American hotel is the world. Over fifty miles of electric street great want. railroad have been built and opened in two ears, and fifty miles more will be built this year. All the material and apparatus came from the United States, except the boilers in the power house. American made automobiles and horse carriages are numerous. Modern business blocks, conventional capacity as dean of the Washington diplomatic corps, for so good an authority as George W. Smalley, Washington correspondent of the London Times, writes to his paper.

mean temperature has been 59-79 degrees r. favor.

Though warm some days, it is always cool at favor.

Mexico's weakness is her silver currency, no mexico's weakness is her silver currency.

problem" prevails, as Mexican servants are almost worthless. Real estate is very high—cost showing itself in other railroads, steam and elecof building much higher than our own, both for material and for labor, judging by the work for which the Mexican government is giving condone. An American bricklayer will lay 3,600 cessions with land grant attachments. A pershow by their votes tomorrow that the Dricks a day, to a Mexican's 200. One American mannet exposition of American products, in the Democratic theory that they are shirkare is all wrong.

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We write the day of the show that they are shirkare is all wrong. American clothing has been very marked of re-cent years. Well-to-do Mexicans are discarding the native dress. Wages are about the sang, in gold, as in the United States, while the comforts The City of Mexico is to be for the republic of

NASMUCH as the prosperity of our sister republic, Mexico, makes her a more desirable neighbor, it is of interest to note a few facts from the valuable annual report of commercially as well as politically. American control the trade in machinery and machiners Consul General Barlow, of Mexico City.

Since the advent of peace and prosperity supplies, Germans control the hardware trade, a good one, but the Americans are making great invoids into it. The German hardware stores of the present century, one of the wealthiest, and most beautiful cities of the American goods. The dry goods trade did belong to the English, but the Cars. Bread asphalted avenues, paved largely by American companies, and beautiful macadam drives, rolled by American steam street rollers, and make of stone created by American guarding wines and American fruits are increasing. and made of stone crushed by American machinery, a great canal to carry off the sewage and most of the resident Americans are employed on tainfalls, have been finished in a year. A sewerage system for the entire city will be completed this year. Parks and plazas (public squares) are American furniture stores do a large business Failures in business are far rarer than in th While from the Mexican standpoint last year's

American point of view, it was eminently satisfactory. Imports from the United States show a large increase, while those from every other nces are rapidly being introduced into Mexican \$173,000. Our sales were 54.3 of the whole ourses.

In the past year, \$10,000,000, Mexican, was apart of the past year, \$10,000,000, Mexican, was apart of the \$58,000,000. American money propriated by the federal and municipal govern-ments for city improvements. A national thea-er, a new palace of justice, and fine buildings | Cortez. These purchases of ours include large for the geological department, are being con-structed. The climate of the city of Mexico is probably the pleasaftest and healthiest of any city in the world. For twenty-five years the mean temperature has been 50-70 degrees F.

rhe facts here stated are nowhere denied. Lord Pauncefote's silence with reference to them, especially after the British foreign office has had to go to public pains to disavow what he did and to say that he intermeddled on his own intitative can have no other. In the compactive the compactive form of the city is 400,000, and the city is 400,000, and the city is far more compactly built and densely populated than any city in the United States. Of the foreign colonies, the Spanish is the largest—about 10,000. Next follows the American, 4,000; French, 3,000; Eng. 10,000, and Italian, 400. The many fell off \$15,571. France sold \$193,000 less and bought \$1,900,000 less. Spain sold \$12,000 and builts and densely populated than any city in the United States. Of the foreign colonies, the Spanish is the largest—about 10,000. Next follows the American, 4,000; French, 3,000; Eng. 10,000 and Italian, 400. The many fell off \$15,571. France sold \$193,000 less and bought \$1,900,000 less. Spain sold \$12,000 and builts and densely populated than any city in the United States. Of the foreign colonies, the Spanish is the largest—about 10,000. Next follows the American, 4,000; French, 3,000; Eng. 10,000 and Italian, 400. The total number of Americans in the republic is and bought \$1,900,000 less. Spain sold \$12,000 and the city is far more compactly built and densely populated than any city in the United States. Of the foreign colonies, the Spanish twice "escaped the snare of the fowler," Mr. J. Bryan). Imports from Germany increased the snare of the fowler, "Mr. J. Bryan). The states are all the city is far more compactly built and densely populated than any city in the United States. Of the foreign colonies, the Spanish twice "escaped the snare of the fowler," Mr. J. Bryan). Imports from Germany increased the snare of the fowler, "Mr. J. Bryan). The states are constant to the city is far more compactly built and densely populated than any city in the United States. Of the foreign colonies, the Spanish twice "escaped the snare o own initiative, can have no other interpretation than that there is nothing
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Processor and literature in the representation to the republic. The influence of American customs is
being more than that in cotton textiles, namely
\$2,100,000 to \$1,200,000, a loss of \$200,000. The property and life are as safe as in the United rise in native cotton and linen manufacturing in

tric, some of which are in operation, and others

the United States, commercially. Politically, she is one with us for free institutions, stable gov ernment, and the enforcement of the American (Monroe) doctrine of "No outsiders need apply," for territory on the American continent

FIGURES THAT HAVE AMPLE SIGNIFICANCE

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, Teb. 16. PICTURE on every page" is the term by which an enthusiastic student of statistics describes the "Statistical Abstract of the United States," by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics White solid columns of figures are not perhaps looked upon by the average citizen as especially ract, presents some interesting, if not absolutely picturesque facts. It is interesting, for ince, to observe by one of its earliest pages posited at the registered office of the that the gross area of the United States, exclusive of Alaska and Hawaii, has grown from 827,844 square miles in 1800 to 3,025,600 in 1000; and the population meantime from 5,308,483 in 1800 to 75,603,724 in 1900.

Another page shows that Virginia ranked first in population in 1800 and in 1900 ranked seven-treete: that Pennsylvania has sturdily held her we, having ranked second in population in 1890 and the same in 1999; New York, which ranked third in 1890, stands first in the list in 1999; North Carolina, which stood fourth in rank in 1800 was fitteenth in 1900. Kentucky has moved ownward from eighth in rank in 1800 to twentyminth in 1900; Delaware, from seventeenth to ferry-sixth; while Indiana moved upward from wenty-first in rank in 1800 to eighth in 1900; und Ohio from eighteenth place in 1800 to fourth

standing debt stood at 2 per cent., and even decreasing,

those bonds were selling at a premium in th Another interesting picture is found on the page which shows the condition of the savings banks of the United States in 1901. Deposits in savings banks in 1820 were \$1,138,570, and the number of depositors, \$,635; in 1991 the amount of deposits was \$2,449,547,885, and the number of depositors 6,107,083; the average sum due each depositor in 1820 was \$131.86; in 1901, it was \$401.10.

Another interesting picture is found in the

atement showing York clearing house from 1854 to 1901. In 1854 the number of banks was 50, the capital \$47,000. 000, and the clearings \$5,750,455,987; in 1901, the number of banks had only increased to 62, their capital to \$82,000,000, while the clearings had creased to \$77,020,672,494, the number of banks having thus increased about 25 per cent., the capital about 75 per cent., while the clearing in 1901 were thirteen times as much as in 1854. Still another interesting picture is that which shows in a single table the story of the for-eign commerce of the United States from 1890 to 1900. In 1800 the imports were \$91,000,000 and the exports \$71,000,000, imports exceeding exports by \$20,000,000, or nearly 30 per cent. in 1901 imports were \$823,000,000 and exports \$1,457,000,000, the excess of exports being \$664, 000,000, or 80 per cent, greater than the imports. Imports in 1901 were nine times as great as in 1800, and exports were twenty-one times as great

Another page which presents an interesting picture is that devoted to the analysis of the picture is that devoted to the analysis of the picture is that devoted to the analysis of the relative growth of each. Articles of food in 1886 relative growth of each. Articles of food in 1891, 1845 was \$78.25 per capita, was in 1991 \$33.45 per capita, and that the interest charge, which in 1865 was \$4.20 per capita, was in 1991 35 cents per capita; the lowest rate of interest in condition for the use of manufacturers formed outstanding bonds in 1865 was 4 per cent, and 23 per cent. of the imports in 1886, and 33.5 of those there were but \$90,000,000, ngainst per cent. in 1001, showing that manufacturers \$245,000,000 in 5 per cent, bonds; \$1,213,000,000 at 6 per cent, and \$671,000,000 at 7.3 per cent.; while in 1001 practically one-half of the outmost other classes the percentage of imports is

OUTLINE STUDIES OF HUMAN NATURE

Margaret spent one sumer abroad, visiting any European cities, and going with her father nd mother to see things which made the Old World famous. What most impressed her were is tombs of the celebrated people; kings and seens, princes and princesses, lords and ladies, differs and priests—and the strange thing about hese dead and buried heroes and heroines was not alimint every one of them had met a violent Margaret was afraid to ask how they died, or fear of hearing that it was a case of polsong or stabbling or hanging, or a sword thrust, a pistol shot, or drowning, or being burned at the stake. In Paris, of course, most of the dead people had been beheaded, and Margaret's little ly, taxen locks would rise in horror at the One day she was taken to visit Napoleon's

mb, and the great soldier's last resting place nged her in deep and serious thought. Was he a nice man, papay" she asked, com-r out of a brown study. 'Yes-that is-well-on the whole, he wasn't

And he did lots-didn't he ?** "Of course-he led armics-and was made cor sul of France, and finally emperor, but Waterlog finished him, and then

'Afterward-but first they sent him to St. "What I mean was, Did he die plain, papa? Oh, just tell me that he died plain!" cried Margaret, clasping her hands.

"Did he die?"

"Perfectly 'plain." I'm happy to say," returned papa, amid a general laugh.-New York Tribune.

How Chamberlain Met Miss Endicott.

When Joseph Chamberlain came over to the United States one of the objects of his visit was to find out what kind of a girl Miss Mary Endicott (his present wife) was. His son, Austin Chamberlain, had met ber in Europe, fell very much in love with her, and asked his father's consent to address her. The old gentlemen was somewhat chary of American wives for English

Before giving his consent he concluded to meet Before giving his consent he concluded to meet the lady in person and investigate herself and family. A night or two after his arrival in this country there was a ball at the British Emhany.

Mr. Endicott, then Mr. Cleveland's accretary of war, and his daughter were among the guests.

Mr. Chamberlain particularly noticed a stately Journal.

What She Was Most Curious About, | and beautiful girl whose unaffected dignity greatly pleased hin To his surprise and gratification be was in-troduced to Miss Endicott, During the entire evening he paid her assiduous accession. ... next day he called at her father's residence. He soon became satisfied as to the social status of the Endicotts. He finally succumbed to the charm of the fair girl, and instead of sanctioning Austin's suit addressed her himself and presented a handsome young stepmether instead of a pronpective flances to the waiting young lover. Aus-tin Chamberlain accepted the inevitable, and is said to be respectfully devoted to his stepmecher

Wanted Just Such a Memorial,

One pleasant day last fall so the story goes One picasans day hat fall so the story goes, President Hadley of Yale was strolling through the beautiful campus of Dartmouth college with his wife on his arm. They were admiring the beautiful buildings which dot the campus, several of them having been erected by wealthy alumni. Presently they came to an especially noble hall, will of these and occurring a commanding tip. built of stone and occupying a commanding site.

Over the main entrance was a marble tablet, which announced that the hall had been erected by John C. Blank, as a Memorial to His Releval Wife." President Hadley stood and looked at the noble pile for a moment. Then he heaved a sigh that

was almost envious "Ah," he said, "that is what I should like to do for my college." And to this day, the boys declare, President Hadley cannot understand why his wife should have looked so horrifest.

She Didn't Give It Up.

"Robson, do you know why you are like a do "Like a donkey?" echoed Robson, opening hi "Because your better half is stubbornness

The jest pleased Robson immensely, for he once saw the opportunity of a glorious his wife. So when he got home he said: "Mrs. Robson, do you know why I am like a

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