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TWELVE PAGES.

We guess that the jury which the Times calls "inexperienced" for coming in when it had reached a verdict was less inexperienced than honest. Its precedent is one to perpetuate.

Choosing the Wrong Way.

UNDER the new charter the recorder has many duties and responsibilities, but we are aware of no clause in this instrument which makes him the custodian of the morals of councilmen. The resolution of common council, requesting the recorder to investigate current rumors of bribery in councils and to "take such action as the result of his investigation shall warrant" is admirable in purpose but, as we view it, unwise in method.

The fact that charges, or rather, intimations of the corrupt use of money in connection with the passage of the recent gas ordinance through councils have been printed and gossiped about is ample warrant for a thorough investigation; on that point there can be no disagreement.

If any citizen has knowledge of the unlawful use of money in connection with the promotion of the late gas ordinance the place for him to take it is before a committing magistrate with a view to its eventual submission to a grand jury.

Editor Watterson perhaps thinks it would be better if the president should exchange the broncho for an up-to-date auto and become an auto-buster.

Are the Cubans Grateful?

RIGHTLY or wrongly, the belief obtains among many that the Cubans as a people, are of course with honorable exceptions, are at heart ungrateful for what the United States has done for them.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. A child born on this day will note that the undertaker has a business-like air when he contemplates an overcast man on the streets.

The island. I have unmistakable evidence of the good feelings of the Cubans toward us in my daily contact with them in Havana, and when I go to other parts of the island, wherever I go I meet with kindness, courtesy and evidence of generous appreciation for the work we have done and are doing.

If we consider the wide temperature difference between the Cubans and the Americans, and make due allowance for the radically dissimilar antecedents of both peoples, may it not be possible to account for the seeming ingratitude of the former without impugning their character? It is not likely that the proportion of good to bad in Cuba is pretty much like the proportion existing in the United States, judging each race by its own standards? This seems to us a judicious and also an expedient view.

PAY OF THE PIONEER AMERICAN AUTHORS.

Frederick Stanford, in the New York Times Saturday Review of Books.

TO LOOK backward to the very beginning of pecuniary reward for the American author worth considering, the success in that respect gained by Washington Irving will naturally be suggested first.

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It is only fair to President Vreeland to say that while he modestly keeps in the background his part in bringing this association into existence, it was to his initiative and not to that of any labor agitator that the association is indebted for its existence.

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