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The farewell address of Hon. Galusha A. Grow, delivered in the house of representatives, on Wednesday last, which appears in full in another column of the Tribune today, will no doubt be read with interest...

A Department of Commerce.

IN A COUNTRY in which constitutional government prevails it is perhaps no less an evil in its way to have too many departments...

In England the executive is not merely directly responsible to parliament, but the cabinet forms a committee of parliament itself.

In advocating the creation of a department of commerce President Roosevelt is echoing the sentiment of the commercial, industrial and financial interests of the country.

An objection that has been raised to the extension of cabinet offices is that they tend to undermine state rights...

is, we hope, capable of looking forward to a time when we can conceive it to be otherwise. Federal integration, state individuality, is the keel of the constitution.

Major Duvall's remarks concerning the Pennsylvania National Guard should produce improvement in the way of chest expansion if nothing else.

Progress in the Philippines.

THE REVIEW of Philippine affairs contained in the recent annual report of Secretary Root was not complete for the reason that a detailed statement from the Philippine commission was in the mails when the report was written.

During the year the trade of the Philippines has been greatly hampered by the ravages of rinderpest, causing a mortality in some provinces of over 99 per cent.

The total importations received from date of American occupation to and including June 30, 1902, amounted to \$96,125,694, or, reckoning complete yearly periods covered by the last three fiscal years, an average annual import trade of more than twenty-seven and a half million is shown to have been maintained.

Immigrants to the number of 30,994 arrived in the Philippine Islands during the fiscal year 1902 as against 17,108 in 1901.

Secretary Root makes an eloquent appeal to congress to extend to the Philippines the same degree of temporary relief in way of tariff reduction that was granted by the last congress to Porto Rico.

The people of a country just emerging from nearly six years of devastating warfare, during which productive industry was interrupted, vast amounts of property were destroyed, the bonds of social order were broken, habits of peaceful industry were lost, and at the close of which a great residuum of disorderly men were left leading a life of brigandage and robbery, had a sufficiently difficult task before them to restore order and prosperity.

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and this has borne heavily on the commercial interests and on the wage earners. The Insular government has in ten months lost over \$1,000,000 gold by the decline in silver because it was operating on a silver basis.

There is in the report a considerable discussion of the problem of governing the Mohammedan Moros with whom our relations are just now somewhat strained, but it deserves attention by itself.

Frequent reports from the land of the rising sun to the effect that the Mad Mullah has been assassinated indicate that unless one of the Moie St. Nicholas correspondents has charge of the Mullah news, the existence of the dusky prophet must be truly false.

Already there is friction between the German and British naval commanders over the question as to who shall have the first play, with the Venezuelan ping-pong ball.

With nearly half of last year's harvest still on hand, dealers in congealed water are not becoming unduly excited over the prospects for a large ice crop.

President Castro, of Venezuela, proposes to run the government until the arrival of the British and German fleets.

It is to be hoped that Dewey will not spoil the news features of the Venezuelan war by cutting the wire.

The magnates of the different baseball trusts may yet drink from the same canteen.

Governor Yates evidently did not know that the cattle controversy was loaded.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Origin of a Slang Phrase. The origin of slang has always been a puzzle to philologists, but once in a while a current phrase can be traced to its source.

There is a vagrant law in New York, under which a person having no visible means of support may be placed in durance. It has also been decided in that state that a person having so small a sum as thirty cents in his possession has 'visible means of support.'

When their cases were called, the lawyer got them off on the plea that they were not vicarious, each having the legal amount of funds in his possession. Just as the decision was rendered in favor of his clients, a messenger entered the court room and notified the lawyer's presence at the Supreme court.

What Temperance Cost Him. E. N. Harrington, the English temperance reformer, who has conceived the idea of a territorial paradise, and who, water, has had one of the most remarkable careers in the history of the temperance movement, was attending a dramatic law suit work of fiction to show Harrington's assembly hall, where the huge canvas advertisement of temperance meetings is being permanently hung out by the close proximity of Harrington's brewery, whence are supplied hundreds of public houses in the neighborhood.

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Mad Mullah's "Miracles." A good story is told in the English papers of how the Somali Mad Mullah worked one of those "miracles" which drew many wanderers to his banner.

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"WHY you deny now that I am under the eye of God?" The Somali fell on their knees, bent the earth with their foreheads, and replied: "That are truly the Elect, the Chosen, the Mullah, the Master. Our souls, our existence, our souls belong to thee. We place ourselves entirely at the disposition of thy will."

Beveridge Silenced. They are telling a story on Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, who has just returned from an inquiry into the claims of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

The Irishman and the Mule. General Phil Sheridan was once asked what little incident during his army experience amused him most.

A Child at Seventy-one. Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, telling how healthy his section of the State is, remarked: "A mountain, aged 92, and his wife, aged 99, were returning from the funeral of their oldest child who had died at the age of 71. They were both deeply grieved, as they were discussing their loss the wife said: 'I always told you, John, that we would never raise that child.'—New York Times.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING. For The Tribune by Walter J. Ballard.

Of the 1,200 locomotives in use on the Japanese railways, 509 are American built. The Shenectady works have sent 153 since 1888, and the Baldwin Locomotive Works 25 in the past ten years.

Uncle Sam still has \$92,955,496 acres of public lands to divide among the members of his numerous family. This is equal to more than 120 acres for each man, woman and child in the country.

Patent applications filed during the last year, and 27,287 patents were granted during the year.

Convincing. Hunter Baltimore Rye. The perfect type of the purest whiskey, claims this: The test is taste, and a taste convinces that it is Pure, Old, Mellow.

H. D. Crane, 324 Lackawanna Avenue, Take Elevator. Closing out entire stock of Silk Waists that were \$5 to \$17 at 98c.

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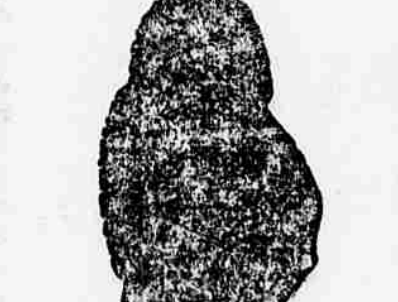
ALWAYS BUSY. Lewis & Reilly Merry Christmas Sale.

Of Good Sense Boots, Shoes, Slippers and Rubbers, on our Main Floors and in the Basement.

125,000 Pairs of the Best Boots, Shoes, Slippers and Rubbers that ever came to this or any other market.

On account of the requests of our thousands of customers whom we have served so well for fourteen years

Our Stores Will Be Open Evenings Until After Christmas.



Lewis & Reilly Wholesale and Retail. 114 and 116 - - Wyoming Ave. Lawyers. The Tribune will guarantee to print your paper book quicker than any other printing house in the city.

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Who Wants \$20.00 For a Christmas Present?



Twenty Christmas Presents \$50.00

To Be Given by The Scranton Tribune to the Children of Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Table listing gift options: One Present \$20.00 in Gold, One Present 10.00 in Gold, One Present 5.00 in Gold, Two Presents 2.50 Each, Five Presents 1.00 Each, Ten Presents .50c Each. Total—Twenty Presents \$50.00.

THE TRIBUNE'S SECOND ANNUAL Junior Educational Contest

A Contest in Word-Building. Who Can Make the Most Words Out of the Letters in T-H-E H-O-M-E P-A-P-E-R.

THIS IS much easier than last year's contest, and twenty of the brightest boys and girls will secure Christmas Gifts in cash for making the largest number of words out of these letters.

Rules of the Contest. Presents will be given to the boys or girls, whose parents or guardians are subscribers to THE TRIBUNE, building the largest number of words out of the letters contained in "The Home Paper."

How to Write Your List. Write on one side of the paper only. Write very plainly; if possible, use a typewriter. Place the words alphabetically. Write your name, age, address and number of words at the top of your list.

DAINTY LITTLE GIFTS THAT ARE INEXPENSIVE. Sterling Silver Novelties. Seem to be the most popular gifts for girl friends this year—and it isn't at all surprising, for girls, as a general rule, are partial to this very sort.

Everything That is Good in Jewelry and Diamonds. Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

NO POISON Has ever been found in the enamel of Agate Nickel-Steel Ware. The BLUE LABEL, Protected by Decision of United States Court, passed on every piece, PROVES IT. It substitutes an enamel, writes us, New Booklet Free. Agate Nickel-Steel Ware is sold by The Scranton Tribune and Scranton, Pa.

A "For Rent" sign on your house will only be seen by the casual passerby. A "For Rent" ad. in THE TRIBUNE will be seen by ALL who may be contemplating a change of residence. Complete line of the genuine G. Manufacturing Company's A Nickel Steel Ware.