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No Alliance With England.

From the Philadelphia North American. There will be no American alliance with England. Sentiment and interest are equally against such a partnership.

No party in the United States, even if so inclined, could afford to become a tender to the British engine. The one power with which we are most likely to have trouble is England.

We are fated to push the British out of North America. They may go peaceably, but then they may not. It is well to keep our hands free.

Sentiment has much to do with international relations, the "practical" man to the contrary. When England was fighting us French soldiers, French ships and French money helped us to freedom.

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Attend to Business or Resign.

The members of Freeland borough council have important work before them, and in justice to the taxpayers they should exert themselves in the borough's interests more in the future than they have in the past.

It seems that certain members absent themselves from the meetings unless they are assured before hand that their pet projects and schemes will be approved by a majority of the body.

How long this babyishness intends to continue cannot be stated here, but it is time now to call a halt.

Two months have elapsed since the ground donated for the borough building was decided to council.

Unavoidable delays in beginning work might be tolerated, but the delays so far have not been unavoidable, and council must not object if a strict enforcement of the conditions of the transfer should be demanded when the above limit expires.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Interest. (By Andrew J. Palm.)

The public should not call Secretary Gage a wobbler because he changed his mind about buying bonds. When he said he would not buy them he had not received his orders from Wall street—orders which the McKinley administration did not dare disobey.

Dewey says that he didn't know the gift of a house had a string tied to it. He ought to know that every gift, bestowed in a proper spirit and so received, is a token that binds the giver and receiver with bonds of admiration, friendship and love.

The accession of ex-Lieutenant Governor Louis A. Watres to the ranks of the independent Republicans is causing considerable uneasiness in the Quay camp.

The republic of Mexico, although friendly to us to the extent of making it the basis of its currency and financial system, is prospering as all other nations are at this time, in business and industry.

The health statistics show that Manchester, under nominal prohibition, The New Hampshire city has no less a number of arrests from drunkenness.

We have no sympathy with polygamy, not a word for the Utah people, on which the Utah brand is alleged to be based, but who is morally as far in advance of many of the members as daylight is ahead of moonshine.

Camp Meade has become a thing of the past, and great is the joy in the community, as well as among the citizens of Harrisburg, Highspire, Steelton and Middletown.

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AMERICAN CITIES.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THEM THAT ARE INTERESTING.

The Oldest Is Albany—But Three Have Populations Running Into Millions. McKeesport, Pa., is the Healthiest. Saloon Statistics.

Acting on instructions from congress the department of labor at Washington issued in its September bulletin statistics relating to all the cities in the United States of a population of 20,000 or more.

The oldest city in the United States is Albany, N. Y., which was incorporated in 1686, Philadelphia dating 15 years later. New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are the only American cities whose population runs into the millions.

The second table in the bulletin deals with saloons, police force, and the number of arrests from drunkenness. Judging from the arrests made, it seems that Davenport, Ia., is the most sober city in the United States.

It casts darkness rather than light upon the question. For example, Springfield, Mass., Manchester, N. H., and Utica, N. Y., have each about 60,000 inhabitants. Utica is under the Raines law, Springfield under the high license system of Massachusetts and Manchester under nominal prohibition.

Not all of the driver's skill is devoted to driving ahead; it takes a good driver to be able to back up in good shape. Not every driver, by any means, can halt and then back up to a curbstone and hit it square and true with both wheels the first clip.

The investigation of these alleged crimes should be prosecuted by every agency of the law, and if they are proved to be true their perpetrators and all those responsible, directly or indirectly, for them should receive, without any mitigation, the punishment an outraged law provides.

Susan B. Anthony, now approaching her eightieth birthday, is preparing to retire from the presidency of the National Suffrage Association, and with characteristic zeal has set herself the task of raising half a million dollars for the use of her successors in the movement.

Windows without guards, especially in nurseries or chambers or playrooms occupied by small children, are sources of terrible accidents. In fact, invitations to fractured skulls and sudden death. All windows to which children have access should be protected by proper fastenings inside and proper iron guards on the outside.

AN EDITOR'S LITERARY CHASE.

How the Author of "In His Steps" Was Finally Run Down.

Three months ago the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal concluded that his readers would doubtless be glad to read a fresh article by the author of "In His Steps," and he wrote to the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon soliciting a contribution. But editors innumerable had sought the now famous Topeka minister, and to Mr. Bok's request he sent the same reply as to his other editors.

Stevenson was still a rather little boy, says Chamberlain's Journal, when in the summer holidays, having been reading a number of "detective" novels of a bad kind, he was passing one Sunday afternoon along a road which led through one of the suburbs of Edinburgh, and saw a deserted house, left furnished, but without apparently a caretaker.

Backlog Up. Not all of the driver's skill is devoted to driving ahead; it takes a good driver to be able to back up in good shape. Not every driver, by any means, can halt and then back up to a curbstone and hit it square and true with both wheels the first clip.

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