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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.

Though Mr. Chamberlain and other of our British friends indulge freely in the language of the heart, it is perfectly understood that England desires us to go into the firm because she needs us in her business. A "friendly understanding" is all right. We cannot have too many friends. Doubtless when British and American interests are common, as in China, there will be community of action, but otherwise the traditional policy of avoiding entangling foreign

alliances will be followed. 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. She is our neighbor on this continent. Every mounted gun on the Canadian border the American islands which England possesses is aimed at us. good sense and good feeling of the two peoples will always dictate that differences be settled by negotiation, but behind differences there is ever the possibility of war.

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. American statesmen are not so shortsighted as to be deceived by the present amicable state of things. England has become our friend only when we have grown to be strong enough not to need her friendship greatly and when she needs ours very much.

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 edom. And when the union was in peril not England but Russia was our friend. These memories do not die, and while we were pleased at England's attitude during our brush with Spain, and are ready to give good will for good will, there is not in this young republic the smallest disposition to link our future with the world-embracing deit is to have a finger in every pie that's baking.

to stand together for what we both may happen at any juncture to want in the way of trade privileges, but England is England and America America. It will take a long time to bring love between

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### CURRENT COMMENT.

tes and Comments, Political and therwise, on Matters of Interest.

(By Andrew J. Palm.) The public should not call Secretary age 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. Asking to have a gift returned by the donor is but little less a breach of that courtesy and good will that prompts the proper giving and receiving of presents than the selling or giving of one to a third party by the one on whom it has been bestowed.

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 most surprising thing, however, is not that he has left the Quay gang, but that he did not desert the property of Quay gang, but that he did not desert long ago, as every intelligent, honest Republican should have done. When the break comes there will be a stampede among the fellows who stick to the machine only because of its power, to get in out of the wet. The only thing that can keep the independents from gaining rapidly and sweeping the present dynasty from power is for Bill Andrews or Governor Stone to profess repentance for their political sins and join the insurgents. Either or both would prove a hoodoo that could not be overcome.

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The republic of Mexico, although friendly to silver 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. Labor is very scarce in that country, owing to the wave of prosperity which has swep to ver the land, and there is talk of importing negro laborers from Jamaica. The Mexican Herald says that "within the next few months there will be great activity in the way of railroad building and the construction of port works. Fully 20,000 laborers will be required, and as most of this work will be done in districts affected with yellow fever the problem becomes more difficult. It is almost impossible to procure men from the north to go down into the hot country."

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the recent election, which clearly defines the issues between the two parties: "My friends, I have a higher ambition than to hold office. I do not care whether I ever hold another office, but I serve notice to my Republican friends that I propose to stay in politics until the lid closes down on my coffin. The Republican party today stands for the right of aggregated wealth to dictate to the remainder of the nation, and the reform forces will not halt until they have secured an income tax, election of senators by the people, the restoration of bimetallism; until they have driven the banks out of the business of governing and given to the government the sole right to issue money; until we have turned back the tide of militarism and driven the trusts out of existence; until we have stamped out those ideas of government imported from Europe and set the nation again firmly on the foundation of the fathers."

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We have no sympathy with polygamy nor apology for the filmsy pretenses on which the Utah brand is alleged to be based, but it would look much like Satan's rebuking sin for congress to throw out a man because he is a polygamist, but who is morally as far in advance of many of the members as daylight is ahead of moonshine. Polygamy under other names smells just as bad, and is even worse when practiced by those who decry against it than when adopted by those who believe it is right and in accord with Holy Writ. If Roberts should stand up in congress and demand that he who is without sin shall cast the first stone, who would be the good brother to "frow de first brick?" If it were in the senate Penrose or Quay might head the procession double file, or if in the Pennsylvania legislature Dory Stulb might volunteer; but who would it be in the lower house of congress? If all the members of congress except those who have been pure in their relations with women were to be ousted the body would look as if it had been struck by smallpox, yellow fever and the bubonic plague in rapid succession.

Attend to Business or Resign.

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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. They remain away, intentionally, and thereby block all public business.

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 within six months from the date of the deed, otherwise the borough forfeits its title to the ground. So far practically nothing has been accomplished in the way of carrying out the agreements made with the K. of L. trustees.

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.

Is the borough to lose this magnificent site and the town lose the advantages of the terms of that agreement, for a few men's selfishness?

## AMERICAN CITIES.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THEM THAT AKE INTERESTING.

he Oldest Is Albany-But Three Have Populations Running Into Millions. Mckeesport, Pa., Is the Healthlest. Saloon Statistics.

Acting on instructions from congress Acting on instructions from congress the department of labor at Washington Issued in its September bulletin statis-tics relating to all the cities in the United States of a population of 20,000 or more. It was found that there were

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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. Some odd contrasts are presented in the tables which give the area covered by the different cities. It appears that Taunton, Mass., occupies a territory greater than that of either Boston or Baltimore. New Orleans, a city of 285,000 inhabitants, covers 125,600 acres, while Newark, N. J., with a population of about the same size, occupies less than 12,000 acres. One expects to find the manufacturing districts of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois closely packed, but it is surprising to notice that Richmond, Va., covers only 6,520 acres, and Louisville, Ky., 12,800 acres, as compared with Duluth, Minn., and Des Moines, Ill., which, with much smaller populations in each case, cover respectively 40,960 and 34,560 acres.

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, while San Francisco and Boston suffer most from drunkards. Several papers tried to find in this table some light that would help to elucidate temperance problems, but found the figures so confusing as to be of very little practical use. The New York Evening Post, for example, commenting on this part of the report, says:

"It casts darkness rather than light upon the question. For example, Springfield, Mass., Manchester has had 1,431. Still more remarkable is the record of only 765 arrests in Utica, or only about half as many as in Springeled, although there are more than five times as many saloons. Almost as anomalous is the showing of only 383 arrests in Dayton, O., with 400 saloons and 85,000 epople, while Har

The Election Frauds.

From Senator Magee's Pittsburg Times.

The frauds alleged to have been perpetrated in certain election precincts of Philadelphia are of a character so startling and serious that stern duty to the people and to the Republican party demands their thorough investigation and the meting out of swift and severe punishment to the guilty ones should such an investigation establish the truth of the charges. The developments at the preliminary hearing, which have been set forth in The Times, were of the most sensational character, and the exposure of the methods pursued by these repeaters was so complete and convincing as to leave little, if any, room for doubt. Nothing can be justly advanced in extenuation of such crimes against the ballox box. They are a blow struck directly at the liberties of the whole people, and in this case they are also a crime against the Republican party. That party has always stood for "a free ballot and a fair count," and it cannot defend such deliberate and wholesale violations of right as these charges cover.

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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. The sanctity of the ballot box is of the supremest importance to every citizen and no matter how close their alliance with the continuous support of those in and no matter now close their alliance with the continuous support of those in control of the party organization in the state the sternest punishment is none too severe for those who would thus bring discredit upon Pennsylvania and upon the Democratic party.

AN EDITOR'S LITERARY CHASE How the Author of "In His Steps

Was Finally Run Dewn.

Three months ago the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal concluded that his readers would doubties 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 rerly as to the other editors. But the Prailadelphia editor wrote again, a stronger and more urgent letter. Again the clergy man declined. He had written nothing since "in His Steps," and did not wish to write anything. Meanwhile Mr. Bok had gone to Europe, and Mr. Sheldon's second refusal was cabled to him. Back came the response to Philadelphia: "Spar no effort nor time to secure Mr. Sheldon, but get him." The editor's private zecretary then tried his hand on the Kansas minister, but again he refused. Mr. Bok returned from abroad, and calling one of his editors directed him to see Mr. Sheldon, at Topeka if he was there, or wherever he might be. Upon reaching St. Louis the editor located Mr. Sheldon at Buffalo, and later learned that he had gone to Detroit. Starting at once for that place the editor learned at Chicago the minister had just left Detroit to rejoin his family at a summer resort in Upper Michigan. By more telegraphing, Mr. Sheldon's family was finally located at Old Mission, a most inacessible summer resort on Travers Bay, and by the first northbound steamer the editor hurried on his journey. A voyare of a day's sail toward his destination. At the minister, but failing to do so he embarked in a small boat for a day's sail toward his destination. At the minister, but failing to do so he embarked in a small boat for a day's sail toward his destination. At the particle on the place where he had hoped to intercept the minister, but failing to do so he embarked in a small boat for a day's sail toward his destination. At the particle on the place where he had hoped to intercept the minister of the minister. This was too much for Mr. Sheldon. Th

Story of Stevensen.

Stevenson was still a rather little boy, says Chambers'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. It suddenly struck Stevenson that it would be a very gallant thing to break into this house. No one was in sight, and stealing around he found it possible to easily open a window at the back and so climbed in. It really was unoccupied, and he prowled from room to room, looking at the books and pictures until he heard, as he thought, a noise in the garden. This sent him immediately, in an instant collapse of courage, under a bed, and then terror setzed him. He imagined himself pounced upon, charged with robbery, marched home with gyves upon his wrists, and arriving just as the family were assembling to attend evening services. He burst out crying and cound not stop, and his sobs echeed in the empty house.

He crept out where he had crept in, having done no harm to anything except his little tender Scottlah conscience. But the spirit of adventure was native to him, as exemplified in the story, and also a sort of solitude, as of a boy obliged to play by himself for want of other pirates and burglars to combine with.

Backing 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 hait and then back up to accurate the first clip. That is something that requires more skill than might be imagined by one with and never tried it.

But in backing up on the level, if a man falls to hit the curb exactly the first clip. There are places where skill than might be inagined by one with a backing up on the level, if a man falls to hit the curb exactly the first clip. There are places where skill must be exercised and where a level head is called for, too. For instance, in backing up, or rather, backing down, into an excavation, on the inclined causeway for that the transparent of the lot, and the earth forming the causeway. The excavation is begun at the rear of the lot, and the earth forming the causeway in the level of the street at the front, is left until the last. In the later stages of the excavation the causeway is left just wide enough at the top for the carts or wagons to move on, and its sides slope down precipitously. The driver who backs down on one of these narrow cellar causeways, simply must hit it risk.

### Anthony's Retirement.

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Susan B. Anthony, now approaching her eightieth birthday, is proparing 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. She says:

"I shall continue to work as hard as ever, but shall devote my energies to the raising of a permanent fund of the raising of a permanent fund of

the raising of a permanent fund of \$500,000, with which to carry on the work. The interest of that sum would lubricate suffrage machinery nicely, and it is my one desire to see the needed half million raised before I die. I don't want the younger generation hampered by the lack of money, as I and my colleagues have been."

Window Guards.

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 proceeded by proper fastenings inside and proper iron guards on the outside.



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