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In Albany.

Several weeks ago The Tribune called attention to the condition of chaos then existing in Albany.

What has happened now is unfortunately familiar both in the history of Albany and of the Republican party.

But those who are now responsible for a similar state of mind would do well to consider intervening history.

Had the Democratic party been capable of measuring up to its opportunity, had it been able to combine moderate intelligence with approximate decency, the exile of the Republicans would have been long.

Judging by all that has yet happened in Albany, the returned Republicans have learned little by their experiences.

Was ever a mistake more patent, more inexcusable? Did any group of so-called leaders ever more completely misunderstand the time and the conditions?

But do the Republican leaders of this state think that because of this current, this favorable prospect, they are possessed of a license to affront the voters of this state, to disregard the interests of the taxpayers of this great city, to insult and browbeat the intelligence of those who are watching Albany events with unmistakable closeness?

For what is most important in the affairs of the Republican party in New York State is that it shall be able to draw to itself again the thousands of young men who left the party in 1912.

Many of these young men voted with the Republican party last year. But none of them have yet surrendered their allegiance unqualifiedly.

lican party at Albany this year, the return to all the methods and manner of older and evil years that are gone, but not forgotten, will send these men out of the party permanently, and it will end the chance of bringing back thousands like them who are still nominally Progressives.

Bad Policy and Bad Faith.

There is pending in the Senate at Albany a bill amending the tax law in relation to the taxation of secured debts.

The pending bill undertakes to break the engagement entered into in 1911. It amends the law so as to limit the exemption from future taxation on securities reported to the Controller to a single year.

If, as is likely, this breach of faith is frustrated by the Supreme Court, the state will be left just where it is, so far as concerns owners who have taken out exemptions.

There is absolutely no promise in the pending bill of increased revenue from secured debts, unless that increase is to be purchased—as it ought never to be—by sacrificing the honor of the state.

An Unintentional Slur.

We have received the following: To the Editor of The Tribune.

It would be simple and honest to explain that there was not the smallest intention on the part of The Tribune to "knock" the National Guard.

Lawn Tennis in Popular Favor.

The astonishing popularity of lawn tennis is impressing those who like to survey in prospect the nation's annual sports crop.

The present tennis wave is in the nature of a revival, extending over half a decade. Following its invention, or adaptation from the ancient court tennis, in England in 1874, lawn tennis enjoyed in this country a vogue which reached its crest in the early nineties.

For a decade or more popular interest in lawn tennis declined steadily, until Newport, the home of the national tournament, seemed almost its last stand.

in the game's favor coincides roughly with his advent. And it is a reaction which has every indication of permanence, since it is founded on an awakening of youth to the game's appeal, and youth remains loyal to its favorites.

This year for the first time New York, not Newport, is to stage the national tournament, on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club.

Reform, Not Execution.

New York City will feel no grief when Governor Whitman removes the present Public Service Commission for the 1st District.

The appointment of the new commission must be the answer to the outgoing commissioners' denunciations. It would be worse than foolish—it would be fatal—for Governor Whitman and the confirming body, the Senate, to make this commission a haven for Republican politicians as it became for deserving Democrats.

Young, intelligent, aggressive, progressive men, ready to fight or prosecute delinquent or dilatory public service companies, should be named for this important task.

War-Made Democracy.

James Slim, a Jamaica negro, who had served in the French Foreign Legion, has become a private in the Coldstream Guards and is training with the reserve battalion at Windsor, according to dispatches from London.

German regiments, the correspondents tell us, are being officered more and more by men promoted from the ranks.

District Attorney Perkins declares that the coroners' system "serves no useful purpose" and involves a large expenditure of public money without any substantial returns.

New York's clergymen are discussing plans for a revival preliminary to the engagement of "Bible" Sunday in 1917 to shake up the sinners.

A film of General Scott's conferences with the Plutes would be in refreshing contrast to the most of the near Wild West output of the movies.

It remained for a woman to find a way of routing the I. W. W. without using force. She merely made more noise than they could.

A Correction.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In yesterday's Tribune you published a news item from your Metuchen, N. J., correspondent in which the following false statements appear:

That four years ago Professor Herron established a socialist colony in Metuchen, and while there brought Miss Carrie Rand to live with him according to the "new and simple form of marriage ceremony."

ED. N. BRUEL. New Rochelle, N. Y., March 20, 1915.



BACK TO THE BICYCLE.

A Return to Nineteenth Century Locomotion.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In this huge city of ours there are hundreds of men, like myself, chained to an office all days, who have little incentive to take proper physical exercise.

Physicians, editors and health lecturers have proclaimed the tonic value of the bicycle, if used in moderation and without any attempt to make "centuries" or records.

This is no money making scheme. None of us expect to go to any expense in the matter. We cannot. There are no dues and no fees.

It is getting more popular every day. The automobile is all right, but it gives little exercise and is apt to rack one's nerves.

Fremont and the "Golden Gate." To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In The Tribune of March 13, in "Literary Criticism and Book News," I noticed under the heading of "Gosses de California," by Nellie Van de Griff Sanchez, a statement that the "Golden Gate" was named by a "hardy Anglo-Saxon explorer with a gleam of poetry in his soul—Fremont!"

General John C. Fremont was not a "hardy Anglo-Saxon explorer," but was born in Savannah, Ga., January 21, 1813. He was the son of a Frenchman who settled in Norfolk, Va., and who supported himself by teaching the French language.

JOHN T. NAGLE. New York, March 14, 1915.

"Italy's Terms." To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Permit me to reply to your correspondent, M. A. Lesser, whose letter appears in Friday's (March 19) issue of The Tribune, in regard to your editorial "Italy's Terms."

THE RECRUITING AGENT.



FOR PREPAREDNESS.

Military Science Should Be Taught in Schools and Colleges.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Permit me to express my protest against the action of the students of the College of the City of New York in refusing to pursue the study of military science and tactics.

The late Dr. Draper, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, stated in the study of military science and tactics part of its curriculum.

An Italian View of the Irredentist Problem. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Massimo A. Lesser, of Prussian extraction and therefore unequalled in my opinion on your editorial "Italy's Terms," proves that he is not very familiar with Italian history and that he is a Prussian in education and refinement.

While it would be very easy for me to prove you go too far with your conclusions on the future situation of Istria and Trentino, it would be useless to start an argument with the "Maximus" exponent of Prussian "kultur."

LOUIS PETTA. New York, March 22, 1915.

Italy's Hour. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: On December 28 last I had the courtesy of your columns in an article which you captioned "Leaning Italy."

RUSSELL E. GEYER. Brooklyn, March 18, 1915.

The Conning Tower.



THE GRAND TOUR.

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The City that is, as Will Irwin might call the Fair, is beautiful at night.

There are as many kinds of restaurants in the grounds as there are on Broadway.

And the Barker in front of the Caucasian Dancers' show. "I have seen," he sings, "the great-is dancers in this country—from coas' to coas', ladies and gentlemen—an' I wanna say to you right here that Ruth St. Denis and Gertrude Hoffmann do not surpass in skill her beauty this aggregation of dancers from their native country.

Well, I was convinced. And I went in with a few others. We sat there for an hour until the Barker barked three more crowds in.

Only, especially if you're sentimental, avoid the Caucasian Dancers. The object of the theatre, as managers have told me, is to amuse you, not to make you think.

JAMES OTIS DENNISON. New York, March 19, 1915.

St. Paul Did Say "Slaves." To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your correspondent W. T. Hornaday, in his letter to you of March 17, is in error in his correction of Miss S. W. Macconnell's letter to you of March 16 about the question from St. Paul. The word Paul used was in the Greek *doulos*, which everywhere means a slave.

JAMES OTIS DENNISON. New York, March 19, 1915.