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SCRANTON, MARCH 30, 1897. To insure publication in this paper, volunteered communications of a controversial character MUST BE SIGNED FOR PUBLICATION BY THE WRITER'S true name. To this just rule we cannot hereafter make exception.

Minister to Austria.

The selection of Charlemagne Tower, of Philadelphia, for the Austrian mission is not a partisan reward, but rather a recognition of special personal fitness. Mr. Tower is a man of wealth and scholarly attainments whose literary, linguistic and social training marks him as peculiarly suited to a position of this kind.

An Admirable Example.

By the will of the late John Crerar of Chicago, who died Oct. 19, 1889, the residue of his estate after the payment of numerous bequests, amounting to \$2,500,000, was given for the creation and endowment of a free public library, to be located in the city of Chicago.

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who is thereby informed, in an impressive manner, at the very beginning of his ownership of unearned wealth, that he is under obligations to the community about him. As a general rule in sociology, the man who wins wealth by his own strong endeavor does not abuse it; but it is unfortunately also the general rule that his children, to whom his estate comes by inheritance, do.

An inheritance tax has been denounced in some quarters as socialistic, but it is now the law in a majority of the states and in most of the enlightened foreign countries, showing that the sentiment for it is widespread and well-grounded.

A Lesson from Albany.

Some of the things to be avoided at Harrisburg during and after the construction of the new capitol are indicated in a series of comparisons which the Albany Press and Knickerbocker has instituted between the bill of costs for the Albany capitol and that for the capitol at Washington.

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The proposed (single) tariff appears to be specially designed to help trusts and monopolies. It takes several dollars from the pockets of the people for every one that it turns into our national treasury. As a whole, it confers even greater benefits upon privileged industries than did the McKinley bill itself.

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made a mistake. Our suspicion appears to be receiving swift substantiation. A poll of the senate is published which shows thirty-five senators opposed to the ratification of the arbitration treaty, and in this number are included Senators Quay and Penrose.

If the president were to appoint a commissioner to Cuba, to review the situation and report the result, it would be a wise move. There is evidently a vast deal of misinformation still current on this subject.

It is very discourteous in the Cretan insurgents not to submit gracefully to be starved to death by the Christian powers.

It now looks as if King George would have to touch the match to the Thesalonian frontlet.

An advertisement in The Tribune is seen and noted.

Gossip of the Capital

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, March 29.—The chairman of the Republican committee in Texas is Colonel "Red" Green, the only son of the famous Betty Green, the richest woman in America. Up to within a few days ago the colonel had been in Washington ever since before the inauguration of Mr. McKinley as president.

Hold Your Tongue.

Don't start your tongue a-going in a careless sort of way. And thoughtlessly forget it till it runs a half a day. The pleasant art of talking is a happy gift indeed.

The National Association of Democrats.

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names, reaching back to the days when President Jackson was impeached. Senator Fowler voted against conviction. Senator Corbett, now in his seventy-first year, who was recently appointed senator by the governor of Oregon, and who will probably not get his seat, is another old timer.

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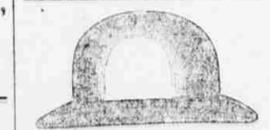
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