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spired their action. But undoubtedly there should be an organization in every city of anything like the size of Philadelphia, to act as a check upon the professional politicians who seize upon its government for plunder.

terested in good city government will not work within the party lines to secure it. They will not attend the primaries and caucuses to control the nominations, and once made by others they support them slavishly, having little choice between evils, unless some reliable authority which has their confidence investigates the case for them and reports upon its merits. The trouble is that these organizations often employ unworthy agents, and are themselves deceived and imposed upon, just because of their lack of knowledge of what they too contemptuously style "practical politics." There are impecunious and irresponsible adventurers always ready to go into their service, who often bring them to grief. Between these and inexperienced and callow young men who have no practi-

fruitless if not unworthy service.

and worthy one, fit to receive the co-operation of good citizens ; and we see no reason why it should stop short of taking a hand in elections. Between clearly worthy and unworthy candidates it ought to throw its weight for the better. But we respectfully suggest that in its discrimination of men and measures the new Philadelphia association select an agent who commands and deserves to command more general respect than Mr. T. M. B. Addis, of the late

of California, has been confirmed as assistant attorney general of the United States for the interior department, notwithstanding Senator Ingalls labored hard, secretly and openly, to prevent it, because in a book published some years ago Montgomery had written severely against the common school system in his state.

As we observed when this objection was first made, there is nothing in the constitution of the United States patronizing the common school system of California, nor making criticism of it inconsistent with good law or good morals ; Mr. Montgomery might condemn many of its features and yet be a good citizen and a good lawyer. The people who made such an onslanght on him on this account were a lot of silly cackling geese; and we are glad to see that, a majority of the Senate had more sense than they.

tor of the port of San Francisco to the acting secretary of the treasury confirms his telegraphed statement that no disrespect whatever was shown to the new Chiness minister upon his recent arrival in that city. The collector repeats at length what he said before, that when the steamer bearing the ambassador and his suite arrived, in advance of its time, the surveyor of customs went aboard, inquired for the Chinese embassy and tendered his services and informed them he was instructed to land their effects and baggage free, and asked that it might be pointed out to him. When the steamer reached the wharf about mid-day, the attention of the minister, through the medium of one of his own suite who spoke English, was then called to our law, section 13 of the restriction act, and his credentials were inquired for. The reply was made the credentials were in a box and could not be produced. The embassy was then landed without identification or any evidence of its official character, after a detention at the wharf of about half an hour. No disrepect or discourtesy was either intended or shown them, and the minister at the time toade no complaint, but thanked the