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was by an unnatimous vote. It is derground wires than would have been scarcely necessary to chronicle this the ordinance recently introduced by long accepted result. Neverheless, we Mr. Browning, for the obvious reason complimenting Mr. Lavella upon this more sweeping action at a later stegs. thoroughly deserved tribute to his While it would eliminate unnecessary fidality, and wishing him many happy props, it would not, by licensing necesreturns of the day.

One Ordinance' Defect. most inopportune for any honest muni- streets at will. cinal executive to encourage lawless the estensible purpose of a mass mesting, its real character is bound to be ingerous when the convocation is based, openly, and in a spirit of brava- auta in the street cleaning department do, upon a violation of the law. Those can scarcely be called an immodest one. social elements that are attracted by Nothing in a municipality so quickly curiosity and love of misshief to the condemns it in the judgment of stranlocation of an expected infraction of | gers as the spectacle of dirty theroughthe law are dangerous elements, that fares, some poorly paved and others tute a most serious problem in the allotment of \$10,000 annually to this government of our growing cities. -It department may be too small. If it is, is not necessary, in time of general it should be increased. But whether peace, for any honest American, or for small or large, the streets themselves any number of honest Americans, to peed to show botter evidences of careencroach upon the public rights in or- ful attention than they show to lay or der to secure a public hearing for cher- than they have shown in the past five ished doctrines. The liberty of free years. speech should not deteriorate into a license. It should not be monopolized by any one speaker or any one class, at the expense of the equal rights of

boy Preacher" had, without license or | well as candid praise. computetion, sought to seize and up- | Degining with a graceful reference land as streets, for the community's people. he threatened to "amush" the officer of | how a better one could be written. the law whom the free suffrage of our citizens chose to preside over the city's highest court; and it is not in doubt that nis language since has been, upon ocmaions, loud, boisterous and ill-becomng either a minister of the gospel or

inv other gentleman. Is unfortunately happened that section Did of the city ordinance, under which the "Cowboy Preacher" and his wife made themselves amenable to arrest, provides no punisoment. The these responsible for the obstruction est protection. and bring them before the mayor. But under this particular section the mayor is unfortunately not invested with the power of summary commitment. Under the authority of another section, which by inference covers this case, but which the court yesterday decided is not a sufficient warrant, the mayors of Scranton have hitherto been accustomed, when the circumstances seemed to justify it, to impose a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$30, together with the costs. Hereafter, until councils order an amendment, the contribute to the necessity for this in power of arrest for obstructing the crease, notably the \$16,000 state refund streets will carry with it no power of and the rapid recent growth of the less and sequent punishment; and in cases where the defendants take deliberate delight in wrong doing, it will be possible to have streets blockaded in defin-

Conneils alone possess the remady and they should not postpone its carnest application.

Mg. Chitranden's re-election as presbody the services of an executive whose impartiality, devotion to duty and general familiarity with parliamentary practice have been abundantly demonstrated. The retirement of Captain council separates a pair of presiding officials that have co-operated long and harmoniously toward the prompt dis-

patch of local legislative business.

To Get Rid of the Poles. In his recommendations with refer- feet right to inspect its own, ence to the pole tax discussion, it is believed that the mayor has proposed a compromise which will be fairly acwhich now mar the attractive ap- tion of approximate cleanliness? pearance of our streets could be If these questions have been of course, require a sufficiently heavy

SCRANTON TRIBUNE be divided by two without any preceptible diminution of the public service rendered. In many localities within the city, this divisor could perbaps be doubled without seriously crippling the business of the electrical mpanies.

In smuch as it is necessary to make start in this direction, the suggestion of the mayor should at least receive houghtful consideration. The Trus-UNE has not favored a general, dollar tax for the reason that it did not like beggarly a price. It wanted all the can. wirsa which could safely be put underground to be put there, at ones; and while this consummation may be impossible today we have undiminished

confidence that it will yet be reached, in becauton as in all other cities of sary ones under the over-head system, lead the electrical companies to infer that so long as they paid their tax they In this era of Ininerant Coxess it is would be privileged to deface the

What Scranton wants is an ordinancy assemblages. No matter what may be that will not the the hands of the fu-

THE MAYOR'S request for two assist-

Mayor Connell's Message.

Nothing in the message of Mayor Connell to councils suggests the partisan politician or the demagogue. sanction to law less congregations. An of the city's executive branch and at

propriate, for a time, one of the most val- to Scrauton's happy immunity from principal thoroughture. Had, he illeg- business stringency, the message really entered upon and seized possession news attention to the city's numerous of a citizen's store or lawn or home, de- industrial advantages, compliments the given. claring his purpose to retain his forci- energetic work of the Scranton bourd ble ownership for a limited time, it of trade, randers cordial tribute to the would have constituted in reality, if | efficiency of the various municipal denot in technicality, a smaller offense partments and proceeds to review the than was his defiant seizure of the detailed work of these departments in property of many persons, who give to a manner that exhibits thorough comthe city, in trust for the public, the prehension of each subject and a high right to occupy a percentage of their regard for the best interests of the

We cannot hope in the brief space at n a courisons manner to the evangel- present vonchsafed us to follow that ut's attention, was not apological for, mayor, as we would like, into the minn that spirit of frank regret which the utine of his message. The message itgood citizen invariably manifests when | self, elsewhere reprinted complete, will informed of an unwitting disposdience | well reper careful perusal and preserof law, but was, on the direct centrary, vation. It is sufficient here to say that loudly and boastfully defended. The the document, as a whole, is lucid, candemounor of the so-called minister was did and to the point. No better sumscornful, haughty and indicative of a mary of municipal progress has ever vengeful spirit. It is even asserted that been sent to connells. We do not see

DURING THE past few days Scrantonians have been afforded another vivid object lesson as to the destructiveness of frequently recurring forest fires. The hill tops that have not been as yet wholly denuded of forest trees nightly present a panorama of flune and smoke which may be picturesque, om an artistic point of view, but which, in a practical sense, means very serious desolation and loss. One officer was perceives a congregation of the most important reasons why which blockades the public channels of Scrantonians should maintain a genpassage may endeavor to remove the eral observance of Arbor day is that obstructing cause by words of admoni. thereby we may eventually incite a tion; and in case his warning is not spirit of regard for our woodlands sufficient, he is empowered to arrest which will lead to serious effect at for-

The New Tax Lavy.

The agitation for an additional law judge in Luckawanna county will be coolerated by the resolution of the ounty commissioners attributing the 1 1-3-mill increase in the total county tax rate to the "continued increase of extmined business in the courts, and the lengthening of the terms of the courts of quarter sessions, and common

Many wasommon county expanses of justices, aldermon and constables, But the one reason which is becoming daily more conspicuous can be traced back to the multiplication of court business, which is nowadays largely in excess of the present capacity of the court to transact, even when working

portime and with redoubled energy. There is already abundant labor for an extra judge in Lackawaana county, ident of select council assures to that and this labor will increase perceptibly each year. It would be the highest economy to solve this emergency by he enactment of a laws creating the dditional office, and thus rendering possible a swift dispatch of both civil Moir from the chairmanship of common and criminal business simultaneously with its entrance upon the docket.

> CITIZENS SHOULD keep an eye on coun cils. They should attend the regular sessions. What is done there is done for the public and the public has a per-

Clean the Streets. Why is Lackawanna avenue always ceptable to ail parties interested. In so intolerably dirty? Why does the brief, his proposition is that a commit- slightest breeze fill the eyes of padestee of councils ascertain the actual trians with little misules of mud and number of really necessary electrical sand? Why is the carriage way of this poles; and that councils, upon that ba- avenue so constantly littered with sis, pass an ordinance providing for a brown paper, straw, earth and misceltax upon the excess. By this method laneous refuse? Why is not this busiest he thinks that many of the poles of local thoroughfares kept in a condi-

. If these questions have been asked smicably removed. This plan would, once by the citizens of Scranton, they have probably been asked one hundred excess tax to render the removal of the | thousand times. Yet, so far as availsuperfluous poles a certainty. For that able chronicles go, there is no record reason it should be virtually a prohibit- of an intelligible and satisfactory anive tax. It is agreed on every hand | swer. The mystery, if it be a mystery, that the present number of poles could has taken its place as one of the postu-

lates of Electric City progress, and the shoppers who brave this fusilade of safe guess that if he wants to go he can filth bear their fate as best they can readily get there. and when exhausted die,

There was once some talk of getting a municipal street aweeper. It has passed out of the recollection of this generation what was done in this direction. But the dirt and the dust and the fifth and the litter are ever-present tokens that a good sweeper is needed. And if Brother Kirst's energetic brigade cannot cope with this prevalent to sell the rights of the public at so refuse, let us have some system which

> The dust nuisance on Luckawanna avenue has existed long enough.

THE SCENES Which are in course of presentation in South Carolina are dislinetively Populistican conception and Or course Martin Levelle was re- progress. But the mayor's plan would exacution. Cally a political creation of elected; and of course his re-election | be a distinctly better step toward un- ill-informed p-pular discontent could dare, in time of peace, to seize the lines of transportation, decree an arbitrary consorship over telegrams and declare cannot let the occasion pass without that it would interpose no obstacle to certain counties to be in a state of insurrection merely in order to enforce a quixotic and an Impossible liquor law. la some of his attributes Governor Titlingan communes admiration. He is, to be sure, a tyraut; but he is an speaking, a picture-que tyrant. He do-s not shirk the logic of his election. He recognizes frankly that he is a child of chaotic polities and he proceeds, with a most consumm its directness, to make that canos general. His ideas and his methods belong to medicoval times He is therefore out of joint with this enlightened nineteenth century. But for all that, he is a gritty despot, who fancies that his autocracy is derived from the people, and who, let us hope, will give the people a remeanes the public weifers and counti- literally plastered over with mad. An | tributive demonstration of their folly which will eventually incline them to more sensible and more seemly ways.

THE USUALLY conservative Wilkes Barre Record has, in its flurry relative to Mr. and Mrs. Rice, succeeded in making itself strangely ridiculous, After confessing that its early comments were based on a misconception of the facts, it nevertheless continues Instily to bark up the same wrong tree, and incidentally lowers the tone of its generally well-edited columns by in-In the easewhich was adjudicated yes- Everything in it suggests the careful dulging in footish flings at those jourterday morning before Judges Arch- and progressive man of business, who hals in this city, The Teleune among baid and Edwards, upon appeal from regards his office as fundamentally a them, which have sustained Mayor the mayor's court, it should be noted business trust, requiring close yet lib- Connell in his fort to enforce the that the decision randered gave no eral supervision over each department law. So far as THE TRIBUNE is concerned, it would excertally consent to LINE OF evangelist calling himself the "Cow- times necessitating frank criticism as overlook the Record's momentary pasm could it perceive any real occasion for the Luzarne newspaper's excitement. A much more manly course nable and traveled portions of the city's the critical phases of the recent general for it to pursue, however, would be frankly to confess that it had erred, express its honest regrets and be for-

Ir occurs to us that it would be an excellent plan for all concerned were the newspipers of the United States, now that they have all had their parliamentary say with reference to Mr. Powderly, to graciously permit that enterprising gentleman to pursue his we course in his own way. He is not an ometal of any kind. He is simply a private citizen, having all a private citizen's rights to life. liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Among these rights is he right to be protected against malicious or idle gossip and likewise the right to be unmolested in the study of an honorable profession, When Mr. Powderly medicates an assault against the nation or plans an insurrection against his successor in the general master workmanship it will be time to hound him. Just now he should be let

IN THE COURSE of a graceful compliment to the city engineer's departmeet, the mayor directs attention to the complete act of maps and drawings at present on exhibition in this branch of the city government. By means of these maps any citizen is enabled at a moment's time to get an exact idea, of the present condition of any portion of the city, how sewered, how paved and what other improvements it may have or need. This exhibit, it should in fairness be added, is the work of J. P. Phillips, who will next week come before councils for re-election. It would be an appropriate recognition of his excellent and faithful services to make that re-election unnaimous.

Internet as Manager Archer has already announced his intention of equipping the cars of the Scranton Traction company with improved salety fenders at the earliest possible moment, is would seem to be wise for conucils to wait for bim to evade his duty before passing a compulsory or linance. A good rule to follow, before resorting to extremes, is to give every man a fair show, even though he he so unfortunate as to be affiliated with a corporation.

THE UNASHMITY jucy requirement in civil litigation is a rolle of barbarism. We should have decidedly fewer court scandals if the majority reform were tried; and justice would be rid of a very onerous handleap.

THE LIQUOR dealer who pays cash down for \$500 worth of legal protection is entitled to get full value for his money. But does he get it in this county? Does he, in fact, get it in this

THE PIRE limits of growing Scrauton caunot be subarged too soon. Every day of delay brings new danger.

GOSSIP of Politicians.

James Adelbert Stranshau, Pennsylvania's deputy attorney general, magnanimously consents to accept the Democratic state chairmanship if it comes to him without a contest. We think we can safely assure James Adel bert that no other same Democrat will knowingly get in his way.

If any Republican can carry the Twenty-eighth congress district, ex Governor Beaver is the man. The mowledge that he will accept the nomination means the gain of a good congressman and the permanent redemption of a bad district.

It is now said that Secretary Tom Stewart will compromise on the Montgomery county state senatorship. Mr. Stewart is the kind of man who ought

to be in the state senate, and it is a

The newest proposal relative to Democracy's local congressional hope is Colonel Frank J. Fitzsimmons The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer accuses the colonel of being "an orator of the Bourks Cockran school," but that only partly expresses the fact. Cockran may equal the colonel in oral discourse, mt when It comes to an expert manipulation of the pan, Lackawanna's popular journalist is able to give even the earned Bourke points without cud. Just now, however, the colonel's heave is true to the Rolausons, and if the conial ex-shariff wants to fondle the empty henor, Colonel Fitzelmmons b

In discussions of the next Republicar ounty ticket much mention is heard ust at present of Conrad Schroeder in connection with the county treasurhtp. There are these who look up a is nomination as pretty nearly probble, as politica go.

Everybody is talking Republican cougressional politics in this county except those whose views would be worth learning. Numerous rumor energetic, a resolute and, generally have emanated from friends of possible candidates, which represent nothing mere important than individual opin ion. Mr. Connell's return from Forida in good health and spirits, has been the signal for a renewal of goasip, but bi own hips have been carefully scaled Meanwidle, ex-Mayor Fellows is only avowed candidate in the field although emissaries of the present member have recently been busy.

AN IDYL OF APRIL.

The Christian man, on moving day, Hed thought to banish sin away By gazing on life's sunny side And golping heeps and nears of pride; But when his back was lame and sore And dampanes cozed from every pore, The stove upon his soft-corn fell. The man remarked—but I'll not tell.

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a few remarks when the bill is presented. Just now, silence with them is like the opportunity we present-golden,

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