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### Today's Election.

Although public discussion of the candidates to be voted for today, in this city, has been confined mainly to those who aspire to enter councils, it is well to remember that the position of alderman is one of equal importance. The requirements of a good alderman are not few nor insignificant. As the first recourse of most persons who suffer from injustice, it makes very material difference to the public welfare whether he be a just, level-headed and even-tempered man with sufficient knowledge of the law to guard him against the commission of technical mistakes; or whether, upon the other hand, he be ignorant, obstinate, unscrupulous in his administration or neglectful of his sworn duties. There is no spot in our judiciary so much in need of strengthening as is the petty magistracy, for it is here that nine-tenths of the trouble originates, which afterward projects itself into the public pocketbook in the form of growing court costs.

The voters of the First, Second. been solicited to vote for this or that candidate because his name is found on a certain party ticket. Now if he bea good man for the place, this is a credit both to him and to the party naming him. We believe that in the majority of cases this is true on both sides of the party line. We know it to be true of some of the Republican candidates, and have heard no ill word spoken of the others. Yet each voter must, after all, pass on these points at the fact that the Hawaiian governhimself. The voters of a given ward know the candidates in that ward bet- treason, two rebels who claim Ameriter, perhaps, than a newspaper can know them. These voters should study their perturbation. The American citithe various candidates' claims with care, and should select that one who to a foreign country and plot to destroy will, if elected, render the best services to the ward and to the community. suffer the full penalty of his crime when The claim of party loyalty should be valid when the nominee in whose behalf it is urged is worthy of the party: otherwise, it should be unhesitatingly

dismissed. Voters today will, in this city, choose district election officials. These officials, consisting of a judge and two inspectors, will serve for an entire year. and will thus have an important bearing upon the forthcoming municipal election one year hence. When we consider that the success or the fallure of the complicated present election law depends very largely upon the kind-of judge and inspectors of election chosen in each district, the importance of selecting capable men for these offices becomes easily manifest. The voter today should not, therefore, glide over this portion of his ticket in a careless manner, as if indifferent to whether the ensuing elections shall be honestly conducted or not. He should not vote for men for either position who would, if elected, hold back returns for doctoring purposes or wink at false count ing; nor should be delude himself with the idea that a party indorsement can make an honest candidate out of a notorious bully, tough and thug. The voter who has a serious purpose in the casting of his ballot should exercise as much care in the choice of these officers as he would exercise if he were States, the governor of the state or the

mayor of Scranton. This is a day with serious meanings for those who value good local govern-

If any candidate is unfit, turn him down today, party or no party. Parties are meant for honest citizenship, not

### for coveteous rogues. Good Roads Needed Now.

The fact that Governor Hastings has interested himself in the good roads movement to the extent of recommending a consolidation of the meritorious features of the Brown. Flinn and other road bills now before the legislature into a single new measure limited, in its appropriation clause, to \$500,900 or thereabouts is a hopeful indication. The legislature's present tendency to exceed reasonable limits in other money matters renders it virtually impossible to devote, at this time, to the purposes of road building any such sum as \$5,000,000, the sum

in wise highway improvement, a highreach. In the absence of the availabilis all important.

One of the most peculiar features of this movement for better roads is the evident opposition to it which comes ly derive benefit, that is to say, the been persuaded as to the desirability of superior outlets for the produce of their farms, or whether their antagonism rests on an innate inability to mill of taxation and the consequent penny of returned advantage, it is in grand old commonwealth. either case true that the farmers ar quietly opposing good roads upon the plea of excessive cost. They will be more willing to accept the Hastings ompromise, we imagine, than to ac cept any of the four or five bills which it seeks to combine into one. Stragetic ally, therefore, as well as financially the governor's proposition appears de-

sirable Good roads are bound to come som day. Why not start them now, so that the present generation will have a reasonably good prospect of living long enough to see and to enjoy them?

If Pattison is licked today as badly as the signs indicate, there will soon be a second hand presidential bee-hive

### Judge Handley's Will.

While the late Judge Handley's will remembers two deserving local socie- politics, ties, the bulk of the wealth distributed by it reverts to the city of Winchester, Va., where it will found a magnificent 5,215 free public library. For this result the city of Scranton, in which a great part

book of real life. But sermons, as sermons, are often shunned, a fact sufficient to discourage any tendency to ligent opinion all over the state was in utter one on the present occasion. The favor of this obviously needed legislation. The forestry bill, so far helped on its smallness of the deed which aroused way, is one of several bills introduced with John Handley's indignation was in no sense typical of the true genius of the woodlands of the state as far as is comcity, notwithstanding the fact that it patible with the spread of settlement, the increased acreage of tilled land and the use of timber for manufacturing and ficials who in theory represented but in fact misrepresented the city. Hence if Judge Handley had with magnanimity incomplete the collection manufacturing another useful purposes. The bill in question provides for a commission whose bus incises it will be to collect and distribution manufacturing another useful.

The voters of the First, Second, Eighth and Fifteenth wards in this city may now know something of the state thoroughly informed on the best intellectual pleasures which Scranton-intellectual pleasures which Scranton-intel grudging them this prospect, we share dent to which this bequest is probably

Two or three excitable contemporaries have expressed great indignation ment should sentence to death, for can citizenship. They should calm zen who so far forgets himself as to go its government by revolution should caught, though he were Grover Cleveland himself. American citizenship is no "permit" for treason.

## The Battle in Philadelphia.

Outside of our own local contests, he city election which will today excite the greatest interest is that which will occur in Philadelphia. In liveliness it has almost equalled a state campaign. For more than a fortnight public meetings have been held nightly in several portions of the city; and these meetings have been addressed in a number have much less to protect than it does of instances by such men as the gover- now. nor of the state and members of congress from this and other states. Preachers have preached city politics from their pulpits; business men have talked it in the counting room or on the street and the solid and substantial element of Philadelphia's citizenship, not less than the purely professional politicians, have participated actively in the canvass for the election of a mayor, tax receiver and councilmen. Conservative estimates by men who have studied the situation with experienced minds place Mr. Warwick's plurality for mayor at 20,000. We should not be surprised, however, to see it fall considerably below this figure. If ex-Governor Pattison were not, at last, recognized as nothing but a William F. Harrity partisan by the great majority voting for the president of the United of the independent element which was formerly wont to praise his superior purity and independence, he might even be elected, thanks to the disgraceful series of events which culminated in Mr. Warwick's nomination. But while there is no excuse for Republican actually done in the early days, for our treachery in nominating conventions, first leaders were natural leaders. The treachery in nominating conventions, It has seemed, in the closing hours of the campaign, to clearly dawn upon the it. But this condition could have done it. But this condition could not always mass of Republican voters in Philadel-last. As the country grew, ignorance it has seemed, in the closing hours of phia that, in disciplining their own leaders, they could hardly afford to turn

> caliber of Chairman Harrity. Throughout the exciting canvass, it is a pleasure to reflect that no derogatory word has been spoken concerning the Republican candidate. There were many who thought, as a matter of politics, that the manner in which that nomination came to him was uning the Republican candidate. There

> contemplated in the Brown bill. No the assertions of the Harrity opposition doubt the commonwealth would in that he would, if elected mayor, be the time find \$5,000,000, honestly expended servant of any save the people or that he would prove recreant to the lofty ly profitable investment, were the principles of honorable independence means for such an investment within outlined in his meaty message of acceptance. Mr. Warwick's election ity of so much money, however, \$500,000 | would be as much a source of gratificawill suffice to make the start, and that tion as his defeat by Mr. Harrity would be a national misfortune.

> The man who has a summer resort to boom has been keeping very quiet from the very men who would instant- the past few weeks. At the close of the maple sugar season, however, the subfarmers. Whether they have not yet urban agitator may be expected on deck as fresh as a green house onion.

> The rush for offices in the new state department of agriculture at Harristrace the connection between an extra burg is good evidence that the people still have faith in the resources of this

> > There is something weirdly suggestive

in the zeal of our esteemed contemporaries who published portraits of ouncilmanic candidates representing the subjects on a bust. Numerous candidates in this vicinity

ommunity at large may henceforth look for signs of spring. The plug-ugly who tries today to get on an election board for bulldozing

will doubtless shiver from the effects

of the popular vote blizzard, but the

purposes only should be turned under with a dull thud. There is every reason to believe that Hon. Thomas Collier Platt is "hot in

Vote for the best man. The best man, by the way, is usually Republican in

the Collier" just now.

## LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Pass the Forestry Bills. free public library. For this result the city of Scranton, in which a great part position to the forestry bill which the of that wealth was accumulated, has house at Harrisburg recently passed only itself to blame. It persisted in came, as might have been expected, from only itself to blame. It persisted in misunderstanding Judge Handley, and when it disagreed with him, vented its prejudice in a cheap form of small revenge. The insult rankled; and in his will the Judge took cognizance of it.

A good sermon could be preached from this pregnant text taken from the sermon destructive fires. But because, to bring this about, the bill imposed certain trivial inconveniences upon the farmers some of the most pig-headed of them seemed destructive fires. from this pregnant text taken from the termined to refuse to see the greater advantages ahead. The passage of the measure in the house by a vote of 106 to 63 showed, however, that the bulk of intel-Judge Handley had with magnanimity forgiven it he would have shamed the workers of the original affront and added largely to the kind regard entertained for his memory by the few persons who enjoyed an intimate knowledge of the man.

There will, however, be no lack of the containing the woodlands, as far as may be from fires started by carelessness or incendiaries and of requiring obedience to certain regulations with regard to the other fires made annually, and, more often, twice a year, by the farmers on their private properties for the purpose of clearing off brush and preparing land for warmth or sincerity in Scranton's mes-sage of congratulation to Winchester, commission is the one feature of the bill notwithstanding that Winchester's gain which seems legitimately open to serious is in all probability Scranton's loss. The that the work of such bodies is more the nhabitants of that handsome Virginia oretical than practical in the good they ac in their satisfaction at it, and trust that best way possible. No better method than the ethical lesson of the original inci- that of a commission charged with this been suggested. In respect to the body due will be adequately conned by the of forestry wardens, who are to act as voters in this city who will today, in sort of fire pairol all over the state, there several wards, choose representatives in can not be raised a single objection of force. Those men would probably be the means of saving hundreds of thousands of igliars of loss to the state by extinguish ing in the country districts fires which, if not discovered and put out, would ravage many miles of fine timber land. We have had enough experience in this line-small though it has been as compared to that of some other states, and articularly that of New Jersey and Michigan—to justify us in using every reasonable method for abating it. Necessarily the imposition of fines upon those dis-covered thus imperiling the safety of ad-joining woodlands must follow any restrictive measures upon the lighting of fires in forest regions. The farmer who starts a clearing or brush fire on his own land is often careless in attending to it, and thereby jeopards contiguous timber. The only way to make him careful and prevent costly fires from that cause is to require him to be cautious in starting any ire at all and to watch over what fire e does light with extreme care. of one or two representatives in the leg-slature that such regulations impose useless labor upon the farmer and are unfair to him is not worthy of consideration when the risks which the present loose

> . . . Protect the Trolley Motorman. Philadelphia Inquirer: It is the duty of the present legislature to enact a law which wil afford protection for the motormen in the winter of 1895-96. The rural legislator will not have much trouble to nderstand the motormen's sufferings if e will conceive himself standing upon ar open sled without a single wran about him and speeding against the gales at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour, and doing this all day or untit overcome. Many of the men so exposed will die in consequence, and the lives of others will be shortened. In the days of slavery, when a man could be sold for \$500 or \$1,000, no slave owner would have thought of subjecting his property to such risks.
> The state should step in to prevent a
> formal corporation cruelty which any self-

ways of many of the farmers entail are summed up. The protection of its forests is a duty Pennsylvania owes to itself, and,

### ized community should be tolerated. THE NEED OF EDUCATION.

especting individual would be ashamed o countenance, and which in no civil-

President David S, Jordan It was a dream of the founders of this republic that each year the people should choose from their number "their wisest men to make the public laws." This was men who founded America were her edu-

came and greed developed; ignorance and greed must be represented, else ours would leaders, they could hardly afford to turn their city over to the partisan maniputation of a Democratic politician of the callier of Chairman Harrity.

Into the a representative government. So to our congress our people sent, not the business, but the men who thought as the people did. We have come to choose, in our lawmakers, not rulers, but represen-tatives; we ask not wisdom, but watch-fulness for our personal interests. So we send those whose interests are ours, thos who net as our attorneys. And just as

sent, not our wisdom, but our business. They are the reflex of the people they represent; no better, and certainly no worse. Those whose interest lies in the direction

Those whose interest lies in the direction of good government alone often know not which way to turn, and at last fall back on the time-honored anathema—
"A plague on both your houses!"
In this degree Republican government has failed. For this failure there is again but one remedy—education. If the people are to rule us, the people must be wise. We must have in every community men trained in social and political science. We must have men with the courage of their convictions, and only the educated man has any real convictions. We must have men who know there is a right to every men who know there is a right to every question as well as many wrongs. We must have men who know what this right is or, if not knowing, who know how the right may be found. Very few men ever do that which they know and really believe to be wrong. Most wrong doing comes from a belief that there is no right, or that right and wrong are only relative.

Here Is Sound Doctrine. In an interview with a representative of the New York World Edward Lauterbach, the New York World Edward Lauterbach, chairman of the New York Republican county committee, has this to say concerning the duty of American citizens: "I believe it to be the duty of every citizen to devote as much time, energy and geal to the interests of the political party in whose principles he believes as may be possible for him. To refrain from active participation in the effort to obtain good government in the nation, in the state and government in the nation, in the state and in municipal affairs by any member of this great republic is to shrink a manifest duty which the privilege of American citizenship justly imposes. Self-interest and private affairs must yield, to some extent at least, to any legitimate call for a rendition of service in the public interests, whenever it shall be demanded, whether the call be to arms, performance of jury duty, or, as in the case you speak of, in government in the nation, in the state and duty, or, as in the case you speak of, in arraying one's self more or less promi-nently with others in securing good gov-erament and in sweeping from place those untit to occupy it.'

Bre'r Dana Flays Bre'r Godkia.

From the New York Sun. No more fitting place for Mr. Godkin than that to which he has been appointed by Mayor Strong could be selected. Civil service reform, so called, is a device im-ported from China, as far away from us as it is possible to get, and, as practically employed in New York, it is a mere toy for Mugwump delectation. The best use for a Mugwump is to put him on a civil service reform board, where he will be taken seriously only by himself and his fellow Mugwumps. The appointment of Mr. Godkin gives him a chance to gratify his taste for municipal politics in an al-together harmless way, and it also affords innocent amusement to the public. Pick-ing out as a reformer of the public ser-vice a man who attempted to bribe a publie officer would be a serious matter if he were found anywhere else than on the only a comical figure. Meantime Mayo Strong will fill other municipal offices with

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