THE CHANCELLOR HONORED

Prince Bismarck Visited by Thousands of Admirers.

ENTHUSIASM IS UNRESTRAINED

The Aged Statesman Replies to the Ad dress of the Students in a Stirring Speech - Congratulations from Crowned Hends of Europe.

Friedrichrune, April 1.—After a biting cold night everything was white with hoar frost this morning, but the bright sunshine soon caused this to disappear. Detachments of students poured into Aumuehle, and crowded special trains arrived from all parts, thirty-six com-The beer ing from Hamburg alone. booths were early thronged with thirsty visitors. Prince Bismarck slept fate and no music or other loud sounds were permitted within hearing of the castle until he arose. Sightseers crowded the approaches to the castle gate, and only members of the press under the guidance of Chief Forester Lange, were admitted to the park. Some of the favored ones were permitted to see Prince Eismarck's rooms, which were heaped with presents. Numerous bouquets were hung from the branches of the trees around the front of the castle and upon the verandah, and added greatly to the festive aspect of the place.

university professors headed by Rector Pfleiderer. He also received a delegation of officers of the Zedlits Culrassiers, of which the prince is colonel. A number of representatives of the senate of Hamburg, and several other dep-The students, after a march from the station, took their place in front of the verandah. At 1.15 o'clock Prince Bismarck appeared on the verandah and was greeted with defeaning oheers. He looked hale and hearty. He wore the undress uniform of the marck was read.

Bismarck's Address.

In reply to the address Prince Bismarck said:

you are today After the French war, many thought that we should be obliged to renew the contest within five years of peace. Indeed it was to be feared, but it was the exclusive task of my life to prevent a renewal of hostilities. Germny had obtained what she needed. The Germans do not yearn for conquests. They have no aspirations toward what I should like to call Bonapartist violations. The profligacies of conquest do not belong to the German character. Preferring equity and justice. I at ways was for peace and ready to make minor sacrifices to preserve peace. The powerful can recede or make conces sions. Neither Sames nor the Caro-line islands were worth the war that lesser nations might have carried on

should like especially to recommend to young men not to criticise overmuch the history of recent times, but rather to rejoice in and enjoy what we have The German sovereigns and princes made the greatest sacrifices for the erection of the empire. My old master hesitated long before agreeing to sac-rifice a part of his independence as king of Prussia. Let us be thankful that these sacrifices resulted in German unity, and thankful also that you are men in places of learning where the sacred fire of national feeling was pre-served throughout the Fatherland's darkest days. Holding fast to what we have, let us not fear those who are an-noying us on account of our unity. Without internal disputes we would arrive at a state of Chinesedom. We would petrify. Without a fight we

Greeting the Warriors. The massed bands played "Heil Dir Soegerkranz" and the cheering lasted several minutes. The ex-chancellor with helmet lifted from his head took a chair. After the cheering was over Student Pflueger led the singing by the which the leading students ascended the veranda and were presented to the prince. The old chancellor came down the steps with them and spoke to the heads of the various corps. To one he crime. A careful search of Thompsor said: "I drank much with your corps;

indeed, I also fought with them." The students then sang "Deutschland Ueber Alles" and "Die Wacht am Rhein," and finally all marched past the veranda cheering continually, while Prince Bismarck, standing above, threw flowers at them which were handed to him by his daughter, the Countess Von Rantzau.

Seven thousand students with six brass bands took part in the demon-stration. After the reception Bismarck went to his room and rested for

two hours. About 6 o'clock, when the hullaballoo was just beginning to abate, the special trains of the Hamburg Electoral association and several other societies drew into the station and unloaded a fresh lot of shouters. Bismarck received the Hamburg deputies a half hour later. Dr. Semler, their spokesman, after re-marking the magnitude of the demonstration, said to the prince: "Today" events will enable you to realize that national gratitude is felt in Germany:"

The torchlight procession formed at 8 Telegrams of congratulation have been received from Emperor Franz Jo-

seph, Count Kalnoky, King Humbert and Premier Crispi.

ROBINSON A SMOOTH MAN. Man Under Arrest in Chicago Also Wanted in Cleveland.

Cleveland, April 1.-Investigation shows that James Robinson, who is now under arrest in Chicago for violating the postal laws, is the same man who until a few months ago published the Ladies' Monthly Gem in this city. Robinson after defrauding his victims out of thousands of dollars by means of a "snap" rebus and prize begus watches was arrested for violating the postal laws. He jumped his ball bond of \$1,000 and fled to Canada. dld not at first believe that Robinson past twenty-four hours with respect to would dare start up business again so the rebellion in Cuba. The officials in-soon after his flight, under the same terested have been informed from name. They have now, however, received information which makes it sure liable that a prominent eastern ship that the Chicago man is the one wanted

WORK AT HARRISBURG.

An Important Clause Omitted from the Boarding House Butter Bill-Various Resolutions Introduced.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 1.—The house met at 8 o'clock. By unanimous consent Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill amending section 18 of the act of May 13, 1887, to restrain and regulate the sale of liquor. It provides that any hotel, house or room where liquors are sold, offered for sale, drank Prior to the reception of the students or given away in violation of any law, by the ex-chancellor, Prince Bismarck shall be declared as disorderly houses. gave an audience to a delegation of Any violation of the act is made a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of \$50 and Imprisonment.

Mr. Schwarz, of Monroe, introduced a resolution that the house declare it to be its sense that a tax of \$1,200 annually by the city of Philadelphia ought not utations. The prince briefly thanked to be imposed on Carpenter's hall, each deputation for their congratula- while it is maintained for patriotic purposes and that a copy of the resolution be sent to both chambers of the city councils. After some discussion the resolution was referred to the committee on municipal corporations.

A resolution was adopted instructing mercy or delay. the superintendent of public grounds to Cuirassers. After the cheering had have the capitol buildings decorated on subsided, the students' address to Bis- the occasion of the reunion of Hartranft's division, April 9.

On motion of Mr. Mattox the vote by which the bill increasing the salary of the superintendent of public printing from \$2,000 to \$3,000 was defeated, was

I am glad to feel your enthusiasm; the inspection and sale of imitation part of the building.

The following men thus in the control of the building part of the building. construed to prohibit the manufacture or sale of oleomargarine, butterine or suline in a separate and distinct form, and in such manner as will advise the consumers of its real character, free from coloration or ingredient that causes it to look like butter."

> The bill was sent back to committee. After clearing the calendar of bills on first reading, the house adjourned at 9 o'clock until tomorrow morning.

NOT PEARL IVORY.

The New York Murder Mystery Still Baffles the Police-The First Clue Of tained.

New York, April 1.-The father of Pe I Ivory went to the morgue this aft moon and examined the body of the of ter Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, at Hoboken. The woman arrived at the station house tonnage. about 3 o'clock this afternoon and was ushered into Captain Delaney's room. hour, telling them what she knew about the supposed murdered woman, and then she was taken to the morgue. | pany's lines.

She was led into the room where the

corpse was lying and the woman exclaimed, I nmediately: "That's she." Afterward she was taken into a side room, where she made a lengthy statement. Detective Nugent afterward informed the excluded reporters that the would have no quickening for growing life, but in all our struggles we must have a point of concentration, and that point of focus is the German empire. Let us stand by our imperial emperor. In this sense I call mon you for these hearts that the dead woman came into the deport the dead woman came into the depot upon you for three hearty, thundering the dead woman came into the depot cheers for his majesty, Emperor William; Hoch, hoch, hoch. thundering the dead woman came into the depot on the 10.17 o'clock train from Newark. She got into conversation with her and learned that the dead woman had come from Heatheville, Va., near Fredericksburg. She had gone into service as a cook in some small town not far from Hoboken, but not liking the work came to New York to seek employment. The dead woman told Madora that she was students of a new Bismarck song, after going to visit acquaintances on Thomp son street, this city. The number Ma

dora could not remember. This was the first real information leading to fixing the locality of the

street is now in progress. Madora said she could not tell the coad woman's name, but that could be easily learned by telegraphing to

Heathsville. Interest Was Not Earned.

Phiadelphia, April 1.—The Philadel-phia and Reading Railroad company today defaulted in the payment of \$7,000 in terest on the bonds of the Chester Valley railross and \$1,000 interest on the bonds of the Canden County road. The reason for the non-payment by the lessee was that the interest had not been earned.

The Crops for March.

Washington, April 1.—The weather bucrop bulletia today. Following is a synop-sis of the reports covering the crop condi-tions for March in Pennsylvania: The season is somewhat backward, with few evidences of growth; wheat appears in good condition; mapie sugar making in progress.

Mexican Wart's Over.

City of Mexico, April President Diaz, in a message sent to concess tonight hotified that body that its Guatemalan-Mexican dispute had be

CUBAN WAR CLOUDS DARKEN

A Torpedo Boat Is to Be Furnished the Insurgents.

SPAIN'S GOVERNMENT NERVOUS

State Officials at Washington Have Beer Notified of the Contemplated Expedition-Mischief That Might Be Accomplished by Such a Craft.

Washington, April 1.-Information of somewhat sensational character has The United States authorities here been received in Washington within the sources which they deem entirely rebuilding firm has agreed to furnish the insurgents a torpedo boat at an early day which will be used to destroy the Spanish war vessels now cruising in Cuban waters. Whether the firm in question will build a boat or furnish a steam launch which can be utilized as a torpedo boat, it not known, but it is asserted that a swift boat of some character which can be used for torpedo purposes will soon be in the hands of the Cuban sympathizers in this coun-

It is then purposed to equip this craft with a full supply of torpedo tubes and start her immediately to Cuban shores. The Spanish government is said to be aware of this expedition, and to have notified the state department officials. What action the latter will take cannot at this time be stated, masmuch as no information bearing upon the matter will be given out at the state depart-

A vessel, such as that referred to above, could probably destroy several Spanish cruisers before she were captured, even though she should be unlucky enough to fall into the hands of the Spaniards. In such an event it is said short shrift would be made of the officers and crew, who would be treated as pirates and executed without

FIVE MEN ARE KILLED.

Boilers in a Leather Factory Explode with Terrible Effect An Eighty-Foot Chimney Also Falls,

Woburn, Mass., April 1.-Just as the Let us foster and guard what we have secured and be thankful therefor. We mean to keep a fast hold upon the German empire as it is. Political developments proceed as slowly as geologic formation, so the work of leaders ought not to be judged hastily. The world will have to get a sight of the middle of the next century before I can be judged unbiassed in history or from the imperial standpoint of by-gone times.

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The following men were killed: Aus-

The injured, who were removed to Patrick Kelley, John Kenney, John Tracy, Patrick O'Keefe, Octavio Saunders, (colored).

About fifty men were employed in the building at the time. Had the accident occurred ten minutes later the loss of life would have been much more seri-

There were four boilers in the buildng, two of which were new. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

TONNAGE QUESTION.

An Agreement Will Be Made Between

Anthracite Companies This Week. ered colored woman. He declared | meet on Friday next to settle the basis | cess has spent very little time in Engsecured. My task was to secure what was possible, and if I did not succeed in obtaining all that w might have wished, I beg your indulgent criticism.

Let us hold, though, what we have.

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Let us hold, though, what we have. reached at the meeting. New York, prince of Wales will soon pay another The said, be allowed 312 per cent, of the wick, the latter being more generally

> She talked with the police for half an agreement it makes without a satisfactory arrangement for the control of the sixty odd operators along the com-

After the presidents' meeting the sales agents will meet, and will probably recommend an advance of at least 25 cents per ton from present low actual figures

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

Conductor and a Brakeman Are Instantly Killed.

Uniontown, Pa., April 1.-Conductor Charles Barger and Brakeman John Shipley, of this place, were instantly killed on the Baltimore and Ohio rail-She got into conversation with her and road at Lemont last night. A peculiar coincidence is that both were killed in exactly the same manner and within an hour of each other. Shipley was the from one car to another, the train broke and he fell between the cars and was ground to pieces. The crew picked the oody and started to town.

They had gone but a short distance when Conductor Barger met death in a similar manner. Barger leaves a wife and one child. Shipley was single.

MEN MUST STAY AWAY. Cannot Attend Gymnasium Exhibitions

in a Women's College. Baltimore, April 1.-The board of control of the Women's college has grant-ed the petition of the girls that men be excluded from their gymnasium exhibitions. Girls who were opposed the prohibition made evident their

The gymnasium suit has for its principal feature a wide pair of Turkish trousers reaching below the knee. Ever since the first exhibition was given it seemed that the proportion of men attracted grew larger and larger each time, and the average age grew less and less.

CHICAGO'S INVITATION.

Windy City Desires to Show Appreciation of the President's Sound Money Policy. Washington, April 1.—The committee of Chicago business men, headed by William T. Baker, president of the Chi-cago board of trade, had half an hour's with President Cleveland this They laid before hint an invimorning ed by over 100 of the repre sentativ siness men of Chicago, ask-

ing him and Mrs. Cleveland to accept a public non-partisan reception to be held in Chicago to express (as the address says), "our deep sense of appreciation of your statesmanlike and courageous action in maintaining the financial credit of our government and your uncompromising attitude in favor of the preservation of a sound national currency." The invitation was beautifully engrossed on thick cardboard and bound in book form, lined with white satin, the exterior being in blue crushed

levant, ornamented with gold. The president said that he would communicate with the board by letter and that if he does not consider the invitation favorably it will be because of per sonal and official reasons which he cannot see his way to overcome

CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

Japan Must Have Formosa and Four Hundred Million Yen.

London, April 1.-A Central News dispatch from Shanghai says it is reported that the conditions of peace are that China shall pay four hundred million yen indemnity and cede Formosa and southern Manchurla.

Japan is to hold guarantees pending the payment of indemnity and the set-tlement of the boundaries.

MURDERED HER CHILDREN.

Horrible Crime Committed by Mrs. Williams at the Park Hotel in Columbus

Columbus, O., April 1.-Two small children were found dead in bed in a room in the Park hotel this afternoon with their throats cut from ear to ear An air of mystery hangs about the On Saturday a neatly dressed woman

came to the hotel accompanied by three children and registered as Mrs. H. H. B. Williams and children, Grove City, O. The children were Harry, aged Maud, aged 12, and Annie aged 13. It was the two younger children who were

found dead. They were assigned to a room with two beds. Annie and her mother occupied one of the beds, the two younger children the other. Some time during the night it is supposed Mrs. Williams murdered the children and covered their bodies

with the bedding. Annie Williams says her mother left the room at about 8.30 o'clock this morning, but before going told her not to go near the bed in which her brother and sister were sleeping.

She obeyed, and so it was not until

He was brought to the hotel soon

abandon in his age what enthused him in the calendar with in his youth. I trust that you will always remain as German and as nation—Provided that nothing in this act shall—Patterson.

The following men were killed. Alls, if the calendar with the

Mrs. Williams is about 40 years old. the adjacent residences and cared for. Acquaintances say they never knew of any trouble in the family, and she seemed to be of sound mind. Mrs. Williams' whereabouts is still a mystery.

SHUNS HER HUSBAND.

Princess of Wales to Leave England When the Prince Returns.

London, April 1.-With the prince of Wales' return from the Riviera the announcement is made that the princess of Wales is going to Copenhagen next week on a visit to her parents, the king and queen of Denmark. This has started gossip afresh and has brought into prominence the fact that the prince New York, April 1.-It is expected and princess of Wales seldom remain in that the anthracite coal presidents will the same country together. The prinfor operations for the current year. It land during the last two years. Inci-Susquehanna and Western will, it is visit to the earl and countess of Warknown as the famous beauty, Lady A point most difficult to settle is how Brooke, her former title. During the the Lehigh Valley is to observe any stay of the prince of Wales at the Riviera his partiality for Americans, especially for American ladies, was again remarked with many ill-natured comments from expectant Britishers hovering near.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Goelet were seen to be on terms of intimacy with the prince which are enjoyed by but few English people.

PREACHER TO BE ARRESTED. Rev. D. D. McLauren, of Detroit, Accused

of Libel. Detroit, April 1 .- A capias has been

issued for the arrest of Rev. David D. McLaurin, pastor of the Woodward Baptist church, and acting president of the Detroit Civic Federation, for libel. The complainant is John B. Teagan, who was an unsuccessful candifirst victim. While he was stepping date for the Republican nomination for police justice, and who was opposed by the Civic Federation as being the candidate of the saloon interests.

The particular statements alleged to be libelous were made by Dr. McLaurin from his pulpit, when he is alleged to have declared that the election of Teagan as police justice would be a calamity to the people.

WHERE WOMEN VOTE. Result in Ohio Cannot Be Considered

Republican Victory.

Cincinnati, O., April 1.-Advices to the Tribune show that today's election brought out a large vote in Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo and Hamilton, and in a few smaller cities. Returns are not in and majorities are not given. In grief by prominently displaying crepe. the majority of places, however, the vote was light. It was the first general election where women could vote and the privilege was taken advantage of generally.

In most instances where women wer candidates for the school board they were elected. The results in the state cannot be considered a Republican victory.

ington this evening, where he goes to paint a portrait of President Cleveland for the Hon. Don M. Dickinson, of this city. As to Income Tax. Washington, April 1.—The supreme court today failed to give an opinion on the constitutionality of the income tax.

Will Paint the President's Portrait.

Detroit, Mich., April 1.—Percy S. Ives, a well known portrait artist, left for Wash-

Their Candidates Defeated Upon the

Reorganization of Councils.

MESSAGE OF MAYOR CONNELL

Spoke of the Work Accomplished During the Fiscal Year Just Closed and Made Many Wise Suggestions for Future Government of the City.

divided against itself, appeared the Democrats of common council yester- feated on third reading. day after the reorganization for the fiscal year of 1895. They could not they wield their majority of two votes, their services. which enabled the Republicans to prepare and bring about a new organiza- to order by City Clerk Lavelle for the tion to suit their own sweet fancy. In the select branch, where only a

the Republican majority, and Charles select body, was chosen to preside W. Westpfahl was chosen unanimously. James J. Grier, of the Third ward, MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE. was elected president of common council by a majority of one. He was a fusion candidate. Patrick J. Nealis, of the Fourteenth ward, was the regular Democratic caucus nominee and but for the vote of a bolting Republican, E. F. Wenzel, of the Tenth ward, would

have received only nine votes out of

twenty-one. Most Remarkable Result.

The election of H. C. Hatton to the clerkship was a more remarkable victory than even that of the fusion candidate for the presidency. He was the regular nominee of the Republicans and defeated W. F. McLean, the choice of the Democrats, by three votes, although the Democratic majority in this branch is two, not considering the vote of Mr.

Nealis, Zeidler, Noone, Battle and Nor-

The votes for Mr. Grier by the candidate himself, Mr. Loftus, the Independent, and Mr. Robinson, Democrat, comprised the first shock to the Nealis.

Following the selection of Mr. Grier after the discovery of the bodies, but for temporary chairman, the certificates

Mr. Battle Insinuated. Mr. Morris in a brief speech nominated Mr. Grier. Mr. Battle in presenting with a robust voice the name of Mr. Nealis, made several insinuating allusions derogatory to Mr. Grier. Mr. Battle said that Mr. Nealis "had always been a Democrat and one who, not like others within sound of my voice, has been at the beck and call of the powers that be." Mr. Grier received eleven votes and Mr. Nealis ten. Mr. Wenzel, Republican, voted for Mr. Nealis, and Mr. Loftus, Independent, and Mr. Robinson, Democrat, voted for Mr. Grier.

The vote in detail is as follows: For Grier-Loftus, Morris, Grier, S. Thomas, R. Thomas, Godfrey, Moir, Robinson, Seamans, Oliver, Keller. For Nealis-Regan, Gilroy, Wenzel, Nealis, Zeidler, Sweeney.

Hickey, Battle, Norton. Mr. Nealls' motion prevailed that the election of Mr. Grier be made unani-President Grier took the oath of office,

administered by Mayor Connell, and in turn swore in the new members.

Mr. Battle's motion to adjourn was an evident attempt to escape the electing of a clerk, but the motion was not

entertained by the chair. Mr. Hatton, the Republican choice, nominated by Mr. Moir, received 12 votes, and Mr. McLean, nominated by Mr. Gilroy, received 9 votes. Following is the vote in detail:

For Hatton-Loftus, Morris, Grier, S. Thomas, R. Thomas, Godfrey, Moir, Wenzel, Robinson, Seamans, Oliver,

For McLean-Regan, Gilroy, Sweeney, Nealis, Zeidler. Noone, Hickey, Battle, Norton. On motion of Mr. Oliver the old rules

were adopted, and after Mayor Connell had administered the oath of office to Clerk Hatton, an adjournment was made for a few moments and until the reading of the mayor's message. Republicans Solid in Select.

The reorganization of the select branch only occupied a few moments and was entirely at variance with the parliamentiary sparring in the other chamber. On Mr. Lansing's (Rep.) motion, Mr. McCann (Dem.) was the unanimous choice for temporary chair-

Mr. Fellows' (Rep.) motion, seconded by Mr. Manley (Dem.), that Mr. Westpfahl be the president for the next fiscal year, was carried unanimously Mr. Westpfahl was excorted to the chair by a special committee, Members Durr and Fellows, and took the oath of office administered by the mayor.

COUNCIL'S LAST SESSION. Tax Lovy Ordinance Amended and Passed

Finally. At 9 o'clock each branch convened in special session for the purpose of considering a large quantity of unfinished

Mr. Westpfahl, in the absence of President Chittenden, was chosen to temporarilly in the select preside oranch. A resolution favoring the settlement by \$2,000 of the claim against the city by John Conmay, of Robinson street, was referred to committee, which will necessitate a further consideration of the matter by the common branch. An unsuccessful effort was made by Mr. Roche and Mr. Coyne to have the resolution reported forthwith.

Tax Levy Ordinance Passed. The tax levy ordinance as amended in common council passed third and final reading. Mr. Roche exhibited some feeling

president, when Mr. Manley offered a resolution thanking Mr. Chittenden for

"If Mr. Chittenden was present," said Mr. Roche, "I would fight that reso-

The early morning business in the common branch was given a lively start by the opposition to a bill for 3477 for detective services which had been tabled for nearly two months. The motion that the bill be paid was lost, Members Golden, Regan, McLean Sweeney, Zeidler, Noone, Battle, Norton and Hickey voting in the negative. One mill was added to the total tax levy ordinance for the purpose of pur-Routed, defeated and like a house chasing Nay Aug park outright. The public market ordinance was de-

Before adjourning for reorganization a resolution was adopted thanking patch up old differences; neither could President Nealis and Clerk McLean for

When the joint session was called

purpose of receiving the second annual message of Mayor Connell, fourpresident was to be selected, the Dem-ocrats made no attempt to overcome present. President Westpfahl, of the

Complete Text of an Interesting Review of Departmental Work. Following is the complete text of the

mayor's annual message: To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Scranton, Pa.

Councils of the City of Scranton, Pa.

Gentlemen—In accordance with my duty as mayor as prescribed by law, I most respectfully submit to your honorable bodies my second annual message.

A close observation of the business affairs of our city during the year just passed will cause a feeling of general gratification to our citizens. It is indeed doubtful if there is a single city in the country, and certainly not one in the commonwealth, upon which the burden of the industrial depression of the past two years has fallen more lightly than upon our own. The apparent unanimity with which our local enterprises has weathered financial and industrial conditions which have brought great loss and even ruin to is two, not considering the vote of Mr. Loftus, Independent.

When Clerk McLean called the common branch to order Simon Thomas, E. F. Wenzel and P. J. Hickey were outside the chambers and did not participate in the preliminary skirmish, although they were present during the permanent organization. The first indication of what was in store for the Nealis-McLean faction appeared in the Nealis-McLean faction appeared in the choice of a temporary chairman. Mr. Grier, nominated by Mr. Morris, was chosen over Mr. Noone, nominated by Mr. Battle, by the vote of 10 and 8. For Grier—Loftus, Morris, Grier, R. Thomas, Godfrey, Moir, Robinson, Seamans, Oliver and Keller.

For Noone—Regan, Gilroy, Sweeney, Nealis, Zeidler, Noone, Battle and Norse.

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in our midst.

The unsurpassed facilities of Scranton as a manufacturing center, as furnished by cheap fuel, numerous railroads and geographical location, if properly presented to the various manufacturing interests throughout the country will clearly demonstrate the desirability of our city as a locating point, and speedily place us in the first rank with the great manufacturing cities of the land. The splendid business blocks which have been erected or begun in the city during the past year, of a class suited to a thoroughly metropolitan city, still further attest the substantial character of our prosperity and permanency.

Bridges and Parks.

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The year just closed will be memorable in the history of the city on account of two very important undertakings, which, while not yet complete, are so far under way as to be fairly classed among the works of 1894. I refer to the construction of the two large iron bridges over the Lackawanna river and the Roaring brook, and the primarry steps taken toward securing for the city an adequate system of public parks.

The wisdom of your honorable bodies in providing for these bridges and of our citizens in sanctioning the raising of the necessary funds for their construction, will be apparent immediately upon their completion, in the impetus given the development of those sections of the city directly reached by them, and in the increased convenience and subsequent benefits to the city at large by their use.

I desire to express my approval of the energetic methods which have characterized our board of park commissioners in securing for the city such desirable tracts of land as the Nay Aug falls plot for park purposes. I would respectfully urge upon the honorable councils that they appropriate from year to year, sums of money for the use of the park commission, commensurate with the magnitude and importance of the work they have in charge, that these parks and others which they hope to get possession of in different parts of the city may be put in suitable condition for the benefit of our constantly increasing population. The usual sequence in the life of a municipality, and to which happily we have not been an exception, which follows up the first years of commercial activity and general material development, by a closer observation to the mental growth and education of the rising generation, has been demonstrated to a most gratifying degree by our people within recent years. The extensive and thorough preparations which have been magnificently supplemented by the Albright Memorial Public library, which is being appreciated and used more each succeeding year. This institution is destined to exert

City's Fine Debt Showing. City's Fine Debt Showing.

The financial status of our city is such as to cause a feeling of security and satisfaction to our citizens. 'Our bonded debt is \$762,000, somewhat of an increase over last year, owing to the \$259,000 bridge bonds, which were floated during the summer for the building of the two iron bridges now in process of erection. Casting aside this item, it will be observed that there has been a very material reduction of the municipal indebtedness. The bonds and cash in the sinking fund duction of the municipal indebtedness.

The bonds and cash in the sinking fund aggregate \$178,576,17, leaving a net indebtedness to the city of \$583,423.86.

It rarely occurs in municipal government that a city of the size and resources of Scranton is burdened by so small a debt. I am safe in saying that no city in the United States can make a more creditable showing financially than our own. This debt is secured by property of an assessed valuation of \$21,500,000, and of an actual valuation variously estimated at from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

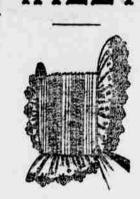
City Solicitor's Good Work.

The vast increase of the work done through the department of the city solicitor, as well as an idea of the close relationship of that work with the finances of the city, are shown by the last annual statement of the department. Whereas the total sum of all moneys collected through the department during the eleven months ended March 1, 1894, was \$25,000, for the corresponding period this year there has been turned into the city treasury the sum of \$56,643.86, collected on 300 different assessments for paving, sewers, grading and sidewalks.

During the process of collecting this large sum of money, 274 liens were filed and seventy-four separate suits were brought on assessment liens, of which at the time of the rendering of the annual statement of the department, thirty-one had been collected, thirty-one judgments had been entered or no appearance made [Continued on Page 3.] City Solicitor's Good Work. [Continued on Page 3.]

WEATHER REPORT. For eastern Pennsylvania, showers in

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