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It is needless for The Tribune to say that it is actuated by no hostility to Hon. John R. Farr in declining to support him for speaker. It does not think that Mr. Farr has any, chance to succeed, and it was committed to another candidate before it knew that he had aspirations in that direction. We shall be glad to see Mr. Farr get a good chairmanship, as he no doubt

Brass Before Brains.

One of the pathetic features of the present canvass for the next United States senatorship in this state is the appearance of the gifted editor of the Philadelphia Press in the attitude of spokesman for the candidacy of one immeasurably his own inferior as a possibility for that office. It illustrates a singularly deplorable state of political sentiment in the city of Philadelphia that a man like Hon. John Wanamaker, with practically nothing to recommend his candidacy beyond his possession of a considerable reputation for a certain quality of commercial sagacity and large wealth, should be preferred by the Business Men's association and the Manufacturers' club of that city to a genuine statesman, orator and polished man of affairs like Charles Emory Smith, in whom the interests of Philadelphia and of the entire commonwealth would have almost an ideal representative and champlon.

However much it may go counter to Mr. Smith's inclination to be drawn into a discussion of this character we cannot refrain from directing attention to the immense distance which intervenes between the level which Mr. Wanamaker would necessarily occupy as a senator of the United States and that to which Mr. Smith's own varied and exceptional talents and acquirements would lift him were he to be elected to that exalted position instead. It seems almost a violence to American institutions that financial and corporate influences should be sufficient to project a mediocre personage like Mr. Wanamaker to the front in the direction of lofty political aspiration, while a modest but incomparably superior possibility like Mr. Smith is to all appearances stood aside as a property of forces which he has not the means to combat. We consider it a blistering shame that this is so and it is one of the most potent reasons why we oppose the candidaey of Mr. Wanamaker and hope to see it defeated as it deserves.

Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, in a private conversation is reported to have said a war between his country and the United States was "possible." Of course he has since denied making such a statement, yet the original report is doubtless true. A war with Spain of course is possible. But it isn't probable, so long as Spain knows what is good for her.

Good Advice.

In his letter to the 128th annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce President Cleveland gave the following good advice to business men generally: "Recent events may well cause those who represent business interests to rejoice in their escape from threatened peril. But while they have abundant reason for rejoicing, and can view with the greatest satisfaction the support they have given the cause of sound money, in the contest lately waged against it, I earnestly hope that in this time of congratulation it will be remembered that not only constant vigilance and continued effort are required to even maintain present conditions, but that absolute safety will only be secured when our financial system is protected by affirmative and thorough reforms. When our business men are habitually alert and watchful, and when they are, moreover, fully aroused to the importance of such legislative action concerning our finances as business methods eral debt which every property owner approve and the welfare of the entire country requires, much good may be confidently anticipated, not only in the accomplishment of practical results, but in the removal of hurtful prejudices, through an assurance to the people that business and patriotism are becoming more and more united."

In past campaigns it has been with extreme difficulty that business men as a class could be aroused to an active and aggressive interest for good government. They have shunned politics. Many of them have staid away from party primaries. Some even declined or neglected to vote. The presidential election of 1896 was the first one in this generation in which business men almost without exception awoke to their duties and constituted themselves into campaign committees. Their participation in politics was on a scale hitherto unprecedented. They even had courage in many cases to take such a part in the fight for national honor as meant temporary loss to themselves in way of offended patronage holding opposite opinions. It was an unusual and an eventful uprising of the business brain and character of the country in defense of the country's welfare, and it ought to teach the American business man that his place is in politics. Politics can be made to reflect business principles if business men will continue to give their attention to it. The abuses which drove many business men out of it in past campaigns can in large measure be remedied if the business man will de his part toward remedying them. By all means let the good work go on

Let Mr. Bryan talk. He was teresting while the fight was on, but as an obsolete babbler he will soon grow monotonous.

Better Get Contracts.

Stripped of its legal verbiage, the answer filed by President Mitchell, of the Scranton Board of Control to the deciaration of Professor McCloskey is that while the board did employ Mr. Mc- expert investigation. Laymen are nat- your life. But do you want to save one?

Closkey as a teacher in the high school it subsequently changed its mind before a formal and air-tight contract had been executed and put on file. The moral obligation was there, but there is, in the board's opinion, a legal loophole through which it can escape from

any financial obligation. We are told that there are several other teachers now on the city pay roll who never had any formal contracts executed. Perhaps if the board is much given to sudden mind-changing, these teachers had better insist upon con-

Already more than sixty pledges of support have come to ex-Speaker Boyer in his candidacy for the next speakership at Harrisburg, leaving only twenty-six to be secured between this and caucus time. The new "combine" will evidently have to hustle.

That Taylor Street Car War.

The legal aspects of the recent Taylor street car war need not be touched upon, since they will doubtless be fully and fairly adjudicated in court. But there is a moral principle involved in the episode which may with propriety be considered in the public press.

Here was a quasi-public corporation which agreed to perform certain services for the borough of Taylor in exchange for the right to run cars through that borough's principal street. Whether these services were an exorbitant price for the franchise privilege is not now a point at issue. The compact was made. The conditions laid down by the borough were accepted by the company and fell by stipulation on the shoulders of the road's lessees. Why were those conditions not promptly and fairly ful-

People sometimes wonder why there is so much prejudice against corporations. Corporations admittedly are good things when wisely and honorably and generously conducted. But If there is any uncertainty as to the origin of the widespread anti-corporation feeling or any doubt as to where such men as Bryan and Altgeld get their grip on American politics, it can be removed by a close study of the Taylor incident, which is but typical of too many cases of corporation forgetfulness of public obligations.

It is suggested, and with wisdom. that the ballot law should be amended so that the secretary of the commonwealth must certify a list of the candidates to the county commissioners not later than thirty days before election. The law now reads fourteen days, and that does not give margin enough for the proper printing of the

Texation of Church Property.

The fact that one of the commissioners of Allegheny county, Mr. Mercer, favors taxing church property just as any other property and is talking of getting up a bill embodying this idea for presentation before the next legislature calls to mind that several of the clergymen of New York city are also on record in favor of such taxation. The view that religious and charitable property should be put by the state on an equal footing with other real estate has hitherto obtained mainly among opponents of churches, but it ought not necessarily to argue antagonism to religion or to philanthropy. On business grounds the case stands thus: Churches and charities do great good and therefore merit generous consideration. But on the other hand, ought not this consideration to come through private rather than through official channels? The fact that in our government church is constitutionally divorced from state suggests that the state, purely as a political creation, could easily and with propriety in its official sphere recognize no special claims to exemption or favoritism. The claims of religion especially are personal rather than political; they should look for generosity from persons rather than legislatures.

We do not suppose that a time is likely to come in our generation when a Pennsylvania legislature will venture to impose taxation on church property, consequently any lengthy discussion of the subject would be merely academic. Yet we agree with Commis-sioner Mercer, of Allegheny county. that it would be a destrable thing if our churches were voluntarily to set the example of recognizing that genowes in equity to the civil government which protects him in the possession of his own.

The roster of the Spanish legation at Washington includes twelve names, being second in size only to Great Britain's. Too many officials and too little good government seem to be Spain's general and chronic complaint.

A Prophecy.

"The day may come in the United States when a multitude of people oppressed by hard times will be called upon to choose rulers. On the one side will stand a statesman preaching patience, respect for vested rights and strict observance of public faith. On the other side will stand a demagogue ranting about the tyranny of usuerers and capitalists. Let us hope that if such a season of adversity ever comes the American nation will not act like people who would in a year of scarcity devour all the seed corn and thus make the next year a year not a scarcity but of absolute famine."

This is not a campaign speech. It is a passage from a private letter written in 1857 by Lord Macaulay, the eminent English historian. As the Cleveland World, from whose columns we take this excerpt, says, "the hope expressed by Macaulay has been fulfilled. The American people found themselves in exactly the position dredicted by that eminent scholar, and the hope expressed in this most remarkable letter

has been carried out to the dot." Out in Indiana the Republican congress-men-elect have decided to make applicants for postmasterships submit their claims to a popular vote, the highest man to win. There isn't much doubt that a similar rule in Pennsylva-

nia would materially simplify matters. The report that a young lad named Westcott in Forest City is still suffering from the effects of hypnotic experiments performed upon him last summer by a traveling "hypnotist" merits

urally ignorant as to the after effects

The publishing house of Stone & Kimball, 139 Fifth avenue, New York, which is supplying to the American reading public some of the best written, best printed, best bound and best illustrated books at reasonable cost that are to be had these days for love or money, and thereby putting the world under obligations, has begun an interesting experiment in journalism which we hope will succeed. It is printing an eight-page leaflet, called the Daily Tatler, and given over wholly to book reviews, literary gossip, dramatic and musical critiques and chirpy misceilany on kindred subjects. Its reviews and critiques are prepared by able and witty writers who sign their daily sells for two cents and is worth ten to any one who has sufficient gumption to appreciate a rattling good thing.

Mr. Wanamaker's great ability, his pube experience, his practical knowledge of flairs, his broad grasp of public issues and wants, his power of impressing him self and his ideas, all mark him as con-spicuously fitted for representative posttion. In the recent campaign he went widely over the state and came into personal contact with large masses of eople. Everywhere known before as the premost merchant, he made a deep, di-ct impression by his carnest and forcefu! speeches.—Philadelphia Press.

Did you ever read a verbatim report of one of his speeches?

The war lord of Germany is finding it very difficult these days to suppress free speech even in a land accustomed to bend to high authority. This is evidentiy a democratic age.

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

Bill Nye would be laughing yet if he appened upon that blood curdling seen Taylor borough Tuesday evening when the Traction company removed the obtruction from the car tracks. The constables of Taylor borough are a band of unconscious comedians. One man, unforunately, has an impediment in his speech It is not exactly an impediment, but, again unfortunately, he has no roof to his nouth, and when he talks the sound comes in a linked monotone, Only close requaintances can understand him. When leneral Manager Silliman, Attorney Horce E. Hand, Deputies Price and Ryan and other came upon the group of con stables this man with the funny voice broke the silence with one of the awful-est verbal explosions ever perpetrated. It surprised the Scranton people and a loud augh followed.

An interpreter explained that the exdosion meant 'not by a reservoir site' or something similar.

When the pistol was drawn by Deputy Price and was pointed at the saloon-keep or the way the latter scampered home ward was everuciatingly funny. This sa-loon-keeper is five feet in height, ed whiskered, hair of the same dye, fat, and he is no sprinter. He afterward stated for the benefit of the men about his bar that he wasn't scared.

He only ran to get his gun. Barney McGill, the genial conductor, carried, a pick for protection. A friend accosted him: "What do you want to mix in this for

"Well, I happend to be on this line to day," explained Mr. McGill. "You'll be on the dead line, Barney, It on don't look out," was the encouraging

Everybody who was not a constable was saying he wished he was; he'd show those fellows how to protect the "boro." One man wants Deputy Price arrested by the borough officers for carrying con-cealed weapons within the borough lim-

"Well, it wasn't concealed," spoke up a mniscient one.
"It was concealed before he took it from his pocket, wasn't it?" was the deadly rebuttal. That settled it. Another individual was making a speech You're quite un orator, Charlle,'

ne who knew him. "Well, I am," said Charlle, modestly yet carnestly; "I was better though be-fore I had my front teeth knocked out." The same man was talking all the time about that "infernal injudgment," as he called it. He didn't see what was the use of a burgess if Judge Archbald could run Talyor borough. And the only Hungarian in the crowd was quite indignant that Deputy Price had pointed the gun "right in Jim Powell's eye."

Tom-I don't know whether she sings or Jack-She doesn't; I heard her.-London Pick-Me-Up.

Frank Daniels, the popular opera come dian, has a peculiar superstition. He will not open a telegram marked "collect." It came about in this way. There was an actor who was promised a place in "The Wizard of the Nile" cast before that opera was produced. The actor was good one, but he had a bad thirst, which made him at times an uncertain quantity. However, Daniels, knowing what a good actor the man was in his intervals of sobriety engaged him, with the sole provise that be should step trying to ex-haust the supply of intexicants. The ac-tor promised, and for some time kept sober. Then came the time for rehearsals and immediately the actor fell from grace He came to the theater very, very in toxicated on more than one occasion, and finally he was discharged and another got to fill his place. Then he demanded \$20 for the time he had lost in rehearsal, which was refused. "All right," said he Daniels, "If you

won't pay me one way you will another. You shall hear from me, sir." But weeks passed and he was not heard from, and Daniels was glad. Then the company opened its season in Wilkes-Barre, and when, next day, the company reached Scranton, Daniels was greeted by a telegram, C. O. D., 80 cents, which the manager of the Academy had paid or him. It was from the actor, and con-ratulated Daniels on his success. Dan-els swore. In Williamsport was another elegram, C. O. D., \$1. 14, which was also rom the actor, and also congratulatory In Pittsburg another was waiting, and this time it was for \$2.25. It was very ongratulatory; and was from the actor And so it went all along the road, even into New York, where there were telegrams awaiting the Wizard. By time the whole cost was a little over \$ and then Daniels saw through the trick and swore an oath or two. It was at this period that he notified all theaters that no nore C. O. D. telegrams were to be to put aside in future all his curiosity as to unpaid messages.

Mother-What is the matter, my dear? Why are you crying? Harry (between sobs)-I left my taffy on that chair and the min'ster's a-sitting

Captain Charles E. Clark, the cham-pion iffe-saver of Atlantic City, who used to be on exhibition at Davis' theater in the days when it was called Wonderland, is this year doing a safe-cracking part in a lurid melodrama and stringing the boys

of the press as he goes along. Here is one of his stories:
"Some of the actors guy me and say I never saved a life. I met Nat Goodwin, the comedian, at Atlantic lity a few years ago, and he said to me. Say, Cap...

urally ignorant as to the after effects of hypnotic phenomena. It is to the interest of science to make a more authoritative and exact explanation than has yet been vouchsafed.

"Yes, I'll go you, Nat,' said I. 'Then buy me a drink,' said he. But I got even with a fellow who played a villain in the show. Our manager used to send me in the gallery to jolly along the applause. I got the villain hot, I smuggled a pair of clap sticks with me into the gallery, and every time the villain came on I brought those sticks together with a whack. The those sticks together with a whack. The gallery door-keepers jumped on me. 'What do you mean by applauding like that?' they said, 'Do you suppose I would applaud a bum show like this unless I got paid for it?' said I. That used to shut 'em up.''

> -: ||:-Marriage is a game of chance, Nor know we who shall win; But most of us quite seldom lose A chance to sit therein. -Detroit Tribune.

A certain Lackawanna avenue business man has a little daughter, who has the making of a great financier in her. One day her father called her to him.
"My dear," said he, "a man this morning offered papa this room full of gold it he would sell little brother. Now, that means gold enough to fill this room from names and merit attention. This little | wall to wall, and from floor to ceiling. It I sell little brother for that sum I shall be able to buy everything in the world you want. Shall I sell him?"

"No, papa," answered the little girl promptly, and then, before her delighted father could embrace her for expressing so much unselfish affection, she went on "Keep him till he's bigger. He'll be wor more then.

Guest (sushing them away from him) don't like the way you cook eggs at th estaurant, Waiter-What's the trouble, sir? Guest-You don't cook them enough.-Lewiston Journal.

A former Scranton minister, now settled In the west, tells a good story of his ex-perience with a choir which had frequent quarrels. "One Sabbath they informed ne that they would not sing a note until Brother the choir. I gave out as the opening hymn:

'Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God, But children of the Heavenly King Will speak their joys abroad.' "They sang, and I was never again troubled,"

New Collector-What can I say when woman jumps on me about the amount of her gas bill? Old Collector-Tell her the woman next door burns over twice as much .- Puck.

announcement that Arlie Latham, the spavin-armed third baseman who hon-ored Scranton with his presence for a time last season, and made things lively along the coach line, has decided to di-vorce himself from the ball field in future and employ his joshing talents as a drum mer for a sporting goods house.

"Anybody can be a lawyer." "There's where you are wrong. Any-body can be an attorney, but it takes brains to make a lawyer."—Judge.

STAGE AFFAIRS.

William Young, author of "The Rajah," s writing a new play,
Olga Nethersole has a historical play based on incidents of a French period. If it is successful on the first production, she will make a feature of it. Madame Melba says that average sing-ers can find all the musical training they want at home, as there are plenty of ex-

cellent American teachers.

Louis H. Frechette, the Canadian poet ladreate, is writing a play in blank verse for Sarah Bernhardt. It is founded on early Italian history, and is full of Bernhardtesque gore and agony.

Henry Irving and Charles Wyndham will close their theaters on the evening of the day when the annual dinner in London in aid of the Actors' Benevolent ardtesque gore and agony.

A Montreal critic pronounces the Ham A Montreal critic pronounces the Ham-let of James O'Neill the best seen in that city since the days of Booth. So many Hamlets have been pronounced the best since the performance of Booth that the distinction is not always a final one. The character which seems to have made the most impression in New York in "The Sign of the Cross" is that of the Christian boy who is tortured to make him betray his comrades, and whose fear of death is vividly expressed.

Julia Marlowe Tabor won her suit against Frank Howe, jr., manager of the Philadelphia Walnut Street theater, for breach of contract in not paying th full amount contracted for during her engagement there. The manager refused full payment on the ground that she had lessened her drawing powers as a star by assuming her married name, thereby osing the full advertising value of her own name as a business trademark. This lecision practically proclaims that the fair artist is independent in her attrac-tion of mere "name" value.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE. From the Sun.

What, then, is the present position of the Monroe doctrine, in view of Lord Salisbury's final consenting to do for the United States what he persistently refused to do for Venezuela, although he becan by declining to admit that the United States had any business to meddle with the boundary of a British colony? The position is this: The Monroe doctrine has been recognized by the greatest maritime power upon the globe, not, indeed, as a law, but as a fact; a massive, tow-ering, insuperable fact. No other Euro-pean state will ever try to surmount the barrier, which has proved impassable to even the earth hunger of Great Britain. he Monroe doctrine is no principle of it ternational jurisprudence, sanctioned by congresses of the powers and embedded in the text of treaties. It is something better than a law, because laws are often proken; it is a notorious, ineffaceable, in hereafter understand that by virtue of the might, which is the ultimate arbiter

harge the duty of protecting every

American republic from encroachment

pean nation.

From the Times-Herald. The Mexican dollar industry has been practically ruined in this country by the election of a man who believes that a hundred cents should make one dollar in-

FACE VALUE.

From the Adams Freeman. Man is like a coin. If he's worth considerable, and they tell you he's an all round good fellow, he's usually pretty

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Aincehus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 1,50 a. m., for Thursday, Nov. 19, 1895.

) Fat A child born on this day will notice that the stock of Van Horns up the val-

ey is apparently unlimited. Billy Bryan's recent efforts as a lec-turer without a subject have not succeedturer without a subject have not succeen-ed in securing many big head lines in the Uncle John Wanamaker's attitude to

preparing to sacrifice his time for the ful, if not particularly modest, The corns produced by a 9-dollar pair of shoes are as painful as any, yet any one would prefer them to the 3-dollar shoe WHITE AND GOLD.

article. Ajacchus' Advice. Do not change your mind too often, un-



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