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We do not consider the report of a European alliance to dictate American president-elect should fall instead on policy with reference to Cuba worthy of more than passing notice. Europe Judge Nathan Goff, there will be no one knows better.

Wanamakerism Up to Date. Of all the untrue assertions which aggressive public service, have been called forth by the pending position within the bestowal of our contest for a United States senatorship presidents; a place which has in recent in this state the falsest is the statement that those who opyears risen to a plane of importance pose John Wanamaker do so in second, perhaps, only to one other sima spirit of antagonism to religion. It liar position in civilization-the secre is true that Mr. Wanamaker has so taryship of state. It may be that at adroitly traded on his reputation for this time a larger weight of responsisanctity that many religious citizens acbility rests upon the man who supercept him at his own valuation and look vises the diplomatic conduct of Great upon opposition to him as being equiv- Britain's foreign affairs than presses alent to irreverence. But when the upon the chief cabinet officer at Washfacts as to his recent political operations ington; but at the present rate of shall be fully established-and one by changes in international politics it may one they are coming to the surface- not be long before the relative rank will It will become plain to men of clear he reversed. There is reason to believe that Major

judgment that religion can receive no better service than to be relieved of such dissembling champions.

Mr. Wanamaker has said on different any other, or than all the others, in his occasions that he had not spent and cabinet. The review of its requirewould not spend a cent in the senatorments, which we reproduce elsewners ial contest corruptly. Yet it is in evi- on this page from the Philadelphia dence that licutenants bearing his cre- Press, will suggest why he has weighed dentials have offered brides right and the problem carefully and with recurleft, in such protusion as to suggest ring anxiety. In many respects Senator more than an innocent connection he- Sherman is the ablest statesman in the tween them and the Wanamaker mil- nation, as he is also the most eminent. Hons, Since the proof of their nefarious But his special field of study and work has been put before the people, achievement has had to do with finances there has been no sign of repudlation rather than with the broad probor disclalmer from Mr. Wanamaker, lems of diplomacy. Only within very but, on the other hand, he is about to recent years has he directed close attenlink arms with them in a grand march | tion to foreign affairs. He has, beyond to Harrisburg, with the avowed pur- all question, the ability and the experience to make a great state secrepose of capturing the legislature with tary, provided also he has the physical all that that phrase implies.

strength and the diplomatic tempera-Asked to explain the significant atment. If there were now within call a titude of the newspapers in which he man like the Blaine of 1880, how it would advertises, Mr. Wanamaker promptly grows sporty and offers a thousand simplify matters both for the presidentdollars to charity for proof that he elect and for the nation! has ever sought to muzzle the press.

Yet all this time Senator Kauffman, The courts have just canceled an ordinance passed in Kansas City to fine of Lancaster county, Wanamaker's non-voters at municipal elections. But right hand helper in the senatorial conthe good people who, by abstaining test, and billed to be one of the frontrow participants in the forthcoming from the polls, enable shysters to triadvance on the state capital, stands umph will get mulcted quite as effectually, though not so directly, as if publicly convicted on his own confession of having bought the insertion that ordinance had been pronounced in many papers of Wanamakerish edivalid. torials at from \$3 to \$25 apiece.

Finally, when emissaries in his in-

terest are hauled up in court charged It is significant of the tendency of with circulating anonymous scandal democratic government to transform against his rival for senatorial honors. itself into one-man power that in the this man who poses as an exemplar of draft of the proposed charter for Greatthe Christian virtues says no word or New York, which is now under disin disapproval of their contemptible cussion in the neighboring state, aulifts no voice of protest thority is centralized in the office of the work: against the attempted conversion of mayor. That official is to have power church organizations by false rep- to appoint all the administrative and resentations into mechanisms for executive officers of the city except the forwarding of his political comptroller, who is rendered elective ambitions; and even has the hardihood by the people every four years, so that to arrange to speak in public as the the treasury and finances will constantrepresentative of the morality of the ly be in the hands of an independent

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will not be lost.

The fire which destroyed St. Stephen's

Episcopal church in Wilkes-Barre on

Christmas morning could probably

link of peace between naturally conto gain by personal inquiry accurate flicting party elements. knowledge of the situation of affairs It has been the wish of many Penn sylvanians that the attorney generalship might be proffered to and accepted the executive, to dispatch a commisby J. Hay Brown, of Lancaster. Mr. Brown, to be sure, has not expressed Then there would have been something nor encouraged such expectations him-

McKinley has found more difficulty in

tilling this position satisfactorily than

One-Man Power.

substantial in way of information on self; but those who are aware of which to base further action in the his very unusual ability in directions premises. which point to that position as offering Nathan Straus, the New York philthe largest scope and incentive have anthropist, has reonened his coal yards nevertheless cherished the hope of his for the poor, which give them the opappointment. But if the choice of the portunity to purchase coal in small amounts at cost. Any doctor practicing his other friend and long-time colleague. among the destitute of New York city

can write an order on a prescription who could question either the political blank for a patient and it will be good fitness of the selection or the power of for free coal. It is not easy to imagine Judge Goff himself to do effective and a more helpful practical charity than this. We come, now, to the most important

Several hundred good columns of American newspaper space have lately been occupied with stories of how the Princess of Chimay, who was formerly Clara Ward, of Detroit, ran off with a gypsy. Now that it is clearly understood that she has done this and that the gypsy is willing, suppose we give the subject a rest.

Ex-Queen Lilloukalani says she doesn't want her crown restored and is confident that Hawaii will be annexed to the United States; but she would like a nice, plump pension. No doubt she would; but liking and getting are vastly different things.

The New York press has much to concerning a woman and her ay daughter who have just walked all the way from San Francisco to Gotham.

The feat certainly was a curious one. But in the first place, was there any sense in undertaking it? If ever the courts pass on the claim of the Jamestown, N. Y., woman that an itinerant hypnotist mesmerized her into a marriage without her knowledge or consent, it is a safe guess that they will make short work of it.

Authorized denial is made of the report that Mark Hanna is sick. He will continue to invest the other side with

the real symptoms of illness.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE From the Philadelphia Press.

The progress of events has brought the United States to a place where its for-eign affairs are of the first importance. This mation has become one of the great powers of the world, not merely in its intrinsic strength, nut in its relation to other powers and to the development of solvilization. There have been special periods of our history like the civil war when the delicacy and danger of our situ-ation required a great secretary, like Seward. There has always been in the con-

duct of our affairs the opportunity for a fortile and masterful statesman, like Webster or Marcy or Blaine, to make a strong impression. But during much of our history, with our traditional policy of ion-interference and with the obligations and opportunities of our mission not fully realized, it has been safe to go along with second-rate commonplace secretary, like Clayton or Frelinghuysen.

This, however, is no longer true. The world is moving forward in its inter-course. Nations are becoming more closely associated and mutually dependent The modern forces are bringing them into more intimate communion and dealing. The extension of trade, the development of commerce, the rivalry of mar-kets, the growth of navles, the need of

tarily to the shearing racks with their fleeces. Whether the transients be dealers knowledge of the situation of affairs in that island. The attempt should have been made fully a year ago, by the executive, to dispatch a commis-sion to Cuba for this very purpose. Then there would have been something against which people complain have been built up by the people who have permit-ted themselves to be fooled by the bail of cut prices. It is the same with people

who allow themselves to be buncoed the wandering sharps. Ordinances which serve to shut out these sharps are good things, but the complete remedy is in the sufficient growth of common sense to ch able people not to be imposed upon by them. Meanwhile the best thing local dealers can do to hold and enlarge their trade is to continue to deserve it, and to discourage any tendency among that number to palm off on customers goods which are made no better by being sold by them than by the nomadic fakirs.

WHERE REFORM IS NEEDED.

From the Philadelphia Times. The reproach upon the bar of Pennsyl-yania is not so much upon its want of legal knowledge or general equipment in practicing the profession as upon the methods which have become disgracefully common by a number of the members of the bar of admitted ability, and claiming respecta-bility in their high calling who, as swora officers of the courts, habitually bring 15proach upon the administration of justi-

and make it, measurably at least, a matter of barter and trade. No convention of judges or of the bar can correct these evils by resolution fixing a high standard of attainments for admission to the pro-fession. This stain that affects alike the legal profession and the administration of justice in Pennsylvania, is wholly the re-sult of the tolerance on the part of the judges in permitting the violation of sacred obligations by an attorney and the

succeed obligations by an attorney and the prostitution of his power to the perversion of justice in her own sanctuary. True, these wrongs are seldom clearly presented to judges when sitting in court, but he such practices can be habitual without coming to the knowledge of the indexs thereafters and they should be without coming to the knowledge of the judges themselves, and they should be prompt and resolute in correcting them. The lawyer is as alemnity sworn to per-form his duties with fidelity, not only to his client, but to justice, as is the judge himself, and the lawyer who asks for an unjust judgment, knowing it to be so, is perjured alike in law and morals. That there has been a gradual decadence of the bar of Pennsylvania in this regard will not be disputed by any intelligent observer of the general administration of justice, but it is wholly the fault of the judges in tolerating what they know to be an assault upon justice and a degradation alike of the profession and of the courts.

WANAMAKER'S METHODS.

Harrisburg Letter, Pittsburg Dispatch. The prediction is confidently made her

that Wanamaker's name will not be pre-sented to the caucus. It is quite certain that if the millionaire merchant become aware of the mass of evidence that i_{23} accumulated in regard to the operation of his agents, little of which is yet known to the while he would heating to into the public, he would hesitate to in-vite the criticism of which he will un-doubtedly be made the target when mat-ters grow red hot at Harrisburg. It is asserted by one eminent legal gen-tleman who has been informed in a somewhat specific manner of the characte of this information that if it were possible for the great merchant to compass his election at Harrisburg presentations would easily be made which would be an

absolute and effectual barrier in the way of his taking his seat in the senate.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. The other day it was stated that Wana-maker's ultimate ambition was the presi-dency, but at present it is noised abroad hat he is first aiming at the governorship. This is something new, and probably next it will be said that he would like to be coroner

From the Washington Post. Stories from several of the rural Penn-



BAZAAR.

All Holiday Goods left over from the Christmas trade must be disposed of within the next few days. We take Inventory the first week in January and will not pack these goods away. Therefore come and take them at your own price.

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Furnaces and Ranges

commonwealth. Exposure of sham is department. The mayor is to have suan unpleasant duty, but Wanamaker- pervisory control over the various deism has rendered its performance nec- pariments, and an enlarged yeto power essary.

The recent street-car strike at Boston, on the day before Christmas, when interruption of the facilities for travel was most kneenly felt by the public, was not only, if the facts are correctly set forth, without cause but was also actually vicious. Still, we doubt if the company officials, after the men saw their mistake and repented of it, will mend matters by taking the men back only to discharge them by degrees as public opinion cools down. The best way to get along in this world, in all lines of business, is to live and let live.

Forecasting the Next Cabinet.

According to Walter Wellman, whose predictions heretofore have proved more than ordinarily accurate, the cabinet which Major McKinley has selected in his own mind, subject to change through unforescen contingencies, is as follows, the secretaryship of the interior not yet having been decided upon:

Secretary of State-JOHN SHERMAN. of Ohlo,

Secretary of the Treasury-NELSON DINGLEY, of Maine. Secretary of War - EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM R. MERRIAM, of Minnesola. Secretary of the Navy-CORNELIUS N. BLISS, of New York. Attorney General-NATHAN GOFF, of

West Virginin. Postmaster General PAYNE, of Wisconsin. General - HENRY eretary of Agriculture-JUDGE WAY-

MIRE. of California. With the exception of the last one every name on this list is well known for ability and experience in public affairs, for high personal character and for meritorious party service, Judge Waymire is said by his more intimate acquaintances and indorsers to be fully qualified in each of these respects for

cabinet honors, but he is not widely known. Unless unexpected emergencies shall arise during the next four years, the cabinet departments upon which will fall the most exacting demands will be the state and treasury secretaryships

and the attorney generalship, While opportunities for brilliant service will shoulder the blame and suffer the connot be lacking in each of the other de. | sequences. partments, the success or failure of the McKinley administration will, in the ordinary course of events, be largely determined by the quality of work directed to be done in these three offices. The generally conceded assignment of Chairman Dingley of the house ways and means committee to the secretaryship of the treasury is received with such manifest public favor as to require little to be said in explanation of the choice. Mr. Dingley is a man very much after the president-elect's

own heart-honest, studious, conscien Perhaps the most sensible thing yet tious and patient; not given to bitter elicited during the Cuban controversy prejudices, but firm in line of duty and is the decision of Senator-elect Money high-minded in political habits and ambitions. He has opponents, but not of Mississippi, now a member of the enemies; he would as the successor of house committee on foreign affairs, to Mr. Carlisle not only prove an able visit Cuba, interview Weyler, ask for and conscientious finance minister along an escort and flag of truce to enable Republican lines of policy, but also a him to reach the interior and hold ingenuine helper to his chief and a strong i tercourse with the insurgents, and thus thing for nothing, press forward

aval stations and of outlying protectiv bulwarks-these and many other infli-ences are compelling all the great pow-ers to be more watchful and alert. While we adhere as far as practicable to our traditional policy, we cannot escape these currents and necessities. This governupon the acts of the municipal assem-

bly. His patronage and his power are ment holds the primacy of the American continent with all the obligations it in-volves. We are bound to exercise a domso great that he will in these particulars he a dignitary second only in importance to the governor of the state lnant influence, and assert a dominant voice. In the questions which are con-stantly arising involving the integrity or the president of the United States. stantly The mayor is to be given absolute powand destiny of American states, we are constrained from the very nature of our er to remove at will every administrative officer, irrespective of the preosition to exercise a paramount author ty All this lifts our foreign affairs h scribed term of office, during the first apital rank. We have seen how great six months of his administration. Afpart they have played under the present ter that he can make removals only on administration; and we have seen the lifference between feeble and incapable management on the one hand, and strong charges, with the approval of the govand competent management on the other The mayor's power, under this char-

and competent management on the other, in the signal contrast between Gresham and Olney. Under the former the nation witnessed repeated blunders, actual losses and constant humillation. Under the latter a virile and forceful direction, ter, in fact covers almost every conceivable branch of municipal government save finances. In addition to his other prerogatives he appoints the cenalways robust though sometimes lacking tact, has brought increased national

tral board of education, which has lignity, prestige and power, charge of all school property and equip-Much, indeéd, depends on the presi-dent himself. Major McKinley has the ment in the community of 3,000,000 souls embraced within the proposed limits of experience, sobriety and unfailing good Greater New York, as well as the five sense which are needed in the suprem and responsible direction. But very mussectional boards which supervise the educational conduct of the schools. He depends also on the character and qual ity of the secretary. Under Mr. Cleve land we have had both good and ba will consequently have greater problems to deal with, and ones further outadministration of foreign affairs, depend reaching in their ultimate consequenent on the mental and moral qualifications of the head of the state department. All these considerations emphasize the ces, than came before the first president of the United States. Well may importance of a wise selection. The in quiry must be directed not merely to the public standing and intellectual equip the Hon. Thomas Collier Platt look forward with satisfaction to the time public standing and interfectual equip-ment of the main but to his temperamental organization. The secretary should pre-ferably he a party leader of the highest rank. Mr. Olney has in the main been a success, though he had no public train, ing and was in no scnee a party chief-rain. But he is what the Emergent Mess. when, from behind the scenes, he or some clever man of similar talents will pull the strings which will operate this massive mechanism of municipal authority, while in national politics he is tain. But he is what the Emperor Alex fortified in the legislature and execuander called a beneficient despotisin-" happy accident," It was an experimen tive mansion at Albany and has a title in his own name to a United States which in this case turned out well, but

which on another trial might prove very unfortunate. The secretary who has the cenatorship at Washington, with the prospect of ultimately naming his own prestige of a career and of high represen tative position will start with a great advantage. Then he should have aptitude There will, of course, he the usual and training for this particular service outery against such a focusing of re-He must cope with the ablest men of other nations, and he needs not only amole knowledge but alertness and dexterity sponsibility. We shall hear a good deal about "bosses" and "czars." But those in the broad field of national negotiation and opportunity. He should have the who have studied history will be well and opportunity. He should have the satisfied to see the municipal government of America's foremost city so artion of our national mission, the

dence which is not precipitate and the progressiveness which meets new situaranged that when the taxpayers thereof neglect to vote into power a fit canions, the firmness which can hold fas didate for mayor, they may themselves and the flexibility which can adapt itself to changing requirements. There is no place where personal attributes as well as public qualifications need to be so care-fully considered.

THE TRANSIENT TRADER.

ittsburg Commercial-Gazette have been checked with slight loss In response to the demands of local mer-chants for fairer play, and following spe-cial raids of traveling fakirs on local busiwhen the fire companies first reached the scene had the water plugs not been ness, some towns have recently passed or-dinances which impose heavy license frees on transient dealers. It is proper that this frozen. As it was, the firemen had to wait several hours before they could get water in sufficient quantity to make an impression on the flames. It

on transient dealers. It is proper that this should be done. The local merchants pay a license or tax-both if they are properly owners-and when any public enterprises or charities are proposed the merchants are always the first ones called upon to subscribe. It is not fair that, for a mere-ily nominal license fee, peripatetic fakirs, who have no interest in a town except to fleece all the lambs to be found in it as months a merchants and clear out should is to be hoped that this public lesson fleece all the lambs to be found in it as quickly as possible and clear out, should be permitted by license to work the public so easily. But there is another phase of the question which is also to be borne in mind. These fakirs do not capture any iambs by force. The lambs, led on by the old scductive salt represented in brash, credulity and the hope of getting some-