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The real friends of Mr. Wanamaker should suggest to him that if he is sincere in his wish to uplift Pennsylvania politics, he will need to institute a good deal of reform in his own methods.

Carrying on the War.

There cannot be fair objection to the organized activity of business men in politics, provided the objects of it are worthy and useful to the public good.

The determination of Mr. Wanamaker and certain of his millionaire friends to continue within party lines what are pressed to call a "war" for purer politics is announced with careful attention to dramatic effects.

It is estimated by the postoffice department that the enactment of this measure will go far toward making the whole postal service self-sustaining.

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copies of second-class publications are to be subject to a rate of one cent for four ounces. The conditions upon which a publication shall be admitted to the second class are defined as follows:

First—It must regularly be issued at stated intervals as frequently as four times a year, bear a date of issue, and be numbered consecutively.

Second—It must be issued from a known office of publication, which shall be shown by the publication itself.

Third—It must be printed on paper sheets, without board, cloth, leather, or other substantial binding, such as lithograph printed books for preservation from periodical publications.

Fourth—It must be originated and published for the dissemination of information of public character, or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or some special industry, and must have a legitimate list of subscribers who voluntarily order and pay for the same.

It is further provided that publishers and others, whose publications shall be admitted as mail matter of the second class under the provisions of this act, shall be required, before depositing such mail matter in the postoffice, to separate the same into United States mail sacks or bundles by states, cities, towns and counties, as the postmaster general may direct.

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Judges and Liquor Licenses.

The resolution which was recently offered by Judge Woodward of Luzerne before the state convention of judges, and tabled because not germane to the convention's purpose, recited that "the duty of granting or refusing licenses for the sale of liquor, imposed by law upon the judges of the courts of quarter sessions of this commonwealth, is non-judicial, burdensome and offensive, tending to bring the judicial office into disrepute and to weaken the confidence of the people in their courts."

It isn't the popular view to hold that every member of a state legislature is not ex-officio a thief, a hoodler and a knave; but in the interest of justice it is well to remember, in the language of Governor Hastings' message, that "it is an unhealthy condition in the body politic which invites fatuous and unvarnished criticism and condemnation. Respect for and obedience to law involve also the same sentiments for the lawmaker."

Reports Concerning Cuba.

It is reported from Washington that the Cameron resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba is virtually dead in the senate. From other sources we are informed that President-elect McKinley has requested his friends in the senate to defer serious action until he can be inaugurated president.

Meanwhile, whatever the flying rumors, we are not prepared to believe that the American people have grown utterly selfish or that they will fail, when the proper time shall come, to make quick work of the Spanish reign of terror which has for so long a time desecrated the fair and fertile gem of the Antilles.

The lack of school facilities in the country is causing many of our citizens to move to the boroughs and cities in order to educate their children. This tendency is harmful both to the centers of population and to the country districts.

For Postal Reform.

The abuse by many publishers of the second-class postage privilege is so notorious and the need of a fairer classification is so plain that we need offer no apology for giving again a synopsis of the Loud bill to reform this abuse.

The bill provides that mailable matter of the second class shall embrace all newspapers and other periodical publications which are issued at stated intervals, and as frequently as four times a year; but shall not embrace publications purporting to be issued periodically and to subscribers, but which are merely books, or reprints of books, whether they be issued complete or in parts, whether they be bound or unbound, whether they be sold by subscription or otherwise, or whether they purport to be premiums or supplements or parts of regular newspapers or periodicals.

general, must necessarily undermine the foundations of our form of government, if persisted in and tolerated by the freemen of the commonwealth. The debauchery of the franchise should not only be stigmatized as a crime, but punished as a crime. The use of official position to which a citizen has been elevated by his fellowmen for the purpose of controlling the public will against the public advantage, or the use of the power or patronage of office to advance selfish interests or thwart the public judgment is on a level with the crime of the briber and the ballot thief.

The individual or corporation that seeks to obtain from you dishonest advantage over his neighbor or competitor, or to bring gain to himself at the expense of the state, as well as the briber and lobbyist, should be driven from your halls, as the common enemy of the people.

With the success of Penrose, what Brother Wanamaker would call "a new era" is begun in Pennsylvania politics, and it is the era of brainy young men.

THE SENATORIAL BATTLE

Philadelphia Times: "From the hour that Mr. Wanamaker's contest for the senatorship assumed the phase of a direct issue between himself and Senator Quay, involving the issue of the political mastery of one or the other in Pennsylvania, his battle was a very desperate one."

Philadelphia Press: "It is the familiar, almost the habitual, story of the triumph of a compact, trained, reliable political operator under an autocratic and audacious commander. It is Napoleon's artillery concentrated on the convention, and the Republican cause at Harrisburg Tuesday night. It was the success of invulnerable organization for Senator Quay."

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Ajacchus' Advice. Do not sit up nights looking for gratitude. Bread cast upon waters nowadays usually sinks on the return voyage.

There is something lacking in the feast that provides for the inner man alone—the eye should be pleased, the Dainty Glass and Beautiful China are half the dinner, a cracked plate or chipped or mucky glass has a depressing effect.

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portance and distinction, or, at least, it is in the province of him that holds it to make it so. The action of the caucus, when affirmed by the general assembly, will offer to Mr. Penrose the opportunity, the possibilities of a career of extraordinary honor to himself and usefulness to his country, proportionally so great as with it similarly great responsibility.

AN EXCELLENT ALMANAC.

The Tribune acknowledges the receipt of the Chicago Daily News Almanac and Political Register for 1897. It shows the growth and extent of our trade and commerce; the developments of public and technical schools, colleges and universities; the intricate workings of our financial system; the products of agriculture and their value; the foreign complications in which the United States is now or is soon likely to become involved.

FOR WOMEN READERS.

An attractive addition has been made to the list of publications devoted to the interests of women. It is called "The American Queen." The first issue of "The American Queen," that for January, is a home journal in the truest sense of the term, covering in its twenty handsomely illustrated pages the best phases of a woman's life.

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