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Not to be a second time caught napping, David Martin, it seems, has had his candidacies for councilmen nominated on all the tickets going.

One-Sided Reciprocity. In 1891 we imported from the maritime provinces of Canada hay to the value of \$2,361, and from the remainder of the Dominion, hay to the value of \$437,040.

An Opportune Protest. The discussion which has been provoked by Rev. Dr. Rainsford's recent sermon and subsequent interview announcing his disapproval of ostentatious social diversions primarily for the purpose of flaunting great wealth will do good.

Our Disappearing Forests. During 1896, almost 200,000,000 feet of lumber were shipped from Williamsport, a gain of 11,000,000 feet over 1895.

GROWTH OF THE CHURCHES. From the Washington Post. Although only a minority of the people of the United States are church members, nearly all citizens are more or less interested in the work of the churches.

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Overdoing a Fad. "Microbophobia" is more than a joke, if we may credit the report which is in circulation concerning Dr. W. Van der Heyden, the Dutch bacteriologist.

The Proper View. A very sensible comment is offered by the Chicago Record upon the bill at Springfield to give the mayor of Chicago a five year term at \$20,000 a year and to pay the aldermen of that city (who perform the functions of our councilmen) \$8,000 a year with a requirement for exclusive services.

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than at present; the council should consist of two branches, and each member of it should devote his whole time to the service of the people.

We are inclined to offer the same advice, on a suitably smaller scale, for Pennsylvania's larger third-class cities. If any mayor of Scranton is not worth more to the city than is represented in a salary of \$2,500 a year, then that man ought never to be elected mayor.

The pig iron output of the United States last year was 822,181 tons smaller than in 1895, but it was nearly 2,000,000 tons larger than the production of 1894.

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Out of 89 members of the present United States senate 66 are lawyers. Of the 326 members of the present national houses of representatives, 232 are lawyers.

During the last five years receivers have been appointed for 213 railroads with 55,000 miles of line, or nearly 30 per cent. of the total railway mileage in the United States.

It is a grave mistake for the citizens to ask their public servants to manage the great affairs of a great community for a pittance.

It is built almost wholly of glass and is dust and air-proof. "Large panes of glass," the chronicler informs us, "are set in iron frames so as to form the sides of a circular building block."

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tem of regulating the temperature that a few hours of sunlight, even in freezing weather, render the house habitable. It is only when several cloudy days follow in succession that artificial heat is needed.

The foregoing description may have embodied some touches of fiction, but not enough to rob it of its usefulness as an illustration of a fad carried too far.

According to a statement prepared by Controller Lloyd, the last election imposed a cost on Luzerne county of \$19,325.16, and the White-Haired Record estimates that \$25,000 would not much more than cover the expenses of the various local candidates.

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SCHOOLS AND POLITICS.

Prominent citizens of Allegheny are working on a scheme to take the public schools out of politics, and a proposition will be submitted to the council at their next meeting that will provide for state legislation to this end.

Undoubtedly the public schools should be divorced from partisan politics, but the scheme is doubtful. Appointive offices are not always more free from political than elective offices.

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TIME'S SWIFT MUTATIONS.

New York Letter in Philadelphia Ledger. Mr. Platt will return to the senate after an absence of nearly sixteen years.

TWO GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

From the Philadelphia Press. Two suggestions have been made with reference to the appropriations by the state to charitable institutions.

A Natural Deduction.

The Teacher—When a woman's husband dies, Patsie, what is she called? The Teacher—And when a man's wife dies, what do we call him? Patsie (after some thought)—A wid-out-out, ma'am!—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Had for Them.

Benny Bloomer—Benny don't agree with venetians, do they, pa? Mr. Bloomer—What do you mean, Benny? I read in a newspaper that the volcano of Bogodol, on the Alaska coast, is constantly throwing up new islands.—Life.

HIS ONLY BREAK.

He would not break his promised word. To teach the maid to skate; He did not break the slender ice, Although he worked till late.

AN OUTRAGE.

From the Philadelphia Record. A poor man cannot buy a pound of oleomargarine in the markets of Pennsylvania without the danger of being seized by the danger of conviction for crime in the quarter sessions court.

THE BEST ARRANGEMENT.

Judge to a couple sentenced for fighting—Have you anything to say? Male defendant—I would like my wife to commence her term in prison after I am released—German Exchange.

THE "NEW" JOURNALISM.

Play your muck-rakes, thrust them in To the field of sin; Lift them dripping with the slime Of the cesspools of the nation; Search through every social sewer, Hunt for every deed of shame; Let the eager public see All our moral leprosy; For it is our daily crime To not nose a thing escape; Leave it from your sewers vast. We will scatter it broadcast. This is our country's shame; Let our hungry children's food, Let the printing press be whirled, Smear this sewage o'er the world; And not your supply grow less; Dump it through our printing press; Smear again its league-long rolls— Food, my masters; food for souls. —Lizzie's Weekly.

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