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# EXTERSO AT THE POSTOFSION AT BURANTON FA. AS FECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER

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If the legislature is wise it will cease to bother its head about past transactions in the state treasury department and move concertedly toward the enactment of a law requiring all state funds on deposit to bear interest for the commonwealth at not less than 2 per cent, per annum. This is a strictly business proposition and it should have the support of every legislator who believes in the transaction of public business in a business-like manner.

## A Model City Charter.

A new charter for cities of the secondclass has been drafted by D D. Bruce, esq., of Pittsburg, and is receiving much attention from municipal reformers. The widespread interest felt in all honest efforts to improve existing methods of city government in the United States justifies some reference to this charter. even though under the present classification of Pennsylvania cities the latter cannot immediately affect Scranton.

The central feature of the charter is that it focuses authority and responsibility in the mayor. His term is increased to four years, he is allowed an annual salary of \$7,000 and he has the power to appoint for an equal term and also to remove for cause the heads of the first four of the six municipal departments which are created under the charter, namely-public works, public safety, charities, law, treasury and accounts. The city treasurer and the city controller are elected for three years as at present and receive \$5,000 yearly salary aplece. The mayor may veto appropriations by items and is empowered to appoint, as often as he may think | tion, which is perhaps another way of proper, three competent persons to ex- | saying that Altgeld is not half as black amine, without notice, the accounts of as he has been painted. any city department, trust officer or employe. One provision in the article relating to discipline over subordinates in the department of public safety merits quotation In full:

No policeman or fireman shall be dismissed without his written consent, ex- with us. If the state, through its legiscept after the decision of a court either of trial, or of inquiry duly determined and certified in writing to the mayor, which court shall be composed of persons belonging to the police or the force equal der no circumstances must there be any superior in official position therein to the necused. Such decision shall only be determined by trial of charges with plain specifications made by, or lodges with the director of the department of to the family of a man threatened by public safety, of which trial the accused disease. shall have due notice, and at which he shall have the right to be present in person, and to be heard in his own defense and to produce his witnesses and testi mony. The persons composing such cour shall be appointed and sworn by the di rector of the department of public safety to perform their duties impartially and without fear or favor, and the person of highest rank in such court, shall have the same authority to issue and enforce pro-burg has not progressed further than cess to secure the attendance of with is compatible with local self-reliance nesses, and to administer oaths to with and the wholesome subjit of self-help nesses, as is possessed by any justice of the peace in this commonwealth.

charter as it stands is a monument to patient and intelligent study of municipal evils, and it might well be put into operation, not only in Pittsburg and Allegheny, but also in Scranton. If a street railway company sells a

ride for a certain price and throws in a transfer, does it make any difference transfer, does it make any difference many persons daily in the conduct of his who uses that transfer? We should business. It is in these places and at like to see this point passed on in a like to see this point passed on in a court of final authority.

#### Robinson on the War-Path.

Congressman John B. Robinson, of Media, has addressed a scathing letter to the editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record in which, with characteristic energy and emphasis, he sets at rest the assertion that he ever drew two salaries while serving simultaneously as a member of the state senate and of congress. He also rebukes the Record's disposition to pursue him from day to day without cause, and adds, in conclusion:

However, it is idle, vain work to attempt to answer the innumerable flings you seem to delight to make about me and my political affairs. I have never though they were of enough importance to no tice until now, when you assert a delib erate falsehood and print a half column editorial in elaboration of it. I think that Mr. Penrose, like myself, will be able to get along without any of the pretentious and euphuistic advice of such journals us OULS

The Record makes a weak attempt to reply to Mr. Robinson by saying it understood he gave to charity one of his salaries during the period of his double tenure, but it offers no excuse whatever for its repeated petty jabs. The double tenure is to be that Mr. Robin-The fact seems to be that Mr. Robinson in down on its political blacklist along with Senator Quay and certain other prominent politicians who would not in prior years respond to overtures of one of its present attaches. Since then no opportunity for retaliation has been lost. It is doubtful, however, if it was really worth Mr. Robinson's while to take notice of the Record man.

The people of Chicago, without regard to party, the other evening tendered ex-Governor Altgeld a magnificent recep-

## The State School Appropriation.

The argument that the condition of the state's finances justifies a curtallment of the bi-ennial state appropriation for public education has no weight lature, has in the past contracted obligations foolishly it must retrench where its extravagances began. Unsacrifice of the efficiency of our free school system. That is to the state what a paid-up life insurance policy is

But we are more disposed to consider the argument that profuse state aid is really unwise for the best interests of the schools themselves. It may be doubted if the tendency of local school boards throughout the commonwealth to depend for financial supand the wholesome spirit of self-help which used to be proverbially charac-Such charges may be of disability for teristic of Americans. It seems to us service in which case the court shall be that we are depending in these modern days rather too much on legislation of some kind or other and too little upon personal exertion. In matters educational as in charitles, the state should help those first and most who evince the ability and the inclination to help themselves.

for example, where there might be a con-sumptive patient who was compelled by personal or by financial reasons to eat, live, and sleep in the same room with healthy persons; or where it might be impossible for him to give up his employ-ment and necessary for him to go to and from his place of business in public con-veyances, or necessary for him to meet

by force of circumstances, or is not, by force of habit, overparticular as to whom he may or does infect with the disease he himself suffers from. The expectoration of a consumptive person contains mil-lions of the tubercle bacill, and in his going to and coming from his place of business this sputum is deposited on the street or on the matting and upholstery in cars and carriages, on table napkins and towels, both at home and in public eating-houses, there to be dried and then blown about as dust and inhaled by others. Ladies with their long trailing dresses inconsciously sweep up this tuberculous putum on our streets, and it is carried home into their houses, there to dry into dust and possibly infect some member of the household. It is largely to ignorance of these facts that we owe many of the

ases of consumption. Probably no more langerous sources of infection exist in our owns and cities than the street cars with their mats and matting. These things form excellent and handy places for the consumptive to deposit his expectoration It sinks into them, dries into dust, and in a short time is ready to be inhaled by ome one who possibly has had his resistve power lowered by sickness, or by ex-posure, or by want of food, or by overwork; and the result is, in many cases

nfection. The question of the sanitary regulation and then report these facts to his chief. Measures could then be taken to confine the disease within the smallest possible

area so as to run the least possible chance of infecting others. It is a gratifying sign of the times that in many places local legislation is progressing in the direction indicated by Dr. Craig.

Here is wishing good luck tonight to Brothers Smith and McClure in their foint effort to enlighten the Pennsylvania legislature to the need of a revision of the libel laws. Publishers and editors do not want more from the law-making authorities than is scrupulously just and fair; and they will not remain content with less.

The disposition to adopt in this state a new primary election law is founded on good impulses, but it would be mora promising as to results for good if the present excellent law were more generally and thoroughly enforced.

Considering what Grover did for her while Dole's republic was yet young, it seems to us that Queen Lll is unkind to pursue him new

absolutely essential suggestions. The a prisoner. At first it might be merely Miss Minnie Jones, an elocutionist of Philfor example, where there might be a con-sumptive patient who was compelled by withstanding the liberal patronage accorded the enterprise, by the time the the cuffonist and the lady manager and her calleo costumes wers well out of town there was nothing left for the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium fund.

> While the result has not always been thus in enterprises of this nature, it is sufe to wager that in nine cases out of ten the faidr will get the Hon's share. If not the entire, profits of an amateur enter-tainment in the interest of charity, if given half a chance at the box office. The St. Luke's summer home is one of the most worthy of the institutions for the benefit of the impecuatous to this vicinity, and a to be reprotted that so large a share of results of the untiring labor of parties b, working in its interest, assisted in making the Ben-Hur tableaux a auriesa should no to line the pockets of such "managers" as the unmitigated Clark.

From police court reports I juilde it is setting rather expensive to commit or me a Scranton. A thug was actually fined \$the other day for sand-bagging a drunked man. It is proper, however, to state that the drunken man was promptly placed in jall for not paying his fine. We used thear a good deal about the wisdom of dol mon at Sunday school, but Solomon doe not seem to have been in it for unique judgment when compared with some our magistrates and grand jurymen. In i frontier town a few such decisions as the given almost daily in certain courts of Scranton would bring white-cap and follows: vigilance committees into existence, but nothing seems to surprise or worry the asy-going Scrantonian in this reapen

# CONCERNING VACCINATION.

Editor of The Tribune,

placed under the control of the proper municipal officer, and we will not be con-fronted with notices such as "Gentlemen are requested not to split in this car;" but we will see in its place the following: "Any one who splits in this car will be ar-rested and prosecuted." By the munici-pal control of the consumptive many of these dangers could be avoided. The municipal health officer would then de-mand that all cases of consumption be re-ported to him. He would then send an experienced assistant to the place where the case existed. This assistant would satisfy himself as to the condition and sanitary surrounding of the consumptive subject, and also as to the general under-standing the patient had concerning the danger of infecting others; he would also take nots of the number of persons living in the house, the general sanitary condi-tions, and of the health of these persons, and then report these facts to his chief. Measures could then be taken to confine the danger of infecting others; he would also take nots of the number of persons living in the house, the general sanitary condi-tions, and of the health of these persons, and then report these facts to his chief. Measures could then be taken to confine the danger within the smallest possible Sir:-Referring to the case of John Mc up to one year, why put it off for sever

year periods? The fact is, the legislature was impos-

ideal secretary of the treasury, regardless of politics, they would be practically unanimous in selecting Lyman J. Gage. In every city of the country Mr. Gage pon by doctors who knew nothing of vac ination beyond the mere modus operand

of the inoculation stage. Another tact induces me to the same bellef. There is no provision made for those upon whom the vaccine poison will not take. Any per-son who knows anything of cowpox knows that there are a great many persons who culation; e.g., the Russell case in Phila-leiphia, where the child was inoculated dx times, without a take, and then put out of school. A law that cannot be com-blied with is absolutely null and void, and any court will in justice so declare it Disease cannot be forced upon any on or any purpose or upon any pretense. The

United States Supreme court has decided that no legislature can bargain away the bat no legislature can on we consider that oublic health, and when we consider that apward of sixty diseases have been traced the affection and respect of the very invertige to vaccination there is but little inen against whose theories of finance and government he fought with the utod of disease inoculation.

most vigor last year. Mr. Gage is, in short, a liberal, progressive, educated and The Pennsylvania law is also fatally tolerant Chicagoan, a politician of the bet-ter sort, a banker who looks upon banking defective in that it does not define vac-cination. Of course no one knows what as something more than money-changing t is, but this simply shows the ridiculous Chicago would be honored by his selection ness of attempting to mix law and medias secretary of the treasury and Mr. McKinley's administration would be honne. It seems strange that I should nake such a charge, but it is true never ored by his acceptance of this great oftheless. The English Royal commissio on vaccination forever settled this phase of the question. When official witnesse EXCELSIOR. were before this commission they wer asked, one after another, "What is vac The shades of night were not yet drawn,



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one of inquiry, whose decision may be for the honorable discharge from the service of the person concerned or of neglec or violation of law or duty, inefficiency intemperance, disobedience of orders, oming official or personal conduc in which case the court shall be one of rial, and its decision may authorize the director of the department of public safe to impose fines and pecuniary penalties to be stopped from pay, or to suspend from pay or duty or both, for a period fixed by them not exceeding one year, or o dismiss from the service. It shall be lawful for the director of

the department of public safety at his discretion, to suspend from duty before trial any person charged as aforesaid, until such trial can be had, with or without pay, as such court shall afterward de but no trial shall be delayed to termine, more than one month after charge ! made. The finding of the court of trial or inquiry as aforesaid shall be of no effect until approved by the mayor, and the mayor shall always have the right to overrule the decision of the court, and dismiss the accused, or to take such other action as he may think proper.

Concerning municipal employes in subordinate position the charter follows out the principles embodied in Senator | ing about 14 per cent, in the vicinity of Quay's reform resolutions, by providing that discharges must be for cause and that appointments and promotions area, but prevails with equal degree must be for fitness as determined by open competitive tests under specified ical distribution of this disease is rules before a bourd of examiners, greater than that of any other. Wher-"One of the said rules shall provide that ever you find civilization you will find any personal solicitation of the officers. of said board, or of the appointing power in favor of any candidate, by any person whomsoever, unless fraudulently done in order to injury him, shall be taken and deemed to have been done at the instance of the candidate himself, and shall disqualify him from competing at any such examination or appointment for and during one year thereafter."

Among other provisions worthy of hasty reference it may be said that there is suitable safeguarding of the honesty and fairness of public contracts; that councils are given power at any meeting, either in whole or in committee, to compel the attendance of families have thus been carried off by witnesses and the production of books. papers and other evidence in any case of inquiry, investigation or impeachment; that all fees and perquisites are to be turned into the city treasury, and finally that "no officer or employe of any department, trust or commission, or employe of any contractor under any such department, trust or commission, shall be a member of, or delegate to, any political convention, nor shall he be present at any such convention except in the performance of duty relating to his position as such officer or employe; and any violations of these provisions shall work a forfeiture of his position and it shall be the duty of the department to dismiss him from office and enter upon record the cause of such dis-

missal. It would be possible to pick minor flaws in this instrument; and it is clearly possible to improve it by adding a section providing for the election of a certain proportion of councilmen at larges It might also, to advantage provide for a reorganization of the schools so as to bring them under the mayor's control, upon the principle that the present system could not be changed except for the better. But ta se are not

At least two things are greatly needed in Scranton now: A larger police force and a shaking up of the present force.

# To Check Consumption's Spread.

The growing tendency among sanitarians to employ the police powers of society in the battle against consumption is strongly manifest in a paper recently read by Naval Surgeon Thomas C. Craig before the National Sanitary association. This paper is reproduced in the last issue of the Medical Record and is most readable.

Dr. Craig first points out that the annual mortality from tuberculosis exceeds that from any other disease, be-Brooklyn, and says: "This large percentage is not alone confined to this in many other places. The geographcases of consumption; in the homes of the rich and in the homes of the poor, from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from the east to the west. No cure has yet been found for it; merely alleviation for those who have to endure the suffering. and then die. This disease has been allowed to claim its victims by the thousands annually, without there seeming to be anything done to limit its ravages or to call a halt in its relentless advance. Consumption is com-

monly regarded as one of the diseases that we must live with, and if by chance one contracts it then it must be endured by him, while others run their risks of becoming infected. Whole one of their number having contracted this disease and in turn infecting all the remaining ones. Municipal control very quickly asserts itself, should a case of leprosy happen to be discovered in any of our cities; yet when it is known that leprosy is far less infectious than tuberculosis, and that leprosy is not nearly so quickly fatal, the great wonder is that we have neglected for se long the more infectious of these two tracted by exposure; the performance is very similar diseases."

Dr. Craig is not prepared as yet to advocate the forcible removal of all ed the charitable institution is lucky persons infected with tuberculosis from their homes to suitable sanatoria, there to be isolated and guarantined until sutisfied. cured, although he believes that if publie opinion were educated up to such

a system, it would save many lives. But he does insist strongly upon the application to this disease of the ordinary rules of sanitation and control, such as are applied by every well-regulated municipality to other infectious dis-

eases. For instance--The number of areas of infection could suce that haughed at the spectacle present the humber of areas of intection could be supplied. be reduced, good food could be supplied, ed by the unfortunate members of the proper ventilation could be instituted, and, "cast" as they posed on the stage clad in to the poor, clothing furnished. Munici-pal control of the consumptive need not mean the same control as is exercised over, of the entertainment was the work of paid its first dividend.

LAMP Ledan . LIGHT גידיי MUSINGS

The unpleasantness over at the Froth gham theater on Saturday evening may a in the end productive of good results. plain it and there was no one else who The experience of the committee of the Men's Guild of St. Luke's with "Manaauld. Raugh, who has since received the reward ger" Clark will certainly prove beneficial if it will teach our people the folly of for his valuable testimony, as supervis-ing inspector of the United States board fealing with unknown fakirs in the in auguration of charitable entertainments of health, journeyed all the way from Chi cago to give evidence as to the beauties of vaccination in the United States, and The business of scooping in money by the aid of local assistance has in the past e, also, confessed he didn't know either ew years become the most profitable that Great is vaccination and Jenner is it cheap theatrical hangers-on can engage prophet.

appear.

in. Combinations possessing no talen have been able, by securing the service

of a church, a lodge or perhaps a fire com pany, to make money in towns where neritorious company would starve. It is seldom that a company of any actual meri-can be found working the charitable beneit racket. It is usually the "hams" of words regarding Gloucester. I'll be brie Facts are stubborn things. In the recen the profession that engage in the busin In the small towns the "hams" also have city election at Gloucester, nine counc lors were elected, eight of whom we ine pickings. They usually travel in blocks of three-a hero, a heroine and funny man. They carry a lot of cheap costumes and with the aid of the 'mos anti-vaccinators, and at the head of the poll stood the gallant secretary of the Gloucester Anti-Vaccination league. Thus prominent home talent" give legitimate drama to crowded "benefit" houses. The perishes another fairy tale, for it has bee proclaimed all over civilization that anti mateurs hustle and sell tickets to their vaccination was forever dead in Glouces ter. This vindication would hardly hav lends; but when the settlement is made is soldom that any oue save the barn-ormers are benefitted by the scheme. The been possible if the stories being circulat ed about this epidemic were true. Mor tem of opening the purse strings of the than 60 per cent, of all cases were ar public is carried on in a more extensive manner by the shrewd nomada of vaccinated persons, and the disease of the calibre of Clark and his gang. They menced with vaccinated persons, and operate on a larger scale and would not waste their time on small game. They ran from March to September before a single unvaccinated case occurred. Truly it looks as if the anti-vaccinators were re-spansible for the epidemic! Glouceste-history when it is fully written will bisually possess costumes and settings fo an opera or spectacular of the Kirmess of der, which are guaranteed to fill a long-felt want and furnish amusement for sonteresting reading. Salus popull s

lety people who are suffering from ennu or lack of occupation. An olly-tongue agent is sent on in advance who will prom ise anything. Much depends on the abil-ity and judgment of the agent, who is expected to select the proper charity to 1 used as a mask and interest the prop people in the enterprise. Rehearmals t gin; the friends of the charitable objeanvass for the sale of tickets; the chant is called upon to "stand and deliver in the matter of advertising on the programme-the profits of which generally go into the pockets of the fakirs and not to the charitable fund-the committees burry from one end of the town to the other at the bidding of the "manager," who has nore temporary power than the Shan of Persia; old and young are worn out from hard work, or are suffering with colds con-

given; house packed; a grand auccess But when the box office receipts are dividjudge of the orphans' court of Luzerne. secure any sum worth consideration after the promoters of the enterprise have been 0

Perhaps many readers will remember a presentation of the Ben-Hur tableaux hat was given at the Academy several cears ago for the benafit of the Young Men's Christian association gymnasiun This affair was in charge of a lady man ager, who was the alleged possessor of a

Academy was filled on the evening of th interminment with a good-natured aud

ination?" and they told the truth and said hey didn't know, but that when Dr When in a mill where wood is sawn, A lot of boys were told to haul Buchanan, of the government board, at Away the stuff that carvers call seared he would tell them. But he didn' Like some others who shoul appear. Like some others who should have given testimony, his health failed him. He got worse as he was wanted more badly and at last he died, and as he was the only man who ever knew what Soon 'neath these curls made into packs,

They stagger forth with loaded backs. Across the way there stands a shop Where into bins they softly drop vaccination was the secret was carried with him into his grave. He forgot to ex-Excelsior.

Next day some skilled mechanics come; Our great and eminent J. H Sharp needles ply; swift shuttles hum; Huge sacks are made with corners square And scheming hands deposit there Excelsion

> Soon after this a great big store Hangs out the sign: "For Sale. Some more Of those hair mattresses, the kind You want." But here again we find

Excelsior. The medical press has taken especial felight in telling all sorts of tales about In politics as well as trade the recent epidemic of smallpox in ant Reforms are often likewise made, Not of the hair and wool they laud, vaccination Gloucester, forgetting al about Sheffield and Birmingham, to say Gloucester, forgetting al But of that cheap and shoddy fraud, othing of many other vaccinated town Excelsion I might mention. I want to say a few And Destiny will sometimes puff

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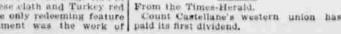
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IMPORTANT IF TRUE,

Judge Alfred Darte of Luzerne county has been slated for the Republican non

s regarded as a shrewd movement to keep

the Lugerne delegates in line. The repre-

sentatives from the county in state con

ventions and in the legislature have n

been very manageable recently, and it i thought the selection of a Luzerne candi

date will make them all right. It would

also have the effect of putting Congress

man Leisenring out of the running fo

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Frank D. Blue.

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