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In recognition of the "providential escape" of his Philadelphia store from fire, Mr. Wanamaker announces that he will build a church. Let us hope some of his recent lieutenants will at-

The Scranton Board of Trade.

Many influences necessarily unite in the upbuilding of a city, and to each an intelligent public will accord generous credit. But in any fair estimate of the factors which have created this magnificent city of Scranton, paramount rank must be accorded to the Scranton board of trade.

That organization took hold of the various threads of individual enterprise, liberality and progressive public spirit which have from the beginning intertwined among our citizenship, and knitted them together into the splendid fabric which we see about us today. It has given, not simply to this community, but to the whole country, a conspicuous and valuable demonstration of that strength for municipal development which lies in unity of purpose and in persistence along a forward

The completion by this body of a beautiful new home, fit abode for its sagacious energy and proper type of the liberality which it so worthfly represents, is an event both significant and prophetic; significant as an earnest of victories already achieved, prophetic of the richer and larger triumphs yet to be. The Scranton board of trade is not an association of veterans, grown conservative with years and content to it is yet as young and hopeful and virile as it was in those stirring days, a third of a generation ago, when it first ading and startled the neighborhood with its go-ahead ways.

And what a vista opens before it! of the rapid evolution of a great city; where surrounded by the concomitant the thought, undisturbed even by the general depression, that what has been wrought in these wonderful recent years is but a hint of what the future

That was a pertinent phrase used by a Canadian journal favorable to annexation when it spoke of the Canadians as "a people without a country."

Major McKinley's Policy.

In view of his long record in congress, ceptance indorsing in total the St. Louis matter to forecast the policy of the next president. The outline presented in the Washington Post by "a prominent public man" who "has recently returned to Washington from a visit to Mr. McKinley, at Canton"—and who, although unnamed, Is probably Senator Shermanagreez substantially with the general indications and expectation and may therefore be accepted as reasonably ac-

According to this authority, the president-elect "does not favor the annexation of either Hawaii or Cuba. He believes that this country is large enough at present, and he has no sympathy with schemes proposing territorial aggression. Neither does he favor any interference with the affairs of other nations. He wants all citizens of the United States to be respected abroad, and proposes that they shall receive the protection of this government to the fullest extent, but at the same time he realizes that there are treaties to be observed and regular lines of diplomacy to be followed. In short, he proposes that his administration shall be thoroughly American, without rash or sensational jingoism. He will be conser vative without being unpatriotic." This, by the way, is also John Sherman's idea almost to the letter.

With regard to financial matters, Mr. McKinley "is fully in accord with the proposed international monetary conference. He wants to see one inaugurated, although he feels that if, after all has been done that can be done, the project should fail, he cannot be held responsible. He is against the retirement of the greenbacks, and yet he does not like the endless chain which threatens the gold reserve. He would like to see the greenbacks used in part for the gold reserve. He has no sympathy with the custom of the national banks not to issue circulation. These banks at present claim that it does not pay them to issue money, but Mr. Mc-Kinley wants some law that will compel them to issue up to a goodly percentage

of their capital." On other issues his attitude has already been indicated with sufficient clearness in published letters and speeches. He is against trusts and will have serious effort made to reach their uggressions by federal law. He is also opposed to the subordination of members of a president's cabinet into mere clerks to record his will. "The members of his cabinet," says this authority. 'will be his advisers, and the cabinet will be in the broadest sense an advisory council. Its members will occupy much the same relation to the president that cabinet ministers of Europe do to the reigning sovereign, with the modifications necessary to suit our peculiar form of government. The president-elect explained that in selecting a secretary of the treasury he wanted a man who was a thorough and practical master of finance, and who would be competent to advise him on financial matters. He then went on in a general way to outline his plans in regard to the functions of the cabinet. He said that he believed It is the tariff which is wrong. the various secretaries should be given full discretion in the management and conduct of their departments; that they

to execute them without interference from the executive. Of course, great the cabinet as a whole, but Mr. McKinthe members of his cabinet to be his

of the departments." When to this shall be added, as Mc-Kinley unquestionably will add, a course of friendliness for and co-operation with congress, so as to disarm the jealousies and avoid the needless antagonisms which have made Cleveland's second administration a political failtory alike to party and to public in-

One of the propositions strongly favored by the National Board of Trade contemplates the creation by congress of a monetary commission of eleven members-two senators, two congressmen, two bankers, two farmers, two merchants or manufacturers and one political economist. The National Board of trade evidently does not attribute to the science of political economy great practical importance.

Practical Civil Service Reform.

An amendment of the law relating to preferences in the civil service which every considerate citizen can heartily approve has been authorized by the lower branch of congress, and will, it is believed, readily secure the concurrence of the senate. It modifies Section 1754 of the Revised Statutes so that it

Preferences in appointments to the civil service of the United States shall be given to the persons and in the order heren designated, namely: First, to persons conorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States by ason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty; second, to persons honorably discharged rom the naval and military service of the United States in the war of the rebellion and the widows of such honorably dis-charged persons: Provided. That as to both classes they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices.

The law heretofore has extended to disabled veterans a nominal preference, but it has been found in practice that rest on laurels won; in spirit, at least, few of them, even when in other respects fully qualified, receive appointments to the civil service. In the report accompanying the favorable redressed itself to the task of city-build- turn of the foregoing amendment from the committee on reform in the civil service, Mr. Brosius pointed out that in the year 1894 only 14 veterans disabled On every hand, the visible evidences in line of martial duty were placed on the eligible list, and of these only 10 its stately homes, magnificent churches, received appointments. In 1893 15 were noble schools and imposing stores; the marked eligible and 13 received appointgrowing activities of business every- ments. From June 30, 1894, to Jan. 1, 1836 only 4 were appointed in the degraces of culture; and in each mind partment service at Washington, which includes under civil service rules over 20,000 persons.

The only possible objection which ould be offered to the extension of the foregoing preferences is that it might in some degree impair the public service; but he who would make such an objection should not forget that but for the men whom it is proposed in slight degree to favor, and for their comrades 36 years ago, there would today be no public service, or at best, none worthy to be compared with that of our present government. So long as it is possible his many speeches and his letter of ac- for that government to smooth the declining years of its surviving defenders. platform, it ought not to be a difficult | it must do so ungrudingly or stand selfbranded as an ingrate.

> In introducing before the national board of trade a resolution limiting the president's tenure of office to one term of six years, ex-Governor Pattison argued that it was the original intention of the constitutional convention of 1787 to adopt a single presidential term. and he then quoted Jefferson in its favor. We are surprised that he neglected to quote also the young Jeffer son of the prairies, Mr. Pattison's last choice for president, the Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

What Is Wrong.

The national board of trade, in session at Washington, has taken its turn at solving the monetary problem. It wants a measure passed that gold coin shall remain the standard money; that steps be taken to retire all United States notes in such a way as not to disturb business relations; that national banks shall be allowed to issue currency to the par value of their bonds with the tax on circulation reduced; that banks be allowed to issue currency based on assets, under such national supervision and restriction as will make it safe. elastic, and redeemable in gold at bank of issue and at the city of New York: and that such banks of issue, with a capital of \$20,000 or more, be authorzed to be established in towns and villages of less than 3,000 population.

The difficulty with this proposition s that it is not practicable. Nor, if it were, would it, as a business proposition, be in all respects desirable. We may well apply to its call for a banknote currency which shall be "safe and elastic." the words used by the New York Sun in reply to a similar remark by Mr. Depew, "The needs of a community," said the Sun, "are the sum of the needs of the individual citizens composing it; and a banking system that would furnish to every citizen all the currency he needs would be simply a stupendous inflation machine. There is already in the country more currency than is required for legitimate business, as is demonstrated by the pilling up of \$200,-000,000 of it in our New York banks much of it being sent to them by country banks who have no use for it at

The proposition to retire the greenback in favor of additional bank notes causes the Sun to remark that "it is far better that the paper money of the country should be issued and redeemed by the government than by thousands of little banks, many of them of doubtful responsibility, and all of them infinitely less deserving of confidence than the treasury of the United States is." We quote the Sun because no one can question its soundness on the main proposition that our's shall at all times be an honest currency. It led in the war on Bryanism and has a right to be heard in the councils following that war. The fact is that the greenback is all right.

All that is known concerning Lyman J. Gage, the next secretary of the treasshould be held responsible for the proper ury, is in his favor. Some of the poliadministration of the duties committed ticians in Illinois appear to dislike to them, and that they should be allowed | him, perhaps because they cannot use | squares away."

him; but the masses of his neighbors and the almost unanimous voice of Chimatters of policy will be discussed by | cogoans whose opinions on such a subject are entitled to the highest considley used the expression that he wanted eration favor him overwhelmingly. What is especially significant, he has advisers and not merely the chief clerks | the full respect of workingmen and free silver men, and they admit that his selection from the next administration's standpoint would be most happy. He is, to be sure, a banker, which condemns him on the spot among Populists; but if to be a banker be a crime, he is by all accounts a very respectable criminal, since he is personally a relatively poor ure, the sum will be a policy satisfac- man, is a man of ceaseless benevolence and has labored unselfishly and without stint for the upbuilding of Chicago. The fact that his bank ranks among the strongest in the United States shows he possesses a knowledge of finance; and his prominence in the larger politics of his city, state and section gives promise of ripened experience in the new duties to which it seems he has been called.

The fact that some of the bankers of New York are opposed to the selection of Lyman J. Gage as secretary of the treasury will be likely, one would think. to create strong sentiment in his favor.

Professor Langley reports that his flying machine will now go a mile. This, however, still leaves the blcycle

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

A neatly printed illustrated pamphlet has just been issued by the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad company, which bears the title "Winter Homes." It was published with a view to calling at. tention to the advantages possessed by the country in the vicinity of Liberty, Sulliand three-fourth hours' ride of New York where the climatic conditions during the Adrondacks, Colorado, Southern New Jersey or the south."

There is a good deal of speculation con-erning the probably action of Judge R. W. Archbald in filling the vacancy cause by the resignation of Mrs. Frances B. Swan as a member of the poor board. Will her successor be a woman? is the question that hundreds are asking. The judge, of course, gives no intimation of the course he will pursue and those who favor women in public offices are having some very warm arguments with those who are convinced that a woman steps outside of her proper sphere of usefulness when she enters public life. Mrs. Swan's efficien-cy as a poor director is not questioned. but those who object to seeing one of her sex succeed her aver that she had peculiar qualities that fitted her for the office not possessed by one woman in a thousand and that it would be difficult to find another woman who would discharge the duties of the office in such a satisfac-

The new offices of District Attorney Jones on the third floor of the court house are being fitted up and on Monday Mr. Jones will take possession of them. They are on the northeast corner of the building and are cheerful and well lightwill be used by the grand jury, which roomy and well lighted and admirable sulted to the purpose for which it will be used. In arranging the grand jury room and the district attorney's offices their convenience was considered by the county ommissioners with the result that the apartments are peculiarly adopted for the work their occupants will have to perform. One great advantage will be gained by having the grand jury room on the third floor. It will take the persons who have business with that body to the top floor of the building, leaving the corridor, from which the court rooms open, from from the mass of fetid humanity that crowded it during grand jury week when the grand inquest occupied the second floor apartments. During such periods it was difficult for persons having business n the court rooms to get in or out and the noise made by the wrangling witnesses, impatiently waiting for a hearing before the jury, frequently disturbed the trial

Says the Washington Post: "Ex-Speak-r of the House and Representative Gausha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, is 78 and two assistants. This sum, he c years old, but he writes without glasses tended, would be no more than is now e as readily as a boy of 18. The other day pended by the citizens of the townships he was writing in the secretary's office educating their children abroad, and the of the house some autograph passes to the sum that the state contributes would be mented him on his good sight. It is be-cause I began to wear glasses as soon as needed them,' said the veteran Yankee, for he is a native of Connecticut. 'I have at home the ones I wore when I was much younger, and they still fit me. 1 use them sometimes for reading the news-

The Wilkes-Barre Record says: "Mrs. Swan, of Scranton, the only woman who has ever served on a board of poor directors in this state, has resigned after a service of six or seven years. She was ap-pointed and reappointed by President Judge Archbald, and It was frequently emarked that she was 'the best man or he board.' The general effect of this ady's appointment was so wholesome that it will be no surprise if Judge Archbaid draft a certain class of the acts introduced appoints a woman to the vacancy, if he by the members, with a view of establishwilling to serve. Mrs. Swan, as has fre-quently been alleged, 'did more for the baid was severely criticized for the inno-vation, but neither he nor the district ever—by appointment to serve for the full term had cause to regret having made a woman

Harry Conley, who, for the past eleven mployers during his connection with their Scranton agency.

No more naturalizations will be granted until after election, as the judges make it a rule not to manufacture citizens within thirty days prior to a general election. one applicant was refused by Judge Archbald yesterday on this ground

BILLY" MASON'S FINE HOUSE.

From the Washington Post. An Illinois member of congress had dired with "Billy" Mason, of Chicago. They had talked of the desire of Mr. Mason to come to the senate, had admired the beautiful house in which he lives, had even inspected the tiled glories of the bath room, and then, smoking an after-dinner cigar, the two friends walked down town together. When they were some distance from the house the congressman turned and looked back at the large and rilliantly lighted dwelling. "You have a beautiful home," said the

ssman. "Yes," replied Mason, with a sound that Charles C. Harrison, provost of the Uniwas between a laugh and a sigh, "but I versity of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Ed can hear that house drawing interest two squares away." ward Brooks, superintendent of the Philasquares away."

STATE LEGISLATIVE

The senate judicary general committee has reported favorably the bill relating to habitual drunkards and lunatics, which gives them the right to demand a jury trial while incarcerated.

The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer thinks. that instead of a bill compelling plumbers to register and pass an examination, Rep-resentative Connell should have offered one regulating their prices for work.

The new libel act has been passed upo The new libel act has been passed upon affirmatively by the judiciary general com-mittee of the horse with the understand-ing that it may receive further cansider-ation if amendments are offered.

A bill has been introduced by Senator Grady providing that hereafter it shall not be lawful for any judge of any cour to appoint any officer, clerk, or employed of any court to act as auditor, master referee, examiner, appraiser or road juro in any matter pending in court. The act however, is made applicable only to cities of the first class.

Senator Coyle proposes to help townships lying on the outskirts of cities and towns by enabling them, after popular consent, to levy and collect a tax to be known as water and light tax, which shall be used for the exclusive purpose of supplying fire-pluss, fire apparatus, street mps, street cleaning and other public

It is proposed by Senator Chisholm that hereafter in all suits that shall be brought against any practitioner in medicine, den-tistry, surgery or obstetrics the plainting shall not be entitled to proceed until he shall have filed bond for the payment of all costs, with an item of 2 per cent, of the damages claimed by plainting on the analysis of the suit, he rendered final judgment, if the suit be rendered against him.

Representative Dunlap, of Philadelphia, proposes to regulate the pawnbroking business by imposing a rate of 3 per cent, per month, and fixing the limit for all interest at that rate. Representative Baldwin, of Delaware county, has a bill on the same subject, which makes it unlawful for a paynbroker or other person to acountry in the vicinity of Liberty, and winter resort. In the preface it is set forth that the object of the "pamphlet is to direct the attention of physicians, and those of their patients afflicted with lung and throat troubles, to a region within three the same subject, which makes it unlawful for a pawnbroker or other person to accept from a chronic inebriate or one under the influence of intoxicants any article winter months are as favorable, if not more so, for the cure and prevention of pulmonary difficulties as are those of the per cent, per month, for storage of articles

> Speaker Boyer is in favor of the state getting interest on its deposits. "At the same time," continued Mr. Boyer in a reent interview on this subject, "it should be remembered that the state treasurer, through himself and his sureties, fully secures the state funds. Other states have lost heavily from failures of depositories but the state of Pennsylvania has never lost a penny. My sureties and I had to pay \$125,000 into the state treasury for loss es through banking failures-\$100,000 fo the Delamater failure and \$25,000 for that of a Philadelphia banking house. From the latter's assets we will recover abou \$16,000. Now the grave question confront-ing the legislature is whether the state in the long run would be as well off under the proposed plan as it is now."

The Licensed Detective association, at organization originating in Pittsburg, in tends to have a meeting of all the men in that business in Pennsylvania as soon as arrangements can be made, and after the duties of the office in such a satisfactory manner. After the abuse that was heaped on Mrs. Swan's head because of her connection with the poor board it is doubtful if there are many women in the district she represented who would care to step into her shoes.

The new offices of District Attorney

tends to have a meeting of all the men in the short of that business in Pennsylvania as soon as arrangements can be made, and after that to organize all private detective sen a sight like that; perhaps the moon had never found for the country into one central association. The first object is to drive from the field agents and detectives who are called irresponsible, and who have neither state nor county license to work neither state nor county license to work neither state nor county license to work as not his right to touch the shrine of his worship; perhaps the moon had never grance of rose and honeysuckle had never form the field agents and detective who are called irresponsible, and who have neither state nor county license to work neither state nor county license to work as not his right to touch the shrine of his worship; perhaps the moon had never grance of rose and honeysuckle had never for that to organize all private detective bureaus in the country into one central fallen on the air of June that lovers breather; perhaps she did not know the measure of his worship; perhaps the moon had never for that to organize all private detective grance of rose and honeysuckle had never form the field agents and detective who are called irresponsible, and who have neither state nor county license to work as a real private detective grance of rose and honeysuckle had never form the field agents and detective who are called irresponsible, and who have neither state nor country license to work as a real private detective who are a sight like that; perhaps the moon had never for the country into one central private detective who are a sight like that; perhaps the first perhaps where seen a sight like that; perhaps the fi of such strength never before organized. nection of all this with "State Legislative topics' will depend upon whether the professional detective is to be retained as a permanent feature of Pennsylvania poli-ties.

Professor John Hamilton, deputy sec etary of agriculture, is impressed with the need of township high schools, to which Governor Hastings is also com ted. In a paper read last week before the state board of agriculture he estimated that a township high school plant would cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000, \$2,000 of which being contributed by the state would make the net cost to the township between \$6,000 and \$7,000. This the township could pay by a 1 mill tax in fourter years, on a valuation of \$618,000, and suc a school could be maintained by the state ontributing \$800 annually for each sch of the highest grade, supplemented by a tax of 2½ mills on \$518,000, thus providing a teaching force comprising a principal reserved gallery, and some one compli- no more than sufficient to equalize th present disproportion between the amount that the country gets and that which the cities receive. The additional advantage to the county would be that, instead of educating comparatively few of the try children, a large number would hav the opportunity of securing a high degree of intellectual training at the ies. A bill authorizing township high schools and providing state and in the sum of \$100,000 annually for them is now in committee, having been introduced Representative Seyfert, of Lancaster,

Just before the legislature adjourned Thursday Representative Keator, of Phil idelphia, introduced a novel bill whose duties are to examine and an find one equally well qualified who is ing the constitutionality of such acts. The cause of reform in the Scranton poor dis-trict management than a dozen men would have accomplished.' Judge Arch-for four years, one for seven years and of years. The commissioners are to serv from the 1st of December prior to any reg ular session of the legislature until th adjournment thereof, and are to be paid years has been connected with the Scran-ton agency of R. G. Dun & Co., will, on man is entitled to \$100 per month for cleri-Feb. 15, leave for New York to accept a more responsible and more lucrative position with that firm. Mr. Conley is one call upon the commissioners for assistof Scranton's energetic young men and ance in the redrafting of any proposed bill, can be relied upon in his new position to except appropriation or apportionment increase the favor he has won from his bills. Besides this, the commissioner prepares a report, which accompanies the bill in its passage through the house or senate. This must contain (1) a concis statement of the existing law, (2) reference to similar legislation pending be fore the legislature, (3) suggested amend-ments in substance, (4) suggested amend-ments in language, (5) whether constitutional and stautuory requirements have been complied with. In other words the commission is to be a Thinking committee the convenience of members afflicted with a weary feeling.

SHOULD BE RETAINED. From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Dr. Schaeffer, the state superintendent f public schools, has so clearly manifested his competency for the position, and so unmistakably distinguished himself as one of the foremost of our public educators, that a spontaneous movement has been set on foot by representative citizens in all parts of the state favorable to Dr. Schaeffer's reappointment. Such qualified and disinterested authorities as

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THE WALLS HAVE EARS.

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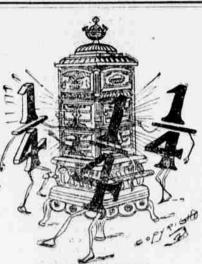
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