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Need of an Elective Poor Board.

The proposition to make the Scranton Poor board elective by the people rests on the most substantial foundations of justice and good policy and it is ridiculous to allege that it has its origin in a wish in any quarter to gain factional advantage.

The public is still interested to know why the mayor of Scranton permits a discredited subordinate to ignore a request for his resignation.

Tactics That Fail.

The anxiety of the Reverends J. B. Duffy and G. W. Jacoby to be tried for criminal libel on the charge preferred during the recent senatorial campaign by Hon. Miles Penrose, as indicated in their open letter to District Attorney Graham, will probably not be gratified.

It was a contemptible plan of campaign which these ministers of the gospel introduced into the senatorial canvass, but it met with its just reward in the utter failure of its animating purpose.

This incident will also, we trust, have a wholesome effect in impressing upon the clergy the need of augmented discretion in their ex-officio participation in political strife.

It would give us pleasure to be able to add a prediction of increased charity on the part of the pulpit in its attitude toward public men and affairs; but the signs at present do not in our judgment forecast it.

The State Revenue Problem.

The revenue problem at Harrisburg, as complicated by the necessity for new capital, could be solved, in Speaker Boyer's judgment, in the following manner: (a) an extra mill of tax on the capital stock of corporations, which would yield about \$600,000 annually;

This solution looks simple and the first part of it would no doubt prove fairly satisfactory. It is said that many influential officials in the leading corporations of the commonwealth have expressed a willingness to submit to an extra mill of taxation for three years.

to take from their name too plithoric exchequer a tithe of a tenth. A much better plan, it seems to us, would be to put a state tax on beer. This would not reach the consumer, or if it did it wouldn't injure him. And it would do away with the necessity of working wheelmen to large communities that need every dollar they can get from the liquor licenses to help them bear the multiplying expenses of local government.

It is pointed out by a writer in this month's Forum as a significant fact that in twenty years the exports of England, save in the matter of machinery, have declined 22 per cent., while her imports have increased about 47 per cent.

Corporation Reform.

A discussion of the subject of trusts which embodies some practical ideas appears in the current issue of the North American Review from the pen of V. H. Lockwood. Those ideas do not immediately relate to trusts—in fact, when he gets to talking about them, he goes to pieces as most reformers do—they have reference to the common forms of business corporation.

The objection urged by Senator Foraker against the appointment of Bellamy Storer as assistant secretary of state is that Storer is his "personal enemy." That, under the circumstances, ought to be sufficient.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

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CONCERNING BRIGHAM YOUNG

Sir: I notice that Colonel F. L. Hitchcock, in the Tribune of Feb. 27, objects to the proposition of Brigham Young as Utah's representative in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington.

My first object will be to challenge the writer's knowledge of Brigham Young, or even the state of Utah, which he seems disposed to cast a wilderness. Brigham Young was born in the New England states, a land noted for its progress, its wealth of nature and beauty; its stability in religion; its high level of civilization that pertains to the elevation of mankind; from whence came the brightest minds of the nineteenth century; and I challenge a brighter mind, a higher level of heart, or even a greater statesman in the nineteenth century than that "moral monster" the writer alludes to, the man Brigham Young.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION AGAIN.

The Immigration Restriction League of Boston, Mass., which conducted with signal ability a campaign of education in favor of the Lodge bill, is not at all cast down by the failure of that measure to receive executive approval.

The message objects to the reading and writing test as not excluding lawless aliens, but as these must be excluded by existing law, the danger to the state, however slight, is not so much in the exclusion of the few lawless agitators, as in the presence of large masses of ignorant material upon which these agitators can work.

THAT INSURANCE TAX.

Sir: I am much interested in your article "That Firemen's Fund" in today's paper. As I while I do not think it right to tax insurance companies on their gross receipts—a tax on their profits would be far more just—I am glad to learn that the tax is to be levied on the net income.

and twenty-five words of the constitution, which are to be read and written in the presence of inspection officers. Public opinion as it has been expressed since the publication of Mr. Cleveland's veto message is overwhelmingly in favor of the views outlined in that document.

It will be a matter of regret that the court, in appointing ex-City Treasurer James G. Brooks to fill the vacancy on the Poor board caused by the resignation of Mrs. Swan, did not see fit to explain the reasons which at this time in its judgment, render inadvisable the designation of a woman.

NEW AND GOOD.

The inaugural address improves on acquaintance. A second reading is certain to strengthen the good impression the first has made.

It may be only a coincidence, but it is rather curious to notice the absence of Waukegan advertisements yesterday from the Philadelphia Inquirer while the other Philadelphia papers had them in abundance.

Now that Mr. Olney is out of office, many persons are discovering that he was the brains of the Cleveland administration. Unfortunately, if we may judge by results, that isn't saying much.

UNCLE EBONY'S FROLIC.

The old colored man, who stepped cautiously into the depot, appeared to be on the lookout for some one. His long broadcloth coat was rather rusty, and his silk hat did not seem used to being brushed the right way.

THE COST OF GOVERNMENT.

The table published shows the net obligations of the government, including interest, at intervals of ten years since the beginning of the century.

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to attach an enabling clause to the ten amendments. Every state legislature seems to contain enough cranks to keep the ball rolling, and every day brings forward new evidence of legislative activity. Kansas has no worse than the other states in this respect.

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GOLDSMITH'S BAZAAR.

It is surprising with all the storm and bluster of other houses about underselling the world, the prices put forth by them as wonderfully low, half price, etc., are not comparable in value or desirability with our regular lines, a state of things the general public speedily recognize, as is evidenced by the largely increased trade we've been doing.

- Ladies' Separate Skirts, new shape, in Black Brocade Satin, large, handsome patterns, a genuine \$8.00 Skirt at \$4.98. Ladies' Separate Skirts, in Figured Black Brilliantines, new shape, full width, at \$1.49. Ladies' Two Toned Changeable Figured Mohair Skirts, full width, new shape, well made, perfect fitting, at \$2.98.

SPECIAL SALE OF Black Dress Goods

- French Surah Serge, 48 inches wide, the 75c. grade, at 49c. All Wool Silk Finish Henriettas, 46 inches wide, the 75c. grade, at 50c. English Mohair Sicilians, 45 inches wide, the \$1.00 quality, at 75c.

Special Sale for one week of Nice Black Ostrich Feather Boas, not woolly, fine goods.

- 1 yard long, worth \$6.00, at \$4.73. 1 1/4 yards long, worth \$8.00, at \$5.98. 1 1/2 yards long, worth \$10.00, at \$7.98.

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