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#### A Sure Recipe for Local Prosperity

With "moving day" nigh it seems not inopportune to suggest to Scrantonians contemplating a change of residence and naturally some additions to their stock of furniture, carpets, etc., that the proper place to buy these articles. of merchandise is in some of the many excellent stores of Scranton and not in New York or Philadelphia. It is an old story, this penchant of the wellto-do Scrantonian for out-of-town stores, and it may be that correction of it is out of the question; yet we cannot disbelieve that much of this foreign buying is the result wholly of thoughtless habit which may by argument be overcome

A few days ago announcement was made of the closing through financial embarrassment of one of the leading carpet and drapery stores of Scranton. The organizer of this firm has been for many years a respected and honorable merchant in this city, and when his reverse was announced-a merely temporary one, we trust-we inquired the passengers won't smell beer about of a competitor in that line of trade how he accounted for it. The reply was "Overcompetition, due to the fact that nine-tenths of the wealthier citizens of Scianton do their shopping in New York." If true in this one instance, may we not safely assume that foreign buying is a large cause of deptession in other local lines of business as well?

Upon the occasion of a recent visit to New York-not, however, for the purpose of nurchasing what could be secured quite as reasonably in Scranton-a representative of The Tribune witnessed in one hotel the registration of eighteen prominent Scrantonians, who, with their wives, had journeyed. to the metropolis "to do their spring buying." These citizens were not purchasing supplies for stores; they were hand it in at the office. He did so with buying individual household supplies. such as clothing, carpets, furniture, course," we replied, "that man got a etc. One of the party had been in stendy position?" "Not much! They kept the city three days, paying at least the forty cents and bounced him next \$10 a day for hotel accommodations day. You know," added the story-teller, and perhaps as much more for miscellaneous expenses. His purchases cost well into the hundreds.

Any one with a fondness for mathematics who will take a pencil and estimate the total outlay of this single corps of thirty-two Scranton shogeers: "doing their spring buying" in New York, can from that basis figure out bearance. We print this article to show a tolerably close guess at the aggre- that there are two sides to every isgate sum of money annually diverted sue. by this pernicious hubit from local channels of business. We shouldn't be surprised if more than \$1,000,000 were stracted. At all events, the total is a large one, and if it could be kent where it belongs, it would make the very material difference between local prosperity and depression in trade circles. Everybody now appears to desire the return of good times. The whole talk of the country is for it and to expedite it a special session of congress is now in session. Prosperity throughout the nation is most desirable; but let us, suggest to Scrantonians that the best way to cause it to be felt in this immediate community is not to send the earnings of Scranton labor or the profits of Scranton capital off to a disself to the already congested urban tant place to be spent for merchandise population; and the other is, that the or stocks or bonds; but to spond it best farmers that came to us from the right here where it will quickly get old world come from such countrie into the channels of local distribution. as Germany and Scandinavia, where helping in the payment of wages. the percentage of illiteracy is lowest. rents, taxes, repairs, enlargements and, eventually, perhaps, profits or dividends. This is a very simple recipe for prosperity so far as Scranton itself is the native energy and manhood of the concerned. Will the intelligent wellto-do citizens of the city have the patriotism to adopt it?

in front of her door, threatening all arbitration." But as a matter of fact kinds of dire vengeance unless her demand was complied with. Our attention was called to another system of annoyance sometime ago

whereby the motorman of the open car s made to suffer. The car was run-

ning at a rapid rate when suddenly a coman sitting on one of the seats near the front leaned forward and raised her poised parasol in the air. For an nstant her arm shot out and the point of the umbrella stick struck the motor nan squarely under the ofth rib near the spine. "Wease stop the car," she was about to say, but her voice was drowned by the roar of the car runner who yelled "keep your blankery blank old umbrella to home!" as his hand ought the part of his body that had

seen speared. The conductor rang the bell, everybody laughed and the wo man alighted evidently very much shucked. "You haven't any idea of the force a womah can put behind an um brella stick" growled the motorman as the car moved on. "Why my ribe are sore all summer from just such pokes given by passengers who haven' sense enough to turn around and signal to the conductor when they want to get off.?

In addition to these annoyances the life of the conductor is made burdensome by spotters, section superintendents, and other officials who are con stantly endeavoring to detect some one in breaking the rules. This constant igilance is of course necessary to dis cipline but it is often very annoying where misapplied, "I say ---- r sale one of the superintendents to a well known and faithful conductor the other day, "why do you continually eat breath lozenges?" "Oh, I like 'em, and they are good for the stomach," was the reply. "You are eating them so that you?" "No, sir!" "Will you swear that you are not eating the candy to kill the smell of beer?" "Yes, sir! I will, was the reply, "because I don't drink beer- I always drink whiskey." "Get on your car," was all the superintendent could say, and the conductor continues to take things for his breath. though he always attends strictly to - Dusiness.

"Some fellows get too smart," said a communicative fare collector one day. 'You know, one of these fellows recently got a run on the Green Ridge. line and when night came he claimed to have forty cents too much in his own macket. After asking advice from several car men some one advised him to put the money in an envelope and a polite note of explanation. "Of with a twinkle in his eye, "in this business it don't do for a fellow to be too honest.'

Perhaps from a perusal of these incldents the average street car patron will learn to meet the employes of the Traction company at least half way in the matter of courtesy, politeness and for-

The nation is informed, by cable all the way from London, that President McKinley "impresses" Genree W. minority by the bold act of a firm and courageous speaker, and the member who should stand up in that body today and propose to restore the old order of things would be regarded with pitying derision." Smalley "with confidence," Now let the mocession proceed.

the car backed a block and stopped tling all its quarrels with America by it was not England but the United It was not England but the United Hoyt's satirical connecty, "A Conte States which brought this scheme for- Woman," was declared on the program ward. Are we to repudlate our own

WORR? There is a flavor of humor in Speak-Tr Reed's remark to the house, unon tecepting its re-election of him to the speakership: "I cannot, having had accepting its re-election of him to the peakership; "I cannot, having had experience, expect to please all of you always, but 1 do hope, with your as-sistance and your kind forbearance, to administer justice to each member

sts. It is well.

Tomorrow morning's Tribune will unnounce the result of today's debate

## SPEAKER REED.

from the Philadelphia Ledger. The re-olection of Thomas E. Reed to be Speakership of the house of representatives was a proper tribute to the ability and broad statesmanship of the usterful commoner who discharged the inties of this position so acceptably inorévious congresses. Resourceful, fear-ess and singularly endowed to preside over the popular branch of congress, the country has the assurance that under his direction the business of the house will be

onducted with dispatch and that the will of the majority will be formulated in egislation as it should be under demoratic government. None will dispute the rimacy of Mr. Reed in the counsels of his party, and none will challenge the wisdom of the Republican representa-tives in again elevating him to the speakrship. They could have taken no other ction without self-stultification and without defeating the choice of an overwhelmng majority of Republican voters.

Mr. Reed has been in public life for thirty years, and in every sphere of duty to which he has been assigned he has displayed signal ability and adaptability. His constituency have wisely kept him in congress for more than twenty years, giving to the nation during an extremely important period of its history one of the most accomplished parliamentarians the ountry has produced. It is said that imitation is the sincerest flattery. The truth of the aphorism was forcefully said

illustrated when the Democrats of the house adopted his famous quorum-count-ing ruling enforced by him against strenious Democratic protestation in the Fifty-first congress. The ruling was founded upon common sense and without its ourageous execution the house would have remained subject to the vexatious delays with which a strong minority could postpone or defeat important legislation. An admitting biographer of the speaker, writing in the New York Tribune, ob-serves as to this brilliant passage in Mr.

Reed's career: "Seven years have passed since the majority of the house was emancipated from the bondage of the

## WOMEN IN POLITICS.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. to be a representation not of actuality out only of possibilities, in Denver po-

and the unpleasant experience at the to administer justice to each member and to both sides of the chamber un-der the rules established by the house of representatives, without fear, favor or the hope of reward." But has he not already had his reward in his virtually unantimous re-election? It is evident these days that the gov-ernor of Pennsylvania has decided to exercise the functions of right policy and without regard to factional inter-ests, it is well.

purify polities.

### RATIFY THE TREATY.

The Lotus magazinelet expects to The Lotus magazinelet expects to meet the Princess de Chimay in "the pages of romance." Nof if Anthony Comstock knows of it. The latest brilliant idea is a bill, and at Albany, too, to prevent the wearing of tights. One taxing baid heads is next in order.

dorsed the arbitration treaty in language as unreserved and enthusiastle us his pre-

decessor, and it is much to be hoped that the senate will speedily ratify it, sub-stantially as it came from the hands of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Olney. The adoption of such a Splendid policy will lead other nations to fail into the slowby it may be, but surely, and the twen-tieth century will not close until sympl-ing armles have been disbanded and the danger of war made very remote.

### THAT WEICHEL LICENSE.

Carbondale Horald: The strictures the Rev. Joseph K. Dixon on the Lack-awanna judges are not altogether unde-served. It seems to us that the Penn Avenue Baptists should have been accord-ed the same considerations as the other churches would have received. And it is evident that they were not.

Wilkes-Barre Record: What explana-tion the judges of Lackawanna will make for granting a license next door to one of the most prominent churches in Scran-ton, and against such pronounced evidence tha the place is a nulsance. Is not easily conjectured. Dr. Dixon is evident-ly determined to give the affair all the prominence in his power, and it is safe to say that he will have the sympathy of the church people generally in the con munity.

## TWO MEN IN CARSON CITY.

Because in Carson City Two men are going to fight, You hear it in the morning, You hear it in the night, You hear it on the corners, You hear it on the cars: And men not too befuddled May hear it at the bars. You hear if in the big hotels And in the small cafes, The first thing in the night, The first thing in the night, That out in Carson City Two men are going to fight



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By a vote of 24 to 18 the Pennsylvania senate has decided to "investigate" the anthracite coal regions. Had it not better proceed also to investigate the lumber region, the slate region, the farming regions and the miscellaneous centers of industrial or commercial netivity? Let us by all means have a general show-down.

### From a New Point of Vlew.

There are probably no toilers who the drift of population from country to come into contact with the general pubcity. But just as the imagination of lfe who receive a greater amount of the rustic youth is by this means fired censure and at times actual with ideal conceptions of urban superi abuse than the hardworking employes ority so will it soon be noticed, by a of the Traction company. In nearly law of compensation which in the long every other walk of life the servant of run never fails, that the starved and the public occusionally has some reanaemic child of the flat, tenement or dress, but the street car conductor or gutter will come to entertain similar motorman is expected to bear meekly longings for the freer life and pure any abuse that may be occasioned by a atmosphere of the farm. slight mistake on his part or the dyspeptic tendencies of the passenger. He one direction insures an equal move is expected to know the location of the ment, in due season, toward the optahome of every resident along his route, site side. When the cities get so full and the conductor who cannot direct of foolish farmers' boys that it will be his passenger to any street and number within ten or twelve blocks from his "run" is regarded as an idlot by the fussy patron. The lady passenger of course is never supposed to bother her head about location. When she/enters tion will regulate itself, and it will , the car she tells the conductor the never become necessary to import an name of the street at which she wishes agricultural class to be bound down to to alight and never troubles her head the soil by chains of illiteracy. Furfurther. The car may be full: the conthermore and finally, it isn't possible ductor may have a dozen other locain a republic to build an enduring sotions to remember and there may be cial structure on foundations of ignormany things to divert his attention. ance But woe betide the unfortunate fare collector who fails to stop the car at the designated locality! An exhibition of the peculiarities of fair woman in this tion to the arbitration treaty, and i respect was given sometime ago on the comes from its London correspondent Laurel Hill line, A woman entered a The cold, calculating diplomacy which car and ordered the conductor to put looks on indifferently while a beinless her off at a certain street. The conrace is massacred in Armenia and ther ductor, evidently new at the business, turns its guns upon a Christian people torgot until the woman had been cartrying to throw off a yoke of tyranny ried a block further. Although this in Crete, is not entitled to be taken in-"lady" was in good health, and the day. stantly at its word when it brings forwas pleasant, she insisted upon having | ward a magnanimous scheme for set-

## Education and Agriculture.

ment leads usually to unrest, which

fect on the farmer boy to fill his minwith dreams of urban conquest and

thus be instrumental in accelerating

The swinging of the pendulum in

This ruling is sufficiently illustrative of the fibre, firmness, courage and knowl-The Galveston News considers the present rush of the bright young men edge of the fundamental principles of edge of the fundamental principles of stationraft which have characterized. Mr. Read while administering the responsible trials of the speakership; and these are traits which compet the respect of parti-san foes when the resentments of the moof the rural districts to the cities and draws the conclusion that there is need in this country of Hliterate immigration in order to sustain a peasant ment have cooled. The resolution of class. This is a philosophy eminently hanks muanimously passed at the close Southern. But the News overlooks two of the last congress was a heartfelt recognition of Mr. Reed's impartiality and ability as a presiding officer and of his important facts. One is that the more ignorant the immigrant, the greater is sterling statesmanship the probability that he will add him

No living Republican has been more in fluential than Speaker Reed in moulding the politics of his party. Gifted with convincing, Denchant and epigrammatic speech, he has long been an invaluable champion of Republicanism, and fils addresses have contributed powerfully to Republican success. His presentation o political issues is of a character which arrests attention and sways the judgment When the News charges that "the vices, extravagances, blandishments Few American statesmen have excelled him in keenness of recort when the exi-gencies of debate require the use of this sharp weapon. His self poise in every and glitter of urban life are absorbing farms just in the proportion that eduemergency of debate is admirable. He has the quality of a great leader, whether his cation is diffused in rural districts." it utters one of those half truths which, arty be in the majority or in the miaccording to the proverb, are more . He is certain to play a manly and mendacious than an equal number of seful role in the present congress. whole lies. It is true that enlighter

THE GOING OF GROVER.

eventually produces a change in social A Scrantonian now residing in Alleconditions. And that style of educa A scrathing how resulting in An-theny county, remembering how, four wars ago the Democrats ding-donged and word threadbate their favorite song, re-ised the words as follows to suff the tion which locates all its heroes it dress suits and pictures its El Dorados exclusively as eithes made up of brown stone fronts may, indeed, have the ef

THE WAY TO SING IT NOW, Game Tune,) (Game Tune,) (Frover! Grover! We want no more of Grover, Out he gets, without regrets, And we're glud it's over. It first appeared in the Pfittsfurg ("hron-icle-Telegraph, at inauguration time, and has been widely couled by other papers. THE WEARING OF THE GREEN.

He laid his bluckened pipe aside, A molature dimmed his eye And made its blue as soft a hue As April's misty sky, "he morning frost was on his heard, "The winds of March were keen, But all his heart was warmed to hear "The "Wearing of the Green."

The burden of his years of toll Was lifted from his back: His forrowed check was smooth and

Hit grizzled hatr was black more profitable, more comfortable and The silken flags and enowy plumes-They passed him all unseen; He walked again where first he sung more respectable for them to turn backward toward the old homestead they will go back. In other words, this The "Wearing of the Green." problem of the distribution of notula The mossy rocks and rugged glens

Sent back his voice again, And Mary, in her cabin door, Took up the sad refrain. She had a shannock in her breast, The kerchief's fold between, And redder has have never trilled The "Wearing of the Green.

His Mary's old and feeble now. Her scanty locks are white: the dozes by the fire all day And grambles half the night. Here is the strongest word which And granning har the distribution But they are wedded lovers yet, And on each other lean, And still she hums, in quavering tones the New York Sun has said in opposi-The "Wearing of the Green." ome sun or shadow, once a year The bands are size to play he good old tune, the dear old tune, I pon Saiht Patrick's Day. The like a breath from bog and hill, Though oceans roll between; The sweet to every exile's ear→ The "Wearing of the Green," →Minma Irving in Lesile's Weekly.

Because in Carson City Two men are going to fight. The country doesn't rest by day Nor sleep a wink at night. And men who lately thirsted To go to war with Spain Are walking out to Carson Or walting for the train. Of arbitration treaties Men nevet say a word: Of tariff plans and sliver bills No syllable is heard. The turbaned Turk, the men of Greece And Crete are lost to sight, Because in Carson City Two men are going to fight. -E. P. Burns, in Boston Globe,

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