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Improve the Parks.

Many important duties will devolve upon the new city councils which next week will begin a year's work, but among the most important of these is the duty of making provisions for permanent improvements in the parks of the city. Nay Aug park has been the property of the city for several years. but as yet little or nothing in the way of permanent improvement has been affected because the councils have not seen their way clear to allow the park commissioners a sufficient amount of money to make the city's breathing spots attractive and convenient.

Scranton has not acquired all the land that is essential for park purposes, but that should not restrain the city fathers from so arranging the parks that are now its property that the people may derive the largest ament of benefit from them.

Summer is fast approaching and it is impossible to make much of a change this year, but steps should be taken at once that will result in a decided money for such a purpose will meet with the hearty approval of people gen- terrent.

Snow is four feet on the level in western Nebraska: forest fires are blazing on Long Island; the Mississippi vallev is flooded-and the dust floats in Scranton.

For Ballot Reform.

The Philadelphia Bulletin calls attention to what it terms needed reform of the present ballot law in the way of simplifying the classification of candidates on the official ballot and of lessening the obstacles to independent vot-

The Pulletin urges that the huge and cumbersome ballot is a cause of perplexity even to well-informed voters. To many citizens it has been productive of almost hopeless confusion of mind, and not a few have taken refuge from their difficulties in hap-hazard marking or in voting the "straight" ticket when they had gone to the polls with the intention of doing otherwise.

The original purpose of the "Australian system" when introduced was not only to insure secrecy to the ballot but to simplify voting and to give the voter the opportunity of an intelligent discrimination in his choice of candidates. Under the present system the voter is confronted on election day with a handbill of circus-poster dimensions so arranged as to require careful examination of the various columns in order to avoid mistakes.

The Bulletin thinks that this should be corrected by the legislature, but chers no remedy. The Baker bailot law though without imperfections has been considered the most practicable scheme in the interest of fair and honest elections. If improvements can be auggested no doubt they will be gladly · received by voters throughout the commonwealth.

The new gun-boat Helena has proved to be a flyer and has won a bonus of \$56,000 for her builders. If the Helena will now demonstrate her ability to float during an April shower the satisfaction over her achievements will doubtless be universal.

Discouraging for Populists.

It is predicted by experts that the Kansas wheat crop will amount to at least 50,000,000 bushels this year. This did of old, and while he undoubtedly state of affairs is encouraging to all but the Populists. The restless band of croaking Jeremiahs who thrive on calamity and distress will be at loss for campaign ammunition unless something intervenes to destroy the hopes of the industrious husbandman of Kansas. It is a common saying out west that when the country is up the Populists are down and when the country is down the Populists are jubilant.

The Western Populist is very much like the Pennsylvania Democrat. He is a natural born calamity howler. He looks upon the dark side of life and gloats over hard times that cannot be at once alleviated under Republican It is a small matter to fight about, rule. He looks upon industry with suspleion for fear that the enterprise which furnishes work for the honest artisan may at the same time be making profits for some trust or corporation. He is a continual fountain of sorrow; a cup of grief that is always overflowing. When crops are bountiful and times are good and everybody is tion that Uncle Sam could deliver the happy the Populist hunts his hele and | knockout blow against the copper-hued meditates. The announcement that | Peruvian in one round and make the Kansas will have an enormous wheat crop this year will cause consternation. American coast. Why not make an exin the Populistic camp. There will be really nothing to how! over.

Capital punishment has been abolished in Colorado, but the citizen caught with an extra ace up his sleeve will probably receive proper attention.

The Military Fad.

The Pittsburg Times calls attention to the action of the National Guard of New York in setting an example that might be followed in this state in curbing the ambitions of various persons who belittle the uniform which distinguishes the military from the private citizen. The New York guardsmen are up in arms against the imitators of the military uniform who wear gaily-colored clothing and stripes on arms and shoulders to give a warlike appearance, Bands, society organizations, the Salvation Army and others who appear in uniforms with too many imitations of the state soldiery will be called upon to show cause for their adorning emblems or take them off. It is becoming tions to appear in uniform that the mil- | Madison silver will doubtless always gradually been coming around to

itary apparel has nearly lost is distinguishing characteristic, and one of the prominent members of the National Cuard insists that he is mistaken for a car conductor nearly as often as he is taken for a soldier.

The National Guard has plenty of grounds for protesting. The uniform is given the soldlers for a strictly pracrical purpose, and if should be restrictd to their uses without counterfeits lifsely to be mistaken for it. Not that the uniforms of railroad men, and men whose uniform serves to inform those with whom they come in contact of the authority of the wearer, should be inerfered with. But the initators who year military marks of any kind without authority ought to be brought up with a sharp turn. Particularly is such the case with those who sport im-Itation straps and stripes signifying rank in the company or regiment. If the citizen thinks the uniform of the soldier becoming to him there is one way to get it. That one way is service. and it is enough. .

It is evident that the "yellow kid" has had his day. Who will furnish the next idiotle subject to weary a suffering people?

Punishment for Bicycle Thieves.

A New Jersey Judge has touched the popular chord in sentencing a bicycle thief to two years in the penitentiary. Although at first the punishment might seem a triffe severe, in view of all circumstances it is doubtless just. The number of bicycles stolen last year justifies stern treatment of blevele thieves. The ease with which such a theft may be committed, the stolen article itself afford ing the means of escaping with the booty, and the difficulty of recovering the property if the thief has a little change in the apearance of the parks a start, all combine to make it necessary year hence, A wise expenditure of that the punishment of the crime should be severe enough to act as a de-

The judge who sentenced the thlef said that bleycle thefts had become so frequent that it was necessary to do something to check this form of stealing, and that it was his intention to make it as safe for a bicycle owner to leave his wheel in the street as it was for a wagon driver to let his team stand at the curbstone while he went inside a building.

Wheelmen in this section have in past been greatly annoyed by the depredations of the bicycle thieves and many have for protection joined wheel insurance companies to whom they are obliged to pay assessments yearly in order to have wheels replaced in case they are stolen. A few convictions and sentences in the line of New Jersey justice will doubtless accomplish much in the way of suppressing the evil.

Mr. Gladstone rides a bicycle but it eems that there was no hump on his back when he took up the cause of

Mr. McKinley's Popularity.

The popularity of President McKiney seems to increase as the days go by. Within the few weeks that he has served as chief magistrate the new a man of the people. So far as can be ty, and is mentioned for a good berth judged, according to Washington dispatches, Mr. McKinley is amiable and democratic, and his affable manners are appreciated in marked contrast to those of his predecessor.

It was about as hard to reach Cleveland when he was president as it is to reach the presence of the Chinese empress. During the last Cleveland administration the white house was surrounded by policemen and sentry boxes. When Cleveland lived at his country place at Woodley, the road between the white house and the country seat of the chief executive was strewn with mounted policemen, and the only conspicuous objects in the grounds at the Woodley mansion were police officers lolling under the trees.

McKinley has disbanded the white house police force. He has had the sentry boxes removed. He walks around the streets as he did when he was a member of the house. He speaks to old friends and acquaintances as he is crowded to the wall by the office seekers and must be tired to death. anybody who desires to see him on any real business finds no difficulty in getting an interview with him.

An opportunity is now given the United States to display a little patriotism in the small war cloud that has arisen between this country and Peru. The government of that country is alleged to have seized an American sailor and condenued him to a year's imprisonment without the formality of a legal trial. The American minister has demanded his release and been refused. but it involves an important principle. Great Britain's action in such cases is well known. She sends a warship or two to demand the release of her subject, and, if it is not promptly granted, opens fire. This policy has become well known and therefore British subjects are seldom molested. There is no ques-American tar respected on the South ample of the saucy officials of Peru and teach them that they have not an exclusive corner on earthquakes?

The Pittsburg papers rush to the deense of the residents of Oil City who now possess legally or otherwise the land once owned by the noble red man. Cornplanter. The descendants of the indian chief claim that Oil City people have no clear title to the land that they are occupying and seek justice through legislative action. The Cornplanter claim is over a hundred year# old and has been rejuvenated for many sessions at Harrisburg. Whether there are any grounds for their claim or not, it is evident that the descendants of the great chief Cornplanter will do better to go back to the reservation and plant corn than to attempt to gain possession of the Pennsylvania oil regions at this late day.

The man who saw the first robin will soon be discovered by the first mos-

The whereabouts of the historic Dolly

Almost any other name would do as vill as "The Powers" at present.

About the United States durors

The Pittsburg Leader has the following To begin with, there are two county

nent men in the county and is held in high esteem by all who know him. The name of B. V. Wykoff, of Empo-rium, associate Judge of Cameron coun-ty, is more familiar to the public of this end of the state. Judge Wykoff has long seen one of the most noted men in west-ern Pennsylvania, and has been promient both as an attorney and in politics Among the ministers on the fist is Rev 8. E. Ellion, D. D., of the Presbyterian church at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland

hilosophical and liturary circles of the Probably the most noted lawyer on the list is the Hon. Humphrey D. Tate, of Redford, who was deputy attorney gen-eral of the state during Governor Patitson's term. Mr. Tate is well known as capital punishment. It should he bemocratic politician, and a successful hanged its free sliver statesmen first. Another prominent attorney on the istrict attorney of Somerset county and eriminal lawyer of undoubted abil-He is a son of Hon. A. J. Colburn, the oldest practitioner at the Somerset

ounty, who stands very high in art and teristure. Another is Rev. George Rog-rs, a Protestant Episcopal minister at

Ridgway. Elk county, who is distin-guished for his standing in the historical,

Hon, David Cameron's name is well sistant United States district actorney. and during that time took part in some of the most noted criminal actions ever brought in the courts of the government. Vernon Hazard, of Monongahela, is a son of Colonel Chil Hazard, editor of the denongahela Republican, who has won attonal fame as a lecturer and secret society man. Hon, J. K. P. Hull is an attorney, but is not in active practice. He is the president of the St. Mary's and Buffalo railfuad, the largest coal ship-pers in and around Elk county. He is a brother of Harry Alvan Hall, the pres-ent United States district attorney. Hon. George P. Griffith, of Eric, is an-

Hon. George P. Griffith, of Erie, is another of the attorneys who find their names on the jury list. Mr. Griffith is the law partner of Hon. S. A. Davenport, congressman-at-large from this state, A. A. Freeman is another Erie lawyer, who has pushed his way to the front in his chosen profession. He was ormerly a successful merchant, but forsook trading for the law, in which he has achieved success. Hon. A. S. Landis, f Hollidaysburg, retired from the bench of Blair county about a year ago. George D. Howells, of Uniontown, is one of the most noted lawyers of Payette county. Harry L. Sloore, another Erle attorney, is well known as a political leader in and about Erle county. M. P. Mervine is city solicitor, and a railroad lawyer of promia young lawyer of Altoona, who has been er the new administration

Among the editor the most prominent is Charles E. Randall, of the Catawissa News-Item, pub-lished at Catawissa, Columbia county. His paper is one of the spiciest and most widely read weekly papers in the northeastern part of the state. Frank Will murth, an editor of a paper published at St. Mary's, Elk county, is a son of Addie I. Wilmarth, of New Brighton, who is well known in Pirtsburg.

One of the most prominent and best known names on the list is that of John Jermyn, the millionaire coal operator of Scranton, Mr. Jermyn is considered one of the richest men in the northeastrn part of the state. He owns extensive oal interests which are mostly coulined Jermyn, Lackawanna county, Mr. Jermyn also owns the Hotel Jermyn, in Scranton, which is by far the finest hos-MOVING AND FOUND YOU HAVE BROK-

another millionaire on the list of jury-men is Jacob Straus, a wealthy mer-chant of Erie, Pa. Mr. Straus has made his money in and around Erie, and is highly respected in that city by the lake. George Farnsworth, of Ulysses, Potter county, is a millionaire humberman, and is one of the best known men in the

northern tier.
Among the local people on the list, per haps none is better known than Tipstaff Thomas A. Pender, Mr. Pender was at one time third assistant United States attorney here, under the late H. B. Swore, and was chief of police in this city during the time of Mayor Robert Lyon, and for years was a member of the Pittsburg seyears was a member of the Pittsburg de-tective force. He is at present employed in the court house as a tipstaff, and is known to nearly every one in Allegheny county. W. J. Caskey, another well-known Pittsburger, is also on the list. Air Caskey was for years a well-known riverman, and was interested in the Cas-key bout supply store. He is now in the tables of the present of Wood aftest. He tobacco business on Wood street, Ist-dore Cohlens, of Allegheny, is one of the st influential Hebrews in that city. e has made a fortune as a broker, but still in besiness.

There are many other names on the list f men in public life, such as Mayor S. Coe, of Parker, Armstrong county; E. Wellendorf, of St. Mary's, a well-lown civil engineer and railroad superendent, and many others.

CAPITOL CHAT.

A Chicago paper is curious to see how nuch Pennsylvania's new million-tollar aptrol will cost.—New York Times. The question as to how much Pennsylnta's new million-dellar capitol is going to cost is not so absurd as it looks at first glance.-Baston Herald.

first glance.—Boston Herald.

The question is being put in Chicago:
"How much ought a million-dollar public building to cost?" Several cities and states are trying hard to solve this contindrum.—Boston Globe.

Pennsylvania is to build a new state capitol, to cost \$520,000. This means that when the structure is completed the bills for "will assume to something like."

t will amount to something like 000.-New York Mail and Express. The Pennsylvania legislature has fixed the cost of the proposed new state house at \$1.50,000. That ought to be enough, but the chances are that the new capitol will cost twice that amount before it is apleted .- Cincinnati Times-Star. Governor Hastings' recommendation of \$250,000 for a new capitol is more than sufficient and the recommendation of the public building committee increasing it one half more should be rejected. A half

till on more simply means that much tore to be recklessly expended without a air return.—Hazleton Standard. If Pennsylvania is in real doubt whether o spend \$590,000 or \$2,000,000 for a capitol. to spend \$200,000 or \$2,000,000 for a capitol, the example of other states may throw light upon her choice. The building of other state houses points to the belief that an original appropriation of \$500,000 will in all probability end in a \$5,000,000 capitol, and that an original appropriation of \$3,000,000 will end in a \$200,000 capitol. See you hournal

ot.-Boston Journal

remain as great a mystery as the Covernor Hastings way of thinks identity of the man who struck one the state capital. The governor's economical and entirely effective plon for It begins to look as though the Grant
Memorial of New York will be dedicated at an earlier date than the Pall
Sheridan monament of Scranton.

It is raid that the Part Jervis eltizen who sold his wife for \$10 was the first man to acknowledge that prosperity has arrived.

Almost any other name would do as

ed at a cost of \$500,000 has falled to convince the logislators. The committee has recommended an expensiture of \$1,000,000, together with a plan for securing additional revolues to meet R. The same committee, however, favored \$1,500,000 some time ago, and the members must go an record before any proposition can be finally adopted. In this fact there, is cause for hope, The knowledge is general all over the state that less than a million will suffice, the fact will be proposited out and the bout the men serving as United States brought out anew in the debates, and the member who goes on record for a larger sum than is necessary will have to ex-plain when he faces his constituency again. The governor, in the meantime judges. The first on the list is Judge plain when he faces his constituency Frank Ikeier, of Columbia county. Judge likelet 's a mative of Columbia county and was been in Bloomsburg, the county seat. He is one of the most promis-

ART UNAPPRECIATED.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. The portraits of Miss Anna Dickinson appearing in the Scranton papers are such abominable cariculares that Mis-Dickinson might make them the libsi for libel suits, with good prospects o getting damages.

UNCLE JOHN'S FALSE PRIENDS.

From the Washington Post. Those Pennsylvania politicians wile want Mr. Wannnicker to resume opera tions with the Quay buzz-saw ought to be ushamed of themselves.

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITY.

From the Einghamton Republican, The state of Colorado has abolishe punishment. It should have

> If all who hate would love us, And all our loves were true, The stars that swing above on Would brighten in the blue; If cruel words were kisses,

And every scowl a smile

A better world than this is Would hardly be worth while; If purses would untighten To meet a brother's need, he load we bear would lighten

Above the grave of greed,

- If those who white would whistie, And those who languish laugh, The rose would rout the thistle
- The grain ourrun the chaff; if hearts were only jolly, if grieving were forgot, Were things that now are not-
- Then Love would kneel to Duty, And all the world would seem A bridgi-bower of beauty. A dream within a dream
- If men would cease to worry, And women cease to sigh, And all be glad to bury Whatever has to dis-
- If neighbor spake to neighbor, As Love demands of all. The rust would eat the sabre,
- The spear stay on the wall: Then every day would glisten. And every eye would shine,

-James Newton Matthews



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