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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.
For School Director.
Three Years—PETER NEULS, Eleventh Ward.
Three Years—D. L. PHILLIPS, Fifth Ward.
Two Years—E. D. FELLOWS, Fourth Ward.
Two Years—P. S. GODFREY, Eighth Ward.
One Year—E. S. BARKER, Seventeenth Ward.
One Year—ELIAS E. EVANS, Fifteenth Ward.
Election Day, February 15.

Isn't it a little strange that our great and itching "friendliness" for Spain which impels our government to send a warship to a Spanish port as an international courtesy and proof of pacific good will, was not discovered until Spain had practically completed the destruction of her own ability to reciprocate?

Worthy of a Better Cause.
The overture of Spain at this time for a new treaty of reciprocity with the United States illustrates the insuperable superiority of Spanish over American diplomacy and causes one almost to admire the skill with which Spanish statesmanship pockets its real feelings in order to keep up appearances. As a coup d'etat in disimulation it is quite the most noticeable Spanish achievement of the generation, and yet, withal, there is a sting in it, a sting which is a triumph of art.

Spain's American sympathizers should not get too gay over the reported burning of the Cuban capital. We had our own capital burned once and yet we won out.

An Effective Answer.
The Wilkes-Barre Record announces its willingness to subscribe \$500 if the board of trustees of that city will organize a company to buy of the Dickson Manufacturing company the plant in Wilkes-Barre which it is about to abandon by removal of its equipment to this city. This offer by the Record has, we believe, a double significance. It typifies, in the first place, the liberality and enterprise of the proprietors of the Record, Messrs. Johnson and Powell, who not only give to their city the considerable advantage of a newspaper which by its excellence constitutes an invaluable advertisement of Wilkes-Barre, but are also ready to set the pace in cash subscriptions for worthy public enterprises; and, secondly, it doubtless is the Record's effective answer to the complaint of the board that the newspapers of Wilkes-Barre are more disposed to censure than to aid it.

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Faith and Works.
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The Proper National Spirit.
Ship-builder Cramp may be inclined to jeer at the necessities and associations of his business, which, if there were no further thought of war, would speedily become no business at all. Nevertheless he is everlastingly tight in asserting that preparedness for war is the highest political wisdom. History is chock full of proofs in point. The New York Sun, a healthy "ingo" paper, made reference to one a few weeks ago by holding China up as a fit illustration of the inevitable destiny of a nation which is for peace at any price and which does not encourage the cultivation among its citizens of a spirit of robust patriotism. We may see now an equally good illustration of the benefits of the opposite theory and practice. There is every reason to suppose that when Germany started out on her campaign of territorial seizure in China, with the tacit co-operation of Russia, it was Germany's intention and Russia's hope to grab important and valuable special privileges. Otherwise the subsequent proceedings of both powers would appear incomprehensible.

But when England stepped to the fore with a stiff and explicit Anglo-Saxon demand for fair play, backing it, not by sentimental gush but by the peace-compelling guns of the most powerful navy afloat, it took the German Kaiser and Russian czar just about one minute to realize that their well-laid plans for the theft of special

advantages in defenseless China would have to be abandoned or else carried to execution through a most momentous and costly war. The result is the abandonment of those plans.

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Both mill owners and strikers will comprehend this when it is too late.

From some of the pictures that appear in our esteemed exchanges, one would think that the battleship Maine was first launched on the Delaware and Hudson canal.

Pittsburg papers are complaining of the quality of water used in the mill in that city. They do not insist upon having it filtered, but object to chocolate tints.

It might be well for the United States to defer action on the Cuban matter until the exact relationship of the members of the Masso family has been determined.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease has gone into the insurance business. Many of her rivals think that she is better qualified to act as a lightning rod agent.

The friends of Dreyfus seem determined to weave a crown for him large enough to have rested loosely on the brow of Napoleon.

President Dole, of Hawaii, seems to be the first ruler on record to engage in business as a solicitor of his own disempowerment.

Apparently lying is not a sin in diplomacy.

Some New Books and Magazines
READERS of "Quo Vadis" and especially those who have read Henryk Sienkiewicz's greatest work, the three novels treating of the Polish liberty wars, will be much interested in the volume of short stories now offered by Sienkiewicz's authorized American publishers, Little, Brown & Co. of Boston. Under the title "Hania," derived from the opening story, we have in this volume a grouping of eleven shorter efforts by this wonderful Polish writer, at different periods in his varied career and of uneven merit, but all showing forth in some degree the remarkable vitality, vivid presentation and vital grasp of the fundamentals of human character and emotion which have made his more pretentious writing unique among their class. The atmosphere of these brief stories, these "charcoal sketches" as the author himself calls one of them, is as foreign to the experience and comprehension of the ordinary American as it is possible to imagine in an atmosphere of peace; and with due respect to Polish history and literature, it is an atmosphere toward which comparatively few Americans undergo a natural gravitation. Perhaps of no country in Europe are our people so ignorant and toward none so indifferent as they are concerning the racial beginnings and the tragic history of Poland that was. Yet Sienkiewicz takes his readers into the thick of this alien environment as by the sheer force of his powerful genius lights it up with fascinations which are irresistible. He combines with the function of the historian that of the poet, and the result is a transcending time and place, are world-wide in human interest and therefore immortal. We can imagine the difficulties that must have beset the author in the telling of these stories. Jeremiah Curtin, but it must be said for Mr. Curtin that he did not keep him from putting into adequate English the meaning of the Polish author's force and fire as it is possible to convey from a language like the Polish to one so dissimilar as our own.

An exceedingly interesting paper in the February Cosmopolitan is that by Colonel Waring. New York's former street commissioner has written a paper on city garbage, showing how modern science is reclaiming much of the refuse matter that was once a net loss. This number contains also an interesting article on a series of papers upon the subject, "The Selection of One's Life Work." President Andrews opens the discussion with his kind of a review of the advantages and disadvantages of such a profession. Here is his cheerful estimate of the newspaper man's vocation: "Journalism is the business which offers the most to a young man to undertake. Being approached for advice, you always hope that the applicant, if he is a newspaper reporter, is in the position of a mere drudge-reporter, while you can rarely if ever be sure that he will climb high enough to be independent. The business of gathering news is a respectable and very useful one, and there is no reason why one engaged in it should not perfectly maintain his honor. The same may be said of the editor or high class journalistic writing, in which one is permitted to speak his mind. But between these two sorts of journalistic functions there is a third most unenviable type, the type of the writer who, to retain their situations, must every now and then defend doings and policies which they abhor. In every occupation a man should be able to look down on those who have not his ability and facilities for resisting the fetters of prejudice and custom."

Everything in the way of light, heat and power will be done by electricity; horses for draft or carriage use will be unknown. And finally, progress in popular education will by that time have gone so far that Greater New York will be intelligently and honestly governed. Colonel Waring is sure that this will be the case—a century hence.

Perhaps it is old foggy to object to the practice, now in such general vogue, of exhibiting in print pictures of young women in private life, labeled and ticketed as prize beauties. The custom may be a necessary concomitant of that modernity which in its swift rush spares neither man nor woman, neither gray-haired age nor infant in arms. And we confess that our own curiosity is not more proof than is that of the public in general against the fascinations of these fetching human documents. We must concede their interest. For example, the February Cosmopolitan has a whole gallery of half-toned portraits of "Some Beauties of the Lone Star State," not all of whom, by the way, deserve the name, but all of whom are set before public inspection with quite the same cheery indifference to considerations of reserve that characterize the annual lining up of banner milk cows, prize and runner-up, in the fair. We expect this sort of thing concerning women who by their own choice are in the public eye, actresses, singers, lecturers, professional women generally. They accept the hazard of garish publicity when they choose their vocations, and it is there not left in any portion of these United States some sense of delicacy, some lingering instinct of chivalry in men and modesty in women, which will protest against the dragging forth from private life of our sweethearts and daughters for the vulgar gratification of a crass public curiosity which is quite as often sensual as respectful in its contemplation of pictured feminine charms.

One of the best of contemporary helps for the busy man who wishes to keep in touch with the intellectual progress of the world yet lacks time and means to go to original sources of information is the Literary Digest, published weekly by Funk & Wagnalls, New York. Its greeting at the Tribune editorial desk is always cordial, because it brings into focus every important topic which has been of late of large concern during the week previous, illumined each by succinct and impartial explanation, and supplying to spend a "bright hour" of the chronicler of the times. The editing of this compendium of contemporary thought is ably and conscientiously performed.

WHY DELAY?
From the Washington Star.
The extreme gravity of the situation in Havana allows of no sort of doubt. It is shown not only by admitted facts, but by all fair inferences drawn from those facts. General Blanco's authority may be overthrown by the mob at any moment. The massing of troops in the city is not of itself an assurance of safety for the inhabitants. On the contrary, it might prove to be in the event of an outbreak an added menace to life and property. The Spanish army in the island is honeycombed with discontent, and it might prove to be in the event of a difficulty extends. He has no personal acquaintance with the army. He has never even formally reviewed his troops. Getting his review has occurred his arrival to give him a hold upon either their admiration or attachment. Prominent officers of the army right in Havana are open revolt against him. It is to be assumed that troops hurried in from the country will support him with enthusiasm. A likelihood is that in case of a sudden revolt against them they would throw their weight into the other scale.

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