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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET. For School Director. Three Years—PETER NEULS, Eleventh ward.

The recent growth of the business of The Tribune Publishing company having necessitated a sub-division of the executive management of it, with this issue Mr. Alexander Craig assumes charge as business manager and Mr. W. W. Davis takes personal direction of the job, bindery and mechanical departments.

The refusal of Attorney General McCormick to be a candidate for governor illustrates his political astuteness. Mr. McCormick possesses in his personal equipment every requisite for that high office.

It remains to add our belief that his candidacy at this time would be inexpedient. He is too good a man to be sacrificed in a hostile convention; and he is too prominently marked with factional antagonisms to be in all respects the most available leader of a harmony campaign.

Overlegislation. The remarks of ex-Judge Henry E. Howland at the recent Manufacturers' association banquet in New York were briefly alluded to in The Tribune at the time, but a less cursory reference to them seems warranted.

Self-Help the Best. Auditor General Mylin's estimate that there will be a deficit of \$1,000,000 in the state's accounts at the close of the present fiscal year unless revenue to this amount is secured from unexpected sources is by no means surprising.

As a rule the legislature alone to blame. As a rule it registers the pressure behind it. When that pressure comes from lobbyists, we cry fraud. When it comes from political leaders anxious to use the resources of the state primarily to strengthen personal ambition, we vigorously denounce the spectacle as a prostitution of the functions of government.

equalization, to be sure, is never perfected; but in the long run only that community gains actually which has a sufficient representation in the state legislature to enforce its special demands over the protests of the non-sharishing districts.

The fellows who shot off those Hanna bribery charges evidently forgot to load their guns.

An Admirable Investment. We publish with pleasure a letter from Mr. A. W. Dickson, setting right an erroneous impression conveyed yesterday in some comments in reference to the Scranton Young Men's Christian association.

We can recall a time when the proposition to equip a religious institution with a gymnasium would have occasioned mental pain and moral chagrin among many earnest but misguided Christians.

Of the different departments of the local association's work the gymnasium has been the one which has, as a rule, appealed most forcibly to those elements in the community least likely to be drawn into a religious atmosphere by spiritual means.

John M. Garman is a fine man, but he is still several bounds shy of the political height of William F. Harris.

But it is easier to recognize the situation than to suggest a remedy. In Massachusetts, where the great number of crimes committed in the rural communities has awakened serious attention, different agencies have been proposed for giving protection to the country districts.

Here are two difficulties which appear almost insurmountable. But it is just as plain that rural communities cannot protect themselves unless they have assistance from some source. It is true, however, that the country has not done all it can in the way of putting down the tramp and his parasites.

From the Lancaster Examiner. Readers of correspondence and inquiry columns must have noted a much space is devoted to questions of etiquette. Perhaps the most popular feature of certain journals is their correspondence columns.

greater number of them should be a man who for the first time in his life is to be an usher at a wedding, or gets an obliging sister to do it for him, asking what fashion approves in men's clothing for such occasions.

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