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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For School Director. Three Years-PETER NEULS, Eleventh ward. Three Years-D. L. PHILLIPS, Fifth lond their guns. Two Years-E. D. FELLOWS, Fourth Two Years-F. S. GODFREY, Eighth

Election Day, February 15. of newspaper business and we bespeak vestment. for him a cordial welcome.

The Gubernatorial Problem.

The refusal of Attorney General Mc-Cormick to be a candidate for governor illustrates his political astuteness. Mr. McCormick possesses in his personal equipment every requisite for that high office. He is honest. He is able. He is shrewd, if elected governor he would be governor from the word go. Jobs and deals would encounter a continual frost under his administration. There would be polithe intellect, not of the sand bag, Above and beyond all the politics of the place there would be a fearlessness in the discharge of duty such as the commonwealth would find most advantageous and most refreshing.

Yet with all this frankly conceded, 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. It is not derogatory to him to say that under the peculiar circumstances which now prevail in state politics, the need of the party is rather for a gubernatorial candidacy which, while lacking nothing in honesty of purpose and strength of conviction, shall not invite but rather discourage the lifting of the too ready clubs of factionalism and personal vindictiveness which for so long have converted Pennsylvania politics into a transplanted Donnybrook. More than the governorship will be at stake in the next election. Besides that, there is a legislature to elect and there are congressmen to be chosen and many county offices to fill. If at the head of the ticket is a name carrying with it the hazard of factional reprisals whole would be likely to suffer. The importance of unjeoparded Republican national supremacy is such that it would be most unfortunate were the Republican party in any state next fall to take unneces-

sary risks. the nomination of a man who will draw strength directly from the people with- proaches to his theme and treated his out the interposition or exploitation of factionalism. Wise party direction will large, to some timely doses of caustic not invite trouble by forcing on the party a loaded-down candidacy which the party can carry only with reluctance, if at all.

The Scranton fire department is certainly to be congratulated on its effective service at the fire on Adams avenue yesterday morning. The building destroyed was situated in a part of the town that has often been designated as tinder-box row, and it has been predicted on many occasions that nothing could stop a general conflagration should one of these houses become ignited on a windy day. The fact that a dangerous blaze could be checked in a row of inflammable structures during a gale like that of yesterday morning is evidence that the Scranton fire laddies have no superiors in battling with the flames.

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. The last legislature was teld about this. It economized slightly under compulsion but it fid not begin to make the cuts which the rituation called for. It will be the same with the next legislature unless the people take great pains to elect representatives above the average in business ability and in fidelity to the people's interests.

Nor is the legislature alone to blame. As a rule it merely registers the pressure behind it. When that pressure comes from lobbyists, we 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. But when it comes from organizations of citizens in different localities who seek state aid for enterprises essentially local in character; we as a rule are willing to allow the appeal provided that in the general distribution of the state funds our own local interests are re-

membered also. The principle of robbing Peter to pay Paul is not a new one, but sometimes there is reason to suspect that it has been more generally introduced into modern legislation than the mass of citizens realize. In the long run it is not an economy. In the long run Peter is likely to return the compliment. Thus when an essentially local charity goes to the state for aid under the goes to the state for aid under the impression that all the money it can get from the state will be a net local gain, the sequel generally shows that other incalities, by doing the same thing, tend to equalize the burden. The

community gains actually which has a fashioned, self-reliant citizen ordering sufficient representation in the state his daily life in the light of his own legislature to enforce its special de- conscience and the fear of God may mands over the protests of the non-

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sharing districts. Let us try to get back to the good, old-fushioned truth that the best help n life, except that which is bestowed from on high, is self-help.

The fellows who shot off those Hanon bribery charges evidently forgot to

nons and shells.

be wearing ulsters.

ed in the pardoning power,

back him too far into the corner.

What reason had anybody in New

Judging from his umbrella, Attorney

It will be observed that the anxiety

for another Spanish-American recip-

rocity treaty is visible chiefly at Mad-

So soon was it done for, what in the

The idea that Great Britain has

Bruiser Corbett threatens to quit the

SPHIS problem of rural insecurity is

ounty knew every other inhabitant

men and certainly no gangs of dissolute

geneity of the population, the number of

cople has increased until few are ac-

quainted with any except their near

tramps has grown up that is a standing

But it is easier to recognize the situa-

tion than to suggest a practical remedy. In Massachusetts, where the great num-

her of crimes committeed in the rural

communities has awakened serious at-tention, different ways have been pro-

erate with the local authorities in pre-

of expense. If a sufficient number of po-lice officers to patrol country roads were

appointed a large expenditure which

could be met only by additional taxation would be necessary. As the cities pro-

vide their own police forces they would undoubtedly be unwilling to have the protection of the country districts sad-

dled on them and an increase of rural

Here are two difficulties which appear

almost insurmountable. But it is just as plain that rural communities cannot pro-

tect themselves alone and that they must

have assistance from some source. It is true, however, that the country has not

plenty who in the goodness of their heart

police in existence is always a great re

minimizing a police force, leaving the scal authorities to control the manage-tent. Whether or not this is the bet-

ter plan it is plain that something should be done to make life and property more

secure in rural communities than they

MANNERS AND MANNER.

should be another protection.

taxes would be the only recourse left.

for the later order.

Rural Protection.

backed down concerning China should

name of all that is sensible was the

Teller resolution ever begun for?

be imparted to the marines.

Nard Problem of

From the Philadelphia Press.

General McCormick evidently interprets

York state ever to suppose that Sen-

ator Edward Murphy, jr., cared aught

the real estate business.

for principle?

An Admirable Investment. We publish with pleasure a letter

from Mr. A. W. Dickson, setting right One Year-F. S. BARKER, Seventeenth an erroneous impression conveyed One Year-ELIAS E. EVANS, Fifteenth yesterday in some comments in reference to the Scranton Young Men's Christian association, Perhaps if we had expressed a doubt as to whether in The recent growth of the business of this city last year \$15,000 was contrib-The Tribune Publishing company hav- uted for Y. M. C. A. purposes over and ing necessitated a sub-division of the above current expenses, our thought executive management of it, with this being practically what was done in issue Mr. Alexander Craig assumes Wilkes-Barre. But no matter; the charge as business manager and Mr. main point, as Mr. Dickson's letter in-W. W. Davis takes personal direction timates, is that the local association of the job, bindery and mechanical de- has good use for additional funds, and partments. Mr. Craig comes to this cd work in the community assures that city from New Haven, Conn., with a such an increased support would con- keep going. first-class record in the management stitute an exceedingly profitable in-

We can recall a time when the propesition to equip a religious institution with a gymnasium would have occasicned mental pain and moral chagrin among many earnest but misguided Christians. In some minds in those days the training of the human body was regarded as in a measure a surrender to the devil, which needed to be opposed by true friends of religion lest instead of wholesome muscular Christianity we should have a dispensation of orthodox pugilism. Happily that time has disappeared. Religion in its practical bearings upon every day life ties, but it would be politics of has developed a higher and finer in- the political barometer to portend a terpretation; and for this humanizing influence and achievement society is very largely indebted to the Young Men's Christian association.

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. In other words, it has brought into the range of redemption the very persons whom it is Christianity's highest mission to save. The elect, as a rule, can take care of themselves; what all the churches and all the religious movements of the time are most anxious to do, and properly, is to get hold of the non-elect, and experience teaches that the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium is one of the most effective of possible means

The local association ought not to have to ask twice for the funds needed to put its gymnasium into first class condition.

is, in a great measure, living un-der a police system which was adopted when the population was homogeneous John M. Garman is a fine man, but he is still several pounds shy of the political heft of William F. Harrity,

Overlegislation.

Howland at the recent Manufacturers' and the advent of a stranger was sure to association banquet in New York were arouse attention. There were few idle briefly alluded to in The Tribune at briefly alluded to in The Tribune at tramps frequenting the highways and the time, but a less cursory reference making life and property unsafe. Now to them seems warranted. Responding | immigration has destroyed the homoto the toast, "The Industries of a Na-What is needed in Pennsylvania is tion Affected by Its Laws," he stepped somewhat aside from the beaten aphearers, and indirectly the public at common sense. Of the mischievous meddling of over-

> zealous legislators with affairs not properly under their jurisdiction we in this age see much. Having, as Judge Howland observes, solved all the problems of government these busy men of lems of government these busy men of posed for giving protection to the country state "are now with increasing prodistricts. The most obvious plan is a clivity turning their attention to our state police system which would co-opprivate affairs, and anti-trust bills, anti-theatre-hat bills, shorter-hoursfor-drug-clerks bills, barbers and black-smith's-license bills, anti-glucose, anti-slate and the town if there were two sets of officials deriving their authority oleomargarine, sleeping-car-berth bills and factory-inspection bills threaten us on every side. One of the evils which it is commonly attempted to abolish is the acquisition of wealth, and the odium, or, at least, the presumption, of moral guilt is now attached to those who are prudent, thrifty or ustute enough to get ahead of their fellows. But are we sure that they who are so alarmed about the getting of wealth are any better than they who get it. or, if it be a felony to get wealth, that they would not be willing to compound any number of such felonies for a consideration-to be named by themselves? Most of the penalties for the getting of money are measures intended not so much to prevent the acquiring of wealth as to give other people a share in it. The Jabberwocky octopus is not slain with 'vorpal sword,' but placed in a cage and sheared annually for the benefit of the community. In short, no one of us objects to luxury if he can

have some too." Apart from the legal catalogue of spoliation the judge thinks there are other and perhaps even more serious manifestations of this desire to meddle in our private affairs and make us happy, against our wills, by legislation, He says: "To compound drugs for eight and one-quarter hours a day, to be shaved by an unlicensed barber, to permit mill operatives to work longer than state senators think they should properly wish to, to ride in a carriage drawn by a horse shod by an unexamined blacksmith-all these offenses are to be added to the list of original sins, which of themselves have already proved sufficient to vex humanity, and the recollection of 'the crime of '73' will be lost in the multitude of other economic crimes which we shall be liable to commit. School board sins, factory act sins, violation of license sins will become common, and inspectors with note books and official badges will swarm about our private walks

Readers of corespondence and in-quiry columns must have noticed how much space is devoted to questions of citiquette. Perhaps the most popular fea-ture of certain journals is their corre-spondence columns. These are full each week of questions and answers relating acquaint us periodically with our parto correct dress and social deportment, which are eagerly read by many other ious state of sin and bring home to us the delights of 'the insolence of office.'

From the Lancaster Examiner.

equalization, to be sure, is never per-fected; but in the long run only that crimes, and that the era of the old-to be an usher at a wedding writes, or gets an obliging sister to do it for him, asking what fashion approves in men's clothing for such occasions. And so it give way to a period of automatic citizenship exercised by book and rule.

From one point of view, all this is amusing. The manner of asking many of the questions sometimes makes the editor that answers feel that his task is hope-There is very little doubt that the world would be just as well off with half its present number of laws; and perhaps less. A more sympathetic and generous view of life, however, invests these in-quiries with a real dignity. Sincere the quiries with a real dignity. Sincere the inquirers certainly are. The carnestness indeed seems painful and out of all proportion to those with whom knowledge of the conventionalities began in the nursery. The little things that mark the conduct of well-bred people have become a bablical to them that they have Senator Mason's threat to contribute some more burning words to the Cuban cause does credit to his sympathetic soul: but as we understand it. Comez's chief need just now is for rifles, cancome so habitual to them that they have ceased to realize how large a part they play in social intercourse. These people play in social intercourse. These people have always known just what was demanded of them on every occasion, and they would be puzzled that any one else should treat their easy knowledge as of state importance. In the truest sense they are of great importance. Tennyson It may be a trifle warm out in Australia with the mercury 160 in the shade, but if our Australian friends had ever attended a Scranton Democratic convention they would doubtless now

Manners are not idle, but the fruit Of loyal nature and of noble mind.

After getting a German caricaturist sentenced to two months in jail, Em-Admitting all this, and even stating perer William turned around and parthat good manners are the protection a sentleman has against a boor, it must be admitted that as a rule people pay more attention to mere conventional form doned him. We have always disbelievthan to the grace of style in speech and action. A man or woman may observe every dictate of fashionable etiquette and Perpetual motion is of course a dream; but we don't wonder that so be neither a gentleman nor lady. Gently bred people are distinguished far more by their manner than by their manners. At any rate, they are not slaves to eti-quette. Their apparent inconsistencies, indeed, sometimes puzzle onlookers. many folks dream it, seeing how uninterruptedly the calamity howlers President McKinley is not naturally a chip-on-the-shoulder man, but we advise his free silver critics not to back him too far into the corner.

Anyone can recall persons that now and then violate certain customs of society, and yet no one ever doubts their good breeding. If people in society followed the regulations laid down in the aver-age etiquette book without intelligence and variation, they would be as animated and individual as fashion plates. A descendant of the celebrated Baron Munchausen has arrived in New York. He intends to go west and engage in

> A gentleman of wide social experience once characterized a young woman he had met as charming in her conversation, adding that it was not what she said, but the way she said it. It was the "way" that constituted the charm. A study of manners as we have said is by no means to be despised. On the contrary, it is to be encouraged. But unless some attention is bestowed on man-ner as well, the newly acquired manners will seem like transplanted, not native, graces. Manners without manner are the letter without the spirit. To say of a person that his manner is fine is in finitely higher praise than to say that he has fine manners. Just what constitutes a fine manner it would be hard to say, but deference is certainly part of it. It is an interesting fact that one now and then meets neople that one practically no social training, and yet have a beautiful manner. Du Maurier speaks with admiration in "The Martian" of the manner of a fisherman. Manner, indeed, is not dependent on social posi-

The value of a fine manner can hardly be estimated. On the stage it gives a distinction that adds a flavor to the prize ring. We hear no thundering highest art. In every walk in life it is a protection against discourtesy. By a courteous manner the clerk wins custom for his employer. It is a mistaken idea that people that have a soft manner are necessarily lacking in force. The hand of iron is not less effective because it is incased in the glove of velvet. Suaviter in mode is not incompatible with fortiter in real these hear truly sold that there in re. It has been truly said that there is no grace without force. Manners vary from one age to another. A fine manner assuming proportions which will know nothing of the minutiae of polite ment by the public. The country is, in a great measure, linear properties and still be charming. In the natural order of things manner. natural order of things, manner and man-ners go together. The very desire to im-prove one's manners is the first step towards that refinement whose flower

when the population was homogeneous and a stricter code of morals prevailed than today. Then the town constable with the help he could summon in case with the help he could summon in case of an emergency was sufficient to pre-serve order. Nearly every Inhabitant of Editor of The Tribune-

Sir: I am sure your editorial of today headed "A Word of Reminder," calls for the grateful thanks of every Young Men's Christian association man, because of its kind spirit and excellent intention. But, while conceived in a spirit of helpfulness and therefore intended for the you will please allow me to correct as to the conditions existing at 220 Wy oming avenue.

I am glad the Wilkes-Earre association has decreased its debt \$15,000 during the menace to society. It is plain that the methods which were sufficient for the former order of things are not sufficient past year. Such liberality speaks vol-umes for the Christian men and women of our sister city and shows faithful work done by the secretary and officers of the association. But, Mr. Editor, had the said Christian men and women of the said Christian men and Wilkes-Barre done as well as the same Wilkes-Barre done as well as the same kind of people of Scranton under similar circumstances they would have had no \$24,000 to raise, for our association was presented with its splendid property ab-solutely free of debt and our generous friends have responded so freely to appeals for support that we closed our books last year practically free of debt and I doubt not will do the same this venting and punishing crime. But there and I doubt not will do the same this are two difficulties in the way. One is year, although by reason of changing our financial anniversary to January

we are behind now.

Now, Mr. Editor, having said this from two different sources. The criminal might fare better in this situation than much by way of correction, will you allow me to trespass upon your space to say that there is room for a generous movehe does now. The other difficulty is one ment which will be of great present and future help of our young men, and that is in the direction of a complete change in our gymnasium? We want a natatorium and new bathing facilities in general and we want new furniture and carpets. We have plans and specifications for the improvements in symnasium and, better still we have in bank \$1.200, contributed by the young men at the time of the membership contest two years ago and held sacredly for this purpose. Win round numbers \$10,000 to do the in splendid shape. Is is not a good time for it to be given to us? A. W. Dickson,

Scranton, Feb. 1. MORE THAN TALK NEEDED.

done all it can in the way of putting down the tramp and in protecting life and property. There are farmers in From the Hazleton Standard. encourage the tramp by giving him food and lodging and so help support a men-Scranton is gathering in industries by the score, while we here in Hagleton are doing nothing but talking about it. Scranace to themselves and their neighbors. The exhibition of a firmer disposition on the part of the farmer in dealing with ton has set the pace of progressiveness for every town in the coal regions, but the tramp would aid materially in getting it takes something more than talk to esrid of the latter. Rural districts can also tablish industries. Action is what is with a very slight increase of taxation increase the size of their police force.

The knowledge that there is a mounted

straint upon the rural criminal, and the cost of maintaining a few such in every Haviland county need not be large. The extension also of the telephone over the country enabling help to be summoned quickly Perhaps the most feasible plan would be for the state to appropriate money to be distributed according to their need among the countles for the purpose of

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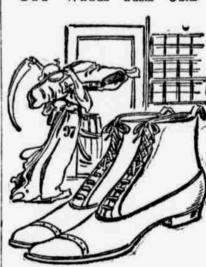
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