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

If the remarks passed at the meeting of the Pastors' union yesterday morning have been correctly reported, ex-Mayor Fellows deserved the call-down administered to him by Rev. Dr. McLeod.

The Public Library in 1897. Of the educational institutions of this city none has improved its claim to public esteem than the Scranton Public Library.

During that year the library made an average daily distribution of 539 books, equivalent to 161,656 volumes for the entire year.

It is a pleasure for The Tribune to commend in the highest terms the careful and effective work performed by this library under its present management.

Speaking of gudeons, what did the city of Scranton catch when it elected Mr. Scranton's choice for mayor?

The Last of Fenycy's. It is remarked that The Tribune's spear of virtue over Music had not been until after Mr. Fenycy had withdrawn his advertisement from that paper—Scranton Republican.

A good many things are remarked that are not so, and this is one of them. The Tribune of Jan. 23 called attention to the indecency of Fenycy's performances and because of that Fenycy discontinued his advertisement.

Going to Seed. To the question, "Is the educational system of the United States top-heavy? Are we putting time, labor and money on the superstructure at the expense of the foundations?" Elliott Flower, in a most interesting article in the February North American Review, returns an emphatic answer in the affirmative and re-enforces it with statistical proof.

facilities enlarged so as to keep pace with the growth in the school population. On the other hand, Mr. Flower asserts, and proves, that while the city schools are unable to accommodate all who apply many of the universities and colleges are hardly able to secure enough students to make it worth while to remain open.

We gladly give place to a letter from Mr. Dimler, agent Manager Fenycy's efforts to purify the entertainments given under his lease of Music Hall.

A Mean Revenge. In a difference of testimony between Street Commissioner Dunning and the editor of the Scranton Republican concerning the work of the former's department those who know both parties will be likely to give Mr. Dunning the benefit of the doubt.

The intelligence that Premier Sagasta does not like his epistolary style will doubtless not prove a fatal surprise to President McKinley.

A Fruitless Business. The foremost living representative of the American bar, Joseph H. Choate, takes issue point blank with those who allege that the legal profession is deteriorating.

When it is remembered that the conditions under which the Dingley law went into operation precisely reversed those which accompanied the besting of the Wilson law as relates to earning capacity in customs receipts, the contrast will be the more striking.

Representative Parker of Cleveland wants the Ohio legislature to enact a law requiring all eligible candidates for matrimony to pass a careful examination and taxing all men who after passing the examination do not wed.

In a recent number the Century magazine printed a paper by Hon. Theo. Roosevelt giving instances of the every-day heroism characteristic of a well-organized modern city police force, and in its February issue it follows up the same line of thought by permitting Mr. Jacob A. Ris to narrate the story

of the heroes who fight fire. While the specific examples referred to in each of these papers have to do with the municipal history of New York, they are typical of similar instances in every large city and study of them is profitable in correcting the average citizen's natural tendency to regard policemen and firemen as parasites on the public bounty worthy only to be grumbled at or made the butt of ridicule.

"Chicago," says Joseph H. Choate, bidding defiance to New York, "is to be the favorite home of the new American, that composite creature in whose veins the mingled strains of all the scattered branches of the Aryan race unite, with whose energy and daring and speed and wind and bottom the tired cities of the east will increase in vain to keep an even pace."

The merging of the New York Central and Lake Shore railroads is a conspicuous illustration of the principle back of most modern trusts. It means cheaper management and doubtless better public accommodation, with no increase in public charges.

In Kansas city an experimental mission has been opened where the poor can get meals for a cent a dish, with beds for no increase in public charges. Of course it might mean a lot of worse things, such as extortion and intimidation of rivals, but things of that nature are for the law to restrain.

Apparently Pennsylvania is not yearning for a Wanamakerish imitation of Seth Low.

SIX MONTHS OF THE Dingley Tariff. Washington, Feb. 7. SIX MONTHS OF THE operations of the Dingley law show that it is going to meet the expectations of its framers and to produce a substantial revenue to cover the current expenses of the government.

During the six months in which the new law has been in operation, it has shown a steady growth. The August receipts were \$19,000,000, those of September nearly \$22,000,000, October \$24,000,000, November over \$25,000,000, December over \$27,000,000, and January over \$29,000,000.

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THE PAPER TRUST. From the Philadelphia Times. The Paper Trust is now an accomplished fact. A combination of leading paper mills of the country has resulted in a corporation capitalized at \$4,000,000, and already embracing sixteen mills with an aggregate capacity of 1,387 tons per day,

with five more certain to be added with a capacity of 136 tons per day. With D. G. Mills at the head of this corporation its financial resources may be well understood. While Mr. Mills, the leading man in the Paper Trust, has announced that he does not expect the combination to increase the cost of paper materially, it is not pretended that the combination has been made for any other reason than to control the output and price of printing paper in the market.

THE INTEGRITY OF REPORTERS. From the Philadelphia Times. A very common error is prevalent that the work of reporters, given in newspapers, as a rule is not entitled to respect and confidence.

Not only are the managers of our leading newspapers entitled to great credit for the scrupulous care they enforce on their reporters and correspondents to present the truth with as exact fairness as is possible, but the public little know the ceaseless care that is exercised in every reputable newspaper office to prevent the truth from being published when it would be more harmful to publish than to suppress it.

The Press of this city a few days ago gave a pointed illustration of the general integrity of the reportorial service rendered by the newspapers of Scranton.

If those who gave them the false information could see their statements in cold type they would deny or evade them, but when the speeches or sermons are seen in the frigidity of cold type they realize the error they have committed.

THEY MUST GO. And judging from prices we are selling them at they won't last long.

FOOTE & SHEAR CO. 119 N. WASHINGTON AVE.

HILL & CONNELL'S Furniture. Such a choice stock to select from cannot be found elsewhere in this part of the state.

Haviland China... WE ARE CLOSING OUT FOUR OF OUR OPEN STOCK CHINA PATTERNS. At Cost.

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UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS of the Great Muslin Underwear Sale. Unreserved selling in unlimited quantities are our orders to salespeople, but we do and always shall reserve to ourselves the privilege of offering to the public only meritorious, well-made garments, it matters not how low we make the price.

- Night Gowns, of fair muslin, 19 cents
Night Gowns, neatly trimmed, yoke backs, 39 cents
Empire Gowns, with tucks and embroidered yokes, 49 cents
Empire Gowns, with tucks and embroidery trimmed and sailor collars, 59 cents
Special attention is called to all of the finer gowns from 98c upwards. They are simply unequalled.

OFF WITH THE OLD. The Very Best Clothing Manufactured. Is the only kind we have; you can buy it as low as you would have to pay for the ordinary. Call and see what we are offering.

BOYLE & MUCKLOW, 416 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

Lewis, Reilly & Davies, WYOMING AVENUE. THE MODERN HARDWARE STORE.

THEY'RE GOING FAST. Those Oil Heaters we told you about last week. But the fact of our having had a good sale of them WILL NOT change our resolution to clean them out.

FINLEY'S Great February Sale. Means Genuine Reductions on all WINTER GOODS. Every department throughout the store represented.

REYNOLDS BROTHERS, STATIONERS, ENGRAVERS, HOTEL JERMYN BUILDING, 130 Wyoming Avenue. HENRY BELIN, JR., General Agent for the Wyoming District for DUPONT'S POWDER.

HILL & CONNELL'S Furniture. Such a choice stock to select from cannot be found elsewhere in this part of the state. GIFT SUGGESTIONS. DRESSING TABLES, LOUNGES, WORK TABLES, EASY CHAIRS, GILT CHAIRS, GILT TABLES, GILT CHAIRS, PAPER CABINETS, INSLAID CHAIRS, MUSIC CABINETS, ROCKERS, CURIO CABINETS, SHAVING STANDS, BOOK CASES, FREESTAIRS, FANCY BASKETS, TABOURETTES.