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TEN PAGES.

The saddest bit of literature that Hon. John Wanamaker will have seen in many a day is embodied in this excerpt from an Associated Press dispatch yesterday sent out from Harrisburg: "A conference of the Democratic members was held this afternoon at which a committee was appointed to wait on the leaders of the independent Republicans and notify them that the Democratic members were ready to unite with them on the fusion movement. The independent said they could not at this late date muster enough votes to make fusion a success."

Mr. Farr to Be Speaker.

The expected happened at Harrisburg last night when Representative John B. Farr was overwhelmingly nominated for speaker in a caucus attended by 124 Republican members-elect of the next state house of representatives. In a personal and local sense the honor is highly significant. It is the first time that a representative from Lackawanna county has been honored in this manner, and the fact that the distinction has been captured by Mr. Farr in the face of a complicated political situation and against strenuous factional opposition testifies eloquently to his personal popularity, his diplomacy and the marked confidence placed in him by the leaders of the party.

The alternative to this selection, fusion of the Democratic members with the group of Wanamaker followers anxious to encompass the defeat of Senator Quay, was intolerably repugnant. The Republicans are largely in a majority in the legislature. Theirs is the responsibility. Theirs should be the power. The candidacy of Mr. Farr, by enlisting in its support the loyal Republican membership, and by promising in the administration of the speakership a broad and liberal recognition of all elements on a basis of party harmony and expedition and economy in the transaction of the people's business, was, in the face of this menacing deal with the Democracy, an assured success from the start.

The result confers upon the enterprising member from the First Lackawanna district a degree of influence upon the shaping of party policy and legislation which calls for his utmost prudence and deliberation. The party at large, weary of interminable factional squabbling and personal intrigues, will look to him for a complete fulfillment of every promise. The opportunity is his to make a name which will be held high in the respect of the people of this broad commonwealth. He will assume the speakership free from embarrassing obligation or secret promises, and his friends at home feel confident that he will justify their ample expectations.

On the score of merit Insurance Commissioner Lambert deserves, if he wishes, to be retained under the incoming state administration. He is the best insurance commissioner Pennsylvania ever had.

The Business Outlook.

Many reasons combine to indicate that the year upon which we have just entered will be one of unusual business prosperity. Everybody knows how our exports are growing and how our imports are declining before the asserted ability of our people to supply their own wants. But without going into dry figures it may be noted as supplementary reasons that 1899 will be a year without important political elections, thus giving the people a chance to turn their minds to business problems; that most of the debts contracted by laboring people for necessities of life during the stagnant years of 1894 and 1895, when many of them did not earn enough money to meet current expenses, have since been canceled, thus freeing these persons for a large future expenditure on articles of necessity and also of luxury; and that the low condition of stocks in the wholesale and retail stores and in the factory warehouses throughout the country presages a more general and active employment of labor and, in turn, a more even and a larger diffusion of wages than has been the fact since 1892.

There are solid reasons why business should prosper. They cannot be gainsaid. But there are also certain traditions which point to the same result. The Biblical story of the fat and the lean years was a recognition of historic truth. We have been through the lean years, and very lean some of them were, too. We are now entitled to encounter a period of fat ones. The pendulum has begun its return, and the reverse swing may not unreasonably be expected to go as far in the direction of prosperity as the forward swing went in the direction of industrial and commercial stringency and panic. Again, it is a historical truth that victory in war, when accompanied without serious internal loss, means to the victorious people a season of good times. The American people have been extraordinarily victorious at a cost which they scarcely feel. Their spirit of dare and adventure, roused by militant fervor, will find vent in business enterprises and speculation, and the consequence will reflect itself in the quickened activities of trade.

Best of all, for the first time within the memory of the present generation the people of this country have full confidence in each other. Sectionalism is dead. Confederate and Unionist have buried the past in mutual hope for the future. Populism is expiring. The West no longer considers the East its enemy. The contradictions of war, which brought cowboy and millionaire together on one footing, has expunged for years to come the possibility of a permanent appeal to class jealousy and

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An interesting incident is told by the Troy Times of the visit of Governor Cullom and his staff, together with the chief executives of twenty-nine other states, to Yorkville, N. Y., to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis with 1,900 men to George Washington, October 19, 1781. T. Sherman, who was an old friend of Governor Cullom, was present and they had not met for a number of years. The celebration was a very interesting one and the minister, impressed with the importance of the occasion, had prepared a long invocation which required nearly half an hour to deliver. Nearly every one present seemed to be weaned by the length of the prayer, and General Sherman went to sleep. He sat down in the front row and had read about half the prayer, and saw his old friend for the first time. Unmindful of the minister he arose from his seat and started toward the speaker, shouting at the top of his voice: "Hello, Cullom, how are you?" The general's interruption almost broke up the preliminaries to the celebration, when Cullom quickly moved nearer the elder warrior to quiet him, and then the minister finished the prayer without further interruption.

The important results which have been realized in this country and Canada through the utilization of the waters of Niagara for the production of electricity are about to be achieved in Switzerland, says the Electrical Review, where the Rhine will soon become a great Niagara as an electrical agent. The necessary works were commenced some time ago, and are rapidly nearing completion. The electric force that will be thus drawn from the waters of the river will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 16,000 or 17,000 horse-power, and will be supplied by 20 turbines, of 800 horse-power each. The greater part of this immense force will be in the hands of one or two companies, who will employ it to their own individual benefit, and to the exclusion of the general interest of the public. At the same time, the hydro-electric works necessary for the utilization of the waters of the Rhine in the production of electricity are being carried out, the erection of large factories and the manufacture of aluminum is in progress. This factory will employ 2,000 horse-power, and will be the most important in Switzerland. The aluminum industry has lately assumed considerable importance in the country which hopes to become the rival of the United States in the manufacture of this article. The Rhine will also furnish electric power for the Frick-Alton railroad, the work in connection with which is now well advanced. The utilization of the Rhine for electrical purposes will not only transform the existing condition of certain important industries in Switzerland, but will open up an industrial future the greatness of which can hardly be at present appreciated.

Secretary Alger is considering a plan of relief for the soldiers of the Cuban army, who are reported to be in great need of financial assistance. Realizing that their pressing wants can be best met by the distribution of money, he will recommend that congress make an appropriation for that purpose. It is also suggested that the money shall be a gratuity, but rather that it shall be in the nature of a loan, to be reimbursed to the United States government out of the revenues of the island. If the recommendations of the war secretary are carried into effect all the soldiers of the Cuban army who lay down their arms and promise to resume pursuits of peace will receive a cash donation from the people of the United States averaging \$100 to each soldier. The amount mentioned is regarded as the most liberal that can be granted to Cuba to return to their former vocations and labors without suffering unnecessary hardships.

Here is good though not unexpected news from Havana. Writing of the sharp competition between American, English, French and German promoters in Cuba Charles M. Drexler writes that the Americans have got rather the worst of it on large concessions, but are: "The American drummers have been riden to the situation. I have seen them drinking champagne with the Englishmen and smoking cigars with the Germans, bubbling over with sentimental kinship for their British and French comrades, their metaphysical explanation for their economic friends that Admiral Dredrich's queer actions at Manila were testimonial of friendship to the United States. The morning following a sentimental sentiment of this kind the American drummer is apt to be down in the wholesale district a little earlier than usual."

In consequence of the recent receipt of orders calling for the speedy manufacture of nearly \$10,000,000 worth of electrical apparatus the Westinghouse Electric Company is to double its factory plant and working force. Another symptom of good times observed in the same locality is the fact that the Carnegies are going to erect a plant near Homestead capable of producing forty steel freight cars a day.

TOPICS OF STATE CONCERN.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Harrisburg, Jan. 2.—The entire division of the new National guard will make its first appearance on parade at the inauguration of Governor-elect Stone. Adjutant General Stewart closed an arrangement today with the railroads for transporting six full regiments here. The new guard is fully equipped with arms and uniforms manufactured at the state arsenal. The troops will come to Harrisburg on Monday preceding the inauguration and remain here until Wednesday. They will probably be quartered in the new capital and the large halls in the central section of the city. None of the old regiments that went into the Spanish campaign in the war with Spain will be reorganized in time for the inaugural ceremonies.

The old soldiers over the state are taking a lively interest in the induction into office of their comrade, Colonel Stone, and will be here in large numbers to witness the ceremony. The National guard and the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, have the matter in charge and have arranged with the railroads to issue one fare tickets to squads of twenty-five or more. Colonel Stone served in Company A of this regiment and is encouraging the movement to bring his old comrades to the state capital after many years of separation. Headquarters will be established in the Statehouse, and it is probable that regimental organization may be formed.

Governor and Mrs. Hastings will give a dinner to Governor-elect and Mrs. Stone at the executive mansion on Monday evening preceding the inauguration to meet some personal friends. After the dinner the Hastings will turn the mansion over to the new governor and his family. The retiring party and his family will spend a month in New York city until the new residence at Bellefonte is completed. The governor will entertain his cabinet at dinner at the mansion one week from tonight. Senator-elect and Mrs. David Martin and Receiver of Taxes and Mrs. William J. Honey will probably be the guests of the Hastings at the mansion until after the organization of the legislature.

One of Colonel Stone's first official acts as governor will be to issue a call for a meeting of the Hartranft monument commission to fix the date of the unveiling of the Hartranft statue in Capitol park. The governor is ex-officio of the commission and as Hartranft has been out of job with his colleagues and they have postponed the exercises until after he retires, the unveiling will take place the first week in May. The National guard and the survivors of Hartranft's brigade and regiment will be invited to be present. Ex-Governor Rice will probably be invited to deliver the oration if Major Brown, deputy secretary of Internal af-

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Auditor General McCauley has served notice on the state mine inspectors that he will not approve their expense bills until after they have been endorsed by Robert Brownlee, chief of the bureau of mines. Prior to the passage of the act passed by the last legislature creating the bureau of mines the inspectors were a law unto themselves. They came and went at will and were not subjected to supervision, although they were required to make an annual report to the internal affairs department. When Mr. Brownlee took hold of the bureau last spring he adopted regulations requiring them to keep a daily report of their movements and charge for rent, fuel, light and janitor services. Some of the charges are looked on with suspicion and hereafter they will be carefully scrutinized before they are paid. One inspector had his office in a small hall on the second floor of his residence and monthly put in a large bill for office rent. The inspectors are chafing under the restrictions which have been placed upon them by Mr. Brownlee and will endeavor to have the next legislature modify the law to curtail his authority.

Ex-State Treasurer Haywood is still confined to his apartments by illness and it will be some time before he is able to resume his duties as cashier of the state treasury. He is suffering from a serious ailment of the heart and lungs and his physicians say he will have to remain perfectly quiet for at least a month if he can expect to recover. Mr. Haywood is a devoted and patriotic citizen and is anxious to take a hand in the senatorial contest. As soon as he is able to travel he will make a southern trip in company with Mrs. Haywood.

THE CHANCES ARE.

From the Altoona Tribune. The chances are that Governor-elect Stone will exercise his own undoubted right of choice in the selection of the members of his official family as well as in his other appointments. He is a gentleman in every respect, exceedingly courteous to every one with whom he comes in contact, even to his political enemies, and it is reasonable to suppose that he will willingly receive suggestions from all quarters. But it is no less reasonable to suppose that the recommendations of his friends will be given most weight. The Tribune has no intention of thrusting its advice upon the governor-elect. It believes him quite competent to successfully select his cabinet and will confront him. Yet it cannot refrain from the remark that those newspapers which abused Colonel Stone as a candidate are now endeavoring to suggest vociferating that his selection would certainly mean the appointment of Chairman John F. Elkin as attorney general, financial assistant, and so on. If they advise the governor not to appoint Mr. Elkin, The Tribune does not know what is in the mind of the governor-elect, but it is sure that Mr. Elkin is an able man, was a most important factor in the late campaign and would make an admirable attorney general.

THE MOST ELABORATE.

From the Scranton Times. The Scranton Tribune, Truth and Republican issued their customary annuals today. All three are creditable specimens of this sort of publication, but the Tribune's year book is the most elaborate of the three.

THE NEW AMERICA.

Her eyes are full of noble hope. A quiet strength is in her hands. She sees the years of unclouded scope. That brighten in the lands; The seas are shadowed with her sails. Through wider fields her plough is sped, Her cup of plenty never falls. She feeds the nations with her bread. She throws o'er many an alien race. The shield of anti-slavery law. The weak are sheltered in her grace. She keeps the violent in awe. Around the world her eagle flies. The peoples gather at her knees. Her peaceful empire arches rise. Above strange lands in far-off seas. —New York Sun.

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Will be on sale Monday morning. Copies may be secured from Carriers and Newsdealers.

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