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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS .- C. C. Ferber, E. D. Fellows.

All that is required to transfer the inappropriate court house square to cils donating to the county a half acre made.

The Bar's Choice.

appoint rests with the governor, who is a Republican stalwart, it is

fuir to assume that he will give attentive consideration, in his selection of a successor to the late Judge dunster. bar of favor of Hon. John P. Kelly. This expression, we take it, is not so much pertiran in character as it is a professhould tribute to Mr. Kelly's splendid qualifications, which are undisputed.

Among the younger members of the more satisfactory degree the essential requisites of a good judge. In charactor, in temperament, in intellectual power, in acquaintance with local conditions as derived through a varied and successful practice, in the power of commanding the full confidence of the community, and in a comprehensive grasp of legal principles, Mr. Kelly eccupies by common consent a foremost position among those identifled in the public mind with possible judicial honors. It, therefore, we imagine, is not so much because in the course of circumstances he happens to

belong in political faith to the Democratic party as because of the spontaneous recognition of his exceptional fitness that he has received from his associates of the bar representing every political party the extraordinary compliment implied in yesterday's ballot.

There are those who do not believe that a Republican governor should nominate a Democrat to a judicial vacancy. They will doubtless oppose the appointment of Mr. Kelly while conceding all that we have said as to his personal qualifications. How far they can influence the governor remains to

and subordinate teachers alike. The forcing process is fatal to lasting success in public instruction; and the teacher who is not to be trusted to exercise considerable discretion in the performance of her work is not fit to be retained in any school.

The enormous development of the city of New Castle, Pa., under the stimulus of the rapidly multiplying tin plate industry, is worthy of note. Ten years ago New Castle had scarcely 10,000 inhabitants. Today the population crowds the 25,000 mark and where, ten years ago, it had not a single tin plate mill, today it has fifty active ones, all making money. The lesson should not be lost upon Scranton.

Philadelphia's Commercial Museum.

OME IDEA of what the Philadelphia Commercial Museum is doing in stimulating the extension of the United

States' foreign trade may be had from the fact that during the past year it sent to American manufacturers more proposed soldiers' monument from the than 19,000 reports regarding commercial conditions abroad and also dis-Nay Aug park is a resolution of coun- putched more than 20,000 letters calling manufacturers' attention to immediof park ground. The change should be ate opportunities for selling goods in their specific lines in different parts of the world. It may be only a coincidence, but if so it is certainly a strik-

HILE THE POWER to ing one, that during this same year the exports of American manufactures menched the largest total (over \$325,-

country's history. So great have become the demands upon the museum's facilities that it has been found impossible, with the to the very flattering expression of the present means at command, to keep Lachawanna county, in pace with them. The museum recoives annually from the city of Philadphia the sum of \$115,000 and has other sources of income amounting to about \$50,000. Out of this income it has not only to sustain a plant estimated to be worth \$1,590,000, but also bur there is none who combines in a to develop an information bureau which is expected to have immediate means of acquiring valuable data respecting any industry or commercial condition in any part of the world. Heretofore the manufacturer who has sought enlightenment concerning a particular subject has been charged a

fee: but it is desired so to expand the museum's facilities and scope that it may communicate to established commercial bodies the results of its inquiries free of charge and thus materially enlarge the diffusion of knowledge precedent to American trade expansion.

To this end a bill has been introduced in congress by Representative Bingham extending government aid in the sum of \$200,000 "for the purpose of completing the collection from foreign markets of samples of merchandise of the character in favor and demand therein, and of ilustrating the manner

in which merchandise for such markets should be prepared and packed, together with necessary business data concerning such samples and trade conditions abroad as will be of the most benefit to American manufacturers, merchants and producers, and to aid and assist them in extending their

overhauling in the interest of pupils gregate nearly 2,000,000 acres; and of the second kind, 118 applications were on file, 38 of which had been answered in time to insure tree planting this coming spring. eports. To bring public opinion up to these

accomplishments has been an up-hill fight; but, like Buller's march to the relief of Ladysmith, it had to be done.

The question whether there is sufficient good public sentiment among the Cuban people to sustain an honest administration of the Island's affairs 14 involved in the pending prosecutions for frauds in the Havana customs period of bad associations and training, fail to meet this test, what Amer-

to cast the first stone of reproach? Certainly not Scranton.

Lemuel Quigg, Senator Platt's New York lieutenant, wonders what Colonel Roosevelt would do if the national convention should be stampeded for him for vice president. Lemuel can dismiss this anxiety. The vice presidential nomination will be made with due deliberation.

A Chicago jury has just decided, under instructions from the bench, that for one editor to call another a defaulter and an embezzler, with variations, is not libel, but professional license. We fear that Brother Kohlsaat will yet have to apply the Kentucky

remedy. Among the recent arrivals in Havana

s Samuel Gompers. He says he intends to investigate the strike of last September, which General Ludlow put down by threats of military force. If Gompers is wise he will not monkey with the Ludlow buzz-saw.

Between the lines of the Louisville Courier-Journal it is easy to perceive that Colonel Watterson's heart is not in the Goebel steal.

If Diogenes were alive it is a safe deduction from the Clark senatorial contest that he wouldn't waste any time in Montana.

And now, after everybody has been heard, let us leave Pettigrew alone to meet the proverbial fate of the skunk.

Philadelphia's Fine Commercial Museum

MERCHANT or manufacturer who wishes to trade in a foreign mar-ket must first know, in specific terms, the nature and value of that A market. Granted that its trade will reow exactly what the market requires, what it can offer in return, what are the ousiness houses to deal with, and what are the conditions on which business is customarily done. The Philadelphia Commercial Museum contains collections which supply these various requirements. They are classified under the following

Raw Products-(a) Geographic arrangement of col-

(b) Monographic arrangement of collections. Manufactured Articles-

lections.

(a) Arranged in lines of manufacture.

turer without prejudice just what his for-eign buyer wants and just how far the wants have been supplied. Special re-ports are received and corroborated in his way from all parts of the world, and and their way at once into the bureau

In order that the museum shall be able intelligently to advise as to the energy or desirability of any foreign merchant, it is necessary to have on file information as to business houses everywhere. Re-ports are received through banks, mercantille agencies, chambers of com-merce, reighboring houses and special agents, and are finally verified by the houses themselves. These reports are recorded by the card catalogue system, and cover the leading merchants in every for frauds in the Havana customs house. But if the Cuban people should on the first occasion, after their long of the extent of the work may be obtained from the fact that the museum is in correspondence with over 30,000 bustness houses in the United States, and ican city is there that is in position with about 20,000 similar houses in foreign countries.

The maintenance of the museum is by appropriations made by the city of Philadelphia, and membership fees from manufacturing firms and others interested in foreign commerce. The municipa appropriation for the year 1898 was \$100, 00. A large tract of land has also beer given by the city, amounting to about fifty-six acres. On this tract it is intended to erect an imposing series of buildings, for which the city and state lave already appropriated money, and he national congress is expected shortly o follow suit. other towns require that all poultry

THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

fowanda Reporter Journal. As a consequence the chicken supply We print in another column a sugges here is chiefly of the black and blue ion from the Scrunton Tribune which we variety, rather gamey in flavor and in believe will have the hearty endersemen every respect unwholesome. The local of a large majority of the Republicans in dealers are happy at the prospect of this state. We say this advisedly with full realization of the unfortunate differa war on the shippers and will lend ald and comfort to the Woman's club ences that have existed for some time between the factions of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. While Mr. Smith in the crusade. It is rather evident that the food inspector of this town will be likely to earn his salary in the has most pronounced opinions on all state and national questions they are recognext six months, although it has never nized everywhere as the candid expresbeen asserted that he has failed in this sions of a high-minded and sincere pa-triot whose conception of Republicanism respect in the past.

make hypocrisy and vindictive assassi-nation of character impossible. While it is true that in the fierce contentions of politics in which he has been a participant more or less for many years he has made enemies, yet he has always been recognized by his opponents as an antag-onist who always fights fair and who never makes personal animosities the cause of action

Mr. Smith would make an ideal candidate for the vice presidency. He com-bines in an eminent degree ability and the quality of mind that fits him for the office. He has great ability, large experience in public affairs, and a tact which has never been found wanting in the

most trying exigencies. He is also a man of highest character and culture, a gen-tleman by instinct and a scholar whose broad knowledge of public affairs is ex-ceeded by that of no other American. But more than this and quite as important, he is an American loyal and true. His Americanism is of the most pro-

nounced type, and whether as editor of a great newspaper, diplomat at a foreign court, or the trusted counsellor and advisor of the president, it has never failed to ring clear and true. He has of late often been heard as the eloquent expositor of the administration's foreign policy and his speeches are recognized as the clearest and most comprehensive and satisfactory exposition of that much misunderstood question.

Mr. Smith has the confidence of the president of the country and his party. The presentation of his name for the vice presidency by Pennsylvania would tend to heal factional differences in this state, and his election to that office would invest it with a dignity and influence it has never possessed. It is a choice that would have the approval not only of the best Republican sentiment of the commonwealth but also of the entire country PERSONALITIES. The oldest living member of the New York Stock Exchange is William Alexan der Smith, who was elected in 1814. General Longstreet has recently cele brated, his seventy-ninth birthday. H He



MERCEREAU 2 CONNELI ing poultry. It has been discovered that Scranton and Wilkes-Barre are 130 Wyoming Ave. the only places, as far as known, Coal Exchange. where the residents cat cold storage chickens which have not first had their

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complete.

. . . . NUMBER of residents of Scranton who have country homes A have been thinking over the suggestion made in The Tribune the other day regarding the deplorable lack of chicken enterprise in this region and are planning to go into the poultry business next summer for revenue. It is the women of the household who are laying plans for future riches and are ordering incubators by the dozen. Next month is the time to set your GUNSTER & FORSYTH hens or the imitation of these interesting blpeds. \$25-327 PENN AVENUE. TT DOES SEEM a great pity that no. man has been able to change Miss Carrie Chapman Catt's name. Now she wants to be the leader of the Woman Suffragists of America, in The Hunt & place of Miss Susan B. Anthony, who will resign the office so long held. Miss Catt really owes it to the women of Connell Co. the country to take a new name, even if she is not sensitive about it on her own account. Imagine the sport the

heads and other unnecessary adjuncts

removed. That is to say, the poultry

is thus received in this city. Most

shall be drawn before being shipped.

funny paragrapher will have for the next half century or so if the suffrage ladies install a leader by the name of Catt, and if she should follow Miss Heating, Plumbing, Anthony's example and cling to life and office until she is \$0 years old. The extra t in her name will not save Gas Fitting, Electric her or her followers from being the mark of unending attempts at wit. Cats, pussies, kittens, tabbies and sim-Light Wiring, Gas flar terms will be freely used in connection with the organization which continues to make itself heard at inan Electric Fixtures, tervals. "Lillie," the aesthetic cognomen of the other candidate, is impossible enough, but "Miss Catt" is really Builders Hardware. too much. If the women elect her as their president they should at least stipulate that she must marry within the succeeding fortnight.

be seen. On the other hand, the sentiment in favor of minority representation upon the common pleas bench, always respectable, is today larger than it has ever been and is steadily instance.

It is a safe guess that if it ever gets to him, the mayor will not know his Reense ordinance.

Lancaster's Object Lesson. ECENTLY WE NOTED somewhat briefly the fact that the superintending commit-

tee of the Lancaster school board had investigated numerous complaints as to the intemperate use of examinations and other overtaxing fads in the Lancaster public schools and had found them well founded. Through the courtesy of Mr. George Forrest, secretary of the board, we have received a copy of the committee's report. It is worthy of consideration at greater length.

The committee found that in the grammar, secondary, intermediate and primary schools both pupils and teachers had been overlaxed; that the pupils' leasons had been too long and exacting and that examinations had been too frequent, too severe, and in many instances unjust. Only the strong children who had assistance at home could keep the pace; others struggled along in an unhealthy mental condition and "some had to leave the schools because partment for complete working plans they simply could not do the work ra. for all of the national forest reserva- in every part of the United States. The quired of them." A conference of the tions in the west. This, the bulletin various teachers with the committee adds, is one of the most important was sheld, written suggestions from steps taken in the administration of toachers as to necessary changes were a invited, feesived and constanted, and will, eventually, transform them into finally a number of specific recommen. a revenue-producing part of the dations were submitted to, the full national e onomy. Several years will board and adopted by it. Many of these apply to conditions local in Lan- will be necessary to determine the caster; others are of a wider interest. For example, in the grammar grade. greater stress is to be placed upon instruction in hygiene and in the proper forms of common business papers; promotion marks in physiology, spelling, language and reading are to be based upon the average of the monthly records of each pupil's work; and all examinations for promotion are to by conducted by the teacher in charge, with questions determined by a committee of five teachers in the same grade together with the city superintendent, the examining teacher to bear in mind, when marking papers, the monthly records of each pupil during the year. The same principle is applied through the lower grades; examinations are greatly reduced in number and scope; the range of instruction is simplified, and each pupil, in trying for promotion, is to have the benefit of the average records rather than to be pushed forward or held back and also, to individual land owners, according to the flat intings on a partignat, examination, which might or might not constitute a fair showing.

public schools of Lancaster will be year applications of the first kind had materially improved by this vigorous, been received representing in the ag- is able to tell the American manufac-

trade with, and in opening new markets in foreign countries." This bill should pass.

If Pennsylvania is entitled to full representation in the United States growing. Very rarely does this senti- senate at any time it is so entitled now. ment have so admirable a candidate As a matter of the highest privilege the around which to rally as in the present Quay case should be pushed to an early decision.

Progress in Forestry.

T IS INTERESTING to observe occasional indications that the public mind has at last begun to grasp the necessity for a sys-

tematic campaign to preserve our for-Tribune of the decision of the Harrisburg authorities to permit Dr. Rothsubject to the appraisal of the state forestry board, certain tracts of timber land in Northwestern Pennsylvania for reservation by the state. This marks the beginning of practical forestry in Pennsylvania. A substantial beginning was made some years ago tions in New York state and a number of our heavily timbered northwestern states have enacted laws tending at least to check the wanton sacrifice of

the forests. And now, following these other indications, good news comes from Washington. A bulletin issued by the divis- tion, etc. ion of forestry in the United States department of agriculture informs us that the department of the interior has recently applied to the agricultural dethese reserves since their creation and fore, to the manufacturer of hardware be required to execute the project. It present condition of the forest, what merchantable timber occurs, and how it can be marketed to meet continuously the requirements of the people without injury to the productive power of the forest. The division of forestry will begin work in a few weeks in the Black Hills reserve in South Dakota. This its timber supply is needed by a large number of settlers, miners, and mill men. The extent of this demand will be investigated and plans devised for

meeting it without exhaustion of the supply. As soon as possible, similar plans will be prepared in relation to the other federal reserves, It deserves in this connection to be more generally known that the government through the forestry division offers to supply to individual owners of forests, free of charge, information and

plans for turning the forests to profitable account without destroying them; plans for the planting of trees in treeless regions. If necessary it will detail experts to make a thorough personal There can be little doubt that the examination. At the beginning of the

The raw product collections show at a glance what is produced by any given country, and what it has to offer by way of a return trade. If, for instance, a merchant wishes to inform himself on Mexican trade, he will find in the Mexi-

can department of the Commercial Mu-seum samples of the henequen, maguey, sisal and other commercial fibres, the hides, wools, cotton, gums, resins, woods, ores, tobaccos, etc., of Mexico. Other countries are represented in the same way. If the merchant is interested in

one particular line of raw products, such ns wools, filtres, woods, tanbarks, gums, resins, etc., he will find monographic collections of all these in which the products of all the world are brought gether for comparison. The collections of raw products are made practically useful by scientific and technical laboraests. Note was made in yesterday's tories, where complete tests are made, with special reference to the industrial value of any given product. The usefulness of this work is well established rock, the state forester, to purchase, in many countries, and merchants are continually sending samples of exportaproducts, in order that the m may report on their usefulness for the

American market. Having shown the producing capacity

Having shown the producing capacity of any given country, the museum shows also the consuming capacity by collec-tions of the goods that are most sale-able. These are actual samples of what is in the market, selected with great care by experts of the messium. Textiles, hardware, clothing, household goods, cutlery, provisions-everything that is im-ported-are represented in these samples collections. With each sample is found full information as to place of manu-facture, price, terms of sale, distribu-

To the general business community the resources of the museum are made available by the bureau of information. This bureau is actively reporting trade conditions existing in other countries to leading manufacturers and merchants general impression given by the muscum exhibits must be supplemented by full. specific and timely market reports in order that business may result. Therewishing to deal in Mexico, the bureau will furnish a full report, stating what lines of hardware are most saleable; where and by whom made; how much is sold and at what price; tariffs, freights and methods of packing; and careful ad-vice concerning the business firms best fitted to handle the line or to undertake the agency. The same information is at hand for a cotton goods man about The same information is Africa, for a furniture man about Europe, and in short for any manufacturer and exporter concerning any market in the world. These reports are is-sued at a nominal fee, sufficient to recoup the museum for the expense of prepar-Hills reserve in South Dakota. This ing them. General reports are periodi-requires the earliest attention because cally issued to chambers of commerce

and also to the press. The preparation of these reports entails a great amount of labor, claborately or-ganized and systematized. The trade literature of the world is gathered into a special library. Here will be found hundreds of trade and technical journals, in fully twenty languages, together with shipping and market reports, statistical publications of all countries, export and This informaimport manifests, etc. This informa-tion is indexed by a card catalogue system, and every fact that has practical tom, and every fact that has practical business value finds it way at once into the hands of a body of experts, who in-clude it at once in the individual reports. This information is the basis of an exensive correspondence carried on in a tensive correspondence carried on in a Gozen languages with chambers of com-merce, special agents and individual merchants in every part of the world. The museum, being immediately under municipal control, and therefore dism-terested and impartial in the informa-tion secured and given out, awakens the confidence of merchants everywhere, and infidence of merchants everywhere, and

first rank of Southern Generals of 1861 T. M. Judson, of Philadelphia, who recently made it a point to investigate the effect of female suffrage in Colorado, nal. found many bright and intelligent women who thought it had done the sex more

is now almost the only survivor in the

harm than good. Mrs. Susan Eleanor Andrews, of Nevada City, Nev., is said to be a great-grandchild of Robert Burns. She claims to be the daughter of Elizabeth Burns, who was the child of Robert, one of the sons of the poet.

Senator Hoar's necktle is gaining a reputation. It is always a narrow black one of the "string" variety, and it is said that its wearer cannot get half way through a speech without it coming un-tied at least twice.

No man has ever been nominated for the presidency from the senate, although many senators have struggled hard to reach the White House. Garfield came near to breaking the spell. He was a senator-elect when nominated.

Bear fighting by the high aristocracy is one of the latest fads reported from Italy. The prince of Molfetta recently gave an exhibition in which he himself fought a yourg bear which had been trained not to use its claws for scratch ing.

The story that William Dean Howells dictates much of his writings to a sten-ographer has been denied by the novelist, Roll Top Desks, who says that he always writes every word himself, though the manuscript is sometimes copied by a typewriter just before it is sent to the publishers. Reginald d'Iberville, eighth Baron de Longuell, in the Province of Occhee, is said to be the only living possessor of a Canadian title. It was granted by Louis XIV, in 1700, when Canada was under French rule, and it was confirmed from. Queen Victoria in 1880. The present Baron is 43 years of age. Lieutenant Ward Cheney, of Connecticut, who has just died of wounds re ceived in a skirmish in the Philippiner,

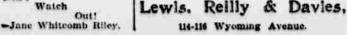
was a graduate of Yale college in the class of 1996, and was on the staff of the Hartford Courant when he enlisted, in 1898. When he left he remarked laugh ingly to his associates in the office that he supposed he cught to write his own obituary before he should go away. The suggestion was taken seriously, and at the request of one of the editors he wrote a paragraph covering his life, which has just been published.

THE GOBBLE-UNS 'LL GET YOU.

New Version.

For The Tribune. Wunst there was a teacher who didn't They Must Go like to go To local teachers' institutes, and even told folks so, She said if she could stay to home she which their "talks" were took, on ught when the lingered sharp-Into But That's the order we gave enin' pencils after school The wind came howlin' from the woods uncommon weird and coolto 2,000 pairs of Double-Sole Her ma began to worry, her pa began Shoes for ladies and gentleto roar, But they never saw her shadow a-comin men. Prices from home no more! So schoolmarm, mind your p's and q's,

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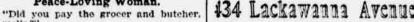
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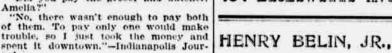
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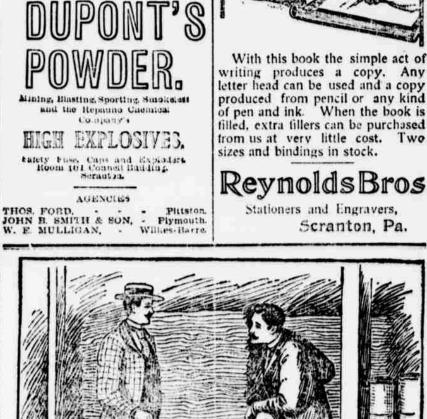
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