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#### REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

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

Remember to vote on Tuesday for the Republican ward candidates and for the two excellent candidates at large on the Republican ticket for school directors in the board of six.

#### The Little Verdict Affirmed.

N AFFIRMING the conviction of Richard Little, editor of the Scrantonian, for criminal libel,

the Superior court has very properly, lent its sanction to the proposition that the character of men prominent in public affairs is not without legal protection.

That the original trial was most fairly, as well as ably, conducted, and that the rulings of the lower court, as well as its exposition of the libel law, were thoroagily judicial and judicious, were apparent to every intelligent man who watched the proceedings or examined the transcript. The verdict of the jury was the voice of the community. The unbridled license of sensational journalism had exceeded all limits of toleration, and either the law hed to check it through the regular channels or public disgust, taking the law into summary execution, would

have registered itself by force. Little personally deserves no sympathy. His crime was malignantly and boastfully committed. Yet, while the law new closes around his throat, it must not be forgotten who the men were, professedly Christian and respectable, who compounded the valainy that Little's filthy publication scattered broadcast throughout the community. He goes to jail, but shall they go scot free?

Recent English progress has atimulated the war map makers to renewed effort. The South African war map is something that connot be questioned or sylvapia.

disputed at this case of the conflict.

#### Proper for Investigation.

ministration's policy of deferring this matter until the Philippine trouble is out of the way and the uncertainties in other directions are fully guarded

against is manifestly prudent. The socalled war taxes are not as a rula oppressive. They do not represent much more than the actual needs of the country under a progressive and enlightened administration. When the time comes, they should be revised and reduced where onerous, but their wholesale repeal is not probable at any

In Mercer county Judge Miller requires every holder of a liquor license -there are only fifteen in the county, or one to every 4,000 inhabitants-to sign an agreement to close his bar on Sundays and on legal holidays, and at his own expense to employ special policemen on pay days and Saturday evenings, to preserve order. Yet the same license law covers Mercer county that exists in Lackawanna. The difference in its enforcement measures the difference in public sentiment.

From a Political Standpoint. E ARE GLAD to observe

that so influential a journal as the Troy, N. V. Times appreciates

the public's interest in the proposed Delaware Valley and Kingston railroad, as revealed through the hearings before the New York state railroad

opposing

time.

commission upon the application for a charter. This matter, the Times pertinently remarks, "is one directly affecting the pocket of every manufacuret, merchant and housekceper in

HOW THE Duke of Norfolk, one of the the east who uses anthracite, and all are in favor of a plan that will give them cheaper fuel."

Yesterday's New York Sun heads its report of the hearing: "Railroad Commission Decides That It Is Not Dry-Nursing Pennsylvania:" and explains this reference as follows:

Before the state railroad commission at the Fifth avenue hotel yesterday, on old lady, who did not know him when she arrived at last in Bome, thred and hot, found great difficulty in getting a porter. So she scized on the Duke, "Now, my good man." she said, "I've noticed you at all these stations loading about. Just make yourself useful for once in your life. Take my bag and find me a cab." the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Rallway company for permission to construct a new coal line to thewater at Kingston from Lackawayen, along the line of the old Delaware and Hudson Canal, counsel for the appli-cants asked to have a letter from the Anthracite Coal Operators' association me a cab. h corporated in the record. The letter was addressed to the commissioners and

and was rewarded with a sixpence. "Thank you, madam," he said: "I shall prize this indeed! It is the first sold that ewing to the agreement of the coal roads the minors were able to work oin I have ever earned in my life." only 155 days a year. The construction of the new road, it was asserted, would enable the operators to ship yearly 3,000, Sure to Be There. would reduce the price of coal 15 per N OLD SCOTCH FARMER was lying cent. Frank Platt, of counsel for the railrouds, objected to the letter and said it was an insulting attempt to

rat.

influence the commissioners. It was thrown out along with another petition of the Coal Operators' association of Scranton, the ruling being made that the New York commission was not interest ed in the fortunes of the people of Penn

In an official sense it is true that the New York railroad commission is "not

interested in the fortunes of the people THE CASE of the Dunmore of Pennsylvania." Its functions cease boy who according to Cor- at the state line. But the above quotaoner Roberts, had diph- tion from the Troy Times supplies a

therin, was unattended by very convincing reason why the proa physician, died, and whose parents, posed new railroad's hearing upon the in the absence of any notification of subject of cheaper fuel in the Empire the board of health of the existence state is an exceedingly pertinent topic

was not dying, paid but little attention to his requests, and this so enraged the farmer that he rose up on his elbow and THE FOLLOWING amusing story is told at the expense of Colonel B. W. Wrenn, manager of the traffic depart-ment of the big Plant system, by a well

STUDIES IN HUMAN NATURE.

He Got the Pass.

farmer that he rose up on the set cried out: "What need I speak; there'll be naeth-ing dune richt unless I'm there mysel'!" His wife, patting him on the shoulder, replied: "Tcots, man, Bauldy! Keep yer min' easy; ye'll be the principal man there."

#### No Wonder They Are ... ich.

wrenn, manager of the traine depart-ment of the big Plant system, by a well known newspaper man of New Orleans: "Some years ago I was broke in New York," he says, and hearing that E. W. Wrenn, passenger traille manager of the Plant system, was in town I called on him and asked for a pass to Jacksonville. It was a pretty checky request, consid-ering that Wrenn didn't know mc from Adam, and he very properly turned me down. However, I had to have that pass, so I kept on tackling him, each time pro-senting some new reason why the road should carry me to Jacksonville. The last time I called the clerk wouldn't let me in, and handed me one of my cards on which Colonel Wrenn had written, "Keep this fellow out. If he bothers me any more I'll go crazy.' That gave me an idea, and I made a bee line for Mr. Plant's private office, 'Mr. Plant,' I said, 'I want a pass to Jacksonville, Fla.' The old gentlemen looked at me in amaze-T HAT DRUG FIRM which has brough suit against several others for in-juring its business reminds one of the story of the dear man who went to a story of the deat man who went to a drug store to have a prescription filled. As the pharmacist rolled up the vial he said: "Seventy-five cents, sir." The customer iaid a nickel on the coun-

"Seventy-five cents, if you please," re-

peated the druggist. "Well, there's your 5 cents," remarked "But I said 75 cents," howled the drug

old gentlemen looked at me in amaze-ment. 'On what grounds?' he asked. 'In exchange for treating Colonel Wrenn for gist. "And haven't I paid you your 5 cents?"

"And haven't I paid you your's cents?" Insisted the other man irritably, as he picked up his parcel. "Oh, go long, you old idiot," muttered the pharmacist, as the man went out threatened mental trouble,' I replied. Mr. Plant's face clouded. 'What kind of a game is this, sir? he demanded, stern-ly. 'Colone! Wrenn is perfectly same.

is at this work permit—.' 'Pardon me,' I interrupted, 'but Colonel Wrenn is at this moment apprehensive of lun-acy, and believes firmly that it rests en-"Well, I've made 4 cents profit, anyway." and he slammed the cash drawer."-Louisville Times.

### Novel Way to Dig Canals.

tirely with me to avert the attack. I have his written statement to that ef-fect in my pocket.' Let me see it.' Mr. Plant fairly shricked. I handed him the PRINCE HOHENLOHE is a strong ad vocate of Emperor William's scheme for a great ship canal which will connect the interior of Germany with the ocean, says the Saturday Evening Post. In dis-cussing the subject with one of the card, and got ready to run. As he read the inscription his face relaxed. His piercing gray eyes began to twinkle. Finally he lay back in his chair and roared with laughter. 'Here, Mr. Smith.' Agrarian nobles who opposes the pro-ject the latter said: "Your excellency, you will find the op-position to be a rock in the path of your he called to a clerk, 'give this young man transportation to Jacksonville and cnarge it to medical treatment for Colonei Wrenn." - New Orleans Times-Democanal.'

The prince's eres twinkled as he re-torted, "We'll imitate the prophet Moses, smite the rock, and then the water will

#### One on Joe Chamberlain.

HOW THE Duke of Norfolk, one of the richest of English peers, earned his first sixpence is related by his friends with a great deal of gusto, says the Chi-cago Chronicle. A few years ago a large English party headed by the Duke went on a continental tour. The Duke busied himself very much on the journey in a kind-hearted way about the welfare of everyone in the party. At every station he used to get out and go round to see if he could do anything for anyone. One old lady, who did not know him when she arrived at last in Rome, thred and HERE IS a Tit Bit story on the preset d colonial secretary of Great Britain Some visitors passed through Mr. Chamberlain's orchid-houses at Highbury one morning, when a very valuable plant was discovered broken. Mr. Chamber-lain, it is said, almost lost his temper, and declared that sightseers should no longer be welcomed. Then he interro-gated the gardener in charge of the houes.

The man appeared confused, but protested that he did not do the damage. "I was very sorry when I saw it done

"You saw it done? Then, of course the visitors did do it?" "No, sir, the visitors didn't either, said the man.

"Speak out, man!" cried Mr. Chamber-The Duke mildly did as he was bid lain. "I am resolved to discover the cul

prit. Then the gardener spoke: "You did it yourself, please, sir, for I saw You were walking up an' down an' hearsing something. I heard Lord Sal-isbury's name, sir, an' Mr. Gladstone's A NOLD SCOTCH FARMER was lying on what he thought was his death-bed. He began to give orders to his wife orchid."

about his funeral and the people to The colonial secretary smiled, and be invited, says the Newcastle (Eng.) sightseers were not forbidden the orchid-Chronicle. His wife, knowing that he houses.

## SOME CURRENT VERSE.

Burgher Smit of the Transvaal.

Rewarded with a Sixpence.

Smit of the Transvaal, alone on the kopje's creat-Beneath, in the mud, a pool of blood-a ragged hole in the breast-A groan and a chil-a fever chill-a prayer for a soldier's rest.

II. Burgher Smit of the Transvaal, in the heat of the tropic sun. Had stood that day thro' the deadly tray -Charles W. Hubner, in Atlanta Consti-

PERSONALITIES. Max O'Rell, the French author, says Max O'Reil, the French author, says that he has never seen an American wo-man who could be considered really ugly, General Theodore Schwan takes with him on all his campaigns and smokes every evening a pipe given him by Sitting Bull. Get Ready

Buil. Bir William Van Horne, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railroad, once filled the position of a humble ticket agent.

General d'Exce Donmerce, senior offi-cer of the French army, is 94 years old and has served under three kings, an em-peror and two republics. George Everett, builder of postoffices and custem houses for the United States overnment, worked at day labor as a government, worked at day labor as a stoneculter less than twenty years ago. Here is an enthusiastic New Yorker's appreciation of Paderewski. "Why, there's only one planist in the world; all the rest of them are merely hired help."

"Fighting Bob" Evans at one time of his life intended to be a miner and went west at the age of 18, arriving in Sait Lake City with \$209 and a navy revolver. D. K. Pearsons, the millionaire phil-anthropist, lays it down as the chief rule for function success to be only own man. stay. Our guarantee is "as good as gold," Prices as ow as any.

for financial success to be one's own man-ager and to trust no one to take care of one's business for one. Governor A. H. Lorgino, of Missis-sippl, who opposes lynching, was once hearly mobbed by fellow-students at the

**MERCEREAU & CONNELL** 

bearly model by fellow-students at the University of Mississippi for a violent speech against lynch law. Sir John Lubbock, since his elevation to the peerage, has decided to take the title Lord Avebury from a property in Wiltshire, said by antiquarians to be a

greater Druidical monument than i enge. Representative Mitchell May, of the Sixth New York district, has the repu-tation of being the best-dressed man in

congress. His clothes are always of the latest fashion and cut and fit him like a glove, Joseph L. Meyers, recently elected a

Joseph L. Meyers, recently elected a member of the Ohio state senate, walked from his home in Coshocton to the capi-tal, a distance of 100 miles, a few weeks ago, to show his disitke for railroad corporations.

porations. William Dean Howells relates that as a boy his first literary workshop was a narrow space under the stairs at his home. There was a desk against the wall and a little window giving sufficient light. This was his study for six or seven yours

The house is in a dilapidated condition, and has for some years been occupied by

charge was ordered out of Lord Lucan's

reporters in Albany have become mem-bers of the cabinet. The late Daniel Manning, Daniel S. Lamont and Charles

Professor W. E. B. DuBois, of Atlanta university, has begun an investigation into the career of college-bred negroes, and will make a report to the annual negro conference to be held at the uni-

Guilbert, as was once feared. The singer has lately undergone a most trying sur-gical operation, but is now well along toward recovery. She expects to be able to return to the stage late in the spring. It is calculated that Ruskin wrote more books than any three of the wad-ing thinkers in Ergland. The entries m the most recent bibliography number 1,200, this number including, of course the various editions, letters, etc. His books number 70. It is said that the drawers of the Brantwood library are full of manuscripts.

that almost at the last, when unable to

speak, he signaled for a sheet of paper and pencil. He then wrote on it that he wished for a check for £1.000 to be sent

to the officers' families' fund. This wish has been carried out, and the check has been received at Lansdowne House.



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"Keep to the right," and the Right will keep you In touch and accord with the Good and the True; These are the best things in life, after all. They make it worth living, whatever be

fall. And Death has not terrors, when he

Furnaces. A movement has study for six or seven A movement has started in Litchfield county, Conn., to buy up John Brown's birthplace in the town of Torrington, re-pair it, and hold it as an historical relic.

a noor negro family. Thomas Yates, of Toledo, O., is the only American citizen who took part in the famous charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. He was in the Seven-teenth Lancers and maintains that the charge was ordered out of Lord Lancer's

Insane jealousy of Lord Cardigan. Three men who have been newspaper

Emory Smith, less than twenty-five years ago, sat side by side reporting the pro-coordings of the New York legislature.

versity next May. He finds that there are between 1,26 and 1,560 negroes who have been graduated from college. Visitors to the Paris exposition next summer will not be denied the pleasure of listening to the inimitable Yvette

A pretty story, which comes from the deathbed of the Duke of Westminster, is

Plumbing Tining. GUNSTER & FORSYTH

in their home of a contacious disease, were intending to have a public fu- nilssion of that state. neral, which the opportune interferance of the coroner prevented, involves a matter which, if the facts are as stated, is certainly proper for investigation.

. The fact that the parents are dereribed as believers in Christian Science does not and should not have any bearing upon the law in the case If any person ministered to the boy during his illness knowing that the case was one of diphtheria, and did not report the fact to the board of health, a plain and necessary law was broken, and the penalty for its violation should be inflicted as a public warning. If there was no such ministration, but on the contrary if the community was exposed to infection through the belief of the parents in the curative efficacy of faith and prayer, then the community should have legal protection.

This is not a matter of religious persecution or intolerance, but of the public welfare. The common sense of the great majority of the people has recognized and put into legal form the necessity for isolating persons afflicted with contugious disease and guarding against the spread of such disease. It matters not what the individual may these overtures were not received with think: this approved will of the mafority is the law and it should be enforced. The right of parents to take large chances on the lives of their own offspring may be debatable; but they have no right to imperil the health of their neighbors.

The present bill before congress to "day evenings, is just as liable to work for evil as good. A law passed mak- half. Expansion can't be stopped. ing the quarter barrel the smallest package for home consumption will resuit in most cases in total abstinence or a bigger drunk.

War Taxes.

BILL TO REDUCE the war taxes \$60,000,000 annually, thing to do. principally by lowering the internal revenue taxes on

liquors and tobacco, has been introduced at Washington. The principal provisions of the bill are as follows. The tax on beer, ale, etc., is reduced from \$2 to \$1 per barrel; the tax on tobacco and snuff is reduced to six cents a pound; \$3 a thousand on cigars weighing more than three pounds per 1,000 and 75 cents per thousand on cigars weighing less than three pounds per 1,000; and \$1.25 per 1,000 on cigarsttes. The stamp taxes are to be reduced 50 per cent. except on checks. drafts and telegrams. The taxes on proprietary medicines and preparations are repealed, as is the tax of 10 cents per pound on tea.

The author of this bill, Representalive Levy of New York, a Democrat. s. ript. argues that inasmuch as the war is ther and the government revenues are showing a margin of surplus, it is timto lighten the tax burdens. In an absteact sense his proposition is sound | whole and unscathed.

for consideration by the railroad com-Further along in the New York Sun's

report appears the following: Two state senators were among those

who testified for the applicants in the afternoon. They were Senator Rice, of He had "Ister county, and Senator Thornton, Senator Rice said a thousand sullivan. homes had been vacated along the canal at Kingston as a consequence of its abar-donment. When he said the new line would be greatly to the advantage of Kingston, Mr. Platt inquired if he was a candidate for re-election in the fall. "I would like to be a candidate for gov

rnor on this railroad question," replied the senator It should not be necessary for the

their mother's call-As best she can, like her own good man, son of New York state's senior United States senator, in a strictly business she works in the cattle kraal-But ner heart is away, the long, long day, away o'er the mountain wall! matter, to introduce extran ous political questions. We question if it was in good taste. But the answer which But Burgher Smit of the Transvaal shall Senator Rice returned to Frank Platt's impertinent query is worthy of study by those who are inclined to look at this subject from a political stand-Anú point.

The Earl of Rosebery, once England's premier, asserts in the house of lords that last December the British government made "vigorous overtures Make it a law of your moral code; to two great powers. Germany and the United States, for an alliance, but In whatsoe'er you determine to do such cordiality as to encourage the government to pursue them." The earl of Rosepery thus does wanton damage to the American Democracy's campairs thunder.

In spite of the absence of an unusual foreign demand for breadstuffs, the abolish the one-eighth barrel known to American export trade continues to the beer trade, with which certain citi- grow. For January it amounted to zens are wont to celebrate on Satur- \$115.318,475, an increase over the same month a year ago of a million and a ----

> It is not true that Governor Stone has snubbed , the Lackawanna bar. Neither is it true that he has accepted its recommendation. He is holding the subject of the vacant judgeship under careful advisement, a very proper

French army scandals continue to multiply as the lights are turned on. It is evident that nothing but a war can save the French army from the

contempt of the world; and it is doubtful if a war would. ----

Frick's suit against Carnegie has started the statisticians, one of whom figures that Carnegie's income is equal to \$1 every time the clock ticks. Andrew ought certainly to be willing to let time fly.

According to Mr. Macrum's story, he experienced more difficulty in obtaining a hearing than is encountered by the average new author with a manu-

Anxious people will doubtless rejoice to know that Webster Davis is on his why home from South Africa, breath-

With only a hope to guard the slope till the grim assault was done. The Man with the Hose.

111. Dressed in the loudest vestments of the And Burgher Smit of the Transvaal had day, de the soundirg seashore he has worked his heart's desire-Beside

thro' the storm of steel and fire--The gulieless guy of all the passing had proved his heart a worthy part of the heart of his trekking sire! thron.g Who labor for their living and are glad. IV.

But Burgher Smit of the Transvaal felt For countless weeks no new idea a hand of ice at his soul: He saw, or he felt, his native veldt, with its occan-dip and rollroamed The vacant chambers of his stunted

brain: For him the present is the only time: He looked thro' the night and saw the light stream out from his 'land-Tomorrow's hopes nor memory of the bouw" knoll.

VI.

"Keep to the Right."

have sown!

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s cotton.

renown.

scepter and crown.

past Have power to shift the current of his And there he saw his little ones-he heard dream.

For quite convinced is he that his indeed Are gayest of the gay in this year's hose

Who plastered down his perfumed locks? Who set his laws agape? Whom does he work, that he from day

come no more to his own: He has gone the road that his fathers to day May live aevoid of toll, troue-he has trekked to the last A brother to the sacred cow

That at the circus chews its peaceful Unknown-the Father above. In justice and love, shall rear what there hands cud?

Perchance in ages past did Solomon -John Jerome Rooney. in the Sun. Take all the wisdom from a race of met To add unto his store, and in return Fine raiment gave for what he took of

'Keep to the right," is the law of the wit. Whence was conceived this tribe

That never toll or spin. Follow the road of the Good and the Who knows but that at some far-distant

True; Follow and fear not; by day and by day This thing we make our mirth may, groping, find A bailot box and vote just like a man? Up hill or down hill, "keep to the right."

s his the right of franchise we hold dear Doubt will assail you, temptation will Shall men of brain and brawn look on at "Keep to the right." for the right is the this

And silent be for shame? Let Jerry Doubt is a traitor, temptation a shame; Simpson say.

A heart that is honest, a life without If in his present guise He passed beyond the portals of this Will rank you far higher, in worth and earth And sought admission at the heavenly Than the grandest of kings, with his

gates, What would St. Peter say?

"Keep to the right," in the journey of Whose act shall set within this pumpkin There is crowding and jostling, trouble head a light? His cigarette doth scarce for mind suf-

The weak will succumb to the boll and fice, The weak will success to the bar and the strong. And many go under and many go wrong; He will acquit himself best in the fight Who shirks not his duty, and "keeps to the right." Hath he no soul? Is he more sore bereft Than cannibal or those of heathen isies? Return in haste, O plous band! There's

work to do at home. --Arthur K. Taylor, in Harper', Bazar.

# NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The statistical maniae calculates there ; annually but 6,000,006 tons of bituminous annually but 6,000,000 tons of infuminous coal; that product has now passed the 00,000,000 mark, and of the 47,000 square miles of coal fields in the south only about 1,000 are under development.

Investigation has convinced the com-missioner of labor statistics in Connectidate is 49,226, which is more than one-fifth

eut that electric lighting is furnished of all the railroad mileage in the United private companies to municipalities so cheaply now that municipal ownership The finest blankets made in the counwould bring no saving worth considering. Defective flues are responsible for over try are now manufactured in North Caro. lina, where 164 woolen mills are in opera-Il per cent of the fires and incendiarism is next as a cause. Last year 6.891 in tion. The finest grade of wool can be rown in the south almost as cheaply cendiary fires occurred. Lightning causes It is commonly believed among the

e asantry in the l'rai mountains that for a wolf to see a man before the man sees he wolf is an oreen that he will be explosions 14 and five were caused by the son's rays passing inrough window glass The next great celebration in New "struck dumb" and so remain as long as

"struck domb" and so remain as long as the wolf lives. The fact that most of the artillery prac-dee in the Transvaal wat has appeared so ineffective on both sides need surprise to one. It is a well known fact that on an everage only one built out of 506 fired in battle strikes home, Two decades ago the south produced



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is one plano for every seven houses in the United Kingdom. The aggregate mileage of all the roads controlled by the wonderful Vanderbilt-Morgan combination up to the present