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If it is desirable to take the license granting power out of the hands of court in first and second class cities, we see no reason why this should not be done in all other cities, boroughs and townships. It is an unjudicial function, which never should have been put upon the judges.

A Long Felt Want.

THE APPLICATION now pending before councils for a franchise for an additional trolley railroad illustrates one of the weak points in our state government, namely, insecure safeguarding of public utilities.

Experience having in many cases shown the inadequacy of home rule in these matters, due to the fact that when a franchise proposition of considerable amount is contemplated, its sponsors usually plan to rush it through councils before public discussion has had time to crystallize into a conservative judgment upon its merits.

All kinds of explanations are afoot as to Governor Odell's motive in bringing this sweeping scheme of increased corporate taxation into view. Some say it is a bid for a better understanding with the big financial interests in New York city. Others allege that it is a gallery play for the purpose of disarming the political strength of the vice-president-elect, which largely turns upon his strenuous insistence upon the franchise tax. Yet others contend that Odell is proceeding deliberately to train as an anti-trust candidate for the presidency three years hence. The most plausible explanation is that he is proceeding with honest motives to work out a practical solution of the great problem of unequal taxation, recognized by everybody to be one of the most important and difficult problems in the pathway of government. How he will succeed remains to be seen. The power which will be massed against his programme at Albany, represented by more than 30,000 corporations with a total capitalization of many billions, will be almost inevitably large and when it will not dare to hazard open opposition it will work along the far more effective lines of securing amendment and delay. But it is something to know that in the stronghold of corporate wealth there is courage enough among the men in public life to undertake the equitable revision of taxation and thus to disprove the pessimistic assertion that all manhood in politics is bridled.

Setting the Land Question.
A COLLIER wandering on some land belonging to Earl B. was chased to meet the owner's face. His lordship asked the collier if he knew he was walking on his land. "The land? Well, I've got no land myself," was the reply. "I'm forced to walk on somebody's land, and I don't get it from you." "Oh," replied the earl, "I got it from my ancestors."

Leonard Wood, who three years ago was a captain, today is a brigadier general in the regular army and will live to be lieutenant general commanding. Yet they say the young man no longer has a chance.

Senator Teller, with his prehistoric Cuban resolution, is not the first statesman who has consulted his emotions at the cost of his common sense. "All change here!" cried Pat again. "Sure, there, mister. O'pore was a shilling and two dordy coppers in the world, would you'd be y'd be no more as to be after talkin' them from me, would y's, sorr?"—Spare Moments.

By all accounts, Venezuela's pot-and-kettle asphalt war is a good thing for the United States to keep out of.

An Interesting Battle.
A POLITICAL battle which bids fair to become historic is imminent at Albany, and it is one in which the people of every state in the Union are interested. Colonel Roosevelt threw out the skirmish lines for it when he put through the word bill imposing a state tax on franchises. But his successor, Governor Odell, the man who had been known far and wide as simply a machine politician, who was supposed by many to have been nominated by corporation influences for the express purpose of undoing what Roosevelt had done to excite their political antagonism, has quietly enlarged the scale of operations until the combat bids fair to cover the whole range of the relations of the state to its incorporated creations.

Roosevelt only proposed that corporations owning franchises should pay the same rate of taxes on the assessed valuation of these franchises that the ordinary home-owning citizen pays to pay on the assessed valuation of his little property, and for this proposition, which he put through into law, he was denied a second term at Albany and slanted into the vice-presidency, a purely ornamental office. But Odell, the matter-of-fact, machine poli-

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Circumstances Were Different.
"YOU ARE the plaintiff in this case, I believe?" said the counsel for the defense to Mr. Ferry.

"You are suing Mr. Train for ten feet of ground more than you own?" "That's right. That's why I am suing for possession."

"You think your land extends ten feet east on what Mr. Train claims as his?" "Yes."

"How long have you claimed this ten feet?" "Ever since I had it surveyed two years ago."

"Why did you not bring suit for it sooner?" "I was trying to obtain it amicably without going to law."

"Mr. Ferry, so recently as last December you laid claim to this ten feet in dispute."

"What's that?" "Did you not one day last December tell Mr. Train that you owned the point which he claims, and, remember, you are under oath. The occasion I refer to was on Tuesday afternoon, and Mr. Madox was present?"

"What?" "I replied, 'Ferry admits a thoughtful point, that what you were asserting the snout of our pavement.'"—New York World.

An Oriental Episode.

"YES," said Li Hung Chang, comendantly, "Contactus was a very famous man."

"And a very good one," said the satellite, bowing three times. "And a very wise one," continued Li. "But there are some smart things that he might have said but never thought of."

"The watch-dog's voice that bay'd the whiling-herd and."

"And the loud that spoke the vacant mind."

"He said that, did he?" cried Larf, as he turned round and struck a little man who was in the crowd a severe blow over the head. And it was only after a violent round and tumble and much vituperative language, that Mr. Larf was convinced that the man he had assaulted and whose name was Goldsmith was not the gentleman referred to by Mr. Gladstone—Tip-Bits.

The Cuban Problem.

W. E. Curtis in the Chicago Record.
Generally speaking, every man in both houses regards annexation as the "manifest destiny" of Cuba, but almost every one agrees that we must first get the Teller resolution and good faith, giving the people of that island a chance, expecting that they will soon appeal for admission into the American Union.

From the New York Tribune.
This country does not want to retain its present control of Cuba any longer than is right and necessary, but before it relinquishes it it wants to make sure that there will be no need of its again intervening in the island and re-establishing such control.

From the New York Tribune.
Eastern capitalists with unlimited capital at their command are planning to develop Northern Georgia on a huge scale. They have secured 20,000 acres of land in five counties which are said to be rich in mineral resources.

In the Botanical Garden at New York city an attempt will be made to put in "bamboo" department. At the Royal Botanical Garden at Kew, England, there are twenty specimens of bamboo, but not so many can be grown in the colder climate of New York.

Nubs of Knowledge.

It may be noted as an agreeable evidence of the spread of Egyptian enthusiasm in America that nearly half the names of streets in the city for the last year came from the United States.

Needn't Have Kept On.
DR. THOMAS A. HOYT, the pastor of the Chambers-Wylie Memorial church of Philadelphia, was recently entertaining President Patton, of Princeton, General John B. Gordon, and other eminent men at dinner. The guests were speaking in strong praise of a sermon the minister had just given and those who were seated in theology were discussing the doctrine points he had brought out.

Know His Business.
IN DAYS gone by, in a country town, there lived and wrought a stonecutter who, besides being a member of the local church, was credited with a critical taste in the epigrams being recited thereon.

Setting the Land Question.
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Hard Lines.
A NATIVE of the Emerald Isle was traveling by rail for the first time in his life. The train stopped at a station, and the man opening the door of the carriage in which Pat was seated, called out: "All change here!"

An Obligation of Duty.
From the Philadelphia Press.
The relations between Cuba and the United States must be determined and adjusted as certainly as the constitution must be perfected. It is confined in some quarters that the United States has nothing to do in the matter except to revise the Constitution that may be submitted and turn Cuba over to the government which it provides that we have no power over the Constitution of a foreign country; that we are pledged by the Teller resolution to withdraw as soon as pacification is accomplished, and that the independence we have promised is irrevocable with any supervisory authority on our part.

A Helping Hand.
I should have a brother languishing in sore distress, and I should turn and leave him comfortless. When I might be a messenger of hope and happiness—How could I ask what I desired? In my own hour of bitterness supplied?

Money to Loan.
STRAIGHT LOANS—NO NONSENSE, REALTY, ATTORNEY.
MONEY TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, ANY AMOUNT. M. H. Holgate, Commonwealth building.

Lost.
LOST—PAIR OF SPECTACLES IN CASE marked Dr. G. E. Dean. Please return to H. B. Warner, corner Main and Jackson, West Side.

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FINLEY'S Blankets and Comfortables.
The present strong demand for the above prompts us to offer extraordinary values on our usual fine line of cotton, cotton and wool mixed, and all wool blankets.
Special attention is called to the following which we offer in both white and colored.
Our "Favorite," size 72x81 borders pink, blue, red, yellow, at \$1.85.
"Home Delight," size 72x 81, borders, blue, red, yellow, present price \$3.65.
"Exquisite" strictly a 11 wool and shrunken, size 72x81, borders blue, pink, lemon, special value \$4.75.
California Blankets, extra large sizes, at \$5.90, \$6.75, \$8.50, \$9.75 and up.
Large assortment of Satine and Silkoline Comfortables, filled only with best white fluffy cotton making them light in weight, yet very warm. See those at \$1.19, \$1.45, \$1.95 and \$2.45.
510-512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.
RAILROAD TIME TABLES.
PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.
Schedule in Effect May 27, 1900.
Trains leave Scranton, D. & H. Station:
6.45 a. m., week days, for Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and for Pittsburgh and the West.
9.38 a. m., week days, for Hazleton, Pottsville, Reading, Norristown, and Philadelphia; and for Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburgh and the West.
4.27 p. m., week days, for Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburgh and the West.
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western.
In Effect Dec. 2, 1900.
South-Leave Scranton for New York at 1.40, 3.00, 5.00, 8.00 and 10.45 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Philadelphia at 8.00 and 10.05 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Pottsville at 6.10, 8.10, 10.10 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Sunbury at 6.10, 8.10, 10.10 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Harrisburg at 6.10, 8.10, 10.10 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Baltimore at 6.10, 8.10, 10.10 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Washington at 6.10, 8.10, 10.10 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m. For Pittsburgh at 6.10, 8.10, 10.10 a. m.; 12.55, 3.23 p. m.
New York, Ontario and Western R.R.
TIME TABLE IN EFFECT TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 1900.
North Bound.
Leave Scranton 7.00 a. m. Arrive Carthage 10.40 a. m.
Leave Carthage 11.20 a. m. Arrive Scranton 1.05 p. m.
Leave Scranton 6.00 p. m. Arrive Carthage 6.40 p. m.
South Bound.
Leave Carthage 7.00 a. m. Arrive Scranton 10.40 a. m.
Leave Scranton 11.20 a. m. Arrive Carthage 1.05 p. m.
Leave Carthage 6.00 p. m. Arrive Scranton 6.40 p. m.
Central Railroad of New Jersey.
Station 10 New York—Foot of Liberty street, New York.
Trains leave Scranton for New York, Newark, Elizabeth, Philadelphia, Easton, Burlington, A. J. lentown, Mauch Chunk and White Haven at 8.30 a. m.; express, 1.30; express, 3.50 p. m. Sun. days, 2.15 p. m.
For Philadelphia at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For New York at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For Newark at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For Elizabeth at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For Easton at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For Burlington at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For A. J. lentown at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For Mauch Chunk at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m. For White Haven at 8.30 a. m.; 1.10, 5.00 and 8.45 p. m.
Erie and Wyoming Valley.
Time Table in Effect Sept. 17, 1900.
Trains for Hazlet and local points, connecting at Hazlet with Erie railroad for New York, Newburgh and intermediate points, leave Scranton at 7.05 a. m. and 2.25 p. m.
Trains arrive at Scranton at 10.30 a. m. and 6.10 p. m.