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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 26, 1901.

The best interests of Scranton require a new street railway system properly equipped to give adequate service. This is a fundamental fact which all must recognize, regardless of differences of opinion on minor points.

Reflections on Reform.

Surprise and disappointment are often manifested because the work of reorganizing the world, though it entails an army of zealous men and women and immense material resources, proceeds so slowly.

THE FANATIC certainly has a

fanatic place in the scheme of life. Otherwise he would not be. His zeal supplies motive power in the pushing forward of good causes.

Trade with South America.

ALTHOUGH for a generation American statesmanship has been trying, somewhat fitfully, to increase our trade with South America, the figures show that little success has been achieved.

Counsel from the Judiciary.

AT THE Philadelphia celebration of forefathers' day an address was delivered by David J. Brewer, associate justice of the United States Supreme court.

Outline Studies of Human Nature.

A Man of Letters.

"Down at one of the river resorts near the bay," said the man with the sun-baked nose, "I met a neighbor of mine on the hotel veranda."

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OPEN EVENINGS.

he deserves this after a good long term in the penitentiary. To sum the matter up in a word, the official life of the Republic must be made clean as well as strong, if we are to be a world power by right of example.

unquestionably is the insufficiency of our American merchant marine. Three-fourths of the steamships entering South American ports are British built, British owned and British navigated.

For the firm and on the following morning when he reached the office he said to his wife: "I did a good stroke of business yesterday."

An Early Adventure of Robert Lincoln.

Writes Mrs. H. A. Baldwin, who was a close neighbor of the Lincoln family when they resided in Springfield, Ill.: "While my brother-in-law, Mr. Boynton, was in the hardware business in Springfield, Lincoln's son Robert, then a boy of ten or twelve, entered the store one day with another boy of his own age."

Bulls of a Grand Duke.

The late Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Saargotha, as he was affectionately called, had such a queer way of expressing himself that he once perpetrated "bulls." On a hunting expedition he saw a rooster whose face seemed familiar to him.

Found His Metier.

One of the Chicago park commissioners had compelled the park superintendent to put on the payroll a lay worker. The commissioner met the superintendent a week or two later and perpetrated "bulls."

OUR PROSPEROUS PROGRESS.

Editor of The Tribune:—Sir: Iowa's corn crop this year is \$75,000,000, or sixty-five per cent. of last year's bumper crop, and eighty-five per cent. of the average crop for the last fifteen years.

A Second-Class City with a First-Class Stock of Cut Glass, Sterling Silverware, Clocks, Etc., Suitable for Wedding Gifts.

Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

Postmaster General Smith has interfered with the mail matter of thirteen get-rich-quick firms in Kentucky. It seems impossible to convince the postal authorities that a concern that advertises to sell \$3 for \$1 can deliver the goods for any length of time even in fertile Kentucky.

THE DRONES.

Labor, man's toilsome heritage on earth, that makes him shudder at creation's end—The seal that marks the creature as God's friend—Thou hast a part in manhood's latest boon, And now, by deeds, are measured from their class.

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