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SCRANTON, MARCH 19, 1902.

Of 60 delegates already elected to the state convention, 54 are for John P. Elkin, 6 are for Senator Sprout, of Chester, and 2 are for Colonel Watrous.

Wisely Amended.

THE BILL of Senator Hoar providing that no combination in furtherance of any trade dispute shall be deemed criminal, nor shall those engaged therein be indictable or otherwise punishable for the crime of conspiracy, if such act committed by one person would not be punishable as a crime, nor shall such agreement, combination or contract be considered as in restraint of trade or commerce, nor shall any restraining order or injunction be issued with relation thereto.

Seventy per cent of our European trade is with England and Germany. That ought to explain why it is to our interest as well as pleasure to "be next" to both.

Government Control of Railroads.

AN INTERVIEW in the Philadelphia Press ex-Judge Logan, general solicitor of the Pennsylvania railroad, offers timely and very liberal comment upon the amendments to the interstate commerce law now pending in the senate.

Contrary to what might be expected, Judge Logan, speaking for the great Pennsylvania system, heartily favors these amendments and expresses his confidence in the integrity of governmental agencies. "I believe," says he, "that not only the shipper but the carrier needs governmental help."

Waterson as Seer and Prophet.

OUR GOOD FRIEND, Colonel Waterson, has been viewing men and affairs at the national capital and putting the results on paper. He finds the Republicans at sixes and sevens, and is convinced that the Democrats had enough sense to make a winning sortie.

President Roosevelt is a "bravo-buster"—a clean, honest man of good impulses and the best of intentions, but incoherent, combative and aggressive; somewhat on the Grover Cleveland order, minus Grover's coldness and stoical self-reliance.

has to be reckoned with. The chances are that it will be organized, especially if the grantees wish a fight.

As a consequence of the Boston strike at least 600 men who had employment ten days ago and left it without sense or reason now have none. Experience teaches a dear school but its instruction is thorough.

Not Un-American.

THOSE who oppose subsidy encouragement for American ship-building labor under the disadvantage of not proposing any better plan. They criticize fluently but construct nothing. Subsidy is not an un-American arrangement.

Our merchant marine stands in the relationship of an infant enterprise which needs encouragement. The ship subsidy bill proposes to give this encouragement. Some of the details of the bill may not be just right; the whole matter is necessarily experimental.

OUR NEW COUSINS.

BY WALTER J. BALLARD

THE recent federation of the Australian provinces, except New Zealand, into the commonwealth of Australia is a step which American shipping men need not experience, cannot but approve.

The commonwealth was inaugurated January 1, 1901. The parliament of the governor general, appointed by and acting for the king; a senate and a house of representatives. The senate consists of six members each from the states of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the island of Tasmania, elected for six years.

Aggregated, the six states have an area of 2,972,195 square miles, a population of 3,226,081, a revenue in 1900 fiscal year of \$141,000,000, an expenditure of \$130,000,000, a debt of \$97,000,000 (far too heavy for so sparse a population), imports of \$27,000,000, and exports of \$28,000,000 (an apparent favorable balance of trade of \$1,000,000); a registered vessel tonnage of 267,719 and 13,135 miles of railway.

THE ATMOSPHERE OF BOOKS.

From Success. If our homes were furnished with more character-building books, and less bric-a-brac and costly furniture, our children would get a much better start in life.

VIEWED WITH APPROVAL.

From the Montreal Independent Republican. Congressman William Cornell, of Scranton, has been chosen as Pennsylvania's member of the congressional campaign committee to conduct the coming congressional campaign.

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NOW FOR AN AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE

From the Philadelphia Press.

THE ACTION of the senate in adopting the shipping bill is cause for national gratification. It was to the senate that the opponents of the measure looked for its defeat, as there is not much doubt of its passage in the house, where there is a Republican majority of 41.

The contest for the extension of the protective principle to the merchant marine in the foreign trade has been going on in congress for over thirty years, without anything practical having been accomplished. In the meantime the tonnage of American vessels engaged in the foreign trade has declined, so that instead of carrying 25 per cent of our imports and exports, as was the case in 1870, we carried only about 8 per cent last year.

In other industries the nation has prospered greatly, while in this one industry of our foreign shipping the very opposite has been the case. In the lake and coastwise shipping, almost entirely protected from any foreign competition, there has been the same kind of wonderful prosperity as has marked other protected industries.

The bill passed Tuesday by the senate extends the protective principle to the shipping in the foreign trade. The tariff which protects other industries allows American wages to be paid. It is indubitable that higher wages are paid in

American shipyards and on American vessels than in foreign yards and on foreign ships. It is this greater cost of the vessels, and, more particularly, the larger cost of operating them, to say nothing of the foreign subsidies, that make it impossible for the owners of American ships to compete with foreign shipowners in our own coast carrying trade.

The location of this department and its convenient arrangement adds to the pleasure of purchasing here. Experienced men are in charge of our home decorating work and at all times are ready and willing to give you the benefit of their experience or by suggestion or illustrations aid you in securing the desired effect.

Bobbinet, Irish Point, Renaissance, Brussels

Tambours, Oriental Tapestries, Draperies, Decorative Materials, Upholstery Goods.

Williams & McAnulty,

129 Wyoming Avenue.

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Swarthmore College

provides, first of all, the broad culture of the COURSE IN ARTS; then there is the practical field of ENGLISH AND OTHER MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES; for the physician there is special work in BIOLOGY; for the lawyer or business man there is the course in ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE; there is work in the field and training in the shop for the CIVIL OR MECHANICAL ENGINEER, while the laboratories open the doors to ELECTRICAL AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.

CROSSBOWS USED AGAIN.

From the New York Herald. Many persons in Europe, especially in Switzerland, now practice assiduously with crossbows, but it is a mistake to suppose that they use the same kind of weapon as that used by William Tell. This improved crossbow was invented about twenty years ago by Colonel Ballinger, a Scotchman, his object being to fashion a weapon which could be used at night against an enemy's sentinels without attracting attention.

THE VERY SMARTEST OF THE NEW SPRING TAILOR EFFECTS IN SUITS.

THE NEW SEASON'S MOST FETTERING STYLES ARE SHOWN HERE IN A PROFUSION OF LAVISHNESS. HERE IS ONE OF THEM AT \$22.50.

MISSER'S SUITS, ALL COLORS, ALL KINDS OF CLOTH, COLORLESS ETONS, BROADCLOTH, VEST, EMBROIDERED FLOUNCE, IS TRIMMED TO MATCH, THE SKIRT HAS A DROP SILK PETTICOAT. ALL FOR \$22.50.

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ALWAYS BUSY.

CRANE'S

324 LACKAWANNA AVE.



For Wedding Gifts, Silverware, Cut Glass, Clocks and Fine China

Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

"Keep to the Right"

With eyes open. This caution may be spiritual—and maybe not. Which?

An Unexcelled Showing of Laces and Draperies



Before purchasing the goods for this department of our New Store, explicit instructions were given to our buyer to select only the choicest and best. He has followed our commands to the letter. We are therefore able to present what, in our judgment, is an unexcelled stock of Curtains and Draperies.

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FINLEY'S

Rich Imported Lace Robes and Evening Gowns

We have brought out an exceptionally fine line of beautiful gauzy Materials and Elegant Lace Robes, just the correct styles for the fascinating evening gown. Many new weaves and latest designs in Silks adapted to evening wear, some very select materials of rich elaborate patterns, some very neat small figures and plain colors.

Spangled Robes

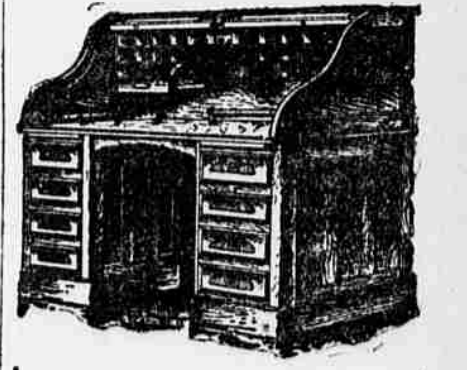
Rich Lace Robes, Chantilly Lace Net Embroidered Chiffon, Silk Gauze, Point D'Esprit, Embroidered Veilings, Embroidered Batist, Crepe de Chine, Silk Louisines, Peau de Cygne, Crepe de Paris, Moire Silks, Broche Pointelle Soie

Fine Laces and Trimmings

Persian Tinted Cluny, Silk Passementerie, Russian Lace, Chantilly Lace Applique Bands, Flounces, Allovers, Etc.

610-612 Lackawanna Avenue.

Office Desks and Office Furniture



New and Complete Assortment

Being the LARGEST FURNITURE DEALERS IN SCRANTON We carry the greatest assortment of up-to-date Office Furniture. You are invited to examine our new line before purchasing.

Hill & Connell

121 Washington Avenue.

Allis-Chalmers Co

Successors to Machine Business of Dickson Manufacturing Co, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Stationary Engines, Boilers, Mining Machinery, Pumps.

Headquarters for incandescent Gas Mantles, Portable Lamps.

THE NEW DISCOVERY

Kern Incandescent Gas Lamp.

Gunster & Forsyth

253-327 Penn Avenue.

J. P. WELSH, A. M. PH. D., PRINCIPAL

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