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The wise Christmas shopper will consult the columns of The Tribune and enter the field this week.

In Choosing a Recorder.

T APPEARS that the organized workingmen of Scranton or some of them, whether a majority or minority remains to be seen, are nelined to nominate an exclusively labor candidate for recorder. It is within their right to do this, but whether it would be wise to do it is fairly open to argument. We do not suppose that anything we might say on the subject would influence the action of tonight's convention; nevertheless, certain thoughts appear to be timely.

In President Roosevelt's recent message to congress, where he considers the relations of labor and capital, occur these words: "Above all, we need to remember that any kind of class animosity in the political world is, if possible, even more wicked, even more destructive to national welfare, than sectional, race, or religious animosity. We can get good government only upon condition that we keep true to the principles upon which this nation was founded, and judge each man not as part of a class, but upon his individual merits." Have these words any bearing upon the proposition to make a distinctively labor campaign for the recordership?

The duties of the recorder are twofold: first, to enforce the law; and, secondly, to devise policies and methods whereby the administration of the city's affairs may be improved. In the enforcement of law, an honest man in the recordership cannot observe class distinctions. He cannot, for example hold the law over one set of taxpayers and not over another. If he is true to his oath of office and the duties which it imposes, he cannot grant to men belonging to labor unions any privileges, ing to labor unions. If that be true, the enforcement of law is concerned,

permanent political parties, it would be Ford: denled it in the future? If such deagainst it at the next ensuing election? has been reached?

spasmodie polities.

win a campaign or two when class ex- proved accommodations. citement and prejudice are unusual; but ful labor organizers.

At at the approaching city election does of decorative art. There is also a natnot require a labor party.

domiciled themselves in the metropoils will gather together to celebrate the greatness of their birthplace. The Pennsylvania Society of New York, of which Bishop Potter is president, and Amircw Carnegle vice-president, is four years old, and this will be its and an institution for secondary eduthat it is a growing institution, ar- While mistakes have been rangements have been made for an un-

speechmaking; Attorney General Knox nd what he lacks is to be supplied by President Baer, with the help of Providence. The Pennsylvania population in New York city is estimated to number 36,000. The cream of these included in the membership of the

If the Schenectady labor unions think hey have that privilege. But we premore than at present.

Home Rule for Ireland.

N INVESTIGATION of the conditions of Ireland is being made by Walter Wellman for the Chicago' Record-Herald. It is to include letters describing personof the Emerald Isle and also a study of the politics in the Irish question. The first letter somewhat paradoxically is sent from London and foretells what is it at Washington, to be the future of Ireland. How true the forecast is point he shown by vents, but it at least is interesting.

Mr. Wellman asserts upon the authority of Secretary Wyndham that at the next session of parliament, to be called after save yellow fever. probably in February, the government will introduce and pass a land bill which it expects to settle the Irish would not divulge the character of the bill, but Mr. Wellman from other sources derived the opinion that it will compel the landlords to sell their Irish holdings under an arrangement by which the British government will underwrite the transaction. Many landlords, seeing their rentals decline from 40 to 50 per cent, since the passage of the Gladstone land act, have already sold out and removed their personal effects, bag and baggage. Others, wearying of the long struggle, are willing to sell. In general the difference in appraisals between landlord and For The Tribune tenantry covers a margin of only about ment is to find a way to extinguish this difference and reconcile the minority of disaffected landlords to the idea of selling under pressure. If this can be done, allen landlordism will be wiped Unsounded depths of soundless peace out, the Irish radicals will become conservative, raising of crops and incomes will supersede raising of Hades, and home rule will evolve naturally. Such, in brief, is the forecast. May it speedily come true.

The efforts of the agents of the Gerry society of New York to detain and harass the little Cubans bound for Point Loma, after the children had been released from Ellis Island by an order from Washington, arouses a suspicion that the chief aim of the society is to acquire notoriety.

An English Object Lesson.

N A RECENT letter to the New York Tribune its London correspondent, J. N. Ford, gives an interesting account of how municipal progress is exemplified in the city indulgences or exemptions which he of Nottingham, England, Nottingham would withold from men not belong- is about the size of Detroit, or double that of Scranton with Dunmore added there is no special reason, so far as Originally it was a Saxon village with Norman trimmings and as late as fifty why laboring men should form a labor years ago occupied only six square party to nominate and try to elect a miles. Since then its area has been labor candidate for municipal chief ex- trebled and its improvements have included not only developing the newer Coming to the second class of the portions, but also reconstructing the recorder's duties, devising policies and older section. Slums have been torn methods, we find an equal absence of down and rebuilt in sanitary fashion; good argument for a labor campaign, erooked old streets and alleys have been Here, again, labor has no right to ask straightened and widened; sewers and or expect special privileges or exemp- pavements have been introduced, the tions; but it has a right to ask for city has constructed its own markets, just consideration and fair play. Has cometeries, water system, gas and elecit been denied this in the past? Is it trie lights and power plants and a likely that, with workingmen contribut- municipal tramway or, as we would ing largely to the vote of each of the say, trolley system. And, says Mr.

"In the course of five years \$720,000 nial should occur, would it not easily has been turned into the treasury as be possible to make effective protest the surplus derived from these various undertakings after charges for interest Is it wise to cross a bridge before it and sinking funds have been adequately met; and the earnings will steadily The men who are considering a labor increase as the capital invested in these campaign are, we suppose, ordinarily enterprises-over \$15,000,000-is repaid. Republicans or Democrats. Why do The charges for water are moderate, they not go into the primaries of their not exceeding 42 cents per quarter for respective parties and secure by a a tenement or cottage with a rental of marshaling of their strength the nom- \$50; and the town council is satisfied ination of candidates in whose fairness with a small margin for the common and ability they would have ample con- good after the interest charges have fidence? That is what other classes of been provided for. The quarterly citizens do or can do when they wish charges for municipal gas range from to. It is the way that avoids the creatize to 31 cents a thousand feet, and the tion of class friction and animosities so electric light and power services are far as our political life is concerned and correspondingly low. The tramways that preserves us from excesses due to have been extended and electric power has been substituted for horse power It has been the history of labor move- and fares have been lowered; the wages ments in the past that their conversion of the men have been increased and into political parties has been disap- their working hours reduced; and pubpointing and disintegrating. They may lie comfort has been promoted by im-

"in addition to these self-supporting they soon full into internal blokering services, which contribute substantial and dissension and fade from view, balances to the public treasury, Not-One of the wisest articles in John Mit- tingham ministers to the intellectual chell's economic creed has been his progress of the masses in various ways. premptory and unqualified refusal to let it has an admirable free library systhe United Mine Workers of America tem, by which 375,000 books are lent in be converted into a political machine, the course of a year. There is a large He has found little difficulty in gaining central library and reading room, with the ear of the political leaders of the thirteen district libraries and two book permanent parties on this basis of non- deliveries. These public libraries are partisanship, and we have no doubt conducted as municipal institutions, that the same is true of other success, and the attendance at the reading rooms is large both in the morning and The question to be asked in select- at night. The historic castle was resing a recorder is not, is he a labor cued from ruin by the town council unionist, or an employer, but is he a twenty-eight years ago, and after being competent, upright and broad-minded completely restored was converted into man? To ask this question and answer a permanent art gallery and a museum ural history museum with targe collections, and there is a municipal school At the Waldorf, in New York, on of art, where systematic instruction is Friday night, five hundred natives of given in design, with special reference the Keystone started who have since to lace making, the characteristic industry of the town. The municipal council also supports a college where over four hundred students attend day classes and over sixteen hundred receive instruction at night. It is at once training college, a technical school

While mistakes have been made both in planning and in administering these J usually elaborate affair. Bishop Pot- public works, Mr. Ford says there has ter is to be toastmaster, Bishop Mac- been little extravagance and no thiev-1 y-Smith is to help in the clerical ing or crookedness. The government of

Nottingham has been conducted honis to be the oratorical heavyweight, estly. Is there a lesson for Americans

the admission of New Mexico and Arizona along with Oklahoma will decrease as the discussion proceeds.
There is no public necessity or urgent reason for haste in regard to those two territories; and the fact that a majority of the Republican members of the territories; and the fact that a majorworth while to go to law to enforce ity of the Republican members of the their expulsion of members because of senate, together with the president, are membership in the National Guard opposed to Quay's position makes it all the harder to maintain. The sendiet that before they are through with ate is an obliging body as a rule, but the law they will look smaller but know It will surprise us if this shall not prove to be an exception.

By order of the president the Samar ampaign in the Philippines is to be reopened by the court martialing of Ma-jor Glenn for cruelty. A dispatch from Manila says: "Public sentiment here is opposed to the re-opening of the case and again exposing the troubles in the army. As the war is over it is thought the less said about these matters the better." Public sentiment in Manila is al visitation to every important part army. As the war is over it is thought better." Public sentiment in Manila is sound and there is need of more like

Recent agricultural experiments have demonstrated that the United States will not need to depend on Cuba and | * the tropics for much if anything here-

With Dewey in charge of an Amerian fleet not far from Venezuela, there question for all time. Mr. Wyndham is no call to lose sleep over the possibilities of a puncture of the Monroe &

> The tire of the tri-state boom seems & in a fair way to encounter a number of tacks before the contemplated measure reaches the president.

Composer Mascagni ought to be able to create a very amusing comic opera 🔓 from the diary of his troubles in New

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there hush My thought; a while my heart from fear is freed;

And when the wind soft rustles through the hedge, On that infinite Silence and this sound The eternal overwhelms me and the acons dead,
And the living present and its living Thus drowns my thought amid this dread

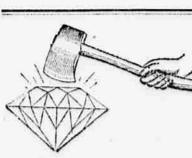
On such a sea were shipwreck sweet, in--Translated from the Italian of Leo-pardi, by H. J. R.

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