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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.

IT APPEARS that the organized workmen of Scranton or some of them, whether a majority or minority remains to be seen, are inclined 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.

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."

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.

The men who are considering a labor campaign are, we suppose, ordinarily Republicans or Democrats. Why do they not go into the primaries of their respective parties and secure by a marshaling of their strength the nomination of candidates in whose fairness and ability they would have ample confidence?

It has been the history of labor movements in the past that their conversion into political parties has been disappointing and disintegrating. They may win a campaign or two when class excitement and prejudice are unusual; but they soon fall into internal bickering and dissension and fade from view.

At the Waldorf, in New York, on Friday night, five hundred natives of the Keystone State, who have since domiciled themselves in the metropolis will gather together to celebrate the greatness of their birthplace.

speechmaking; Attorney General Knox is to be the oratorical heavyweight, and what he lacks is to be supplied by President Baer, with the help of Providence.

If the Schenectady labor unions think it worth while to go to law to enforce their expulsion of members because of membership in the National Guard they have that privilege. But we predict that before they are through with the law they will look smaller but know more than at present.

Home Rule for Ireland.

AN INVESTIGATION of the conditions of Ireland is being made by Walter Wellman for the Chicago Record-Herald. It is to include letters describing personal visitation to every important part of the Emerald Isle and also a study of the politics in the Irish question.

The efforts of the agents of the Gerry society of New York to detain and keep 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.

IN A RECENT letter to the New York Tribune its London correspondent, I. N. Ford, gives an interesting account of how municipal progress is exemplified in the city of Nottingham, England, Nottingham is about the size of Detroit, or double that of Scranton with Dunmore added.

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"The question is asked in selecting a recorder is not, is he a labor unionist, or an employer, but is he a competent, upright and broad-minded man? To ask this question and answer it at the approaching city election does not require a labor party.

While mistakes have been made both in planning and in administering these public works, Mr. Ford says there has been little extravagance and no thieving or crookedness. The government of

Nottingham has been conducted honestly. Is there a lesson for Americans in this?

Senator Quay's chances of securing 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 senate, together with the president, are opposed to Quay's position makes it all the harder to maintain.

By order of the president the Samar campaign in the Philippines is to be reopened by the court martialing of Major 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."

Recent agricultural experiments have demonstrated that the United States will not need to depend on Cuba and the tropics for much of anything hereafter save yellow fever.

With Dewey in charge of an American fleet not far from Venezuela, there is no call to lose sleep over the possibilities of a puncture of the Monroe doctrine.

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 York.

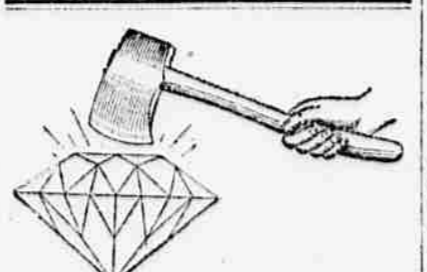
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