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GOOD morning!

COL. HOOPES will doubtless appoint a committee that will secure the desired free stop over privileges for the Board of Trade. The responsibility now rests with that committee.

Is there any good reason for continuing the office of mayor? There seems to be a well defined idea that he has nothing to do beyond looking well at public functions, drawing his salary and "being mayor" whatever that means. He is a nice man at that.

UNGALLANTLY enough, the French Court of Appeals has decided that a woman lawyer cannot be admitted to practice at the bar, notwithstanding the fact that the applicant was learned in the law, highly accomplished otherwise and had passed an excellent examination. The inference from this decree is that chivalry simply spells prejudice in France.

GOMEZ, at the age of 70, actively leading a vigorous and irresistible revolution for Cuban independence, presents one of the picturesque and heroic figures of the age. One may survey the whole field of human endeavor without finding another man who in his antecedents, personality and chosen avocation combines as many of the dramatic qualities of chivalry and romance as are centered in the great commander of Cuba's patriot army. He is indeed one of the world's Grand Old Men.

THE Building Inspector is in no wise censurable for the death of J. T. Smith, who was killed by the falling of a portion of the Armour building upon him last Saturday, while engaged in tearing out the burned portion, preparatory to rebuilding it. The building should have been underpinned before the work was started upon.—The Daily Republican. Not so. The Building Inspector who permitted the erection of that death trap should be punished. Manslaughter, is the word that best describes the offense in this case. That structure stood for ten years a monument to the criminal incompetency of some one.

THE waning prestige of marriage in this country is an evil which has long occupied the serious attention of all thoughtful observers. We are all ready to welcome as a benefactor any one who will remedy this evil, and it is accordingly a pleasure to point out that the Courts of South Dakota have set up a partial remedy at law. In South Dakota, as elsewhere, one reason why matrimony is less popular than it should be arises from the opposition of the enraged father. When this opposition takes the shape of physical violence it is customary for the aspiring suitor to withdraw and seek solace in arnica and celibacy. But in South Dakota a young man whose matrimonial aspirations had been thus thwarted has succeeded in recovering \$2,000 as damages for injuries received at the hands (and feet) of his sweetheart's objecting parent. This legal precedent thus laid down should be full of encouragement to the would-be Benedict. South Dakota, which has done much to make matrimony popular by making it easier to escape in case of trouble, has rendered a further service by applying the curb of legal damages to the unreasonable and frequently painful form of opposition illustrated by the current father-in-law joke.

THE message of President McKinley will be devoted practically to the subjects of our foreign relations and the currency problem. It will be unique in one respect, in that it ignores the great bulk of subjects usually constituting the departmental portions of Presidential annual messages. There is scarcely a reference to the annual reports of the Cabinet, the President's purpose being to call attention only to the more important affairs of the government. For this reason the postal savings project of the Postmaster-General is not discussed in the message. While the details of the currency plank are not definitely known, it can be authoritatively stated that it is in the main an incorporation of the views submitted by Secretary Gage, though as to details the President leaves himself freedom of action by not taking any position with reference to several features of the Secretary's plan, while endorsing its main object. A strong presentation of the Hawaiian question is made. Congress is urged to take immediate action by ratification of the treaty of annexation. This part of the message strongly depicts the necessity for making the island part of the domains of the United States, and reviews advantages that would accrue to the country by its possession. As to Cuba, the message calls attention to the recent trend of affairs on the island, referring to the scheme of autonomy just offered by Spain, and, after refuting other developments in the situation, reaches the virtual conclusion that existing circumstances do not warrant interference in the affairs of the island. Considerable attention is given to the question of reciprocity negotiations with various countries in Europe. Special Commissioner Kasson has been working on this subject for some time, and the message deals with the developments of negotiations already had and expresses the hope of the administration to secure satisfactory results in the future. The policy of the administration on this subject is outlined, and, citing French champagnes as an illustration, the point is made that if special concessions are given any foreign products the United States must be given equal treatment by reciprocal concessions. The Alaskan problem is discussed at some length, and a plea is made for Congressional legislation, including the extension of the operation of the Public Land laws and the granting of rights of way for roads by which all parts of the country may be made more accessible.—The Bulletin.

LOCAL DOTS.

Walter Bacon is indisposed. Henry W. Baker, of Seaford, was in this city yesterday. Mrs. George B. Moore spent yesterday in Philadelphia. Mrs. Margaret Janvier is the guest of Baltimore friends. Carroll J. Lednum, of Dover, has been visiting in this city. William Funk, of New Castle, is now a resident of this city. W. E. Frank, of this city, was in New York, on Wednesday. Mr. Wharton has returned to Dover after a visit to this city. Professor Emil Engel, was visiting in Chester on Wednesday. Mrs. Anna Graham visited in this city on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Ella Cochran of Middletown is visiting friends in this city. Eugene Buckson, of this city, was in St. Georges on Wednesday. John Townsend, of Plumsteadville, Pa., is visiting in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Murphy, have been visiting in Dover, Del. Mr. and Mrs. Teemoch Wilson have been visiting in Georgetown. Mrs. S. Beattie Wylie spent Wednesday with friends in this city. Dr. Charles W. Almond, of Newark, was in this city on Thursday. Deputy Collector of International Revenue Wells is in Maryland. Rev. D. B. Taylor of this city has been visiting friends in St. Georges. Miss Virginia S. Cooper, was the guest of Wilmington friends on Wednesday. Ex-Mayor Evan G. Shortridge, of this city, spent Wednesday in Chester, Pa. Mr. Thomas S. Hurlock will leave this city for a ten days trip to Savannah, Ga. Harry Johnson, the young man who was stabbed some time ago, is improving. Miss Maud Drein, of this city, is the guest of Miss Emma Pennewell, Dover, Del. Mrs. Mary A. Bullock, of this city is visiting her aunt Mrs. Quay, in Manayunk. The Delaware Truck, which met with an accident last Friday, is again in service. Mr. Frederick Hilderbrand and wife of St. Georges have been visiting in this city. Miss Essie Lieberman, of this city, has been visiting Mrs. H. Lieberman, of Dover. Robert D. Hoffecker, Jr., of Smyrna, was the guest of friends in this city, on Thursday. Samuel Marshall, of West Chester, Pa., and F. A. Giler, of Salisbury, Md., are in the city. Mrs. John S. Crouch and daughter of Middletown have been visiting friends in this city. Postmaster Enoch Moore, is in Greensboro, Md., where he expects to remain until Saturday. Miss Ella Cooper, who has been visiting in Bridgeport, N. Y., has returned to her home in this city. The former treasurer of the Grand Opera House, Clarence A. Westhafer, is visiting in this city. Superintendent L. W. Miller, of the Wilmington and New Castle electric railway is at Glen, N. Y. Mr. H. S. Laffol returned to Pitsburg, Pa., after a visit to A. Stines, this city, who is on the sick list. The British steamship Le Cygne, cleared yesterday for Havre, France, with crude petroleum. Edward D. Hearn, ex-Clerk of the Senate, of Georgetown, visited friends in this city on Wednesday. Captain Miller, formerly master of C. A. B. Wheeler's yacht, has a position as commander of the Blund. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Honey, of this city, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Willow Grove. The Pioneer Benevolent Association gave a dance last evening in their hall at seventh and Shipley streets. The twenty-eighth annual supper was last night held at the Olivet Presbyterian Church. About 225 was realized. Mrs. Hattie B. Sporing, of Wilkesboro, Pa., is the guest of her cousin Mrs. M. B. Fowler, this city. The axle and wheels of the buggy driven by Otto Kessler, were broken on Wednesday morning by running into a coal wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kronender and daughter Caroline of McDonough were the guests of friends in this city on Wednesday. Enoch L. Dean made an address, on "Wyoming Valley," at the Friends' Meeting House, at Ninth and Tenth, last evening. Mrs. R. Ebb, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Sheldon, yesterday returned to her home in Elwyn, Pa. Horace G. Knowles, will make his future home at No. 1106 Jackson Street, which home he has purchased from Henry Seeds. Rev. W. F. Lewis, of this city made an address at the annual meeting of the Kent County Bible Society, in Dover, on Wednesday. A. H. Tinges supervisor, of the Maryland division of the P., W. & B. R. R., is

suffering with the grip, at his home 1401 Broome street. About twenty-five members of the Knights of Pythias, of this city, were in New Castle, Wednesday night, visiting A. C. H. Lodge. George M. Bunting and George M. Booth, of Chester, Pa., accompanied by their wives visited friends in this city on Wednesday evening. The lecture which was to have been given by Rev. H. S. Duane last evening, has been delayed on account of the sickness of J. E. Duane. William V. Williams, clerk of U. S. Court of Appeals, of Philadelphia, was the guest of S. Rodmond Smith, of U. S. Court of this city, on Thursday. Special Officer Long, of Philadelphia, came to Wilmington, on Thursday morning, after Herbert Patterson, who was arrested here for the larceny of two fur mufflers. Mr. Chung, the Chinese, Consul to the U. S., at New York, arrived in this city Wednesday morning, accompanied by Commander Chai, the imperial Commander of the Chinese navy. A chocolate entertainment will be given this evening in Calvary Sunday School room, Third and Washington streets, for the benefit of the Church. All are invited to come and lend a helping hand. Dennis Donohoe, aged 28 years, of No. 1708 street, on Wednesday night in attempting to jump from a freight train, fell across the track and the car passed over his arm, mashing it so badly that amputation was necessary. The Ladies' Aid Society, of Calvary Baptist Church, last night gave a butterfly tea in the basement of the church. It was under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Bowyer, Miss Cora E. Carpenter, Mrs. William Quinn and Frank Sheldon. The decorations were all paper butterflies. "The Gossip of Tangletown," a farce, will be presented by Mrs. Ainscow's Sunday-school class in St. Paul's M. E. Church during the holidays. Those who will take part are: Miss Jessie Layman, Miss Arzie Hukell, Miss Daisy Chouler, Miss Josephine Foulk, Miss Nellie Scott, Miss Cora Edwards, Misses Elva and Mary Blackstone. Delaware Conclave, No. 30, I. O. H., elected the following officers last night for the ensuing term: Past Archon, J. W. Lawson; Archon, A. J. Hyland; Provost, N. M. Wilson; Prelate, H. Stafford; Warder, H. Waddington; Sentinel, E. C. Griffin; Financier, Geo. H. McCall; Treasurer, C. W. Taylor; Secretary, J. W. Mackey; Inspector, Jacob Robman; Trustees, W. D. Palmer, J. E. Walters, F. P. Turner. The annual meeting for the election of officers for the Woman's Foreign Missionary society was held yesterday afternoon at West Presbyterian Church. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. N. Keigwin; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Belville, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. McClellan and Miss Woodward; secretary, Mrs. McCowen; corresponding secretary, Miss Simex; treasurer, Miss Simons. There was a large gathering last evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Pyle Connell, corner Lancaster and Bayard avenues, to enjoy "An Evening With Pictures." The occasion was one in which a fine artistic display of pictures was made. During the evening there was vocal and instrumental music rendered. Refreshments were served at the close of the display. The proceeds of what pictures were sold is for the benefit of the Silverbrook M. E. Church. The Friendship Fine Co. held their annual election of officers last night. The men who will serve for the coming year are: President, W. Appleton; Vice President, Webster Phibbs; Recording Secretary, D. W. Maloney; Assistant Secretary, J. H. Smith; Financial Secretary, H. E. Jerome; Treasurer, W. P. McConnell; Trustees, W. T. Appleton, J. L. Glacken, R. W. Beppogor; Investigating Committee, J. H. Smith, L. Farrington, J. P. Poligau; Foreman, A. P. Lehner; Assistant Foreman, W. M. Wood, J. P. Poligau; Engineer, W. J. McGonnigal. The ladies of St. John's Guild, gave a luncheon and supper yesterday afternoon and evening, at St. John's Parish House, corner of Elliott avenue and Market street. The officers of the guild are: Mrs. Harvey, President; Mrs. Rhoads, secretary; and Mrs. Bradford, Treasurer. The luncheon opened at 2 o'clock p. m. Many beautiful and useful articles were displayed for sale. Supper was served at 6 o'clock p. m., on the second floor of the building. The tables were beautifully decorated with palms and lighted by candles, which were held by handsome candlesticks. A large crowd attended the luncheon, which was a great success. Populists Opposed to Annexation. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Six Populist members of the Senate today decided to oppose the Hawaiian Annexation treaty. They will claim that the annexation of the islands is unnecessary and that such action would entail heavy expenditures of money for the maintenance of a large navy. The population brought in by the annexation would be undesirable. Strong Against Capital Punishment. New York, Dec. 2.—Mayor Strong was asked yesterday what he thought of the possibility of Mrs. Augusta Nack's chances of getting off with twenty years in the State Prison, while Martin Thorn might be electrocuted, for the murder of William Guldensuppe. The Mayor said that he was not in favor of capital punishment at all.

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