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#### JOHN WANAMAKER: MERCHANT PRINCE.

A truly great man is dead in Philadelphia, John Wanamaker, who made his name known in more useful ways during his life than perhaps any man who has lived in America since Benjamin Franklin. In writing of him one finds it perplexing to decide which of his many activities was of greater importance. The casual reader will think of him as the "merchant prince," and bracket his name with that of A. T. Stewart, whom he succeeded. We have had other merchant princes, however, who have come to great success and a high place in public esteem, but none of whom touched so many things in an effective way as did Mr. Wanamaker.

It was not vanity, but an intelligent business policy that led him to adopt his systematic manner of advertising. Not many newspaper readers can recall a day when the Wanamaker store did not have its full page in each of the Philadelphia papers, telling in simple English of the bargains offered that day in its several departments. Mr. Wanamaker always wrote some portion of those advertisements, a "store editorial," to which he signed his name, and through which he made the public acquainted with his business policies. Sixty-one years of continually expanding business life found its daily expression through the newspapers of his home city, which is noted throughout the world for the high character of its newspapers, having more and better of them than any other American city. principally because the example set by Mr. Wanamaker has been intelligently followed by his con-

It will come as a surprise to most people to be told that John Wanamaker was the first paid Y. M. C. A. secretary in America; that to his skill as an organizer much of the success of that great institution may be traced. He gave his talent to organization work in connection with the Civil War. and he served the United States as postmaster general in President Harrison's cabinet, and brought to the department the benefit of his organizing ability. He found time to give much personal atten- death. Through what train of circumstance was tion to church work and to politics, and through his long life proved that a man may be a devout est life of poverty from which she sprung was not Christian, an active participant in the civic affairs | half so hard as the tawdry existence into which she of his community, his state and his nation, and a plunged. The kerosene lamp on the table at home success in business as well.

John Wanamaker began at the bottom, an errand boy in a retail store; he rose to the very top, through patient industry, honest and approved to the city and was reduced to companionship with methods of enterprising merchandising. His career | a denigen of the underworld whose only grace was has in it little of the elements of romance, but is his ability to sing and play the popular jazz airs. far from being a sordid tale of unremitting plod- There was not one line of honest sentiment or real ding. A man who could found so great a business, feeling in all this music-it was as shoddy as the and could actively engage in so many other ways as filled the busy life of this man can not be looked upon as a plodder. Rather, he deserves to be considered a genius, and to have rank as such.

## MORE POWER TO THE UNION PACIFIC.

No indication of intention to electrify any part of its line is to be gleaned from the announcement that the Union Pacific has just placed another order for locomotives. As these are to be of the heaviest type, the presumption is fair that they will be used on the western divisions, where the stiffest pulls are encountered. Engines recently ordered are soon to be delivered. These include 55 of the heaviest passenger locomotive ever built, designed on new lines and intended to make long runs at high speed. It was announced at the start that some of these engines are to be placed in service between Omaha and Denver, making the run from one terminal to the other without change. This is an innovation in railroad practice, and will be the longest single run on which engines are regularly employed.

Other locomotives to be delivered shortly are 10 Mallet compounds, huge machines, with two cylinders and eight driving wheels on each side, capable of | moved. dragging immense loads of freight. The order just placed calls for five more of these, which is evidence that the Union Pacific is making preparations to take care of largely increased traffic. Fifteen of the big "Mikado 2-10-2" freight engines also are expected soon, and 73 more have been ordered.

Business conditions warrant the expenditure, for the country served by the Union Pacific is growing, and the probability of its outstripping the capacity of the railroad is ever present. It is to be recorded, however, that the policy of James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman, to be ever ready to take care of business has not been departed from by either of the great systems they headed.

## ALL ABOARD FOR OKLAHOMA.

Governor-elect J. C. Walton of Oklahoma proposes to have an inauguration that ought to endear him to the democratic heart, whether it does to the rest of the world or not. He proposes to feed free of charge 200,000 persons for two days, the time to be spent in celebrating his advent as chief executive of the state.

Not at the government's expense, however, for he has called for donations of live stock, to be slaughtered and barbecued, and of other provender to be worked upto dainties for the populace who will bhe present. The governor-elect expects to ride a \$5,000 horse, seated on a \$10,000 saddle, in the parade that will open the festivities. All the notables of Oklahoma, Pawnee Bill, Col. Zach Mulhall, Col. George Miller of the "101" ranch, and Dan V. Lackey, prize fight promoter, will be in

"It will be no pink tea party," says Mr. Welton, and we may well believe it. The program sounds more like the proceedings that followed the elevation of a satrap to eminence under Constantine and his successors, when the recipient of the appointment was expected to ruin himself in paying for the entertainment provided. He remembers, also, the days of which Walter Scott recorded,

"A Christmas gambol oft would cheer A poor man's heart through half the year. and wants to fix things so that Oklahoma's people may forget their other troubles for a time. It will be some party, if the next governor of the great state of Oklahoma his way.

"NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS."

A farce that has come down from the Seventeenth century to the present day is an English laugh at certain maneuvers of people to get even with one another. Some memory of "A New Way to Pay Old Debts" is suggested by the proposal that the United States forgive France the war debt owed, that England may do likewise, and that in turn France will accept a readjustment of the eparation terms and consent to a long-time moratorium for Germany.

Germany literally can not pay under present conditions. France has depended on reparation payments for her own needs, and without them will not make any sort of settlement with either the United States or England.

It is certain that Germany will not be able to pay France within a great many years, unless permitted to do so in kind, and this form of payment has been rejected by France. Equally certain is it that the United States will realize little if anything from France in many years. While neither France nor Germany has admitted or pleaded bankruptcy, the facts are too eloquent to need exposition. A creditors' meeting might as well be called, and something decided upon.

What the proposed course actually involves is making the United States pay a portion of the war debt incurred by the nations to be benefited. Such a plan amounts to little less than requiring the United States to pay the German debt to France to the extent of three billions of dollars. As at the close of business, August 3, 1921, France owed the United States \$2,997,477,800, cash advanced and interest France has repaid \$46,714,861.81, but now seems unable to go further.

The proposal made does not include forgiveness of the debt owed to the United States by England, but a fifty-year moratorium is suggested. How this project will be accepted in the United States is not plain, but the sentiment of the people generally has been against any forgiveness of these debts. On the surface the whole scheme looks like a plan to make the people of the United States pay bills incurred by Europe during a war in which we were unwillingly involved, and for the aftermath of which we are in no sense responsible. Americans have been at all times ready to help the Europeans, when they get ready to help theemselves, but no sign is at hand that that time has arrived.

#### "ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE."

For a brief moment it is given to peer over the edge into the underworld. A girl has been slain after a drunken spree. A dissolute character of the cabarets and roadhouses endeavors to explain in his broken English how the fatal shot was fired.

One more unfortunate Weary of breath Rashly importunate, Gone to her death.

Few can be so fastidious as to deny some sympathy for this girl who came from a country town in Missouri only to fall into such a life and such a she drawn into the meshes of destruction? The hongave a much clearer vision than the bright lights of the midnight resorts. Untrained to cope with the world, unskilled at any honest employment, she came rest of her environment.

It seems unreal that this should be called a life of pleasure, or that any other girl should follow along these paths. There is but one end to it all, whether the death be a living one or not. One cannot know with what longing she went back to the home of her mother nor with what thoughts she which costs the American public sevieft after the occasional visits to her brother's family out in the state. Such a simple home and peaceful life of domesticity might have been hers. There is something about the underworld that saps the courage of its victims and prevents them saving gerous because they are committed in

Take her up tenderly, Lift her with care; Fashioned so tenderly. Young and so fair!

Her poverty-stricken mother now comes to the ity, scarcely able to understand the situation. She suggests that the man accused of her daughter's death help pay the funeral expenses. This form of primitive justice, conceived perhaps through the idea of expiating sin, does not draw an immediate proffer from the prisoner. She does not understand how lost to all honor is the world in which her daughter

The "soft drink" parlors and bootlegging joints have claimed another victim-or two, if the man is worth counting. For a moment Omaha peers over the edge of the underworld. A girl is dead, and her manner of going may serve as a warning to others. Before she is forgotten, too, some effort should be made to clean up these sources of corruption.

It is not always easy to feel kindly toward Medicine Hat.

## The Buckner Controversy

It is not necessary to call names or to impugn motives in discussing the action of Bishop Homer C. Stuntz and his associates in the Nebraska Methodist conference in retiring the Rev. J. D. M. Buckner, and getting themselves disrespectfully talked about thereby. Mr. Buckner, like half or more of his fellow Methodists, denies the verbal inspiration of the Bible and believes in "the historical interpretation." He accepts 'the demonstrated conclusions of science in the fields of geology and biology" and holds that religion "should emphasize personal service to fellow men" rather than

"personal reward." From his own story, published in a pamphlet, en-titled "How I Lost My Job as a Preacher," it appears that he had protested against being retired, and that his demand for formal charges and a trial was denied. The committee on conference relations "heard Mr. Buckner repeatedly," says Dr. Clyde Clay Cissell, executive secretary of the Omaha area of the Council of Boards of Benevolence, in a telegram to Zion's Herald, and then retired him without "formal charges or case against him." Zion's Herald is maintained by the Methodist Episcopal church, and is, in that sense, an organ of the denomination. It is therefore highly significant that the Herald, reviewing the case in issue of November 8, says: "After studying the facts in connection with the Buckner case we are convinced that there is truth in the foregoing scathing indictment of Methodism, and we propose to face the issue

squarely. The "scathing indictment" referred to was a published article which had characterized the action of the conference as "despicable," and said that Bishop Stuntz and his fellow committeemen "did not dare face the consequences which a public admission of their veritable intention would bring down upon them." After this it was nice of Zion's Herald to add, "these church leaders may have made a mistake, but they are not dishonest; neither are they politicians." Of course they are not dishonest, and the evidence is strong that they are no pliticians, at any rate not the kind that have

## "From State and Nation"

The Electoral College and the Inter- means perfect, and hence does not regnum.

rom the St. Joseph News Press The first fruits of the new "proonstitution, one doing away with the electoral college, and the other shortening the interregnum by advancing mauguration day from March 4 to the third Monday in January. It is not improbable that favorable action can be obtained, in both houses of congress. Approval by the legislacongress. Approval by the legi-tures of the required number states, however, is less certain.

As to the electoral college, there has een a growing impression for years that it is cumbrous and represents a ystem that has been completely superseded by custom. The amend-ment would simplify the method of voting for president and vice presilent. Names of the candidates themselves would appear on the ballot, in-stead of the names of presidential elecors, as at present The case of the nterregnum is less simple, for while

The interregnum was handed down mand.

So while other farmers are deserto us from a time when news was There are good reasons why a set of

#### Lose \$50,000,000 a Year E. H. Smith in the Scientific American.

ther hand, according to the estimates of various experts, including some of-ficials of bankers' associations, the yearly amount stolen through the

In 1880 the loss was probably not ahead in the face of adversities is the ore than \$2,000,000 a year and pos-oly as low as \$1,000,000. In 1913 William J. Burns told the American Bankers' association the stealage had been \$23,000,000. The writer esti-mated the 1918 loss as \$30,000,000, pasing his calculations on reports which seem now to have been incom-plete. It was more likely between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 then, and nue or any other street. Courting is

eral billions a year, and embezzlement or defalcation, which totals inore than \$100,000,000, can be ranked above it. Bank burglary and robbery, ark by Dr. Frank Alvah Parsons. types of crime which strike the average imagination as much more danin more dramatic manner, probably like this." said Parsons, "would wrap yield the thieves about \$2,500,000 up in a fur or right to be about \$2,500,000 up yield the thieves about \$2,500,000 up in a fur or rug to keep warm. On every year, one-twentieth the check July 4, the woman of today would alteration loss.

Accordingly, there is and has been in progress a long-standing warfare below, between the banks and their support. ng police organizations on one side and the check criminal on the other. nto this fight the inventor and techician has been drawn in more recent problem of flanking and routing the larcenous forces. To date he has achieved no victory. Indeed, the mounting figures of check losses would seem to indicate clearly that the tide of battle is swinging to the

## Ford and Street Cars.

The Detroit manufacturer gives his

Ford gives him some advice that is opinions divided over a wide field. It free as the air for the tires of his is no easy task to agree on the 50 Mr. Ford says to cut the street car

fare in two. If this is done he de-clares there will be a great increase in street car traffic and the munici-pal-owned plant will pay big and everybody be happy. Mr. Ford claims the people who now ride down town n their cars and pay for storage and run their cars and pay for storage and run the risk of having cars stolen will take to the street cars if the fare is made half of what it is.

Probably he is right in his deductions. At any rate the experiment

## The Bloc in Legislation.

rom the Washington Star. About this so-called bloc business Does anybody understand it? Have hose who have formed the blocs or capitol Hill, and are employing them in the legislative equation, thought out the problem thoroughly? Is there any assurance that in the end a sort of chaos will not result and that we shall not witness the amazing and expensive spectacle of every bloc for itself and devil take the hindmost? The party system we are all fa-miliar with. That has been in opera-tion from the beginning. It is by no

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December, 1922. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

-Editorials from other newspapers-

produce perfect results.

The fact is we should not know what to do with perfect results if The first fruits of the new "pro-they came our way. They might dis gressive" bloc in congress are two organize us. Nothing is or could be proposed amendments to the federal on a perfect basis in governmental

But the party system in its hun-dred-odd years of service has pro-duced many excellent results, and, fluced many excellent results, and, operating with it, we have built up a government which in world condition of appalling confusion and incertitude is the strongest government in exist ence. It is so strong the other gov rnments are flirting with it for rec ognition and favor.

Let us move cautiously, if further at all, in this bloc business. It would most unfortunate and expensive if we found that, after taking our party system to pieces, we could not arrange he pieces for effective service, and ad only produced a new sort of Chinese puzzle, interesting enough as but without practical value as a legislative agency

#### Prospects for Potato Growers.

cording to some historians, this "hia-tus" nearly destroyed the union, for ahead and makes thoughtful calcula- of this filibustering expedition. it permitted traitors in the government to use the government to use the government's resources to build up the strength of the secessionists. If Mr. Hughes had won in 1916 we should have had a serious situation with serious situation, with our policy as to Germany suspended for four months. In 1920 some embarrassment as to produced in great abundance the com our relations with Mexico arose in the ing season, potatoes are probably go-ing to be scarcer and in more de-

transmitted by messengers on horse-back and when the most rapid transit thing else, the far-seeing ones will known was the coach and four, but stick to it. They will start with a big there is reason to believe that the advantage—plenty of good seed on tap was not wholly a concession to hand for which no cash outlay is rethe primitive modes of those days. It quired. Their neighbors will be buymight easily tide over a time of crisis. ing corn, wheat and oats to seed down serving as a safety valve to let off former potato acreage, or perhaps Davis?

The overproduction of potatoes this offaming influences of a political large acreage, planted in anticipation which to cool off and get their bear-ng before assuming seats of power. try. For several years, potatoes had Thus the interregnum would serve been on a high price level, and farmers a shock absorber. Plans for its thought they could make more situation, and the result was disappointment all around.

cleared through the banks of the wise agriculturist diversifies his crops, United States. The clearances in reent years have fluctuated in the vinity of \$400,000,000,000 yearly. On the He will not abandon potatoes for the there reason that prices have been in telow cost of production in one seachecks is now about to live stock.

Son. The same thing may happen to corn or wheat next year, or even to live stock. The fellow who sticks and goes can.

In 1913 one who wins out in the end. Predicts Marriages in Parks.

> roin a New York Letter in the Pitts-burgh Dispatch. "Women used to make up in their

the best informed specialists in bank protection believe that it has now passed the latter figure.

done in the parks or on busses, in the public. I predict that the time is Check manipulation is, therefore, coming when marriages will be per one of the commonest and costlest formed in the public square. The forms of property crime. Only swin-world's point of view has become scientific and we have lost our sensof the fitness of things."

president of the New York School of Fine and Applied Art.

take the same fur or rug and wrap it around her neck, going half naked "Then observe the home with rub-ber plants in green jars at the windows. In earlier days people windows which could be opened.

nician has been drawn in more recent times and he has devoted untold energy and ingenuity to the tactful problem of denting and roughlem of denting and roughlem of denting the control of anything more hectic than life of "And, why, oh, why, do women

wear a skirt to the ground on one side, and to the knee, fastened to a tin plate, on the other?

## A Call to Library War.

From the Los Angeles Ti

Form the York News-Times.

Henry Ford, always out for some advertising is going to get some free advertising, is going to get some select a small library for us in schools from the first to the eighth The Detroit manufacturer gives his fellow citizens some advice about managing the municipal street railway.

Couzens is going to the senate and Couzens is going to the senate and derland." "Robinson Crusoe." "Tom Couzens is going to the senate and Sawyer" and "Treasure Island" came there must be a new mayor and Mr. next in the order named. After that est books for young folks.

## A Book of Today

"ROADS OF ADVENTURE," by Ralph D. Paine. Houghton-Mifflin company,

This book of 452 pages, with 42 illustrations from photographs, demon-

the Cuban revolution and before places the author in a class by him-self. There is nothing of the braggadocio in it. Mr. Paine undertook to deliver for W. R. Hearst a \$2,000 it has proved embarrassing at times, some authorities contend that it serves a very definite purpose, and that its utility more than outweighs any inconvenience that may arise from it.

The interregnum is generally understood to meet the content of the mat a profit will throw up his hands, say "Oh, what's the use?" and derstood to meet the content of the content o derstood to mean the interval of about four months between the election of president and vice president in November and their inauguration March 4 of the following year. In 1860, according to some historians, this "hiabur the shrewd farmer who looks"

The interregulam is generally unhands, say On, what's the use," and char, Fia., on the Infect Priends, a drag white towboat, carrying a president and vice president in November and their inauguration March 4 of the following year. In 1860, according to some historians, this "hiabur the shrewd farmer who looks and will put his land into other crops.

But the shrewd farmer who looks of this country to Cuba. Captain "Dynamic Johnny" O'Brien was in charge the shrewd farmer who looks of this country to Cuba.

> going towboat whose destruction with all hands had been decreed in resounding phrases from the palace of ad ministration in Havana. It had the flavor of bygone centuries, of an era when the little ships of England had sailed to the West Indies and the South Seas to singe the beards of th tall galleons with their tiers of carronades and culverins. Now was it far-fetched to think of 'Dynamite John

New York newspapers carried big the Three Friends, against which this jams from drinking too much whisky of real sportsmanship as I have seen government started proceedings. Mr. Paine relates the circumstances of If they'd put you or me in Daugh- Woodrow Wilson made his mis-Paine relates the circumstances of McCready and himself meeting Rich ard Harding Davis and Frederic Rem ington in Key West, which was at abridgement call for the best that congress has of wisdom and foresight.

The description of the best that congress has of wisdom and foresight.

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The description of the best that congress has of wisdom and foresight. Roosevelt in Cuba, of Admiral Samy son's flagship, Leonard Wood, Shaf-One dollar is stolen by the forger and check raiser for every \$8,000 of one's eggs in a single basket. The ing, to the gold fields of Nevada, when "Scotty" was in his heyday. In Halti he introduces "the chief of staff of the arrondissement of Mole St. Nichoolas," otherwise identified as a man who had served four years as a butler

New Rochelle, N. Y.
It is a book that will be enjoyed by

## The Substitute.

Teacher: Where were you born? Little Girl: I wasn't born at all, I



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## "THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

A Cynic on Politics.

spondent, had a varied and eventful career on land and sea, from the time he was a member of the winning crew of Yale in 1892 until he visited the allied fleet in European waters during the world war. With this wealth of experience to draw from, the author has given a charming account of his adventures. He has a talent of seeing the bright side—the humorous facets—even in the grimness of war. He takes the reader on a personally conducted tour over the roads of adventure which he traversed during a personal to the distance of the way down ought to know it.

why all this fuss about poor Mr. Daugherty? He is not to blame, and it's a ten to one shot he'd like to pack up his grip, extra collars and socks, and get out of Washington in a hurry, but he's just sport enough to stick it out and take a part in the political carnival of flim-flam and bunco which the politicans are all staging for us poor dam fool voters.

Convict a profiteer? That is out of the question, and any mutt with sense enough to button his shirt all the way down ought to know it. ture which he traversed during a period of 25 years.

Mr. Paine's narrative of his experiod by the Wall is clap when the curtain goes up and job before him is chosen by the Wall is clap when the curtain goes up and the curta street gang and carefully taught just how to behave. Why cuss the poor hired man for doing as he is told?

when it goes down. The politician put on the show. Next.

I. T. DUZZENMATTER. his country declared war against hired man for doing as he is told? pain, is about as delightful a bit of Was Palmer any better? The mess eading as one could wish for. It you are giving poor Harry the deuce cintillates with a style of humor that friend had the job. You couldn't pick up a paper but what Palmer's picture was in it and a fine line of bunk about him. Ever read about him now? He hoose-gow the Missouri river will be flowing backwards and the capital of Heaven located at Council Bluffs.

It's funny, too. Let some poor cuss make a lead nickel and there's more special agents around than there's cooties in an army shirt. The brightest minds of the secret service are turned loose on some fellow who does the Dana Gibson stunt on a new one dollar bill. Yet when it comes to getting some guy for stealing the United States mint it is absolutely impossi-ble to get evidence if he throws it over his shoulder and takes a rest in Mr. Burns' office. Everybody with a badge or star walks on eggs. It's all right though, brother.

Caesar had the same trouble with his congresynen and governmental de-partments, too. Poor old Solomon had his grafters to contend with. Father Abraham had a hard time with his sticky fingered benchmen. There's nothing new about the graft business at all. They used to take the profiteers out and chop off their heads. Hawkins, and Dumpier and Edward at Now they get shot by a chorus girl, or go to Europe and die of the jim-If they'd put you or me in Daugherty's job; slip a roll and tell us how to act we'd do the same thing. It's so, too—isn't it, brother? The trouble but out of the present chaos he cer-

than fiction when it is written enter-tainingly. Mr. Paine, as a war corre-spondent, had a varied and eventful why all this fuss about poor. Mr.

The politicians

Credit for Shantung.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Oma-ha Bee: In the Evening World-Herald of the 9th appears a reprint of an editorial from the Louisville Courier-Journal purporting to prove the vindication of Woodrow Wilson on his position that Japan would withdraw from Shantung, China, under terms of the Versailles treaty, where-in is provided that Japan will with-

the proper time." sense knows that Japan is withdrawing from Shantung because such an arrangement was required by Charles E. Hughes at the Washington conference, and for no other reason. would never have with Japan

drawn from Shantung by reason of any provision of the Versailles treaty because the "proper would never come, according to her

Such rot as this clipping from the Louisville paper is quickly snatched up by the World-Herald. JESSE FRAHM.

Thanks From a Democrat.

Omaha .- To the Editor of The Kindly accept from a humble democrat a word of apprecia-tion for your splendid editorial in The Omaha Bee in regard to our very worthy ex-President Wilson.

The editorial was excellently written and conceived in as fine a spirit

is that all us little fry are so busy tainly will emerge another "Man for trying to steal, rob and grab that we the Ages."

J. R. DEWEY.

## Holiday Suggestions

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