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INTERESTING PERSONAL and social mention will be found this morning on page five. There are local activities of more value than crimes and scandals, and this journal proposes to do its share toward reporting them.

The Blue Law Problem.

One of the issues which will come before the next legislature for serious action will be an effort to modernize the spirit as well as the verbiage of the present Sunday observance laws of 1794. It is claimed by many persons, the great majority of whom are conscientious, sincere and well-meaning, that the enforcement of these laws, to the full measure of their letter, was never more necessary than now. Is their position sound? Is it in accord with the general teaching and drift of common sense, or is it an extreme in the world of business. Industries view, made respectable only because the persons who share it command our respect? Without indulging in the language of exaggeration or permitting prejudice to sway the judgment, what is the true function of the state with reference to the protection of the Ceristian Sabbath from desecration? Has it any right, under our form of government, to consider the sectarian dustries that the American people have or even the religious significance of one given weekly rest day, as opposed to any other? That is to say, is its interference in the securing of a proper observance of Sunday due to theological reasons, or is it due to the single idea of "the greatest good to the greatest number.

In this country church and state are utterly divorced. Our political theory of the temporary depression, to make does not exalt one creed or class or faith at the expense of another. It recognizes citizens as equal units; and it strives to secure the best results for the greatest number of those units. In the state of Pennsylvania it is our opinion that a goodly majority of hon- healthy state of commercial confidence observed as a day freed so far as practicable from the noises, distractions and anxieties of ordinary secular pursuits. This, to our view, is the common sense of the thing. We do not, from choice, recognize religions distinctions in our laws; and, therefore, the purely religious aspects of the first at present giving satisfaction to their individual consideration. The sectarian who may wish to worship on a Saturday or a Monday has abundant privilege to do so; but the very fact that he is accorded such uncurtailed liberty is a convincing reason why, in return, he and available labor abundant, many of should be equally considerate of his these plants will not be transferred at "Tis true the advertising man has naught to

set to the saccharino syndicate diswere he to accept the obvious logic of closure, this little incident is scarcely the situation, and depart, with his fola complete success; but as indicating lowing, into freer theological lands? the proneness of the Democracy to make The trend of the times is away from doginatism and in the direction of 111 itself ridiculous, it is not without strong points. eral unity. But even the championship of an advanced tenet may be made of-THE DEMOCRATIC party seems provifensively dogmatic; and it is the opindentially adept in invariably, at crition of many persons that Dr. Briggs

ical moments, making a fool of itself. has carried firmness to the point of obstinacy when he has sought to fasten Norwitustanding the local prevaupon Presbyterianism, as an integral ence last month in 150 cases of one part of Presbyterianism, teachings

or more of four contagious diseases which, when malignant, often prove fatal, the April death rate of 135 is moderate and indicates that Scrauton is in an excellent sauitary condition. Commendable vigilance is being manifested in the protection of the public health, and if individual caution were on a corresponding plane of watchfulness, the vital statistics of May would be even more encouraging.

have seen this exquisite verse bally THE HONORABLE Eppa Hunton, a treated in more ways than one; but senator from Virginia, is mad because that was in auld lang syne. Nowadays, an "unkn own man" tried to bribe him the real author, beyond all peradvenand madder still because the man is turure, is known to be Homer Greene, yet naknown. the brilliant Housedale lawyer, liter

ature and man of affairs. Scranton's Good Opportunity. The fact that as many as seven large industries are in communication with the manufacturers' committee of the local board of trade, with a view of effecting a transfer of plants to Scranton, is indicative of a hopeful feeling oues anchored do not undergo the many expenses of removal without considerable assurance that their trade will thereby be sufficiently increased to warrant the outlay; or that expenses may be sufficiently reduced; or both. Unless there were general faith among the shrewd men who conduct these inalready virtually recovered from their free trade spasm, and faith, also, that | ism.

when the threat of hurtful and vicious tariff legislation at Washington is lifted from the industrial situation in this country business will revive in all directions and trade take on a new lease of steady and profitable life, they would not now be desirous, under cover changes in sites so as to be better prepared than ever before to meet the re-

vival in demand which all believe is soon inevitable. These inquiries, therefore, betoken a est citizens wish the first day of the and point strongly to the need at this week, commonly called Sunday, to be time of a vigorous presentation of Scranton's superior claims as a city for manufactures. The next few months will be moving time among the factories and mills of our land. With works closed or running listlessly on fractional time, those industries not day of the week become questions for proprietors may be transferred with uncommon ease and economy to locations offering better chances for profitable and continuous activity. If not

SINCE MAJOR MCDOWELL has reached state of placid resignation with referonce to the rapidly growing Huff boom for congressman-at-large, every stumbling block appears to have been removed from the pathway of General Harmony leading to next Wed acaday's Republican convention. AND NOW comes the medical discovery that appendicitis is an after consequence of the grip. There are those who had already known it was intimately related to the gripe. THE OPINION of most disinterested persons seems to be that the State Base

which Presbyterianism as a sect has

explicitly and repeatedly disavowed.

The world of thought and faith is too

large to justify such extreme persist-

IT IS SURPRISING that so care-

fully edited a newspaper as the

Philadelphia Press should make

the almost inexcusable mistake

My Lover Said," to Richard Realf. We

of crediting the poem,

"What

ence.

Ball league management is suffering at present from a severe attack of hobo-

TRIFLES Grave and Gay.

You may talk about your editors who sit in hou may taik about your editors who sit in easy chairs
And try to loss the whole machine and put on lots of airs.
And seek to make the people think it's what they have to say
That keeps the business on the move and makes the paper pay:
But don't you never think it for the whole trenth signally is

truth simply is The editor's not in it with that huge concuit of his.

For there's only one essential in the whole newspaper plan-acress alone depends upon the advertising man.

local stuff Within the little fields they fill may

fry such as those. Who gobble all the passes and who visit

The simple things they have to say in blind and halting verse. They, one and all, have understood since papers first began,

That they were mere assistants to the advertising man

TRUE,

HERE is but one A way in the world to be sure

of having the best paint, and that is to use only a well-established brand of strictly pure white lead, pure linseed oil, and pure colors.*

The following brands are standard, "Old Dutch" process, and are always absolutely

Strictly Pure

White Lead "Atlantic. "Beymer-Bauman, Davis-Chambers, Jewett, "Fahnestock," "Armstrong & McKelvy.

* If you want colored paint, tint any of the above strictly pure leads with National Lead Co.'s Pure White Lead Tinting Colors.

These colors are sold in one-pound cans, each can being sufficient to that 25 pounds of Strictly Fure White Lead the desired shade ; they are in no sense ready-mixed paints, but a combination of perfectly pure colors in the handlest form to tint Strictly Pure White Lead. Send us a postal card and get our book on

paints and color-card, free, NATIONAL LEAD CO., New York,

Baby

Carriages,

Refrigerators

The men who edit telegraph and write the

answer right enough; The sporting and dramatic men and small

all the shows; And likewise, too, the noets, who insist they must rehearse

GOLDSMITH'S 🕞 BAZAAR

Thirty-six Inches Long, Ivory_____

Finished Laundry and Fast Color

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Are the special points contained in every one of the Shirts that you know see in our window for Men and Boys at 49c.

Genuine Balbriggan Two-threaded, Maco Yarn, Pearl Buttons in Shirts, with ribbed tails.

Drawers with extension strap backs, patent cuffs and suspender loops, only 49c.

The Record Broken

Swivel, Clipped and Bourette Scotch Ginghams, never before less than 35 cents. Special sale of only about

40 Pieces at 20 Cents

Don't miss one of the best things that we have ever offered in Fine Wash Dress Goods. They cannot last long at this price.



fellow citizeus who choose Sunday as their worship day,

The Sunday laws of 1794, which it is proposed to revive in this community, belonged to a time and were formulated by men who did not recognize the modern possibilities, who could not foresee, in fact, the modern demon stration of complete civil and religious liberty. To them religion, as interpreted in the severe exactions of a persecuted sect, was the highest aim; and gress in this direction. There will, as to further that aim they did not scruple to persecute as they had been persecuted, and even to take human life, as their lives had once been taken. Laws framed in such an atmosphere; laws worded under such conditions are not fit laws to apply unreservedly to the wholly different conditions of today. In the nature of things they must be narrow and intense. They cannot be, and they cannot be construed to be, broad, liberal and in touch with the wide fellowship prevalent today among all races, classes and creeds. Is it nowadays essential to the reasonable and proper observance of Sunday that we should go back for our models to the obsolete standards of a wholly dissimilar state of society? Is the intelligence of 1894 so faulty that it must wear the intellectual cocked hat and carry the severe visage of one hundred years ago?

In our opinion, no. There is a right way to go at this thing, and there is also a wrong way. Some of us are pursuing the wrong way. Some of us are doing work that is meant to be good, but that eventuates as bad. The mission of legislation, in a republic, is to protect the fair majority in their reasonable rights. We believe that a majority of persons in Pennsylvania-of intelligent | Turk

persons, of good citizens-want to rest on the first day of the week. Some of them want to worship on that day and some do not; but all want to rest. They do not want to be disturbed by business cares, either of their own the majority should prevail in this matter. Business should be generally suspended. Secular pursuits should cease. The din of traffic and the annoyances of piping activity should take one day off. But that is all. There should be no petty compulsions on the part of a is distinctly a conservative gathering, minority. No coterie of men shall say | proceeding slowly, moderately and in a to what church the public must go, what food they must eat or what refreehments they must drink. The will of the majority, so far as it may properly seek expression in law, will have been subserved when the desired suspension of annoying activities and employments shall have been achieved. All things beyond that enter the domain of individual option, and are to be regulated spart from the statute books of this sommon wealth.

IT NEVER rains but it pours. No sooner had that ugly sugar trust scandal been unmasked than the Democratic majority in the senate announced that two of their number had been offered bribes not to vote for the pending tariff bill. They have forgotten most of the circumstances of the transaction; do not know who the would-be briber topresented, nor whather he was talking seriously, But their lofty virthe revolts at the very ides of the thing

all, and the local advantage of more diversified industries, which all Scrantonians concede, would virtually be lost through indifference.

transferred now, while times are slack

Very fortunately the board of trade, through its various officials and sommittees, is alive to this opportunity and will improve it to the utmost hearty co-operation of the business interests of the city is essential to probefore, be stock to buy, land to donate and subscriptions to make. Unless Scrantonians offer this material kind of encouragement it will be useless to expend a great deal of energy in ad vertising the city and in soliciting negotiations with site seekers when it is foreseen that nothing tangible would be likely to result therefrom, Of all times in the bistory of our progressive city this is the one time when some of the old-time snap, energy and unwayering self confidence that made Scran-ton what it now is, would go farthest are, where you are and what you have for and accomplish most in the extension of our material resources and in the broadening of the foundations upon

which our growing community rests commercially. To HISTORIANS it is interesting to re-

flect that the contemporary successor of those fieres-lipped commanders of the Moslem faithful who, in olden time, used almost to chew pious Christian Crusaders alive, has just granted his gracious permission to the Palestine Exploration society of London to prosecute at will prolonged archaeological inquiries among the ruins of old Jerusalem, Civilization has tamed the

Presbyterians in Session. In the sense that distinguishes a nov

elty, the so-called Briggs heresy has spent its force and lost ground. Those who arranged themselves in the Briggs or of their neighbors. The will of line chiefly because it gave them the appearance of being "scientific," and of being "advance guards" have subsided into their normal common place and the real battle is waging quietly, amid spiritual pain. The general assembly today in session at Saratoga

> becoming calm of temper and soni, The selection day before yesterday of Rev. Dr. Mutchmore, of Philadelphia, as moderator was conspicuously a vic tory of the old school forces. Dr Mutchmore, both as an individual preacher and teacher, and as editor of the Presbyterian, has combatted powerfully the new belief that Seriptural inspiration is a flaxible standard of faith. No Briggs candidate was proposed, but none, it is said, could have been elected

in any event. This general assembly will doubtless move along to its decision without the exciting scenes that characterized the last two assemblies of this denomination; but Briggs must yield or else withdraw to more congenial organizations. This is the handwriting that illuminates the wall.

And, after all, why not? Why should he seek to alter a denominational structure that would loss its corner stone with its concession of his point? Would it not more directly conduce to his own and they want satisfaction. As an of- comfort and to the promotion of truth

the ghost to walk. For while the editors their pens in trashy stuff engage, alls on something worth the while-He toils on the advertising page.

And if you'll but investigate sufficiently you'll find He works more men and hours than the others all combined measure of their popular support. The To him belongs the victor's crown--this brave catch-as-catch-cau, Keen, money-getting, business-booming advertising man. Nixon Waterman

SONG OF THE NORTH POLK. In the gloaming, O my datling, Where the nights are six months long,

if 1 stay till midnight, darling, Would you think that it was long? Would you work the old gags on me ' Would you murmur soft and low, That I would be late for breakfast, Or the clock was six weeks slow ? - Detroit Free Press,

Some one with considerable hard sense advises: "Advertise! If your business is not worth advertising, advertise it for sale" This is something that merchants who are not! in the habit of advertising should think about. The old fashioned sale is forever played out .- Exchange,

Me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more, must be protected by a tariff, and the higher the better is the Democratic meaning of tariff re-form, as exemplified by the measure now being forced through the senate.-Frank fort News.

Scranton may be said to owe much of its prosperity to local building and law as-sociations. Not the kind that take your money way to other states, but the kind that are purely local.—Wilkes-Barre London Leader.

'Judge, your honor, I didn't steal this man's cornet, indeed I didn't," pleaded the prisoner, "I bought it from him. You know me better than that, judge; I live in the same block with you." "Oh, you do?" said the judge. "Pive years. Call the next case."-Indianapolis

IN THE SHADE.

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"Binffen seems different from what he used to," remarked a man on F street. "In what way?" "He was once so self-reliant and boast-ful. One of the people, you know, who seem to know it all." 'Ob, he's had that taken out of him."

*How?" 'this son, aged 21, is home from college. -Washington Star.

Good night | nh | no; the hour is ill Which severs those it should unite; Let us remain together still, Then it will be good-night.

How can I call the lone night good. Though thy sweet wishes wing its flight! Be it not said, though understood, That it will be good-night.

To hearts which near each other move From evening close to morning light, The night is good; because, my love, They never say good-night,

The United States senate has been hyp-notized by the great trusts. It has won all the other trusts and lost that of the people. -Rushville Republican.

There is something more than a vague suspicion that the Coxeyites are in train-ing for the next Democratic congress, should there ever be one.-Marion Chron-

The tariff tinkering should stop and let the people right the existing depression upon the old schedule that brought pros-perity to every industry.—Richmond Inde-pendent.

He goes forth with good spirits, To angle, his wish: He comes back heavy Loaded-But not with fish.

-Kansas City Journal.