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INTERESTING PERSONAL and social mention will be found this morning on page five.

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.

In this country church and state are utterly divorced. One political theory does not exist one creed or class or faith at the expense of another.

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 demonstration of complete civil and religious liberty.

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.

IT NEVER rains but it pours. No sooner had that ugly 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.

set to the saccharine syndicate disclosure, this little incident is scarcely a complete success; but as indicating the proneness of the Democracy to make itself ridiculous, it is not without strong points.

THE DEMOCRATIC party seems providentially adept in invariably, at critical moments, making a fool of itself.

NOTWITHSTANDING the local prevalence last month in 150 cases of one or more of four contagious diseases which, when malignant, often prove fatal, the April death rate of 135 is moderate and indicates that Scranton is in an excellent sanitary condition.

THE HONORABLE Eppa Hunton, a senator from Virginia, is mad because an "unknown man" tried to bribe him and madder still because the man is yet unknown.

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 in the world of business.

These inquiries, therefore, betoken a healthy state of commercial confidence and point strongly to the need at this time of a vigorous presentation of Scranton's superior claims as a city for manufactures.

Very fortunately the board of trade, through its various officials and committees, is alive to this opportunity and will improve it to the utmost measure of their popular support.

To HISTORIANS it is interesting to reflect that the contemporary successor of those three-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.

The selection day before yesterday of Rev. Dr. Mutchmore, of Philadelphia, as moderator was conspicuously a victory of the old school forces.

were he to accept the obvious logic of the situation, and depart, with his following, into freer theological lands? The trend of the times is away from dogmatism and in the direction of liberal unity.

IT IS SURPRISING that so carefully edited a newspaper as the Philadelphia Press should make the almost inexcusable mistake of crediting the poem, "What My Lover Said," to Richard Keat.

SINCE MAJOR McDOWELL has reached a state of placid resignation with reference to the rapidly growing Huff boom for congressmen-at-large, every stumbling block appears to have been removed from the pathway of General Harmony leading to next Wednesday'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 Ball league management is suffering at present from a severe attack of hobbism.

TRIFLES Grave and Gay.

You may talk about your editors who sit in easy chairs And try to boss the whole machine and get out lots of rags.

The men who edit telegraph and write the local stuff Within the little fields they fill may answer right enough.

Some one with considerable hard sense advises: "Advertise! If your business is not worth advertising, advertise it for sale."

Me and my wife, my son John and his wife, as four and no more, must be protected by a tariff, and the higher the better.

Scranton may be said to owe much of its prosperity to local building and law associations. Not the kind that take your money away to other states, but the kind that are purely local.

IN THE SHADE. "Bluff seems different from what he used to be," remarked a man on F street. "In what way?"

Good night! ah! no; the hour is ill! Though thy sweet wishes ring its bell, let us remain together still.

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