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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTEL. For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

A MODERATE DEB upon the electrical poles of Scranton would perhaps be a good quickener to the process of reducing their number.

The Time to Grow. The report of Secretary Atherton, at last evening's meeting of the board of trade, confirms the recent assertion in these columns that now, while general business depression renders doubly necessary the advantageous location of industries, is a first rate time for Scranton's business men to renew former vigorous efforts to advertise Scranton.

It seems like a thrashing over of old straw to attempt to lay before the enterprising business men of this city the advantages of diversified local industries. They know what these are, not only from past teaching, but also from past experience.

Scranton wants to be in that revival and in that deep. We have the facilities, the resources, the labor, and the brains. All that is lacking, or all that is apparently for some time been wanting, is the determination.

It is interesting to note that Rev. Dr. Parkhurst takes the same view that most persons do of Richard Croker's ineffectual flight to Europe. "I consider his flight a good thing," the doctor is quoted as having said in London.

The Pedagogue in Politics. A lively breeze has been stirred in Pittston owing to the recent activity of Professor Robert Shiel, principal of the Pittston schools, in a public meeting called to discuss certain contemplated public improvements.

With regard to my action in taking part as a citizen in civic duties, I should wish to state my position. I maintain that political duties are moral obligations; that every one who can vote should vote; and that the man who neglects by voice or vote to make his influence felt in the government of his locality, is as culpably negligent as he who, being a member of a church, shrinks his duties to that institution.

day when one, having intelligence enough to occupy the position of principal of our schools, should set the bad example of neglecting the performance of his civic duties. We do not pretend to understand all the points at issue in this Pittston complication—indeed, it might be added that we doubt if anybody else does.

NEW JERSEY has recently passed a law which requires young Lochinvars journeying to Camden to get marriage licenses before receiving clerical benediction. By a curious kink, however, this wise provision is waived in the case of Jerseyites themselves.

The Right of Refuge. Perhaps it may be true that President Ezeta, of Salvador, just deposed by one of those frequent revolutions in that tropic clime, has been a bold, bad man, who deserves punishment.

This is the common sense as well as the humanity of the thing. We do not desire to have Old Glory used as a shield for criminals; but the man who has sought and been accorded his protection should be handed over to his pursuers only after the establishment, by them, of a clear case of guilt, coupled with distinct assurances that justice will be administered.

THE ESTEMED Harrisburg Patriot becomes uncommonly facetious because a Pittston journal ventured to express disbelief in the wisdom of according to the state capital a monopoly of state political conventions.

The Trackage Question. The remarks of Mr. Paine at last night's board of trade meeting relative to the unused tracks of the Traction company will receive general enforcement.

With regard to the condition of the Traction company's active tracks, THE TRIBUNE has been at some pains to ascertain the company's intentions; and we deem it no more than fair to the company to say in behalf of its present management that eighty men are at work every day repairing and replacing the run-down lines.

SEVENTEEN YEAR locusts have arrived at Middletown, N. Y. The good citizens do not seem to complain at the action of the insects in gnawing shrubbery down to the roots; transforming shady forests into dreary stump lots, and performing other lawless acts for which the seventeen year locusts are noted.

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over there. The proverbial accuracy in fish literature as well as in reports of locust visitations make it impossible for anything save cold facts to be given in such cases. It stands New York game associations in hand to protect these streams and look after their over-fishy inhabitants.

THE WHOLE issue in this senatorial prosecution of two newspaper correspondents for no other offence in the world than merely telling the truth, is well condoned by the Philadelphia Press in these pointed words: "If the president of the sugar trust, in the face of his deliberate refusal to answer a pertinent and vital question, is not treated like the correspondents for an immeasurably more excusable refusal, it will be a discrimination and favoritism which will produce a most painful impression throughout the country."

THE VIEWS expressed by Rev. Dr. Parkhurst upon a question now uppermost in his state will have many dissenters. When asked in London if woman suffrage would clear the political atmosphere in America, the doctor is reported to have said, with emphasis: "It would not."

THE MAYOR of Indianapolis has just gone on record by recommending the laying of a tax on gas mains in that city. Gas in Indianapolis is used for fuel purposes, as well as an illuminant. The question arises, will he be consistent enough to tax coal chutes and wagons, also?

GENERAL HARRISON'S candidacy for the presidency two years hence has enlisted the support of Hancock county, Ind., but has yet to receive the endorsement of Benjamin Harrison.

BETWEEN OURSELVES. Last evening's Truth says: "The verses on 'May Aug Falls' printed on the editorial page of today's SCRANTON TRIBUNE and labeled 'For The Truth' were printed in the Truth two weeks ago. 'It's not our consequence,' as Truth would say, but it is evident that the author of the lines wrote them 'For The Truth' of June 4, he could not have written them 'For The Truth' of June 16."

Says Brother Bond: "THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE appears to see, in the defeat of Captain Flannery for renomination, a possible chance to capture the district by the Republicans. The TRIBUNE editor's matters through a rosary glass, Mr. Rutledge's nomination gives excellent satisfaction throughout the entire district, and there is no possible chance of defeating him by the votes of the Republican party this year isn't going to concede anything, anywhere, until the votes are counted and the result verified. Strange things have happened that the defeat of Mr. Rutledge; and stranger things will happen in the elections of Nov. 6. We feel it in our bones that this is going to be a Republican year."

The Philadelphia Record, which is the representative in most things of the political wisdom of the nation, evidently does not agree with Mr. Bissell, in his removal of a woman restmarter at Moscow to make room for a Democratic voter who, prior to his appointment, had scarcely known the inside of a postoffice. The Record says: "Experience has demonstrated, both in this country and in England, that women make most acceptable, efficient and agreeable postoffice officials. They don't steal the government funds. Other things being equal, they should be preferred for the light labor of country postoffices."

DANGERS OF FREE TRADE. Washington Post. The workman, no matter in what sphere his activity may be cast, ceases to be a good citizen the moment he finds that his labor will not yield him the necessities of life. It is idle to argue with him on this point. He knows that he returns from his work worn out, hungry, and dejected, and that in the cheerless home, his empty larder, and his mean surroundings there is nothing of recompense or hope or joy. That under such circumstances he should be contented, conservative and exemplary member of society is extravagantly out of the question. That he should, on the contrary, begin to suspect injustice and foul play on the part of his employer, is the most natural thing in life. The question is not one of ethics nor economy nor abstract principle; it is a question of human nature.

THE EZETA CASE. Pittsburg Times. President Ezeta and his cabinet and officers were not traitors, in insurrection against their government. They were the government itself, until armed rebellion overthrew it. They led to the proclamation of the American flag, because to be captured was to be shot, without trial or mercy. That is the hot, swift Central American fashion. The state department at Washington might as well today order the captain of the Bennington to have them blown from the muzzles of his cannon, as to deliver them over to their triumphant enemies. Suppose rebellion had triumphed in this country 80 years ago, and President Lincoln and his cabinet had fled to the shelter of a neutral flag, would any civilized nation on earth have thrust them back against the bayonets of a mob that howled for their instant murder?

Opposition to Woman Suffrage. Rochester Post-Express. There is nothing in the nature of casting a ballot that is unbecoming. It is a simple, clean, decent, respectable action, which involves no degradation. It is a simple turn, before an expediency, and argument becomes largely a matter of doubt.

hope, speculation; and we are more and more disposed to think that those who oppose women suffrage base their opinion less on abstract principles or considerations of social forces, or political probabilities, than upon old custom, old prejudice, antipathy to innovation, and dread of probable evil.

ODIOUS AND UNAUTHORIZED.

Senator David B. Hill. An income tax is a scheme of monarchial government only, which always saucy class legislation, but which is never adopted by Republicans except from dire necessity during the emergency of war. It is neither a Democratic nor a Republican principle, but is Socialistic in its inception, un-American in theory, unequal in its operation and necessarily offensive in its execution. It is unjust, because it is unnecessary for purposes of revenue. It is an ill-disguised sectional attack upon the industry, thrift, enterprise and vast business interests of the Northern states, which should be vigorously resented by the men of all parties. It is an odious tax, for which the people have never expressed their approval at the polls. In my judgment, it will surely bring disaster to the political party that enacts it.

It Amounts to Anarchy. Rochester Post-Express. This argument basing the right of suffrage on the power to fight forgets the very nature of society and nationhood. Society is formed or grows for the good of all, the weak as well as the strong; and the state, under the law, represents the strength of the whole and wields the power of the whole. To concede a state that cannot enforce the law, is to deny the right of that state to exist, and to break the bond of political fellowship.

Too Gloomy a View. New York Sun. The Rev. Dr. Paxton takes too gloomy a view of social conditions and the prospects of the human race: "I see a spirit of unrest everywhere. Neither capital or labor has made any money for two years. There are too many mouths to feed. War or pestilence, that is the only remedy for us."

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