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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

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Copies of the souvenir pamphlet showing the official election returns for Lackawanna county may be had at The Tribune business office, for the asking. These pamphlets make desirable books of reference, and all our friends are welcome to free copies.

Electricity Kills.

There is no good reason to believe that under ordinary conditions a sudden shock of electricity such as is applied in New York penitentiaries in the case of criminals condemned to the electrical chair does not produce death. The str which has been occasioned in the newspapers by the Syracuse physician who has questioned the decisiveness of electricity thus administered, comes altogether from those who are charmed by the novelty of Dr. Gibbons' contention. It does not represent a serious and general scientific doubt.

The first electrocution practiced in New York state was that of Kemmler, at Auburn. The electrical apparatus upon that occasion was new and the work done was bungled. Nevertheless, Dr. Clayton M. Daniels, of Buffalo, who conducted the autopsy, testifies that the blood of the victim was absolutely disintegrated by the electric shock. The oxygenated blood in the left side of Kemmler's heart, where perfect combustion was possible, after months of preservation in hermetically sealed glass jars, was watery and thin, and under the microscope gave no evidence of corpuscles; whereas the imperfectly oxygenated blood on the right side of the murderer's heart was only partially destroyed, showing that the arterial, or vital flow of blood, was not only suspended by the shock but unqualifiedly stopped for all time. Dr. Gibbs, of New York, who conducted the autopsy in the case of Murderer Johnson, makes substantially the same assertions with reference to that case. To make sure that the blood had been disintegrated, Dr. Gibbs made an incision in the corpse and not a drop of blood came. Dr. Carlos F. McDonald, who has written a careful report of the first seven executions by electricity in New York state, speaks favorably of Dr. Gibbons' question in calling this resuscitation question up, but adds: "I don't say that it is impossible to resuscitate a person shocked to death by electricity; as I would thus make out that I am infallible. I saw the first seven cases and made a careful examination of each body, assisted by several very able scientists, and I assure you that the method of dispatching criminals by electricity is the surest and least painful of any yet adopted. I am satisfied that the current renders the subject unconscious in an infinitesimal fraction of a second and destroys both conscious and organic life in a shorter space of time than by any other mode of it."

In order, then, to establish his position Dr. Gibbons will have to overcome the disintegration of the arterial blood, the absolute collapse of the heart and lungs, and the paralysis of the heart's action and of the nerve centers. To do this will be to perform as great a miracle as any which is recorded in sacred or profane history. Any declaration as to the consequences of his experiment prior to its occurrence would be purely conjectural. It is, of course, possible that the shock to be applied to Murderer Charles F. Wilson may be deficient, in which event resuscitation is not out of the possibilities. But such talk as that which Dr. Gibbons indulges in when he volunteers to receive into his system 2,200 volts of electricity in the manner that shocks are now imparted to convicted murderers, provided his patent appliance of resuscitation be immediately used upon him, is nothing less than sheer bravado, to be accounted for on the advertising basis only.

Electricity kills. There isn't room for doubt of it.

The floods of rhetoric occasioned by Dr. Gibbons' question "Does Electricity Kill?" shows that not always is the free advertising trap spread in vain in the sight of the argus-eyed press.

Clarifying Criminals.

Apropos of the str which is being made just now with reference to the question, "Does Electricity Kill?" Dr. Roswell Park, of Buffalo advances a timely idea. "For my part," says he, "I should prefer to see condemned criminals placed under the control of a medical commission, appointed by the governor at the suggestion of the chief colleges in the state, for experiment.

This would be of inestimable value to science. The idea is not actually new, for it was the custom in Italy in the fifteenth century to turn the condemned criminals over to the surgeons for the benefit of science, and science was greatly benefited. This would dispose of the condemned to good advantage. There would not be any sentimental visits of strangers, nor delving of a murderer, and his cell would not be a bower of roses. As soon as a man is condemned now he is given anything and everything he wants. The object of punishment for crime is to have the punishment act as a deterrent." And instead of acting as such nowadays, it acts rather as an invitation to crime, for the adulation that criminal notoriety brings.

The talk nowadays of resuscitating a condemned murderer is interesting enough, from a scientific standpoint; but it is just possible that it is having a bad effect upon those who are easily incited to commit crime for the publicity that they get out of it. The material point with reference to those murderers in New York state who have been subjected, from time to time, to the electrical chair, is not so much whether they were killed by the electric current or by the surgeon's knife as it is that they were killed dead, eliminated bodily, as it were, from the future problem of crime deterrence. The law, in recognizing the propriety of capital punishment, leaves little margin for fine discrimination as to the particular method of death. It sanctions the principle of a life for a life, and a good many persons of average decency and intelligence appear to be quite content to let it go at that.

Colonel McClure has just discovered that the nation is once more in need of instantaneous saving. The colonel is an amiable alarmist.

The only new county measure which appears to have any chance of running the gauntlet at Harrisburg this winter will be one that stands upon a substantial foundation of justice and is genuinely demanded by the people. Judged by this rule, Quay county has the floor.

"What Cleveland Wants" is the heading of a contemporary. We cannot answer that question, but what the country wants and what Cleveland needs is a good, long, rest.

An Excellent Cabinet.

Whether considered from the standpoint of personal fitness or from that of political equis and expediency, the cabinet of Governor-elect Hastings is equally admirable. Geographically it restores the balance disturbed when Walter Lyon of Pittsburg, Colonel Huff of Westmoreland, and Captain Haywood of Mercer received prominent honors as representatives of the west and northwest; politically it is replete with the shrewdness of General Reeder, one of the best of contemporary politicians, the widespread popularity of Colonel Thomas J. Stewart and the large personal familiarity with men and affairs enjoyed by Colonel Lambert; and intellectually it has in ex-Congressman McCormick one of the ablest lawyers and best Republicans in the commonwealth.

We are confident that these men will bring to public office a sincere desire to be fair, straightforward and honest. The easy oscillations of a Harrity and the demagogic piliancy of a Hensel will be conspicuous by their entire absence from the record of the incoming state administration. The incoming advisers thoroughly exemplify the best aspirations of Republicanism and will have, in their new positions, the entire confidence of the public.

One of the pleasant features of the new cabinet's appointment has been the entire lack of friction among the suggested aspirants. This is a happy augury of the harmony which seems assured between governor and advisers, and between leaders and following in the party ranks. That with such an auspicious beginning General Hastings will have a pleasant and prosperous tenure of his new office, acceptable alike to himself and to the people, seems happily probable, if not actually certain.

A fire marshal for the city of Scranton might prevent incendiary fires and he might not. It would depend somewhat upon the marshal. By the by, what are the police for?

Little villages learn about twenty-four hours after they are burned up, that it pays to have fire fighting apparatus; and about three weeks after they have been beleaguered by infectious diseases which carry off one-half their population, the conviction dawns upon them that modern sewerage is after all really a cheap investment. There's no school like experience.

A good plan, before one makes charges similar to those recently made by V. H. Withers against Reynolds Bros., and incidentally the supply committee of the board of control, is to have something to base them upon.

The Silly Season Already On.

The silly season has begun early among the Washington correspondents. One of the most conspicuous of the symptoms of this recurring mania is embodied in a dispatch to the Philadelphia Times alleging that friends of ex-President Harrison and Governor McKinley in congress will endeavor to head off the growing prominence of the Reed presidential boom by leading an organized revolt against Mr. Reed's candidacy for the speakership of the Fifty-fourth congress.

It dignifies a transparent fiction to deny it. We allude to the present example of journalistic romance simply to exhibit one of the peculiarities of this started-election season. The ball thus after rolling will no doubt gather momentum as the days glide by. We shall, in due time, have gradations of this sort of thing until, as a climax, the Indiana ex-president will be depicted as literally carrying pistols and bowie knives, while Reed and McKinley will fairly scintillate with the gleams of deadly weapons and the scowl of mutual hate. The horizon, which now is mellow with the happy halo of peace, will, in all probability, yet become livid and lurid with the horrid lights of war; and timid Republicans will not be able to sleep o' nights from fear of

fratricidal strife or factional assassination. It is always thus in the Democratic papers. The fact that Republicans know nothing about it is merely a detail, a minor detail.

It is a fact, pleasantly brought out in one of George W. Smalley's London letters, that the late Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, in addition to writing some of the choicest literature of our times, was one of the fathers of our-door athletics as now practiced by the young men at our colleges. In the main, of course, this is a creditable retrospect; but there are times when one is forced to doubt if, after all, the genial doctor wrought wholly for the best.

The Utopian club, of Philadelphia, has offered a series of prizes for the best compositions of music by American composers received by it prior to March 1, 1895. Here is a chance for the budding musical genius of the authentic region to put his talent to better use than in interjective quarreling.

The first assistant postmaster general complains vigorously because some dishonest congressmen abuse their franking privilege. Why should any congressman have this privilege, anyhow? Give him a sufficient salary and make him pay for his stamps.

Governor Fishback, of Arkansas, is the latest conspicuous convert to the free coinage, under reasonable restrictions, of American silver. Governor Fishback is obviously determined not to become a muckraker on this question.

Money spent in improving the sanitary condition of a city or village is money invested in gilt edged securities at cent per cent. interest.

CHATS BY THE WAY.

A communication from Rev. Mr. Malce, which should have appeared yesterday, appears today, having been omitted through mistake. It is in the nature of which editorial diffusion was made, under the impression that letter and editorial would be enabled to run the gauntlet of the "man-in-man" simultaneously; an impression which too often, alas, proves deceptive to workers on daily newspapers.

The selection of Colonel James H. Lambert, of the Philadelphia Press, to be insurance commissioner in General Hastings' official family assures the government of the counsel and services of a sincere and trustworthy friend, as well as a keen student of public affairs. The position is one exacting in itself, but Colonel Lambert will not only fill it with credit, but also, as I am pleased to learn, find time to continue a connection with journalism which has been unbroken during a quarter of a century. Every member of the craft will wish for Colonel Lambert a most successful and pleasant sojourn at Harrisburg.

The experiment of a penny afternoon newspaper, which seems to be hopeless in Scranton, with its 100,000 population, has succeeded so well in Altoona, a city of only 20,000, that the enterprising Gazette of that city has just been forced to enlarge to a neat eight-page form. The Gazette, in any form, is bright, chirpy and full of news, and to all appearances is equally as prosperous financially.

John H. Blackwood brings back from Wales, among other laughable anecdotes, the following good story on Virtuoso King, the celebrated London pianist. He formed one of a concert party which toured in Wales simultaneously with the company from this city. At one place, where the club was invited to give a just-nineteen-penny-all men-in-the-forenoon, Mr. King generously invited those to occupy seats in the front row, reached in his pocket, pulled out a few ten-cent pieces, and handed them to the organist, who gave each auditor one, lit it himself and started in on one of Chopin's waltzes. The date was not a great success, financially, but those present certainly had a good time.

One of yesterday's visitors in Scranton was Mr. John E. Richmond, of Florida, who has recently returned from a pleasant visit in Quebec. Mr. Richmond is an inveterate traveler, a keen observer of men and affairs and a gifted correspondent. Through the kindness of the Honorable Citizen, the first of these letters will regularly contribute. The Tribune has been enabled to secure the right to print a series of six letters upon Quebec—its history, quaint manners and customs—simultaneously with their appearance in the citizen. The first of these letters will be printed in next Saturday's Tribune.

The Forest City correspondent of a Carbonate paper advances the following interesting reasons in favor of a new county with Carbonade as the county seat: "Although the new county scheme looks very chimerical at present, there are many people here who wish it were possible for the projectors to be successful. There are reasons for this. One is that so much time has to be occupied in going to and coming from Monroe. We have to go to Scranton and then up the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and then switch off over a branch from Allford. But this is not the worst. We have a set of commissioners who will not allow full mileage, who hold back as long as they can before they will pay a bill, who wherever possible, pay less than any other commissioners in the state for the same kind of work; in fact men who will squeeze a cent as if they wanted to make it a five dollar gold piece with a hole in it. They kick on so many prisoners being sent over from here; they kick on allowing the constable his proper fees; they kick on election bills, and they kick on everything that does not benefit Monroe." We do not know what truth there is in this line of argument. We merely give it as one of the curious developments of the hour.

A sheet of music costs, on an average, from 20 to 25 cents. Sometimes it is worth it and sometimes it is not. Generally speaking, it is not. But there are exceptions. One really good piece of music is worth many times its cost. It is invaluable. Recognizing the extent of the demand for new music of a popular yet not worthless character, The Tribune has contracted for the appearance, in its special Saturday edition, of one entire number of music each week, by the best of living composers. One week's number will be for the piano or organ, while the following week's selection will be for the voice. Not all of these selections, we dare say, will please all our readers all the time; but some of them will charm them exceedingly; and as the cost of each person is only 2 cents per number, with the best weekly issue of the best Scranton newspaper thrown in, we do not anticipate many complaints. We expect to see a large popularity for this taking feature that orders for extra copies of the Saturday Tribune should reach this office not later than Friday noon.

THE NEW COUNTY IDEA.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Scranton Tribune takes a favorable view of the proposition to create a new county out of the southwestern part of Luzerne and the northern part of Schuylkill counties, which new county it is proposed to call Quay county. There must, of course, be some good reasons for the creation of the new county. Otherwise the movement would not show the persistency that it has shown. The main reasons are found in the remoteness of the territory from the county seats. From the Schuylkill portion many residents must go through Hazleton and make a journey of forty-seven miles to reach their present county seat at Pottsville. From the Luzerne portion a journey of fifty miles and the crossing of three mountain ranges are required in order to reach the county seat at Wilkes-Barre. The mileage fees of witnesses and other

ers are so great that it costs both the present counties more to govern these remote portions of their respective jurisdictions than the territory in question yields to the county treasuries in taxes. The inaccessibility of the courts and the consequent reluctance of people to appear as witnesses is said to be largely responsible for the well-known lawlessness of the Hazleton region. For these reasons, which it must be admitted are strong ones, The Tribune says that the Quay or Hazle county movement stands upon an entirely different footing from those schemes of politicians to create offices and opportunities for themselves and their friends. At the county seats of old counties there is any amount of railway, land and open denunciation of the new county movement. But it must be remembered that originally there were only Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester counties in the whole commonwealth. All the rest have been created as the need for them grew. If there be a real need for the new county of Hazle or Quay, as there seems to be, it will come.

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