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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Some and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. "Extremely healthy." Estimated population, 1894, 103,000. Registered voters, 20,000. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000. It's the metropolis of northeastern Pennsylvania. Can produce electric power cheaper than Niagara. No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries. See how we grow: Population in 1860, 9,223. Population in 1870, 35,000. Population in 1880, 45,820. Population in 1890, 75,215. Population in 1894 (estimated), 103,000. And the end is not yet.

When Philadelphia and Allegheny got through at the Harrisburg pie-counter, they will please tip a wink to the remainder of the commonwealth.

A Friendly Hint.

At the hours of noon and midnight, say for an hour at each time, the street car service in this city ought to be doubled. If it were doubled, we believe that the patronage would increase at those times sufficient to cover the increased cost. Hundreds of men now walk to and from their homes, at the dinner and supper hours, because they do not care to take chances aboard the densely-packed street cars. A habit thus formed governs their travel at other hours, also, and will, in time, communicate itself to others, who yet ride. Even if the Traction company were under no obligations to the public, it would promote its own best interests by improving its service in these particulars. The fact that it is, to a very large extent, a creature of public favor adds to the logic of our argument. From what we know of General Farmer Becken we do not believe that if his resources and authority were ample, he would starve the car service in this city or permit an unnecessary moment to delay a radical improvement of "stock and fixtures." If, therefore, as we partly suspect, he is restrained from needed expenditures by distant influences, the fact should be brought to their attention that trolley investments in this city cannot be made to pay until the reasonable demands of the people shall first have been respected. Scranton, in these matters, is not patterned after patient and long-suffering Philadelphia.

The Question of Reapportionment.

Upon the basis of the census of 1890, the congressional ratio of representation in this state is one member to every 173,901 population. The apportionment of the two congressmen now elected at large to regular districts, as well as the readjustment of the present regular districts so that they will more nearly conform to the ratio, will be a duty which will devolve upon the next legislature, and it will obviously be an important duty. The Philadelphia Press claims that Philadelphia will get one of these congressmen and Allegheny the other, since each county already has one more ratio than it now has members of the national house of representatives. The problem left to the legislature will be to equitably distribute the ratios among the twenty-one remaining districts. Of these districts eight fall 10,000 or more below the ratio in population; namely, the Eighth, with a population of 152,367; the Tenth, with 149,995; the Eleventh, with 142,688; the Thirteenth, with 154,163; the Fifteenth, with 146,237; the Seventeenth, with 138,795; the Twentieth, with 151,398; and the Twenty-second, with 138,326. The Sixth, Seventh, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-eighth districts come so near the ratio that little if any change will be necessary; while the Ninth, with 223,558; the Twelfth, with 201,203; the Twentieth, with 213,202; the Twenty-first, with 245,736; the Twenty-fourth, already having exclusive of its Allegheny portion, 189,096; and the Twenty-fifth, with 198,668, considerably exceed the ratio. If we assume that the Twenty-fourth district, with Allegheny excluded, could stand without further change, the problem that presents itself is how to equalize the facts that the 1,171,990 inhabitants of the small districts have eight representatives in congress while the 1,082,777 inhabitants of the large districts have only five.

Political Points.

Fred W. Fleitz may be reading clerk. Speaker-to-be Harry Walton has pneumonia. Senator Quay went to Washington yesterday. The Pittston Gazette, which started the Grow congressional boom, now wants to see a Grow presidential boom. It is said that Auditor General-elect Mylin has decided to appoint Colonel John A. Glenn, of Pittsburg, corporation clerk. Colonel Glenn held this position under Auditor General Norris and McCamant. The only applicant thus far heard from for the appointment of superintendent of public buildings and grounds, now filled by Major John Lockhart, of Philadelphia, is Colonel T. W. Hoffman, of Mifflin, Pa. The salary of this place is \$1,000 a year. Since the announcement that ex-Senator James Rooney, of Susquehanna county, has been appointed by Internal Revenue Collector Grant Herring, deputy collector for the sub-district comprising Wayne and Susquehanna counties, the Honesdale

display art; but a good many of these advances have been made in a harmful direction. Beauty and color need not imply levity. Secretary Morton contends that the distribution of free bread by congressmen who want to reap a harvest of votes has reached the proportions of a public nuisance; and he is right. Uncle Sam's mission in life is much superior to that of a seed peddler. The rejected political wooer in Colorado is naturally quite disgusted with the experiment of woman suffrage; but from all accounts the victorious voter is more than satisfied with its success. The trouble with Li Hung Chang is that he knows too much. There is still a good deal of the "crucify-him" in human nature, whatever the country, the race or the occasion. The Thanksgiving day foot ball battle between Harvard and Pennsylvania, we are told, "retrieves foot ball's reputation." That is partly true; only five men were demolished. One day, in the Wilkes-Barre papers, Scranton musicians were "hoops." The next day they were gentlemen and scholars. What next? It is a singular fact that the newspapers seldom give up pages of space to intellectual combats among the colleges. A good rule for the short session of congress would be to say nothing and saw wood. Extra street cars at noon and midnight is an issue that would sweep the country. China's disintegration cannot come too soon nor be one whit too thorough.

It has often been remarked that that will accomplish more than talent in almost every walk of life. A man of talent who has dealings with fellow individuals becomes almost useless in the endeavor to improve humanity unless he also possesses a certain amount of tact. An amusing instance of this kind of fact upon a part of a well meaning clergyman of this city is given by a reporter upon one of the Scranton dailies, whose good nature caused him to pass over lightly an affront to the profession that might have aroused the ire of the ordinary man. The reporter had been seeking information of the clergyman regarding church matters, which had been freely given. Throughout the interview the conduct of the reporter had been gentlemanly. In fact the young man referred to is noted throughout the local journalistic circles for his uniform politeness and courteous manners. However, as he thanked the minister for the information and was preparing to take his departure, the clergyman suddenly turned to him and with the air that one would assume in addressing a criminal who was undergoing a life sentence as a penalty for atrocious deeds, said: "Sir, are you a Christian?" The reporter replied with the statement that he was a church member and was endeavoring to lead a Christian life. The minister turned to another clergyman present with an expression of astonishment, and said: "Just think of it! Here is a reporter who says that he is a Christian!" There is no question that the intentions of the good man were right; and, had he not marked many things occur daily that would perhaps to a certain extent justify the minister's implied opinion of newspaper men in general and Scranton scribes in particular. But it is doubtful if the enthusiastic worker in the Master's vineyard will meet with phenomenal success as a missionary to the benighted scribblers of Scranton unless the painful abruptness of his initiatory work is somewhat modified.

Manager Laing, of the Frothingham, was one of the happiest men in the city yesterday. The sale of seats for the Jefferson "Tip Van Winkle" Thanksgiving performance outlasted the records of the house. Notwithstanding the advanced prices demanded by Mr. Jefferson before he would consent to make an engagement for the holiday, the house was well filled. The people were determined to see the work-man's impersonation of the hero of Irving's charming tale of the Catskills at any price. The house was well filled at both entertainments and in the evening many occupied stanchion room. Manager Laing, therefore, is correspondingly happy.

I see that the talking fiend still infects the theater. By the talking fiend, I mean the knowing individual who entertains members of the audience sitting near him by the gratuitous airing of opinion during the performance of the theatrical on the stage. This smart personage, of course, objects to high hats. To him the high theater headgear is a nuisance. At the same time, however, he invariably assists the high hat in making the audience generally miserable by keeping up his senseless gabble, so that people shall neither hear nor see. Would that some mystic power could enable the theatrical talking fiend to see himself as he appears to his neighbors in the audience.

There is a probability that the numerous foot ball accidents of Thursday will lead to a revision of the rules of the game as played in America. Broken noses, limbs and backs indicate that the sport at present is conducted principally in the interest of the physician and undertaker. A return to the good, old-fashioned game where the players chased and kicked the ball about the field would be welcome. The game of other days was far less dangerous and much more enjoyable than is the present scientific leg-breaking contest, that has been so disastrous to many ambitious athletes.

The choice phraseology of Sam Hudson's editorials of late doubtless indicates the true character and familiar associations of the writer. When a man's real mad he is liable to talk natural.

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Coming down to the local significance of this question, we have presented the fact that our own district is 31,813 under size, while the Twelfth is 27,392 too large. If the political element were eliminated, nothing would be easier than to take from Luzerne approximately 39,000 population, and attach it to Lackawanna. Assuming that a modification of the present district boundaries is necessary, this might be accomplished, if from Luzerne there were detached and annexed to the Eleventh district the 33,113 persons inhabiting Avoca, Exeter borough, Exeter township, Hugeshtown borough, Parris township, Pittston borough, Pittston township, Plains, West Pittston, Wyoming and Yatesville. The two districts would then be as near the requisite ratio as legislation could well place them. The Eleventh district would have 175,291 inhabitants and the Twelfth would have 188,090, upon the basis of 1890. The political effect of this change, estimated upon the basis of the Harrison-Cleveland vote of two years ago, would be to subtract 220 Democratic plurality from the Twelfth district and add the same to the Eleventh. The same territory in the last spring election and in the recent gubernatorial election returned Republican pluralities; and while their political affiliations are an uncertain quantity, we believe the general trend in Luzerne's upward is toward the Republican party.

The moral sentiment which urges legislative restriction of posted lithographs, in order that ruda pictures and other illustrations of a debasing character may be excluded from the bill boards and dead walls of our cities, is well founded. Great advances have lately been made in the lithographic

presidency. It is also true that Thomas B. Reed, as speaker, and William McKinley as chairman of the ways and means committee of the Fifty-fifth congress would be better located for efficient public service than either would be as president. The wish of General Harrison to remain free from official cares could well be respected by the party, inasmuch as his one term as chief executive will go down in history as one of the cleanest and most creditable administrations we have ever had. It is our opinion that a "new man," as the phrase is understood in politics, is quite as likely to be the next presidential nominee of the Republican party as is any of the three or four familiar candidates who will enter the next convention with something of the odor of factionalism attaching to each one. This new man may be a western man—indeed, sometimes we think the logic of the situation points that way, to a man say like Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota—or he may be one of the two or three excellent Republicans who conspicuously represent the imperial Republicanism of Industrial Pennsylvania. The candidacy of Mr. Grow, for instance; of Senator Quay, or perhaps better than either, because peculiarly representative of the sentiment which last month rolled up in his name the massive indorsement of a quarter-of-a-million popular plurality, and because freer than either from past complications, the candidacy of General Daniel H. Hastings would present a happy basis of factional compromise and at the same time confer well-earned recognition upon the banner Republican state in the Union.

But there is time enough to think of these things when more immediate duties shall have been cleared from the political pathway. The particular point at this time is that the American public need not lose sleep through anxiety lest it should experience a shortage of presidential timber.

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Herald wants to know if any Susquehanna man wants the Honesdale postoffice. Says the Harrisburg Patriot: "The leadership of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania has been so weak, so notoriously inefficient, so straggled up in spoils gathering upon the wreck of party organization and devotion, as to be despised by Democrats generally. This feeling was so well developed prior to the election, and indeed for several years past, that no matter who might have been president, what might have been an operative economic law of the land, or who the Democratic candidate for governor, the Republicans would have had a walk-over. That is why Mr. Slingerly himself asks for reorganization of the party and what is meant by reorganization when it is insisted that reorganization in this state is necessary." Apropos of the suggestion that the Pennsylvania delegation to the next national Republican convention might wish to favor Senator Quay with a complimentary vote for the presidency, the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "Quay has played a prominent part in Washington. He elected Harrison president. That cannot be denied, even by his worst enemies. He saved the McKinley tariff bill when only wise statesmanship could force a vote. He remains the leader of the Pennsylvania Republicans." And it might have added that if by any chance he should ever become president, the nation would have an executive of shrewdness, gumption and wholesome common sense—no better than nine-tenths of the men who have sat in the white house chair. David Martin is for Penrose for mayor.

A Democratic Industry. From the Atlanta Constitution. "In the Colonel in the real estate business yet?" "I suppose so. I heard that he was in the recent landslide."

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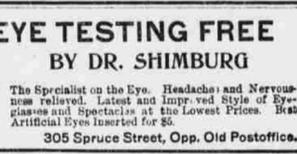
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