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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 760 feet.

Scranton is vindicated at last. In the cards of the Long Distance Telephone company posted in Philadelphia hotels it is set forth that:

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Elm Park Church Anniversary.

We venture to say that there is nowhere in the city, be it Protestant, Catholic, Jew, Mohammedan, agnostic or atheist, a man who does not honestly rejoice in the happy circumstances which, after two baptisms by fire, has enabled worshippers at the Elm Park church this week to commemorate the first anniversary of their handsome new structure's completion and dedication to the purposes of religion.

Only a little more than twelve months ago, what is now the best-designed church building in Pennsylvania was a mass of charred ruins—the second mass of ruins which, within a few weeks, had occupied the church's site and occasioned, despite all argument, hushed mutterings of evil portent.

It is altogether within range of reasonable possibility that the majority of those who read these lines will live to see Scranton a city of a quarter of a million inhabitants. We do not share the pessimistic belief that with the exhaustion of our anthracite coal deposits will come an end to Scranton's growth.

It may not be inopportune to renew attention to the circumstance that while our thriving city is building a business broader and more substantial with each passing year, it is also quite as steadily adding to its other wealth in new churches, new schools, new libraries and new hospitals.

The forger who takes Senator Quay to be a ready letter-writer ought to be more careful in studying his man.

While there ought not to be, among thoughtful persons, a disposition to rejoice at a tragedy such as that which, having sent one innocent human being to death, afterward wishes to exact the life of her assassin, it is gratifying to us to observe that the public generally has correctly estimated the true significance of the Bezek verdict.

From the Philadelphia Record. Junior Brainham, of Wyoming (Pa.) seminary, who, having been taken from his bed by half a dozen seniors and doused under a pump, and, having recognized one of his tormentors, took occasion next day to break the nose, black the eyes and split the lips of his assailant, has not only made himself a hero, but has thrown enough cold water on the burning business to cool off the zeal for that style of Wyoming massacre for some years to come.

A recent reminiscence related by Mayor Corbett to our versatile friend, T. A. Barrett, carries with it a strikingly suggestive moral: "I was in Boston a few months ago at the time there was a slight cave-in over in Bellevue," said the mayor, "and saw on the newspaper bulletin board there, in glaring letters, that Scranton, Pa., was sinking into the earth and thousands of lives and millions of property were in danger.

"At the same time, his individual bias upon this subject should not be permitted to mislead his sober estimate of the adduced evidence in a murder case. With the poetry of assassination and the spirituality of the red-handed assassin he has, as a juror, ought to do. His single province is to pass upon common fact, and reach a conclusion as to the prisoner's innocence or guilt. If the conclusion in any case be that there is unmistakable guilt, it is the juror's sworn duty to declare accordingly, although a later consequence of such declaration were to be the sentencing of the accused to be hanged, drawn and quartered. The law-makers of the land are responsible, and solely responsible, for the form of the punishment. It is no part of any juror's business, as a juror, to criticize the law as it is laid down to him, nor to anticipate the law's action in case a certain pronouncement by him may bring a prisoner within reach of such action.

foundations of several houses cracked. Only that and nothing more." It is difficult to say, off-hand, just how these effervescent liars who send out such misinformation on this can be brought to book; but if there is a remedy it should certainly be applied. Scrantonians have enough to do to stagger along under the weight of the true things that can be said of them—said of their wretched wooden block pavements, for instance; their festive speak easies; their lack of appreciation for high-class musical and literary entertainments; their slipshod regulation of fire-trap buildings; their easy indifference to the speculations and speculations of vernal councilmen; and their indefinite toleration of street nuisances that in most cities would be abated as soon as perceived—let them be spared, therefore, the unconscionable persecutions of the space-rate, sensational, hired liar.

In consequence of what the Report calls the Southern Pacific's monopolistic rates, the curious spectacle of regular freight traffic between San Francisco and Fresno, conducted by mule trains, is now visible in California. The first "schooner" load of ten tons of general merchandise was transported the 112 miles in this pioneer fashion very successfully, at less cost than by rail, and regular wagon trips are being arranged. Evidently the interstate commerce law is not a howling success on the coast.

Scranton and Its Future. With a new hospital coming in Hyde Park, and a \$75,000 appropriation for Lackawanna hospital recommended by the State Board of Charities, with one of the finest new high school buildings in the state in course of construction, together with a new hotel and several office buildings equal to any in the large cities; with another magnificent church structure certain to be soon begun by the First Presbyterian congregation; and with the two new bridges at last in the contractor's hands, not to speak of the graded boulevard approach that is promised by the Scranton Traction company between this time and spring, the immediate outlook for growth in Scranton's appearance and conveniences cannot be called other than bright.

At the same time, however, there is room for much additional growth. The park project is yet to be converted into an established fact; a thoroughly organized paid fire department has yet to be evolved from the present good, but not good enough, volunteer service; muddy streets in the very center of the city's business district need to be paved with Belgian block, brick or asphalt and the sharp contrasts between new and pioneer architecture toned down by the replacement of ramshackle small store buildings with modern buildings of fire-proof design.

The Brook's license law inquiry, of which Sam Hudson, of this city, is secretary, will hold its first session in Philadelphia Thursday.

The latest presidential slate fixed up by the political gossips for 1895 has Congressman Reed at the head of the Republican and Secretary Oullette at the head of the Democratic ticket.

Colonel McCormick, of Williamsport, who is to attorney general, specifically announces that he will not give the \$250 a year clerkship to the sixteenth congressional district. It may go to ex-County Chairman Charles P. Adams, of Carlisle.

On his retirement from congress in March, Judge Holman, Democrat, of Indiana, will write a book of personal reminiscences of his thirty years in congress. It will deal largely with finances and government, and, and in its personalities is expected to be spicy.

It is proposed in Carbonate to ask Representative-elect O'Malley to introduce a bill repealing the unjust and inadequate special laws under which the school and poor boards of that city are now working, and to put these bodies under the new general law for cities of the third class.

The election of Silas W. Pettit over Clayton McMichael as president of Philadelphia's well Union League was a general surprise. One of the defeated directors on the McMichael ticket was Captain Lambert, of the Press. The league will soon confer a public reception to Governor-elect Hastings.

The Wellsboro Agitator advances the proposition that the next Republican state convention ought to order the selection of future delegates to take place by secret ballot. "Such a rule," it observes, "would soon familiarize all the Republicans of the state with that manner of making nominations, and when the voters themselves once learn how easily and equitably the system works, they may be trusted to apply it to the selection of all candidates."

From the Post-Express. The day has come when the Turkish empire should be sponged out of existence, and the world cleansed from one of the foulest organizations that ever stained it. The dominion of the Turk has been the greatest curse in history. There should be a demolition of the Turkish empire, no matter what power gets the islands, what power keeps Egypt, what power wins Constantinople, or what old nationality, long held in bondage, reasserts its independence.

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From the Philadelphia Record. It is refreshing to note that the Scranton papers have at least one issue upon which they are communitarian. The journals of that city, no matter how fiercely they quarrel among themselves, are always a unit for anything which concerns the interests of the town. If we only had a little of that local pride down here, Wilkes-Barre would be a city of 100,000 by this time.

From the Williamsport Times. Representative Farr will introduce this winter a compulsory educational bill. If the bill is a good one it should be passed; if not, it should be made a good one and then passed. This state needs a compulsory education bill very badly. It can be seen by observing the number of children on streets in cities and boroughs during school hours.

Lackawanna county appear to have been groping in the dark as to their rightful duty. It is no small matter to learn that some of them have at last found light. May that light increase!

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Good Timber Is Plentiful. From the Luzerne Express. There are several men in this state who rise to the dignity of presidential possibilities, and, in the next two years, sentiment may crystallize on one of these men. Should this contingency arise the question from this state should be sold and insist that its claims be recognized.

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