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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 28, 1894. THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1894, 108,000. Registered voters, 29,500. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000.

Now that the pull-backs in council have been routed home, foot and dragons in the preliminary warfare of words over those new bridges, let us hope that they will have the good sense to suppress any future inclinations to "trifle with the buzz saw."

The Glimmer of the Dawn. It is a pleasant omen for the anthracite region that upon the very day following the belated appearance of winter, presidents and representatives of the leading coal carrier railroads, meeting in Philadelphia, should favorably consider such a readjustment of tonnage allotments as is calculated, if finally ratified, to bring renewed prosperity to the anthracite industry.

We are aware that there yet exists, in some quarters, a notion that it will somehow prove a benefit to the workers in our mines and to the industries of this section which are intimately dependent upon the prosperity of the coal trade to have the fuel resources of the anthracite district squandered in a fierce and profitless internecine business warfare.

Our unusually dignified contemporary, the Philadelphia Press, in speaking of the proposition to create a new judgeship in this county, steps aside from its accustomed fairness and descends to sarcasm. This is the result: "Lackawanna wants another judge. This is to have been anticipated. Luzerne county has four, including its orphan's court judge, and it would have been too much to expect Lackawanna to be very long contented to put up with one judge less than her big neighbor.

This is the first time that Luzerne county has been introduced into this discussion. The people of Lackawanna county, however, do not need to cite the number of judges in a neighboring county in order to make out a case for themselves. It is amply sufficient to lay down the simple proposition that in their courts, with three judges working steadily, cannot keep pace with the constantly enlarging volume of business entered upon the dockets of those courts.

Let us hope that Mr. Schadt will be more fortunate in his administration of the county treasurer's office than he seems to have been, last evening, in his administration of parliamentary law, while officiating as president pro tempore of common council.

To guard against the opposition of liquor dealers in large boroughs to the adoption of city charters, because of the increased license cost, a member of the legislature from Montgomery county will propose an amendment to the Brooks law providing that in all boroughs of 15,000 or more, the license charge shall be the same as in third class cities. An example of this selfish

opposition was recently exhibited during the Pittston campaign for a city charter. There is no reason in logic why a liquor license in a large borough should cost one-half less than a similar license in a small city.

There was something much more than the conventional significance in the tributes yesterday paid by the Lackawanna County Bar association to the memory of ex-Judge Henry M. Seely of Honesdale, who died last Wednesday night. No one who heard the expressions of those who spoke in eulogy of this eminent jurist and citizen could mistake them for the commonplace remarks common to such occasions.

The Farr Bill Will Pass. We do not know what opinion General Hastings entertains with reference to compulsory education. He has proclaimed himself a hearty friend of the American home and the American school. That being true, it would seem to be a reasonable inference that he views with approval the general principle of systematic popular instruction, a principle that can never be thoroughly applied without recourse to a compulsory school-attendance law.

Representative Farr, of this city, who has already imparted his name to a well-drawn measure of this character which encountered defeat only through gubernatorial veto, will, we have reason to believe, next year make another attempt to bring the school law of Pennsylvania up to the modern standard. The governor who blocked his past efforts along this line will have retired from office; and his successor will have entered the office with a popular indorsement of exceptional magnitude, not a little of which was due to the belief that he would, as governor, keep accurately in touch with the best and bravest public sentiment of the commonwealth.

This circumstance strongly points to an early victory for the Farr school-attendance law. We shall be much in error in our estimate of the governor-elect if he shall permit the clamor of the opposition to blind him to the intrinsic justice and conspicuous present necessity for compulsory education.

An Unworthy Argument. Our unusually dignified contemporary, the Philadelphia Press, in speaking of the proposition to create a new judgeship in this county, steps aside from its accustomed fairness and descends to sarcasm. This is the result: "Lackawanna wants another judge. This is to have been anticipated. Luzerne county has four, including its orphan's court judge, and it would have been too much to expect Lackawanna to be very long contented to put up with one judge less than her big neighbor.

The extension of the trolley system into the rural districts will probably come up again in the coming session of the legislature. The question whether electric railways should be permitted to run through the country may be taken as an axiomatic fact. It is practically a self-evident proposition that if capital has faith enough in electric power, as a motor for rural transportation, to invest in these country railroads it should be permitted to make the same investment under proper conditions.

But there are more vital points to be covered, with reference to the legal status of electrical railways on the public highways. The public experience both with steam railroads and with electric railways in cities has been sufficient to convey a warning against the idea that any corporation can obtain a monopoly in a public highway. The species of corporations using their legal ownership of streets as a basis of speculation and as merchandise in corporate deals should inspire provisions for the future era when the transportation of the agricultural regions will be performed by them.

A New Currency Scheme. Jay Cooke, the veteran financier, suggests the issue of a low-rate government bond for no other purpose than to be subscribed for by the national banks as a basis for circulation. He thinks the bonds should be issued in exchange for greenbacks, which should, in his opinion, be retired as fast as they come into the treasury, until the full amount of the greenback currency is withdrawn and canceled.

From the Detroit Tribune. "It I give you this pie," she asked, "will I ever see you again?" The individual with deep fringe on his trousers and gores in his coat, shook his head. "Madame," he answered, "I will be frank with you. I am not prepared to say aught as to the possibility of such manifestation by the souls of the departed as to render them visible to the 'mortals'."

WAGES PAID BY RAILROADS. They Range All the Way from \$6,000 a Year Down to \$400. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. We hear a lot of talk nowadays about the princely salaries of railroad men, but the last report of the New York Central road does not seem to offer great inducements to desert a successful mercantile or professional business to hunt for passengers or chase up freight. It is true that there are sixty-nine general officers who average \$6,000 a year each, with which most of us could worry along very well. But as an offset to these there are 1,250 locomotive engineers averaging \$1,250 each, and this is the class drawing the highest average pay when the general officers are omitted.

Not in That Business. The Philadelphia Times calls on Mr. Reed to help the Democrats out of their financial difficulty. The Times ought to understand that Mr. Reed has never posed as a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Democrats.

A VICTIM OF THE RAGE. His eyes were wildly haggard— His cheeks were worn and thin. He paced his cell with restless strides— A madman yelled in. "Pray tell me, tell me truly, Can this a human being Or is it some wild animal Who rants and would be free?"

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