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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy.

The nomination, by the Republicans of the Thirtieth ward, of a clean business man like Charles S. Seamans for common councilman would command the support of many citizens who have no inclination to support a less creditable nominee.

To the Pennsylvania Legislature. The legislature which assembles at Harrisburg today upon the threshold of a new year will be confronted by no graver duty than that of enacting a wide and comprehensive measure providing for compulsory education.

Another important duty before this legislature will be that of enacting into operative law the general sentiment in favor of better country roads. A number of methods have been proposed, the latest being a comprehensive measure drawn up by Senator Flinn, of Allegheny, of which we shall speak at a future time.

In matters involving the appropriation of state funds, it is well to remind this legislature that although the state now has \$4,000,000 of idle funds in its treasury, this amount will be none too large to cover strictly prudent and legitimate needs.

The gambling evil and the social evil have survived a good many attempts at their extermination. The most that can yet be done in the direction of reforming them is their honest supervision by vigilant policemen.

Compulsory Education. It is proper to call attention to the fact that while the compulsory education radicals are trying to stir up a campaign in behalf of their special hobby the papers of Philadelphia are full of complaints that the Quaker City is not nearly enough schools for the accommodation of those who are clamoring for entrance.

What, pray, is the truth's point? If the financial government of the schools of Scranton were vested, as is that of the public schools of Philadelphia, not in one central board of control, held directly responsible to the people, but in an indifferent and unwieldy body of councilors, we should probably have the same trouble here that they are having at this moment in Philadelphia.

If one thing is clearer than another it is that Pennsylvania's educational system will be incomplete so long as thousands of coming citizens in this state are permitted to grow up in ignorance. The remedy for this condition lies in the enactment of a thorough compulsory school attendance. Such a law has succeeded in other states. It will

succeed in Pennsylvania. The opposition to this wise public reform is merely wasting its breath in trying to cry down the resounding affirmative sentiment of thinking people, which is every year growing more considerable and emphatic.

McClure's Magazine for January, at the end of a number of uncommon merit, gives a group of letters and press notices commending its "Napoleonic revival" and other enterprising and readable features of this excellent periodical. The foremost of these is a well-written letter from Mr. P. A. Phillips. The Tribune's scholarly Archibald representative, who makes the admirable suggestion that a series of articles by Charles A. Dana of the New York Sun, on his relations with President Lincoln and the events of his time would be a most valuable contribution to the history of the most interesting period of our national life.

New Year Reflections. The day of good resolutions has dawned again and no doubt most of us will enter upon the new year conforming with the usual custom of making all sorts of commendable plans in the interest of proposed reforms during the coming twelve months.

The city of Scranton is noted all over the country as a locality of enterprise and progress. The push, pluck, business enterprise and hospitality of its citizens have been favorably commented upon, on every side, until it has been classed as one of the leading cities in the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

But while indulging in dreams of coming business prosperity are we giving proper attention to evils of the present which if uncured may result in disaster? Does the enthusiastic boom or realize that a worm is gnawing at the heart of Scranton enterprise in the shape of vicious municipal legislation that is liable to paralyze business interests if allowed to thrive unchecked?

Thus far in the city's career the jacks of ward politics have not been able to obtain a foothold sufficient to accomplish a great amount of mischief, but their numbers have been increasing and it is not difficult to predict the consequences of turning the city's interests over to such a class of unscrupulous representatives of the hoodlum element of the valley.

Because the politicians do not want the present ballot law interfered with is no indication that the people yet regard it perfect. The party circle and the too-clever helper must go.

A notable example of the enterprise which has put the Chicago Herald in the forefront of western journalism was achieved last Saturday when that model newspaper sent a special twenty-four page edition of 25,000 copies on a special train to Atlanta, Ga., which place was reached before supper.

The Philadelphia Times is inclined to condemn the legislature of 1895 in advance of its organization. Colonel McClure, is this altogether fair?

Electricity and Agriculture. The announcement that Professor D. T. Mc Dougall, of the University of Minnesota, is conducting a series of experiments to determine the effects of electrical currents on plant physiology opens up an interesting field of inquiry.

It is interesting, in this connection, to note some experiments made in a sim-

lar direction by Professor Jesse C. Coles, of Kingston. He has already achieved the grafting of a grape vine upon a common potato, under a similar arrangement of electrical currents; and while the vine has not yet borne fruit, Professor Coles is disposed to predict, in case it does, that the fruit will combine the characteristics of both vegetables.

The influence upon the American people of such a magazine as the Cosmopolitan, which circulates each month a quarter of a million copies is something to be very largely considered in making our estimates of the moving currents of public customs and popular sentiment.

An excellent point is made by the Philadelphia Press when it commends the ruling powers at Harrisburg for deciding, this session, to guard against the evils of the past by providing for the election of clerks who will attend to the business, and who will not bring their official positions and themselves into disrepute by assisting to advance, suspicious schemes or to retard meritorious measures.

The Tribune appreciates the receipt of the Scranton Post's excellent almanac for 1895, containing valuable information of a political and statistical character, about subjects both local and national. The publication is in thorough keeping with the accuracy and sure-footed enterprise which has made our contemporary a daily tribute to its wise management by Messrs. Barrett and Jordan.

The Hazleton Standard, a conscientious and comprehensive purveyor of the news of its vicinage, is now printed in eight-page form, on a new web perfecting press. We congratulate not only the Standard, but also its readers, upon the improvement.

It will be the general opinion of residents of this county that the law, in the case of Franz Beck, has pursued a fair, prompt and impartial course, and that the sentence yesterday imposed upon this murderer was thoroughly deserved.

As a matter of political philosophy it is worth while to note that the man who tries to carry water on both shoulders is very apt to slip over.

Philadelphia Times: "What the Republicans want is a short session, prompt performance of all legislative duties and a resolute stand against every phase of profligacy. Such a policy would command the confidence of the people."

Three candidates are prominently mentioned for mayor of Pittston: Burgess Maloney, Dr. C. J. Barrett and Benjamin Harding, the chairman of the Citizens' advisory committee.

Philadelphia Press: "That assessments of real estate are outrageously unequal has been shown many times in many ways. In one county the farms may be assessed at a very low rate, while an adjoining farm across the line in another county is assessed at two or three times as much.

A City That Is Famous. A Scrantonian away from home, no matter where he may be, notes with genuine pleasure the change in knowledge and views of this city compared with those of a few years ago.

Just as Bad Now. "I suppose your husband will have more time for tend to the farm now," said the neighbor who had just dropped in. "That's one consolation, even if it is defeated."

A NEW YEAR'S SONG. Turn on, old Time, my boy, keep the ball rolling. Just for a kick, my boy, don't let it flag.

And why not be hopeful, and when we can, jolly? The woes of the past we need not recall. Dispel, then, all sighs and drive out melancholy.

BALLOT LAW CHANGES.

From Chambersburg Public Opinion. The Baker ballot law as amended by the last legislature is a great improvement over the original measure, but as was held two years ago the very difficulties predicted had to be met in the elections which have since been held.

It Broke Him Up. A good story is told of Signor Foll, the famous basso. Once upon a time he was singing "The Haft," when a childish voice from somewhere in the stalls suddenly piped in and attempted to organize an impromptu duet.

Election Good Councilmen. From the Wilkes-Barre Record. The Scranton Tribune doesn't mind matters in dealing with the common council of that city. It is the duty of the voters at the coming election to take special care in the selection of their councilmatic candidates.

It Should Be Passed. Representative Farr's compulsory education bill is again to come before the legislature, and the Scranton Tribune says that its passage is almost a certainty.

A Suggestion. From the Yonkers Blade. Real Estate Agent—What shall we call this new suburb of ours? His Partner—Let me see. What was the name of the great Japanese victory? Agent—Ping Yang.

Not At All Surprised. From the Indianapolis Journal. "Well, what do you think of it?" "Oh, I am not surprised," said the trustee of Hoopole township.

New Year's Calls. "Wish you happy New Year," "Many thanks, I'm sure." "No, I think they're fewer." Staring at the carpet.

Home and woo the dowry. But your soul doth quake At most fearful nightmares—Turkey, oysters, caki—While each lichen horror That your past appals.

Christmas Presents . . .

Excelsior Diaries. Useful and Ornamental goods for the holiday trade. Ladies' Desks, Cabinets, Bookcases, Ladies' Dressing Tables, Tea Tables and Library Tables, Brass and Onyx Tables and Cabinets (of a guaranteed quality).

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THIS WAY: Men's Scarlet Shirts and Drawers, made from Australian Wool-Cochineal Dye and thoroughly medicated, only 75 cents.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS. Special Sale at Free Wool Prices. \$1.50 Natural and White Blankets, at 98 cents a pair.

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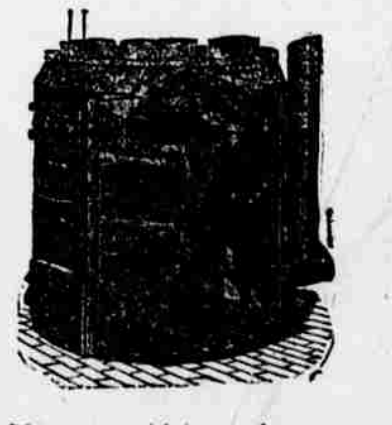
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