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Elevation above the tide, 749 feet.
Extremely healthy.
Estimated population, 1894, 103,000.
Registered voters, 20,399.
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Nagara.

No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries. 45,850 Population in 1880..... Population in 1890 ...

The \$100,000 legal fee paid to General Foster by the Chinese government may prove to have been staked in vain. From present appearances Japan is on the lookout for professional diplomats.

Compulsory Education.

We learn with surprise from the Scranton Truth that certain "shallow" "cranks," who, among other things, are guilty of "cowardice" and "Impudence," are, by the use of "absurd" arguments, urging the Pennsylvania legislature to pass a "pestiferous," "obnoxious," "un-American" and "narrow-minded" bill discriminating against "poor families and widows who are supported by the labor of their growing boys." Our contemporary thus refers, if we interpret its words correctly, to the Farr compulsory education bill, concerning which it

If some of the compulsory education schemes now before the house at Harrisburg should by any misfortune become law, the increase in school-building would have to be supplemented with an increase in poorhouse building for the accommoda-tion of fathers who have been crippled for life in the mines trying to support their little ones; widows who have los their husbands at the same perilous call-ing, and younger children who are sup-ported by their sturdy brothers. * * * We take no stock in the absurd argument advanced by the shallow advocates of compulsory education. Their assumption is as impudent as their logic is I and if their policy should prevail it soon be time to revive the curfew law and start a thumb-screw factory.

Before replying to the Scranton Truth we wish to present an abstrac of the Farr bill. That measure provides that those having control of a child or children-parent, guardian, or other person-between the ages of 8 and 12 years shall be required unless evensed by the school board for mental, physical or other causes, to send such child or children at least sixteen weeks each year to a school-public, private or parochial-in which the common English branches are taught. If there is no such school within two miles, the requirement is waived. A fine of \$2 for the first violation and not exceeding \$5 for subsequent violations is the penalty of conviction before a regular justice of the peace or alderman, but the defendant may, upon easy terms, appeal to the county courts. Provision is made for the annual enumeration of all children between the ages of 8 and 12 years, and for the discovery of those whose parents or guardians come within the law. Then follows this section, which we reprint entire:

It shall be the duty of each teacher in the school district to report to the secre-tary of the board of directors or control-lers, at the end of each month, the names of all children on the list previously furhished by the secretary who were absent without satisfactory cause for five suc-cessive days during the month for which the report shall be made, when, if it shall appear that any parent, guardian or other person having control of any child or children, shall have failed to comply with the provisions of this act after due notification in writing, the secretary, in the name of the school district, shall proceed against the offending party or par-ties, in accordance with law, by complaint before any alderman or justice of the peace. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE peace. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE AFORESAID PENALTY SHALL NOT BE IMPOSED IF IT SHALL BE SATIS-FACTORILY PROVED UPON THE TRIAL OF THE CASE THAT THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON SO NEGLECTING WAS UN-PERSON SO NEGLECTING WAS UNABLE, BY REASON OF POVERTY OR OTHER SATISFACTORY EXCUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT IF SUFFICIENT CAUSE BE SHOWN FOR THE NEGLECT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT THE COST OF SAID PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE DISTRIST FUNDS UPON OUT OF THE DISTRIST FUNDS UPON PROPER VOUCHER APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR CON-TROLLERS.

In other words, any parent or guarflian whose personal need is superior to the intellectual and moral need of his children can be excused from the operations of this act, without costing him one copper penny.

We come now to the Scranton Truth. We beg to say, at once, that we shall not try to parallel its epithets. The question can be discussed impersonally and patiently, and we shall try thus to discuss it. We believe a perusal of the Farr bill, as we have just outlined its sense and methods, will convince the unblased reader that there is nothing in that bill calculated to cause "an in-crease in poor house building." Upon the contrary, after the Farr law should have received honest enforcement for one generation, we believe that poor- cution equivalent to the assertion that house building in Pennsylvania would decrease, by reason of the enlarged ability of now ignorant boys and girls to earn a livelihood and thus not become public charges. The "liberties" knowledge of how the Panama "job" of parents and guardians would be en- was "floated" in France becomes valu-

croached upon, by this bill, to the ex-The Scranfon Tribune tent that parents and guardians able to educate their children refuse to do so, desiring rather to profit by the self-sacrifleing industry of those children. It is the right of all children to be well equipped, by education, for the battle of life; the state, in recognition of that right, compulsorily taxes every adult male citizen, whether a parent or not, to support public schools. Shall parental indifference, masking behind a false cry of "sacred parental privileges," be permitted to throw out, upon the care of society, a disturbing factor of ignorant young men and women whose rights to an equal chance in life have been meanly and selfishly overlooked?

> The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette thinks it "should not be a thing impossible for congress and the administration to place the currency of the country upon a safe and stable basis If it was possible for John Sherman, as secretary of the treasury, to devise a plan for changing from a paper to a coin basis, after specie payments had been suspended for seventeen years, the lighter task of keeping the currency at a parity with coin should be well within the range of possibility." But, you see, John Sherman was different from John G. Carlisle; and the party behind him was also differentdecidedly different-from the party behind Carlisle, if indeed there is any party behind him. The best thing that this administration could do, it seems to us, would be to negotiate a new bond sale if needed to meet current expenses; adjourn congress and put their trust in Providence and Tom Reed.

The Grand Jury System.

Various attempts have been made at different times to argue the American people out of their profound reverence for effete traditions of the law; but the progress made in the direction of simplicity and reform has not yet attained startling velocity. Another effort is soon to be made in this state to cleanse the phraseology of our statute books of its redundant verblage; but its success at this time is doubtful in view or the fact that people as a rule accept their law in whatever form pleases those who make it. It may not be uninteresting, in this

connection, to notice thankfurt of certain Illinois reformers 30 abolish the grand jury system. The Chicago Herald, which earnestly champions this proposition, recalls the fact that Connecticut abolished it nearly seventy years ago with agspect to all crimes when the punishment was not death or imprisonment for life. In effect only murder cases are cognizable by a grand jury in that state. In 1850 the question was raised in the constitutional convention of Michigan, and in the constitution adopted no provision was made for a grand jury. It was not abolished in terms, but it was not recognized. The legislature subsequently provided that grand juries should not be summoned and impaneled unless the judge of the circuit court directed it to be done. In Wisconsin the judges of the circuit court may dispense with the grand jury by notifying the clerk to that effect fifteen days before the term of court begins. Under this state of the laws grand juries in Michigan and Wisconsin are practically unknown, and all criminal proceedings are by informa-

tion filed by the prosecuting attorney. The Herald wants to know why this system should not obtain in Illinois and remarks, apropos, that "it is less oppressive, less expensive and more certain. It does away with all star chamber processes and affords no ambuscade for secret enemies. It is open and above board. If a crime is committed all that is necessary to do is to bring the evidence of it before the state's attorney. If he is convinced that there is probable cause for the holding of the person accused he files in court what is called an 'information,' which in terms is the same as an indictment. In other words, it is the formal accusation of the crime, Upon this information the party is tried, as he would be on an indictment. The state's attorney is thus made the responsible accuser, and all the cumbersome and expensive machinery of the grand jury is done away with. As an institution the grand jury is unknown in Germany, France and Scotland. Popular liberty with us has outgrown it and it should now be abol-

The only constitutional authority fo a grand jury in Penasylvania is found in section 6 of the declaration of rights, which says that "trial by jury shall be as heretofore." It is exceeedingly doubtful if this means that the grand jury system could not be abolished or greatly modified by act of legislature.

The Philadelphia Record well says: "If the voters of all the parties should follow the simple rule of voting for the best man at the primaries when candidates for municipal offices are selected, and then, without regard to political inclining, vote for the best man put in nomination by either of the parties, the most valuable results would surely follow. There is no politics in the proper conduct of municipal affairs, and there should be no politics in the selection of municipal officers." The same idea is also expressed by the social journal, To-Day, when it observes that "local government is largely a business matter and requires business abilities, integrity and promptness in affairs, rather than partisan zeal and skill in bossing voters. Parties corrupt so easily and learn the tricks of the demagogues so readily that it is casting pearls before swine to intrust them with the business interests of towns and cities. There is scarcely a greater esson for the American citizen of today than this. Divorce local government from politics." Are the voters of

The recent marked subsidence of congressional clamor in behalf of the Nicaragua canal is attributed by one wicked Washington correspondent to the supposition that "congress has drifted away from the base of supplies and that there has been an interruption in the forward movement of rations." This, of course, is a gentle circumiothere is no longer "anything in it" for the Jingo statesmen who want Uncle Sam to enrich a bankrupt corporation by indorsing its worthless bonds. A

Scranton prepared to learn this lesson?

able in this Nicaragua case, assuming that human nature is the same in Washington as it was, upon a time, in

The appointment of ex-Umpire Mc-Ginnis to a lucrative position at Harrisburg will prove a source of satisfaction to Scranton lovers of the national game. In his official capacity on the ball ground Mr. McGinnis seldom exhibited those disagreeable traits of character that at times make the average umpire unpopular on the bleaching boards and was never known to roast the home club on close decisions. There is no question that the ex-umpire will prove faithful and efficient representative of Scranton's interests in the pasting and folding department.

Friends of the young Pittsburg blcyclist who attempted to girdle the earth with his wheel are now organizing a searching party to look for his remains. It would seem that considerable expense might be spared if friends of persons who insist upon embarking in foolhardy enterprise would use precaution enough to have the amateur ravelers confined in proper institulons at the first symptom of the globetrotting mania.

General Lew Wallace has recently een lecturing upon Turkey with the vident idea of converting American tudiences to the belief that the Sultan is a grand old man, and that the average Mohammedan who carries an arsenal about his person daily is as harmless as a guinea pig. It is feared that the general's eloquence will not be

The Hudson river ice crop is in danger, it is said; the Florida orange crop has been ruined, and the Delaware Mr. Inglesby-Is Miss Gayburd reglly peach crop is expected to fail with its such a charming girl? usual regularity a few days hence. In spite of these announcements it is probable that the shortage of the dollar crop will prove the most serious obstacle to the enjoyment of these luxuries in their proper season.

On Monday, the Williamsport Times completed its second year and entered apon its third year full-fledged and hopeful. The Times is aggressive, newsy and outspoken; it has excellent facilities and it will no doubt succeed hrough sheer force of merit,

tre now waiting to be groomed; but the Reed stable is still a strong favorite in the pools. Pennsylvania climate, even in the

Numerous presidential dark horses

blizzard season, is altogether too warn for bogus building association enter

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Representative Lytle's Charges. Lancaster New Era: "We have no neans at hand to verify the charges of Representative Lytle, except in a single instance. He comes to this county for some of his figures and arguments and blunders at a terrific rate. He alleges that Lancaster county last year expended \$5,000 on school books, of which sum \$5,000 was clear profit to the trust. That looks bad. But what are the facts? We have ascertained from the records that Lancaster county's expenditure for school text books last year was exactly \$38,121.15. Just how the trust can have made \$40,000 off a \$38,121.15 bill of books Mr. Lytle can perhaps explain by a peculiar system of bookkeeping of his own. We admit we are unequal to the task. That there should be something like a uniformity in , freight charges be onsidred, but before the seemingly will charges of Mr. Lytle are admitted-utter ly wild, misleading and unreliable so fa as Lancaster county is concerned-w ought to have some proof that the facts are as stated and that the trust is respon-sible. But perhaps the animus of it all may be found in Representative Lytle's scheme for the state to go into the trust business itself. He wants it to open a huge publishing house of its own; emplo permanently a board of text book makers to prepare the text books to be used in the state. The plan would result in inefficient text books, a regular corps of liter-ary men employed at big prices, scheming manoeuvering, fraud beyond all computa-tion, political wire pulling and all the other species of rascality that can be imagined. It would be far more expensive than the present plan and in every way less desirable. First of all, however, it is neumbent on Representative Lytle to re vise his statements and give us facts in-stend of fletion." Relief for the Supreme Court.

Philadelphia Press: "That our sate su preme court needs relief from the over-pressure of business upon it is not disouted. Among the cases handed down by the supreme court on Monday is French Creek vs. Moore, in which the amount in-volved is \$19.50. No Important end was gained by having this case go before the supreme court. Last year this court heard'and decided 800 cases, in fully onethird of which less than \$500 was at stake. The court has now reached the limit of physical endurance. Many of these cases are carried up to the supreme court by lawyers intent on making fees for them-selves or on winning their clients' cases, not on their merit but by the process of wearying the patience and exhausting the purses of their opponents before the last judgment in their favor can be rendered. A crowded supreme court docket on which cases linger until mildewed with age is just what such pettifoggers like best. No appealable suit can be finally won un-der such conditions, except after long waiting, though the right of the suitor be as clear as noonday. The evil suggests its own remedy. Shut off these pettifoggers. Let small cases involving no constitutional question and less than \$1,000 be heard and determined in an intermediate court of appeals, unless for special reaons shown a rehearing is allowed in the supreme court. Such intermediate court calls for the creation of no new judges, but for the utilization of the common pleas judges. It is a plan favored and offered by Governor Pattison and offers the su-preme court the relief it needs with the least disturbance of the present judicial system of the state,"

For Honest Ballot Reform.

Norristown Herald: "The necessary amendments to secure honest ballot reform have been prepared and will be submitted to the legislature. They be submitted to the legislature. They provide that the name of each candidate whom the voter prefers shall be indicated by a mark after his name, except in the case of presidential electors, where a single mark designates the whole group; and also that proper safeguards shall be thrown around the matter of assistance, the voter being required to make oath or affirmation of disability in order to obtain aid, and the helper to bind himself not to aid, and the helper to bind himself not to attempt to influence such voter or to dis-close how he voted. While changes in the manner of voting are to be deprecated as a rule, these amendments appear to be necessary and they will no doubt command the approbation of a majority of the legislature as they do of the voting public without reference to party predilections."

Favors Compulsory Education. Carbondale Leader: "So far as the Leader knows, Governor-elect Hastings has never given public expression regarding compulsory education. In his speech in this city he alluded to the schools as distinctively American institutions and productive of the best class of American citizens. He doubtless so spoke of them in other cities. At any rate the conclu-

sion has been drawn that General Hastings is in favor of utilizing our schools to make citizens, and that he will, in consequence be in favor of a law that will bring about such a result. The Leader hopes that this conclusion has been well drawn."

Remedy Worse Than the Disease. Carbondale Anthracite: "Representa-tive Lytle would destroy the school book trust only to create a much worse one by having the state go into the school book supply business. If the directors are im-posed upon by the present arrangement, the state would be buncoed out of much more money if the school books were fur-nished by some state department."

Reason Apparent.

From the Cleveland Leader.
"What won't these women do next,
'Smanthy? What's all this talk about umbrella skirts?"
"I never did see a man yet, Silas, that didn't make a fool of hisself when he took to talkin' about wimin's fixin's. Common sense ought to have told you they raised them skirts when it rains."

Not Necessarily an Indorsement.

From the Philadelphia Record. It is the privilege of the buyer of news-paper publicity for his business to speak in whatever terms he may please of him-self or of his wares; but no man should be deceived by the pretense that the paidfor advertisement reflects the view of the nwspaper in which it may be printed.

Aiready Has a Level Head. From the Anthracite.

The Scranton tramp thinks it is much more comfortable in the Lackawanna jail than out in the winter's cold breaking stones. Whatever other deficiencies the Scranton tramp may possess, it cannot be charged that he needs a level head.

Is a Great Success From the Anthracite.

The pure food exposition at the armory is a great success. Crowds throng the equal to the task of changing public great hall every evening. The exposition sentiment upon the Turkish question.

great hall every evening. The exposition is doing a great work for Scranton in the way of education for housekeepers.

Certain Evidence.

Mrs. Maynewright-She must be. All her girl friends hate her furiously.

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