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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 710 feet. Extremely healthy.

The \$100,000 legal fee paid to General Foster by the Chinese government may prove to have been staked in vain.

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."

Before replying to the Scranton Truth we wish to present an abstract 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 excused 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.

It shall be the duty of each teacher in the school district to report to the secretary of the board of directors or controllers, at the end of each month, the names of all children on the list previously furnished by the secretary who were absent without satisfactory cause for five successive days during the month for which the report shall be made.

It shall be the duty of each parent or guardian whose personal need is superior to the intellectual and moral need of his children to 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 unbiased reader that there is nothing in that bill calculated to cause "an increase in poor house building."

Upon the contrary, after the Farr law should have received honest enforcement for one generation, we believe that poor-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" of parents and guardians would be en-

croached upon, by this bill, to the extent that parents and guardians able to educate their children refuse to do so, desiring rather to profit by the self-sustaining 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 different—decidedly 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.

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Remedy Worse Than the Disease. Carbonate Anthracite: "Representative 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 imposed upon by the present arrangement, the state would be bunched out of much more money if the school books were furnished by some state department."

Reason Apparent. From the Cleveland Leader. "What won't these women do next, 'Smantly'! What's all this talk about umbrella skirts?" "I never did see a man yet, Silas, that didn't make a fool of himself when he took to talkin' about wimmin's skin's. Common sense ought to have told you they raised their skirts when it rains."

Not Necessarily an Endorsement. From the Philadelphia Record. "It is the privilege of the buyer of newspaper publicity for his business to speak in whatever terms he may please of himself or of his wares; but no man should be deceived by the pretense that the paid-for advertisement reflects the view of the newspaper in which it may be printed."

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

Certain Evidence. From the Chicago Record. "Mr. Inglesby—is Miss Gayburd really such a charming girl?" "Mrs. Maynewright—She must be. All her girl friends hate her furiously."

A Case of Fling. From the Detroit Tribune. "Did you give your daughter away when she was married?" "They're her away, sir. Literally threw her away."

Wit and Wisdom Blended. Aids of rich men all remind us. We should plan our ads with care, lest, departing, leave behind us, Nothing for the hopeful heir. —Printers' Ink.

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

The appointment of ex-Umpire McGinnis 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.

Friends of the young Pittsburg bicyclist 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 enterprises would use precaution enough to have the amateur travelers confined in proper institutions at the first symptom of the globe-trotting mania.

General Lew Wallace has recently been lecturing upon Turkey with the evident idea of converting American audiences 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 equal to the task of changing public sentiment upon the Turkish question.

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