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#### THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

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Population in 1880. 9,23

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Population in 1894 (estimated). 103,000

And the end is not yet. The rights of the young are not secondary to the rights of selfish parents. Pass the Farr bill for compulsory edu-

#### The Amended Farr Bill.

The addition yesterday by Representative Farr to his compulsory education bill of an amendment authorizing school boards in cities and townships to employ an officer, when necessary, to look after truants and compel them to attend school strengthens the parent measure in the one point in which it was most sharply criticised. It also squares the bill against the opposition of all except those who reject as unwise the broad principle of compulsory school attendance.

In this form the Farr bill, if passed, will be not only sound in principle but effective in practice, as well. It will place Pennsylvania upon a par with Massachusetts, New York and other states recognized the country over as foremost in educational progress; and insure, after its honest enforcement for one generation, a higher standard of citizenship among our people and a cleaner condition of the public morals. The rigid enforcement of such a law might fall heavily upon a few families; but the good achieved throughout the state would immeasurably overbalance the law's incidental hardships.

There is no mistaking the dimensions of the popular demand at this time for iggressive forward legislative action in the direction indicated in this bill. There can be no tenable excuse for hesitancy in taking such action, and aking it thorough.

Senator Quay, in addition to his conceded astuteness, brings to politics a reputation of never deceiving a friend. A good many of his critics will have long to wait before he is unhorsed through treacherous subordinates.

### An Ineffective Attempt.

In another column we present an abstract of the bill which Representative Ames, of Clearfield county, has introduced to solve the labor problem. He would have the governor appoint five state arbitrators, at good salaries, to interpose, when asked, in the settlement of disputes between employes and employers. These arbitrators, after holding an official inquiry with power to call for persons and papers, must within sixty days decide which side to the dispute is in error and the finding shall be observed by both sides for at least six months. All this is very nice. In theory, but the absence of a penalty clause gives the bill suspicious superficial appearance of insincerity.

The six comfortable positions which this bill would provide may make a deep impression upon legislators with influential constituents anxious for state employment. As a political machine such a board of compulsory arbitration with the compulsion left out would have decided possibilities. But We are constrained to confess that we perceive no other points of vantage in the Clearfield member's proposition. It makes an attempt at solving a difficult problem; but the attempt is ineffective if not also insincere.

Bereaved parents at Rochester learned of the death of their son through the newspapers two years after it occurred. Who shall say that there is no enterprise in journalism in the Empire state?

### Baby Play Not Probable.

We do not credit the intimation that Senator Penrose will seek to head a committee of inquiry into the conduct of municipal affairs in Philadelphia. If there is need of such an inquiry today, there was equal need of one last week: yet last week the idea of probing the political secrets of the Quaker City was nowhere suggested. Senator Penrose has the sympathy of the public at this time; but it is a sympathy that would be materially chilled by the exhibition on his part of an inclination to turn his office as Senator into a weapon of per-

sonal revenge. If there is to be a legislative inquiry of any kind, Senator Penrose would act prudently to keep out of it, altogether. Such an inquiry could only be justified before public opinion by the presentation of facts sufficient to warrant it. The defeat of one man or one faction in a local contest, whatever the circumstances of it and however unfair and unmanly the tactics by which it was achieved, would be an utterly insufficient justification for an undertaking which would, by implication, east suspicion upon every Philadelphia public is begun on another page of this issue in the formula in the first sum of the intrinsic merit as pleasant descriptions of travel and because of the insight they will afford to Turkey and Turkish conditions, is begun on another page of this issue the law the means of a swindle.

official, past as well as present, however able and honest. Senator Penrose as no just complaint against the Republican party in Philadelphia. His only quarrel is with a handful of men who, it is alleged, basely deceived him. The fight which he ought to make, therefore, should be confined to these few men. It must not drag in innocent third persons.

It is noticeable that most of the talk about a "Lexow" committee for Philadelphia comes from Democratic sources. It serves their purpose, which is to fan the Republican quarrel into a blaze, to their own profit. If there were an honest and a general desire on the part of many citizens of Philadelphia for a senatorial investigation of that city's municipal affairs, we should be the first to say, respect it. In the absence of evidence of any such desire we must suggest to those Republicans who are getting excited over this matter, to possess their temper and not play into the enemy's pockets.

General Lew Wallace in a recent lecure has just explained why he wrote Ben Hur. The general intimates that he was actuated by good motives, and as he can scarcely be accused of foreseeing the awful results of his work as illustrated in the Ben Hur tableaux, the public will no doubt feel obliged to forgive him.

#### The Quay-Martin Incident. We venture to say that nine Pennsyl-

f Senator Penrose's betrayal in Philadelphia as constituting an unpardonable political crime. The explanations advanced by those who compassed his defeat contain no denial of the charges of treachery. It is rather mild atonement, in this connection, to assert that the beneficiary of that treachery, Mr. Warwick, is personally guiltless. The point is a strong one that he, as an honest man, should refuse to accept a nomination dictated by conditions which would make his acceptance of it equivaent to becoming an accomplice after the fact. We have seen no suggestion urging Mr. Warwick to reject this tarnished honor; but we nevertheless regard such rejection as his one door of honorable escape from a situation recking with perfidy and dishonor These things, however, are subjects or settlement by Philadelphians. They are interesting to the state at large mainly as they explain the currents of mpulse which led our ordinarily silent junior senator, Mr. Quay, to adopt the extraordinary method of rebuking local treachery through the medium of an indirect counter artack in the senate of the United States. The senate has never before, to our recollection, been selected as an arena for the exploitation of personal griefs and resentments arising out of municipal polities; and the fact that so reserved a senator as Mr. Quay should have been the first to establish the precedent—which in cooler moments, he will no doubt be the first to regret-is clear proof of the overmastering intensity of his feeling. As man who, albeit the master politician of his time, has never broken a promise ror betrayed a friend; a man who, despite all misrepresentation and maligant abuse, stands conspicuous for frankness and square dealing, Senator Quay undoubtedly felt quite as keenly the vicious principle behind Senator Penrose's defeat as he felt the injustice

in which that defeat, unless explicitly repudiated, would involve him. The possibility of an anti-Quay combination in this state, although exaggerated, is worth keeping in mind. A man who will break faith in one instance will break it in another; and nothing is more probable than that David Martin and those who aided him in the Penrose betraval will now try to undermine the man who made them what they are. They will also have the guerrilla assistance of politicians parties to the grievance or dispute shall throughout the state who have, at various times, conjured up grievances, mostly imaginary, against Mr. Quay The aggregate strength of these opponents is considerable; but it is large ly a negative errength; and it will have behind it no strong and masterly direct ing mind. Upon the contrary, the majority of those who are Mr. Quay's friends are his friends to stay. They are not, in every instance, the ones who make the loudest boasts of friendliness in order to curry his favor; many have never so much as once hung on his coat-tail for an office. They are men, however, who admire his ability, his cision rendered by the board shall be binding upon the parties who join in the applishrewdness and his loyalty; and if a fight should arise, they would not perch up a tree.

"Paralyzed by the voice of the peo ple, it has been further hypnotized by its own internal disorganization." Thus Senator Quay epigrams the condition of the Democratic party. The diagnosis is as accurate as it is incisive.

### Quay on the Income Tax.

"There is no disputing the proposition that this congress has been limited by the popular verdict to the simplest and most restricted function which it can to establish joint high schools of three exercise under the constitution. This different grades, those in which the course congress has been forbidden by the overwhelming voice of the people of the United States to do anything further than to vote the necessary money supplies for the maintenance of the machinery of the government." Starting chinery of the government." Starting second, \$500, and the third. \$400. In case with this premise, Senator Quay of insufficiency of appropriation each reaches, by quick steps of faultless grade is to receive a proportional share. reaches, by quick steps of faultless logic, the conclusion that even this congress should defeat the carrying out of "the highest crime of its criminal the superintendent of public instruction

tariff act," known as the income tax. "The appropriation proposed to pay for the expense of the collection of this inquisitorial and obnoxious levy upon the private business of the people should be defeated. Its only purpose would be to create an army of mercenaries who, like our ancient enemies, the Hessians of the Revolutionary war, would be hired by an administration more British than American. It is not worth while to incur this tremendous expense, to create this band of inquisitors when that army, almost as soon as hired, must be disbanded." What more

need be said? It is high time that this pernicious bit of back-number Populistic nonsense were killed, now that election is over.

A peculiarly interesting series of let-

of The Tribune. The writer of them Miles Tracy Hand, son of ex-Judge Alfred Hand, of this city, is now beginning a career as professor in the Presbyterian college at Constantinople, and will, therefore, have exceptional opportunities for correctly outlining the Turkish character. Professor Hand's first letter is a happy introduction to what will certainly form a notable correspondence.

The meeting of protest against the Armenian massacres, called for tonight at 8 o'clock, in the Elm Park church should be largely attended. The sympathy of every well-informed American ought to be actively enlisted in behalf of their Christian brethren in a far-off land who are liable at any moment to become martyrs to the tolerated fanaticism of the semi-barbarous Turk. If from these meeting of protest throughout the country there should spring up a more wholesome sentiment of Jealous popular regard for the dignity and Christianizing influences of our American representatives in foreign lands, and for the honor and true glory of the American flag, the blood of these foreign martyrs shall indeed become the seed of American advancement.

The esteemed Philadelphia Record exults because The Tribune is opposed to state ownership of the school book printing business. The Record thereupon accuses this paper of giving expression to "Democratic truth." We had not been aware that the truth, by vanians out of ten regard the manner whomsoever spoken, is necessarily partisan in its character; but if the Democratic party in Pennsylvania is opposed to the Lytle scheme to force the commonwealth into usurping a private business, we hope that its opposition may be crowned with success.

> The Scranton Truth, after churning itself into a great state of excitement over the Farr compulsory education bill, suddenly discovers that that "bill "is not worth the paper upon which it is printed." If this be true, why has the Truth made so much fuss about it?

> The report that western cattle are afflicted with paralysis by a constant diet upon corn will not be discredited here. Instances of the paralyzing effects of certain preparations of corn have been frequently noted in the east.

American refugees are still arriving in foreign ports from the land of the lamblike Kurd. According to Turkish versions of the situation the country is probably too quiet for them.

### LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Arbitration of Labor Difficulties. Representative Ames, of Clearfield ounty, has introduced an interesting bill to provide for an appointive state board of arbitration and mediation, to consist of five members, each at \$3,000 per year sal ary, together with "traveling and other expenses." A secretary at \$2,500 per annum is also provided for. Two members of the board are to be employes indorsed by the labor organizations; two employers of good standing and the fifth, neither. The fifth man shall preside. The secretary is clothed with magisterial pwers. When-ever a strike or lockout shall occur, or is seriously threatened in any part of the state, it shall be the duty of the sheriff, with the advice of the president judge and district attorney, of the county in which the strike or lockout has occurred, or is seriously threatened to come, or any person directly affected by said strike to person directly affected by said strike, to notify said board of said strike or lock-out. Upon the receipt of information of a strike or lockout, it shall be the duty of the state board of arbitration and media-tion, and is hereby directed to proceed, as soon as practicable, to the county seat er to the particular locality of said coun ty in which the strike or lockout has oc-curred, and put itself into communication at once with the parties to the contro-versy, and endeavor by mediation to effect an amicable settlement of such controversy; and, if in its judgment it is deemed best, to inquire into the cause or causes of the controversy, and to that end thereupon submit to sald board, in writing, succinctly, clearly, and in detail, their grievances and complaints, and the cause or causes thereof, and severally agree in writing to submit to the decision of said board as to matters so submitted. and a promise or agreement to continue on their business or at work, without a lockout or strike. After the matter has been fully heard, the said board or a ma-jority of its members, shall, within three weeks, render a decision thereon, in writing, signed by them, or a majority of them, stating such details as will clearly show the nature of their decision, and plainly exhibit the cause or causes of the controversy, and assigning such respon-sibility or blame upon the party or parties responsible for the same cation to submit said controversy to the board, for six months, or until either party has given the other a written notice of the intention not to be further bound by the conditions thereof after the expiration of sixty days, or any time agreed upon by the parties, which agree-

For Rural High Schools. The first step toward the establishment of high schools in the rural districts of the state was taken Thursday by the in-troduction of a bill to this effect in the house by Emerson Collins, of Lycoming. The measure allows two or more districts of study is four years to be known as the first grade; those in which the course is three years, to be known as the second grade, and those of two years as the third grade. From the annual appropriation for the support of the schools the firs grade shall receive not more than \$800, the The bill also designates the studies which the teachers of such schools shall be examined, subject to the approval of

ment shall be entered as a part of the de-cision of the board. The board is empow

ered, in its inquiries, to employ skilled as-

Safeguard the Ballov.

Wilkes-Barre Record: "As at present constituted there is nothing to prevent fraud in the matter of securing helpers to mark the ballots of voters who cannot read. The helper, under the present law, may be taken from the crowd of hangers-on at the polls. He goes into the booth without being sworn or giving his name, and is entirely free to use whatever influence he sees fit in the marking of the balence he sees it in the marking of the bal-lot. This defect should be remedied at once. Before going into the booth the helper should give his proper name and address and be required to take an oath that he will not in any way seek to influ-ence the voter in his choice of candidates. The names of the helpers should be marked on the outside of all such ballots, marked on the outside of all such ballots, so that a proper record may be kept of them. This is the only sensible way out of the difficulty—a much better way than depriving voters of their franchise simply because they cannot speak the English

anguage.

FOR A PERMANENT CENSUS.

From the Syracuse Post.

The Scranton Tribune makes a strong plea for the establishment of a permanent census bureau, or for putting the work of the census department upon a permanent population basis. The Tributer and permanent populations basis. permanent non-partisan basis. The Trib une thinks it will be better to have a cen sus taken oftener even though it did not give in detail so much statistical informa-tion. The country is growing much faster now than it did when a decennial census was first established. People are inter-ested in the things of the present. The news of last year has no interest this news of last year has no interest this year. Statistics of population, of manufactures, of commerce, collected in 1890 are entirely out of date and of only relative use in 1895. Many growing cities are placed at a great disadvantage when their population is quoted on the figures of the census taken several years before. The advance in commerce and along all lines of their constants of the constants of the commerce and along all lines. of business is so rapid that the returns of the year when the census was taken are very far from accurate indications of the state of the country at the time when they are finally published or before an-other census is taken.

There is much reason for the suggestion of The Tribune that the census b put upon a permanent non-partisan basis with continuous labors. The department could then compile every year a large amount of valuable information, and the advantage of its statistics would be that they were right up to date and hence of some practical value. Under the present system, a large force of expert statis-ticians is employed by the government for one, two or three or more years, and then with the completion of the census, the force is dismissed and this expert help is scattered. Before an other census can be taken, there must be a search for the right kind of men and all the work of training men for the position has to be done over. All this could be avoided with a permanent census bureau under civil service regulations, having expert statisticians in the employ of the government all the time. They, like boards of trade or chambers of commerce, could furnish each year very valuable reports, not of the musty past, but of the living

Is Likely to Fail. From the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. It seems the new senator from Lackawanna county, Mr. Vaughan, is not in wanna county, Mr. Vaugnan, is not in favor of capital punishment. He has introduced a bill in the senate to abolish the death penalty. This is not the first time an attempt has been made to abolish hanging in Pennsylvania. All previous efforts failed, however, as Senator Vaughan's is likely to at this session of the legislature. the legislature.

Need More Capital Punishment. From the Wilkes-Barre Record. Senator Vaughan, of Lackawanna, has introduced a bill to abolish capital punishcounty is concerned, what we need is more capital-punishment, not its abolition.

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