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Table titled 'THE SCRANTON OF TODAY' with statistics: Come and inspect our city, Elevation above the tide, 710 feet, etc. Population in 1870, 1880, 1890, and 1901 (estimated).

The Tribune welcomes the Scranton Record to the fellowship of "cranks" who, according to the Truth, are "imprudently" trying to secure the enactment of a compulsory education law.

Why Not Play Fair. A disposition is already manifested in certain quarters to decry the opening of a discussion in Pennsylvania touching the merits and demerits of the death penalty as a punishment for crime.

In an adjoining column we present the opinion of an eminent American statesman and future president upon this subject—the opinion of Hon. Thomas B. Reed. Is there a single newspaper in Pennsylvania, of Republican belief, which would have Mr. Reed defeated for the speakership of the next national house of representatives because he is opposed to legalized murder in retaliation for crime?

Supreme Court Relief. The method of relief for our overcrowded supreme court, embodied in a measure to be presented at the State Bar association at Harrisburg tomorrow, and, if endorsed by that body, to be urged upon the legislature, appears from a lay viewpoint, to be well planned.

The voters of the Thirteenth ward will make no mistake and run no risk if they should send Charles S. Seaman to common council. He is a clean man, a capable man and a man whom the people can trust.

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One of the cardinal injunctions of Charles A. Dana to those who ask him how to succeed in journalism—a point, by the way, which he heavily emphasized in his instructive lecture at Cornell university last Friday night—is embodied in the wise advice: "Don't write about that of which you know nothing."

A Philadelphia Solution. Colonel McClure's View: "The better plan is to show on the new county question, which has in the view of Hazleton into a county seat town, appears to be to take the lower, or fourth district, of Luzerne county, and attach it to Carbon county."

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania like it they will continue to give 175,000 Republican majorities, and they can give, if not, they know how to end it. The fault which we find with the Herald man's paragraph is that in every essential detail it is untrue.

These various provisions appear to be carefully and prudently drawn. There is no question of the need of relief for the higher courts, the dockets of which are literally running over with trivial cases taken up from the lower courts mainly in order to swell the attorneys' fees.

No unit man, be he Democrat or Republican, should be sent, next month, to either branch of congress. Public improvement must begin at the fountain head.

Martin Must Answer. All talk about the advisability of a reconciliation between Senator Quay and David Martin has thus far overlooked one essential detail. It has neglected to make allowance for public opinion in this matter, and public opinion, for once, is very much awake.

Recall on Capital Punishment. Apropos of the discussion, just begun, over Senator Vaughan's bill to abolish the death penalty in Pennsylvania, the following remarks made by Thomas B. Reed before the Maine legislature as early as Feb. 25, 1893, will read with interest:

A reconciliation between Mr. Martin and Senator Quay will not mend matters unless it shall carry with it a distinct vindication of the former from the charge which the latter has deliberately preferred against him.

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How to Have a Short Session. Philadelphia Press: "If instead of taking a prompt and business-like course, the house committee on appropriations is to be divided up into junketing parties and go over the state visiting all sorts of institutions, eating all sorts of free lunches and drinking all sorts of free liquors, the work is going to be delayed, and any attempt to shorten the session will be frustrated."

The penalty which the people of Pennsylvania are paying for the Republican majority of 175,000 is that Senator Matt S. Quay is exercising all the functions of corrupt boss-ship in every important department of politics in the state.

Carbon county. Carbon county has a population of 36,621, with but 42 square miles area, while Luzerne has a population of 29,828, with 420 square miles. The portion affected would add to Carbon county about 160 square miles and about 75,000 population.

Governor Pattison will retire from office today carrying with him the personal respect of every citizen of Pennsylvania. As governor he has made mistakes, but they have been honest ones.

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News Via Milwaukee. Milwaukee Wisconsin: "This local revolution in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania is considerably more than local importance, because it will probably involve the downfall of two United States senators, one of whom has had his eye upon the presidency."

Cleveland and Jackson. Compared by Henry Watterson. General Jackson may not have been a great man, but he was an eminently successful man.

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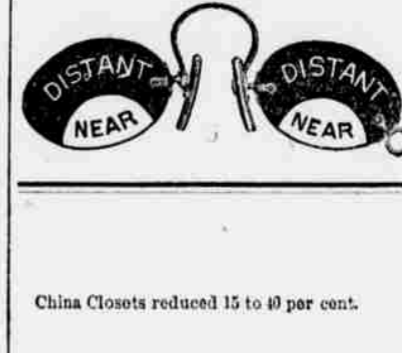
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