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### THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

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And the and in 1894 (estimated). And the end is not yet.

There never was any doubt of the success of the Kirmess. Scranton has among honest partisans, but one voice happily not yet formed the habit of slighting worthy enterprises conducted divided patriotism seeking by every for the benefit of local charities. Never- legitimate means to extricate the govtheless, the generous response already made to this call for aid for the Lackawanna hospital is a fit subject for rejoicing and a pleasant forerunner of yet more generous responses to come.

### No Time for Cowardice.

There is sittle doubt that some timorous Republicans at Harrisburg would party in the legislature to the principle of compulsory educaton, now that the state has a Republican governor. They a principle. Some of them, indeed, probably do not know what that principle really is, or what its practical application would accomplish for the 175,000 boys and giris in Pennsylvania who, although of school age, are today growing up to citizenship in ignorcommon school education. All that they know in the premises-and this is not knowledge, but only surmisis that the enactment of the Farr bill might, under demagogic conditions, cost the party a few votes, Hence they are willing to shove the matter aside, duty or no duty.

This fine kind of political representative of Pennsylvania Republicanism. The party may occasionin the past, but we trust that it will last time it supported that principle overwheimingly, and but for the inconsistent veto of a Democratic governor it would today be the law of the commonwealth. For the Republican party in the present legislature to suddenly reverse itself, for no other reason in the world than the unjustifiable timidity ent law is plainly threatened. of a few small-calibred leaders who merely imagine they lead, would be a display of cowardice well calculated to make the legislature ridiculous in the eyes of sensible people. Such a course would be deplorable even were the fancied danger real. It today is simply preposterous when we consider that the danger is altogether on the other side. We may as well be outspoken in this

education, as enunciated in the prudent bill of Representative Farr, has received the cordial indorsement of societies and religious organizations representing nine-tenths of the state's population. The opposition to it which proposition to prohibit the shooting or is not purely rhetorical and in virtual ignorance of its real provisions comes | without some justification; chiefly from those elements in the commonwealth which would be jeoparded by such a law, because it would strike a blow at their greed, ignorance and they will be of no use until they are ten indefensible parental obstinacy. To years older. Then when their eyesight cater to this vicious vote at the expense of the support of educated and pro-gressive citizens of all creeds and faiths of pheasants that this bill is intended to would be not only poor statesmanship -which is perhaps immaterial to the rooster politicians at Harrisburg who are opposing this measure-but at the same time extraordiarily bad politics.

enterprise, for the profit of individual speculators. The Morgan Nicaragua ters seek them where they most do conspeculators. The Morgan Nicaragua gregate. There are vast forests all over

Where, asks the Pittsburg Commerthe salaries of judges, but it would be a perversion of that power to contend that the salaries may be continued that the salaries may be continued and the salaries may be continued to the proposed on the proposed to the salaries may be continued to the salaries of judges, but it would be salaries and salaries of judges, but it would be after the expiration of the term and after the places have been filled by other men who are entitled to the com-

for pensions or gratuitles for military law which authorizes the pensioning of the judges or any other class of pub-

ture of the public funds but would be antagonistic to the principles upon years, is to order all game-killing which our civil government is based." Would it border on irreverence to suggest that the constitution is not by any means above amendment or revision? In the present instance eminent authority has approved the Riter bill as thoroughly in keeping with the spirit of the organic law. It certainly is in keeping with liberal public sentiment, and even with the selfish business instinct which recognizes the merit of and "targain" offering a superior quality of justice in exchange for a elight increase in our expenditure for the judiciary. If, however, a pension be unconstitutional, we should have no with the lofty and impartial service ex-

pected of them. The rumor that David Martin, owing to "ill health," is to retire from the active management of the Philadelphia Republican canvass is probably too good to be true. But it is what he will have to do, if the party is hereafter to keep head up and face front.

### The President's Message.

The attitude of President Cleveland toward the present financial emergency, as outlined in his message to conof commendable courage and frankference over the various steps which erisis in our federal finances; but now that the crisis is upon us, there will be, and one aim-the voice and aim of unviron it.

The president clearly defines the trouble, which may be chiefly attributed to the law that permits the holder of treasury notes to demand their payment in gold without providing for their immediate cancellation when liftlike to avoid committing the majority ed. Thus the government might repeatedly issue bonds to recoup its gold reserve, yet the drain upon that reserve would continue so long as the treasury have no objection to that principle as notes by which it is accomplished should be successively reissued and re- and made public his report, the part of turned for redemption. The perpetuity of these notes offers practically un. Nothing is ever gained, under such limited opportunity for private speculation to despoil the government of its phant, by violence or loud talking. If gold reserve without enabling it, in re- the bank is sound and solvent, it has turn, to cancel a single obligation; and the right to a fair hearing of its side of ance of the fundamental elements of a the history of the past year shows how the story. If not, it is now too late to thoroughly this opportunity has been repair whatever mischlef may have improved.

sage is general in its terms. It contem- assert itself is rarely equalled, and plates a popular long-term bond issue, should be promptly improved. in denominations of \$20 and \$50 and their multiples, bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. These bonds are to be paid for in legal tender and treasury notes, which are then to be cancelled. It is suggested that the national banks ally have deferred to such leadership be permitted to deposit these bonds as security for circulation up to their face do so no more. The Republican party, value; and that this circulation shall be as the case now stands, has twice in the form of notes not less in denomifavored compulsory education. The nation than \$10 each. With imports payable in gold, the president thinks further action at this time. But if such relief be not soon forthcoming, an additional issue of bonds under the pres-

It is time to drop partisan contention

The Philadelphia Times is suffering from another spasm of hatred for John matter. The principle of compulsory C. Delaney, no doubt also inspired from

## As to Game Protection.

The editor of the Honesdale Herald, ex-Ju-ge Ham, does not favor the sale of grouse until 1905. He asks, not

What are the older sportsmen to do dur-ing these long ten years? They may hang their guns upon the familiar stag horns has grown dim and their limbs are feeble create. But the trouble of it all is, that by the passage of the bill, its object will not be accomplished. The game girds will have enemies tenfold more deadly and nu-merous than the shot gun. The foxes, hawks, polecats, weasels, owls and Jack Frost, destroy the bulk of the game, and If there is any throttling along this line, the people will do it, and the rooster politicians will quite certainly be the victims. It is worth while to clearly understand that!

If the government of the United States desires to embark in the canal business, it should do so independently and "on its own hook." It should not lend its credit to a bankrupt private enterprise, for the profit of individual

canal bill now pending in the house is a good bill to kill, unless, indeed, the people wish to see this government sink knee deep into a colossal scandal.

Pensions for Judges.

Where, asks the Pittsburg Commer
Where, asks the Pittsburg Commer-Where, asks the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette, is the authority for appropriating money to pay judges full salary, for doing nothing? "Let it be conceded," it adds, "that the object is a charitable or a benevolent one, and still it does not fall within the scope of flegislation. The legislature may fix the salaries of judges, but it would be

our Honesdale friend is, the problem of pensation. The constitution forbids game protection would not be a diftable or benevolent purposes, except game protection would not be a dif-ficult one. He must remember, how-table or benevolent purposes, except ever, that he is an exception. Where,

out of a pure love for sport, he shoots purposes, to any person whatever. If one winging grouse, ten of these rapidthere is any provision of the organic ly disappearing fowl are nowadays trapped by professional captors, who find ready market for their wares in the He officers it should be pointed out. large cities. It is not easy, in enforcing If the power exists even by implica- a close season, to differentiate between tion it would be very unwise to exercise a reputable sportsman and a human it. Such a precedent would not only shark. Almost the only way to solve open the door to extravagant expendi- this knotty problem, in the opinion of men who have studied it carefully for stopped for a time sufficient to repair the havoc of the past.

The appearance of Senator David B. Hill in the role of a political reformer is one of the enjoyable novelties of this progressive season. In a speech before the New York Democratic club last Saturday night he said:

If corruption unfortunately obtains a footing in party organization, let it be uprooted. If leaders become corrupt, let them be discarded. Better no organization at all than a corrupt one. I thoroughly despise that class of men who become active in political affairs not to contribute the state of the st the judiciary. If, however, a pension system for judges should turn out to gratify an honorable and legitimate be unconstitutional, we should have no be unconstitutional, we should have no hesttatancy in suggesting that the same end be attained by increasing the pay of judges to a point commensurate discredit the party which they profess to serve, degrade the public service, and re-pel high-minded and honorable men from active participation in political effort. Let ignorance, brutality, dissipation, specula-tive sporting, avarice and freebooting be not regarded as desirable qualities for Democratic membership anywhere much less for prominence in Democratic coun-cils. Let better and higher standards be insisted upon.

Senator Edward Murphy, the Empire state's speculative sporting junior senator, elected such by his virtuous colleague's aid, will read these words with interest and perhaps a quiet grin.

The Scranton Record takes the proper gress reprinted on another page, is one view of the subject when it asks: "Out of the 20 per cent, of Pennsylvania's ness. There was room for partisan dif- children who do not attend school it may safely be taken for granted that have successively led up to this grave at least half that number are the children of parents who take no interest in the upbringing of their little ones, and who spand more money in a week 'rushing the growler' than the children could earn, while a large proportion of the remaining 10 per cent, would be ernment credit from the perils that en- at school were it not for the sheer education themselves, care little for that of their offspring, is it night that these children, who are growing up to be American citizens should be htandicapped for life because of any preventible reason?" The Record thinks not; and we fall to see how any reflective person can think otherwise.

Until the bank examiner shall have completed his inquiry into the condition of the closed Bank of Olyphant wisdom will be to keep cool and quiet circumstances as now prevail in Olybeen done. The opportunity now af-The solution suggested in the mes- forded for common sense to vigorously

## LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

To Prevent Blacklisting The Curley bill to prevent the blacklist ing of employes, now pending in the IIII nois legislature, has several novel points It provides that if any person, agent mpany or corporation after having dis charged any employe from his or its service shall prevent or attempt to pre-vent, by word or writing, such discharged employe from obtaining employment from any other person, agent, company or cor-poration shall be guilty of a misdemeanor that a currency law embracing these general details would solve the imbe liable in double damages to such discharged person, to be recovered by a civil action; but this section shall not be con-strued as prohibiting any person, agent, company or corporation from informing in writing any other person, company or corporation to whom such discharged perin this important matter and get down to patriotic business. Luckily, the trend of congress is plainly in this direction, and favorable response to the message of any other company or partner-ship or corporation in this state shall authorize or allow any of its or their agents to blacklet any discharge ampleys or sage is to be expected without long de- to blacklist any discharged employe or attempt by word or writing or any other means whatever to prevent such dis charged employe or any employe who may voluntarily leave such company's service from obtaining employment from any other person or company, except as here inbefore provided, such company or cor-poration shall be liable in double damages to such employe so prevented from ob-taining employment, to be receovered by a civil action. It shall be the duty of any person, agent, company or corporation after having discharged any employe from his or tis service upon demand of such em-ploye to furnish him in writing a full. queeingt statement of the cause or caus of his discharge, and if such agent, com pany or corporation shall refuse to do so within a reasonable time after such demand it shall ever after be unlawful for such person, agent or corporation to fur-nish any statement of the cause of such discharge to any person or corporation or in any way to blacklist or prevent such discharged person from procuring employment elsewhere, subject to the penal ties of this act. Provided, that such writ ten cause of discharge when so made by such person, agent, company or corpora tion at the request of such discharged employe shall never be used as the cause for an action for slander or libel, either civil or 'criminal, against the person agent, company or corporation so fur-nishing the same.

The Williams Anti-Boycott Bill. Philadelphia Press: "It is absurd to suppose the legislature can enact a law that will compel any employer to keep a man when he doesn't want him. That would be an invasion of private rights which could not be sustained. If it will not work in the public service, and it has been shown that it will not, it certainly cannot be made effective in individual af fairs. Such propositions as this can hard ly have any other effect than to itensify the feeling between employer and employe. It has a tendency to create hos-tility where none existed before. It is lacking in good judgment, and is as un-reasonable as if the legislature should atreasonable as it the legislature should at-tempt to enact that a man must work for a particular individual, firm or cor-poration whether he wants to or not. That would be laughed at by everybody, But it is no more ridiculous than to pro-pose that an employer shall keep a man unless he wants to. The laboring people one proposed.

If all hunters were as considerate as is not only unseless but positively hurtful

to his own cause."

cae class must burt the balance of the community. We have too much class legislation. Of course six-tenths of it is for corporations. The balance is taffy and vote getting legislation to deceive

### FAVOR SHERMAN'S PLAN.

Prom the Philadelphia Press.

President William Connell, of the Third National bank, says: "In my judgment Senator Sherman's proposition to issue bends of small denominations is a good one. A free silver bill would be disastrous. I would suggest a tax on foreign silver so as to exclude the coin in the same ratio as silver is produced in this same ratio as silver is produced in this 'rom the Philadelphia Press. same ratio as silver is produced in this country. If we could keep out the Mexicus and foeign silver there would be a great improvement in our finances. Eventually we will have to use both netals, but it ought to be on an interna

tional basis."
Colonel H. M. Boies, president of the Moosic Powder company, says: "The great difficulty is that the receives of the nation are less than the expenditures. I cannot see what can be done except to call an extra session of congress, rehe present tariff hill and pass one that will provide sufficient revenue. I do not believe there would be subscriptions to a opular loan ambunting to anything here while the government is being discrea-ted."

Samuel Hines, president of the Traders National bank, says: "I think a popular loan, such an suggested by Semator Sher-man, would be a success in the country. I am a Democrat, but I believe that conress should adjourn and the president all the new congress together." James A. Linen, president of the First National bank, says: "I think the three per cent, popular loan suggested by Sena-tor Sherman would be taken liberally by the banks of Scranton."

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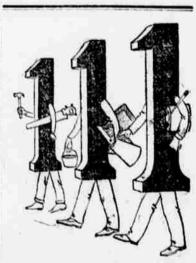
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