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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1894, 103,000. Registered voters, 23,522. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$18,000,000.

It is the metropolis of northeastern Pennsylvania. Can produce electric power cheaper than Niagara. No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries.

See how we grow: Population in 1860, 9,223. Population in 1870, 25,000. Population in 1880, 42,520. Population in 1890, 75,213. Population in 1894 (estimated), 103,000. And the end is not yet.

It will be time to appoint a Lexow committee for Philadelphia when the people of Philadelphia clearly express to the legislature at Harrisburg their inability to govern themselves. Until such confession shall be authoritative, the legislature of Pennsylvania would do well to keep hands off.

Where Does It Stand? One of the demands formulated by the so-called labor combine at Harrisburg calls for the statutory prohibition of the employment of persons fifteen years of age or under. The factory law at present prohibits the employment of persons under twelve years and in some instances under thirteen years.

This will explain why we have devoted time and room to Dr. Parkhurst and to Messrs. Lexow and Platt, those three gentlemen being just now the most conspicuous representatives of the militant forces in that momentous struggle. The battle at the polls having ended in the rout of the looters, there is now in progress, nominally at Albany, a second battle by which it is to be decided whether a new set of looters shall be installed in the Gotham offices, or whether those offices shall be manned, non-partisanly, in the interests of the property-holders and the taxpayers.

Dr. Parkhurst, on the other hand, as the recognized leader of the forces which won the first victory, proposes that the government of the police force shall be vested in a single-headed commission to be appointed by the mayor with the aid of an advisory commission of three, who may recommend dismissals from the ranks and make new appointments. Police trials, under this plan, would be conducted by a board consisting of three lawyers of five years' standing, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum each; the police would have nothing whatever to do with election arrangements further than to keep the peace while the polls are open, all other details being put in the hands of a separate commission to be composed of two Democrats and two Republicans.

With reference to the personnel of the police force itself, Dr. Parkhurst would discharge every policeman now above the rank of sergeant, and thus obviate the necessity of trying to "reorganize" the force. The new head of the police department, under the Parkhurst plan, is to be responsible directly to the mayor. The present position of superintendent is to be filled by an official known as the chief of police, who will also be directly responsible to the mayor, who can remove him from office for cause. The chief, however, has the right of appeal to the courts. Complaint against officers of lower rank are to be heard by the trial board.

The situation may be briefly explained by saying that Tammany and Tom Platt both favor the Lexow plan, since it opens the door to new deals for mutual profit, just like the old ones; whereas the conscience and the character of New York city and of the nation are for a different kind of thing, one that will render it possible for an honest mayor to choose honest subordinates and secure honest service under penalty of instant dismissal. We have no doubt that the latter side will eventually win.

It is reliably said concerning the North German Lloyd Steamship company that after it had shipped nearly 400 passengers in a steamer with only three life boats, and these promptly appropriated by the ship's officers and crew; and after 300 or more of their passengers had been coolly drowned, it took the two score survivors to a second-class London restaurant and gave them \$30 apiece, with which to feed, clothe and shelter themselves until they could get aboard the Umbria and start once more for home. No wonder the Emperor of Germany is disgusted with such a crew.

Labor Pensions and Insurance. One of the problems which will come day press for settlement in this country is that of how to divert to the wage-earner a larger share of the profits of his industry without working injustice to his employer. The efforts of Alfred Dolge to arrive at an equitable settlement of this problem cover a score of years, and after all that time he has

The only purpose of state appropriation is to secure that sort of roads. The state can build roads itself, or it can appropriate money to be given to the counties on condition that they make roads of a prescribed standard of durability. But to give it to them unconditionally would be a very slight improvement on throwing it away.

We see no reason to recede from the conclusion, expressed at the beginning of this legislative session, that the proper method of road reform would be for the state to build, at its own expense, model railways along routes which now traverse two or more counties, and leave to the various counties the work of building up the smaller, and purely local, highways. It would not be a bad idea, as an incentive to uniformity, for the state to offer a premium or bounty for local roads constructed up to a certain specified quality, said premium to be, let us say, a reimbursement for five or ten per cent of the total cost, as gleaned from duplicate vouchers to be filed with one of the departments at Harrisburg.

The state must help in the making of good roads; but it must help intelligently and not blindly.

If one cared to go to the requisite trouble, we believe it could be proved that Luzerne county would be better off, in dollars and cents, with the Hazleton district divorced from it than it is now, with that district continually clogging the court dockets with cases of murder, riot, arson and general disorder. Why do Wilkes-Barreans endeavor to perpetuate such an anomalous alliance?

The Situation in New York.

We do not need to apologize for devoting, from time to time, some of our space to a consideration of the measures whereby it is proposed to reorganize the municipal government of New York city. Details of that reorganization are of interest to Americans everywhere; first because in the New York struggle for better government the entire fate of clean city government throughout the Union is involved to a noteworthy degree, inasmuch that if we cannot have successful government of the people in the metropolis of America, where all the currents of American civilization are massed, the best as well as the worst, we cannot reasonably expect to have it elsewhere on this continent, where those forces are weaker and fewer; and secondly, because a clean New York means a clean election in New York, which in turn, in the majority of cases, means a clean administration at Washington and an end to hard times.

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only partially succeeded. Yet it is probable that he has advanced further in his wise solution than nine-tenths of his fellow-employers, which is a fact fully entitling him to generous credit.

At the twenty-sixth annual reunion of his employees, recently held in Dolgeville, N. Y., there was read an instructive report of the operations of the system of labor insurance and pensions which has been instituted among them. The system offers double benefits to those who are loyal to the firm that employs them. It offers a means of sustenance to those who are disabled from work by accident or old age; and it provides support for the families of those who die or are killed in the line of duty. Last year \$1,199.80 was paid to four superannuated workmen, and the amount paid since the establishment of the fund was reported as \$3,372.36. From the beginning the contributions to the pension fund amount to \$30,131.07, and the interest is now large enough to pay the present pensioners without further contributions. In twenty years \$34,595.27 has been paid for life insurance policies, and the employees now hold policies on which the firm pays premiums to the amount of \$172,000, and it also makes arrangements for those whom the insurance company reject. An endowment account is also carried with \$8,168.65 due employees at maturity, but this last year nothing was added to it because, as Mr. Dolge says, "no one could earn any more than his wages."

These funds are kept up by a system of bookkeeping which credits each man in the Dolgeville shops with a percentage of the profits gained on the articles of his labor. Instead, however, of giving to workmen a specified annual dividend, the firm takes out from the surplus earnings of the men enough to sustain the insurance and pension funds and then distributes the remainder. We do not recall whether, since this plan has been in operation, any year has yet shown a net loss instead of a gain; but should such loss occur, the men would be expected to bear the proportion of the loss in the form of a pro rata reduction in wages, sufficient to meet the loss without sacrificing the two funds.

A number of adverse arguments instantly suggest themselves relative to this system; such, for example, as that it ties the men down to one employer, under penalty, when changing, of sacrificing accumulated benefits. But apart from the general unwisdom of frequent changes, it is practically impossible to secure uniformity of benefits for wage earners engaged in private business enterprises. The plan pursued at Dolgeville is generally acceptable to the men employed there and it offers the basis of similar plans elsewhere, with modifications suited to the varying requirements of each industry and each locality.

The fact that Mind Reader Baldwin intends to come again may explain the secret of his willingness to be made the beneficiary of any amount of free advertising. A shrewd man is Baldwin.

Complete the Topographical Map. Philadelphia Record: The legislators at Harrisburg have a clear duty before them in the bill introduced by Representative J. L. Matos, of Venango, for state cooperation with the federal government in the completion of the Pennsylvania topographical map. The practical value of this work is too well recognized to call for an exposition of its importance in great matters of public works, forestry and geological problems, canal and railroad engineering, and innumerable cases affecting deeply the general welfare of the corporate commonwealth and its individual citizens.

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seeds in the ground a new growth is usual, but often the destruction is total, the humus is burned and the land left black and barren. If a hillside the rains soon begin to wash the soil away, destroying the possibility of any future growth. Large sections of country once heavily wooded have been made permanently barren by this means in Europe and Asia. We know that the same danger threatens our own wooded hillsides, besides the annual loss of timber by fire, and only hopeless stupidity will prevent us from applying a remedy. The Lytle bill furnishes the remedy. Let the house put the brake upon the disposition to amend it, lest its efficiency and value be destroyed.

To Examine Law Students. A bill creating a state board of examiners has been introduced in the senate, and is now being considered by the committee on judicial general. The members are to be appointed by the governor after consultation with the members of the supreme court, and are to examine all students at law and others applying for admission to practice in the various courts of the commonwealth except the supreme court. All those applying for examination must previously pay a fee of \$25 into the state treasury, which will be maintained as a separate fund for the payment of the members of the board and all necessary expenses and mileage.

Lengthen the School Year. Philadelphia Press: The school year in the rural districts of this state is disgracefully short, shorter than in any other eastern state. Senator Landis' bill, now favorably reported, and is to examine all students at law and others applying for admission to practice in the various courts of the commonwealth except the supreme court. All those applying for examination must previously pay a fee of \$25 into the state treasury, which will be maintained as a separate fund for the payment of the members of the board and all necessary expenses and mileage.

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