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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, 20,589. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of schools, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000. It's 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, 9,233. Population in 1870, 23,000. Population in 1880, 45,500. Population in 1890, 75,215. Population in 1894 (estimated), 103,000. And the end is not yet.

An advance of \$7,500 in one month in the price of the Grant barn property on Spruce street does not look very much like hard times. It takes a good deal, these days, to keep Scranton down.

See Tomorrow's Tribune.

Upon another page appears a plain statement concerning the financial condition and needs of the Scranton Young Men's Christian association. That institution is one in which every broad-minded citizen takes honest pride. We do not propose to take up our readers' time in recapitulating its advantages. Those persons who know anything about the subject know what those advantages are, and how much they would be missed if suddenly subtracted from the community.

A plan has been evolved to help the Scranton Young Men's Christian association; that is, to extend its usefulness and enlarge and improve its facilities. The details of this plan will be printed in tomorrow's Tribune. It will require, to be successful, something more substantial than words. It will require cash, good, sound, actual cash. Notwithstanding the number of the demands nowadays made upon the purses of our generous people, we believe that this requirement will be met. It will be met because it must be met; because justice and right demand that it be met.

Do not fail to read what we shall have to say on this subject in tomorrow's paper.

The news of La Gascogne's safe arrival is the best news that the wives have been called upon to chronicle in many a day. No decent man will this morning fail to be devoutly thankful for this news.

Of Course Quay Is Loyal.

The Washington correspondents have deemed it of sufficient importance to announce with some emphasis that Senator Quay, now that he is back from Florida, will "positively not knif" Mr. Warwick, the Republican candidate for mayor of Philadelphia." This information, however, is wholly unnecessary to those who know Senator Quay. The idea that he would settle his private griefs at the expense of his party does him an injustice not warranted by any fact in his long career as a most successful political leader.

It is true that Senator Quay has a fight on hand; a fight which promises, unless all signs fail, to make things uncommonly lively for the opposition. The circumstances of that fight are by this time pretty generally known and therefore do not need repetition. But in any event it is a "family affair," and in its settlement it will not be necessary to appeal for Democratic assistance or to solicit Democratic alliances. The difficulty in due time will be adjusted wholly within the party lines, and in a manner that will give eminent satisfaction to the masses of the party's following.

In the meantime, Charles F. Warwick is the undisputed nominee of the Republicans of Philadelphia for mayor; and has, as such, been duly approved and endorsed by the party rank and file. By nominating as his opponent a gentleman who ranks as the political pawn of William F. Harris, the Democrats have turned the fight into a square, up-and-down test of party loyalty and in such a situation to assume, in any hypothesis, that Matthew Stanley Quay would be found flirting with the enemy is to do utter violence to every known law of political probability.

"What shall we do with Japan?" asks an anxious contemporary. China's advice would probably be "Let her alone."

Nonsense About High License.

It is amusing to notice with what earnestness several Pittsburgh and Philadelphia contemporaries just now defend the Brooks high license law as a solution of the liquor problem which, as one paper exultingly declares, "could be much more easily weakened than strengthened." The object of this sudden fondness for that law is to ward off a possible amendment of it involving what is virtually local option, in another form. That amendment is known as the Pennewell bill, and, as we have hitherto explained, it leaves to a majority of the residents and property-owners of a given district the determination of the question whether a liquor license shall be issued for that district.

The only logical objection to the Pennewell bill, from the standpoint of those who believe that each community should have a direct voice in the determination of its political and social conditions so far as these are affected by government, is that it does not select the easiest available method of ascertaining the popular will. It requires this will to be expressed, not by secret ballot, but by the signing of a petition or remonstrance addressed to the court, thus opening the way to bitter animosities and personal grudges. To this extent it may be open to criticism; but to contend that it must not be considered by this legislature lest in some manner the present revenue-producing high license system shall be endangered, it seems to us, the veriest nonsense.

The Brooks high license system is not sacred. Neither is it perfect. As a matter of fact, it is scarcely more than a clumsy compromise, by courtesy called constitutional, the effect of which is for the state to farm out monopolies in the drink traffic to which it has no moral right, in exchange for revenue without which it would be decidedly better off. In this locality, the crudeness of the system is further emphasized by the fact that when the commonwealth has, for \$500 per dealer, sold its permission for the sale of liquor, it immediately goes back on its contract by taking no steps to protect its patrons from illicit competition.

We object to investing such a law with a simulated halo of sanctity. It is not a good law. It is a very crude and clumsy law, tolerable only as a makeshift until public sentiment shall demand and sustain something better.

The liquor influence in New York state will urge the adoption, at Albany, of a law permitting cities of 50,000 or more population to decide, by popular vote, whether Sunday liquor selling shall be permitted between noon and midnight. This measure is called by its authors a "compromise" bill; and it deserves its title. The next thing in order will probably be a bill permitting cities to decide whether gambling shall be punishable on Sunday, or horse racing or that form of vice known as the social evil. Finally, it will be in order to have a popular poll taken on the Ten Commandments. Maybe several of them need cutting out. "Compromise?" We should say it was.

No Time for Yawping.

Just now, when a few fussy old fogies like Senator Hawley's Hartford County are disposed to blink at Thomas B. Reed for not long-windedly beating a theoretical tom tom on the currency question, while the national credit is going to pieces inch by inch, it is refreshing to come across a stalwart Democratic paper with the good sense to give proper credit where credit is due, even to the extent of praising a political opponent. The Philadelphia Record is such a paper, and it says, with cheerful frankness which we commend:

Mr. Reed, whatever else his critics may find to say about him, has never once lacked the courage of his convictions. His substitute was not a currency scheme. It was an expedient, addressed to an emergency, conceived in recognition of the fact that only a remnant of the session could not possibly be dealt with, while the treasury's dwindling reserves was a condition that could not wait. Yet the Reed substitute, while avowedly nothing more than an emergency measure, showed a statesman's grasp of the practical sort, the sort which has been so woefully lacking among his critics. Mr. Reed, however, will probably not bother himself to seriously argue with his critical friends who have taken to these ebullient and blizzardous days to play a new pathway for themselves, but will rather be inclined to say to them: "Wayward brothers, depart in peace. If they should do so they would simply cut themselves off from a brainy leader who leads, and whose business sense and regard for national credit are not to be impeached. And any who would not leave Mr. Reed very lonesome. The leader who in financial measures stands with John Sherman, and who can offer a non-partisan measure commanding the support of 100 Republican votes in the house, is certainly in very large and very good company.

The present is a good time for Republicans to remember that when the dogmatic assertion of net financial health means a costly legislative deadlock ruinous to every branch of business and trade, the policy of wisdom is not to foment new wrangles by obstinate reiteration of extreme opinions, but to seek for an equitable basis of mutual agreement. This country can get along nicely under any set of laws if the flatulent theorists in congress at Washington would only close their cavernous mouths and give it half a chance.

A newcomer in the Journalism of this section has just been launched in Wilkes-Barre under the terse title "IT." "IT" is a comic weekly visitant aiming to fill a long-felt want. "IT's" publishers, Messrs. Laclair and Hamlin, the former a son of Colonel J. D. Laclair, are bright, trustworthy and enterprising young men, who will make "IT" go if "IT" is in the pathway to success. Good luck to both!

The Right of the State.

A contributor to the Rochester Post-Express, refuting a series of misrepresentations upon the subject of compulsory education very similar to some of the misrepresentations that are appearing in the columns of the Scranton Truth, says very aptly:

Whatever may be the proper limitations of legislative power it certainly includes the protection of the lives, health and morals of children and whatever else is necessary for their decent preparation for citizenship. That some education is required for this probably no one would think of denying. That very many children will not get even this unless they are required to do so by law is also a patent fact. Some persons conceive this exercise of the plain duty of the state to be an infringement of somebody's personal liberty. Very likely. So are all laws for the protection of the children or indeed of any one else. These persons may very possibly so regard any statute against corruption of the morals of children; one instance of which is that relating to the so-called "age of consent." Or they may be jealous of that "personal liberty" of parents by which they might claim unlimited authority to abuse their children at their fustian or drunken pleasure and to rear them as criminals after their own type. The truth is a compulsory education law is a small part of what is needed in this direction. This interference with personal liberty needs to be carried so far that every child in this state shall not only be given a common school education, but preparing him in some degree for intelligent citizenship and protection of his own personal interests in private dealings, but shall also be protected dur-

ing the years of helplessness from starvation and freezing as well as from slavery to keepers of sweating shops, and professional beggars or thieves. If this hurts the feelings of any advocate of personal liberty he may possibly be obliged to bear it. The signs indicate that intelligent citizens will not always permit the systematic training of criminals at fearful cost to the public and that the humanity of Americans will not always ignore the indescribable squalor and suffering of great multitudes of children in a land of plenty.

The notion that parental liberty includes within itself the right to rear children under such circumstances as to make them, when grown, ignorant and vicious members of society when they could be made educated and useful members is a monstrous perversion of the truth, possible only to disputants who, like the editor of the Scranton Truth, do not fully realize what they are saying.

A number of Democratic newspapers are now throwing rhetorical bricks at Thomas B. Reed, with a view to discrediting his presidential candidacy before the people. As a matter of fact, the more the Democratic leaders dislike him, the better he will be liked by the masses. Anyhow, Reed has been under fire before.

It is a fact worth noticing that while cities all around us have, during the past few days, been staggering along under weather that almost crowded the mercury out of the thermometer, Scranton's temperature has been mercifully exempted. This is another tribute to that city's merit as a first-class winter resort.

It takes calamity to bring out the fine points in human nature. The Carbondale milkmen for instance who took advantage of the milk famine last week and squeezed their customers to the extent of three or four cents extra on a quart are shining examples of humanity.

The sneers of Messrs. Platt and Lexow at men whom they sarcastically call "reformers" would be in better taste if either could point to some genuine reforming of his own achievement.

Another White Cap conspiracy has been unearthed in Georgia. It is noticeable that White Cap enterprises and moonshine whiskey plants seem to flourish on the same soil.

The indifference of the navy department regarding the officers of the Concord may be taken as evidence that the department does not favor shooting Chinamen out of season.

From accounts up to date it would seem possible for diplomat John W. Foster to get into Li Hung's discarded yellow vest without bursting the buttons off.

Another petrified man has been discovered in Philadelphia. The "combine" leaders need not hereafter feel lonely.

Is the Nicaragua canal job dead at last? Let us devoutly hope so.

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Time to Call a Halt.

Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette: There will have to be a severe pruning down wherever the knife can be applied, or the credit of the state for good financing and economical government will suffer. There is one thought running through the legislative mind—that this is a great state; that it is practically out of debt, and that the most important thing is to get the financial management of past years. But that is one of the strongest reasons why the present course should be abandoned. The present course is to authorize public expenditures, but not to enter upon an era of extravagant expenditures in times like these. Owing to depression caused by gross mismanagement of national affairs, the state receipts will be curtailed as indicated above, and it would be very unwise to pursue a policy which will tend to increase taxation or add to the state debt. There are some items which cannot be curtailed, nor is it desirable that they should be; but there are others that can be more or less reduced, and many applications for money that should be temporarily denied. The creation of needless offices and the increase of salaries are evils that should be carefully guarded against. Many of the schemes involving large expenditures, while commendable enough in themselves, are not necessarily pressing. They can afford to wait a more convenient season. Time will doubtless improve in the near future, but this is not the time for encouraging lavish expenditures. Governor Hastings has promised to look after this matter, and as things appear now he will have to make use of the veto power to ease the strain upon the treasury.

Against the New Revenue Bill.

The manufacturers of Pennsylvania are fighting the new revenue bill framed by the state tax conference. Chairman Ritter, of the house ways and means committee, which has the measure under consideration, has received protests from manufacturers all over the state against its becoming a law and asking for a hearing before it is acted upon finally by the committee. The Manufacturers' club, of Philadelphia, through its secretary, Charles Heiser Clarke, the distinguished political economist, has given Chairman Ritter notice of its opposition to the scheme and will send a large delegation to oppose it. Mr. Clarke is a member of the conference and made a bitter attack upon the bill when it was under consideration by that body. He characterized it as a scheme to relieve the agricultural classes of their share of the burdens of state taxation by imposing it upon the manufacturers and corporations. Mr. Clarke left the meeting in disgust and never returned. The greatest objection claimed to the bill is that it inflicts additional burdens upon many of the industries of the state and will tend to drive them to more favored localities or to retire from business.

The Baker Anti-Sweat-Shop Bill.

The bill by Senator Baker to mitigate the evil of sweat-shops prohibits the manufacture in any tenement or dwelling house, except by the immediate members of the family living therein, of coats and other wearing apparel, cigars and cigarettes. No person, firm or corporation is permitted to employ any person to work in any room, in any rear building, or building in the rear of a tenement or dwelling house, at making any of the articles enumerated without obtaining a permit from the factory inspector or one of his deputies. The greatest objection claimed to the bill is that it inflicts additional burdens upon many of the industries of the state and will tend to drive them to more favored localities or to retire from business.

A Step Toward Free Bridges.

The senate has passed a bill providing that the state shall purchase and assume

control of county bridges crossing rivers and streams declared to be public highways by acts of assembly and for the erection of new bridges to take the place of those destroyed and to repair others. The state treasurer and auditor general are, on the application of the commissioners of the counties, to appoint three competent persons to make an appraisal of the value of the property involved. They are required to make report to the state treasurer and auditor general within three months, when the amount of the appropriation shall be paid over to the proper county treasurers. New county shall be constructed or old ones rebuilt by the state on the application of the county commissioners to the officers named.

The State Veterinarian Included. The bill to create a department of agriculture has been amended in the house by providing for the appointment of a state veterinarian at an annual salary of \$2,500.

Merit Will Win in Time.

From the Elmira Signal. Here is the way that master of Journalism, Charles A. Dana, speaks out on the circulation question: "The best way to get a large circulation for a newspaper is to fill it with reading of genuine interest and real value; to make it necessary that every one who wishes to be well informed respecting important occurrences, should study that newspaper; and to render it attractive in a literary sense by giving to its columns an intrinsic character and an engaging intellectual quality." If this wise suggestion were adopted there would be a great shrinkage in many ready-print and plate editions of "newspapers" that carry nothing but trash to their readers.

THE HUSBAND.

Who weeps because we are so dear, And then forgets to be here—The anniversary every year? The husband.

Who, when he's donning evening clothes, Would with an angel come to blows, And let the whole house hear his woes? The husband.

Who sometimes make us quail and quake With tales about the bread and cake His mother used to make and bake? The husband.

Who calls the landlord with a frown, And then slips out and goes uptown, While wife talks the landlord down? The husband.

But when the clouds are dark and gray And rain seems not far away, Who takes the beam and saves the day? The husband.

Who crumbles logs, as we well know, That here to wine shall ever flow, Yet in his heart is glad 'tis so? The husband.

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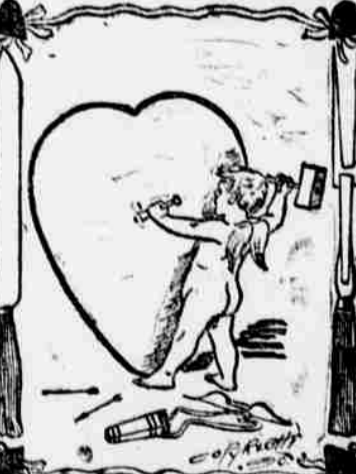
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