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And the end is not yet. The indorsement of the Farr bill by the Philadelphia Press, elsewhere reproduced, is simply in line with intelligent sentiment throughout the commonwealth. Narrow prejudice or jealousy may delay compulsory education in this

The Needs of Our Home Charities.

state, but it cannot permanently defeat

It is believed from the expressions of individual opinion made while in this city by the members of the subcommittee on appropriations that the various charitable institutions of Scranon which seek financial aid from the state will receive liberal treatment. The more especially of its revenues renders it somewhat dubious whether every magnanimous and dignified gentlemen penny asked for will be appropriated; to be found in every generation under but it is believed that in the committee's necessary paring down, our institutions will receive their just proportion of the available moneys.

With reference to the West Side hoslocal contributions, leaving the matter of a state appropriation for later consideration. The state, in such matters, has established the rule of helping those who first help themselves. and it now appears that we were intirely correct in our surmise that this rule would not be waived in this one instance.

That the western and northwestern portion of the city needs a first class hospital is not to be denied. The carting over rough roads, for two or three miles, of those who have been injured in the West Side mines is a tax upon their strength and endurance almost inhuman in its severity. The state could not better apply \$30,000 or \$40,000 of its funds than to the correction of this evil. But if the state shall see fit to require, as a condition of such appropriation, that a similar sum be first raised by the locality to be benefited then the obvious duty of the generous and public spirited citizens of Scranton, in general, and of the West Side and North End in particular is to get to work with subscription papers without loss of time.

"Trilby" at the Albright library is engaged weeks ahead, while hundreds of wholesome and instructive books remain on the shelves week in and week out untouched. This fact is one of the best evidences of the need of a library; but it is deplorable that so many will pass beneficial reading by each day and eagerly devour the trash or the purely ephemeral literature that is necessarily a portion of the reading matter in a thoroughly equipped public library.

An Altoona Warning.

The city of Altoona is exercised over the fact that one of its volunteer fire companies, because indignant at certain action by councils, the other day refused to respond to an alarm of fire. thus permitting a valuable block of buildings to be destroyed. The mayor has called a special meeting of councils, and it is thought the volunteer service will be superseded by a thoroughly organized paid department.

We do not believe that any volunteer company in this city would act like the Altoona organization did. Upon the contrary, we can cheerfully testify to the generally high standard of discipline and of service which prevails among the volunteer companies of Scranton. The argument for a paid service is not meant as a reflection upon the present service; and we think that the majority of the volunteer firemen of the city recognize this fact.

But there can be very little question that in the best of volunteer deparments the discipline is not what it can be made where the members of the department are paid servants of the city, subject to government by a responsible chief whose directions have the force of law. If this were not true, why should any of the large cities have a paid service? Volunteers can always be had; yet the volunteer idea has been discarded in nearly every city of from 50,000 to 2,000,000 inhabitants, Scranton being among the few exceptions.

a paid department is a serious mistake, as time will doubtless demon-

that it has been left for Scranton capitalists to introduce in Philadelphia so Scranton is prepared to instruct the Quaker City in progressive citizenship are, however, by no means restricted to the matter of steam heat.

Napoleon and Washington. The present talk about a Washington

evival, to offset the renewed interest lately manifested in the life and times of Napoleon, will probably fail of its purpose, and for a sufficient reason. There is that in the personality of the plebeian poverty to the mastery of Europe, where he played with thrones toys-which unerringly fascinates the reader and, even yet, after the interval of a century, elicits the most profound awe. In this age of polite democracy, we turn to Napoleon, the first great, although unconscious, democrat, by a kind of natural instinct. We who have learned to estimate mere titular kings at their naked worth can scarcely refrain from evincing an interest, as of kinship, in the marvelous pioneer leonoclast who, by reducing blood sovereignty to the dimensions of a ghastly jest, made it possible for the people of today to own their own souls.

This element of picturesque, magnetic, fascinating intensity is utterly absent from the personality of General George Washington, Looking at the latter in the clear light of today, we perceive not the great being, semi godlike, whom out forefathers worshipped, but instead a revered, somewhat haughty and in the main a commonplace 75,215 man; possessing, to be sure, the gift of patience and something of the genius of command, but by no means marvelous nor in any sense extraordinary. We view in him a gentleman of elevated instincts and of fine common sense; one whom most of us would have liked to have for a president or an ambassador; but certainly not an inexplicable prodigy of overmastering personality such as was Napoleon, or such as was Julius Caesar. If Washington had not had the good fortune to be associated with the war for American independence; if he had been, let us say, a Canadian or an English colonist in Australia, the people of today would look upon him-such of them as would take the trouble to look at all-with merely mild and conventional approval; condition of the state's finances and and would see in him very little not perceived in hundreds of courteous, every flag.

It is well, in this connection, to recollect that while Washington did with nobility the part to which destiny assigned him, he did no more than is bepltal, it appears that the sub-commit- ing done, almost every day, by the govtee is disposed to wait for the collec- ernors of our larger states or the tion of a local fund before voting it mayors of our leading cities. While state aid. It will be remembered when he had to blaze his own path, it is also the subject of a miners' hospital for true that he had behind him a followthis deserving portion of the city was ing of aroused and indomitable men first discussed. The Tribune suggested and women who supplied him with that the best way to get financial help nearly all the essentials of successfrom the commonwealth would be to ful leadership. If there had been rego ahead with the project by securing quired of him, as was required of Na- and 13, and is satisfied with sixteen weeks poleon, to first win a following before commanding it; if there had been required of him, at any point in his public career, that exhibit of tumultuous, irresistible magnetic power over men which sweeps away traditions, conventions, thrones and even rugged Alpine mountains, as was many times required of Napoleon Bonaparte, it seems scrupulously just to say that George Washngton would very probably have been found wanting, and that our memory of him, now so reverential, would, in that case, have been tinged with a quiet undercurrent of contempt,

We should therefore say, with due egard for what he did and for what he was, that there is nothing in the career of Washington to cause a modern furore such as has characterized the late revival in Napoleonic biography and tradition.

A dollar contributed to the Finishing and Furnishing fund of the Scranton Young Men's Christian association is a dollar put to one of the best uses that human benevolence and beneficence have jointly devised. Can you not spare at least a dollar for this good

The Clash of Classes.

The man who reads the eastern newspapers, A at least that part of those papers which is devoted to discussions of finance, naturally derives the impression that nine-tenths of the ills birds fairly swarm in Missouri, and the from which business at present suffers stock, under present laws, seems likely are directly due to the refusal of the west to accept, resignedly, currency propositions made by the large goldlending banking houses of New York and London. He does not stop to think that what may be a good law for J. Plerpont Morgan & Co., or for the Rothschilds need not, of necessity, be the best kind of a law for the great mass of people who are not bankers nor brokers nor discounters of notes. He hears only one side of the case; and that a special plea.

On the other hand, the man who reads the western papers is apt to believe that there is a deep-dyed conspiracy among the people of the east to force the country to a single gold standard, thus adding largely to the west's previously contracted indebtedness and invalidating the millions of dollars of western capital which were invested in silver mines under the promise that silver would retain its place on a parity with gold as one of the two coin metals of the government. These papers, reflecting the wishes of the debtor classes and of the owners of silver mines, want us to coin, without limit, all the silver of all the world, should it be sent into this country, at a ratio of 16 to 1, whereas the bullion value of silver is today to the bullion value of gold only as 32 is to 1 That kind of policy would lighten their debts, inflate the value of their mines and be, in other ways, a good thing for them, but it would not of necessity be equally so good for the great mass of people who are neither debtors nor silver miners. The western reader, too, hears only one side of the case; and

that, a special plea. It is time that a strong body of con-

where, should have a clear word to say in behalf of the great middle class of citizens who are almost ready to exclaim: "A plague on both your houses!" It does not in the least surprise us Whatever may be true of eastern extremists, only a few of the great bulk of common citizens in the east want to great a convenience of urban life as see a single gold standard; or want consteam heating. The points in which gress to take orders from Wall street. Nor do we believe that, except through misrepresentation of the facts, the bulk of plain westerners can be induced to hold out for what is virtually silver monometallism, with robbery and ruin thrown in. They have no right to ask congress to give them the whole loaf, at the expense of all the rest of the was come to stay, and every-body is glad that he has come. He is the expense of all the rest of the was ever any reason for entertaining such an opinion, it has been very completely removed. But the sneers and the jests have passed away, for the Young Men's Christian association young man has come to stay, and every-body is glad that he has come. He is the of plain westerners can be induced to at the expense of all the rest of the country; nor to expect the federal mints to go on double turn in order that foreign traders in silver bullion may make big money out of our foolishness. There is a sensible mean between these two is a sensible mean between these two brutality. The Young Men's Christian association young man takes prizes in the upstart Corsican—who, through sheer is a sensible mean between these two extremes which represents the common sense of the question; and we are anxiously waiting to see keen-eyed Reforce of his own endeavor, rose from extremes which represents the common and kings as a child would play with publican members of congress plant their party's banner solidly thereon, with the intention of fighting it out on that line if it takes all summer.

ly a premonition of one of the experiences in store for Scrantonians when the spring thaw comes. And yet this community takes no steps to do away with the rotten wooden block pave!

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Pay of Women Teachers. Philadelphia Press; Representative Sey-fert, of Lancaster, is impressed with the plaint of the women teachers of Philadelphia as to the inequality of salaries paid by the Philadelphia board of education, and he has introduced a bill to meet the case. It provides that females employed as teachers in the pub-lic schools of this state shall in all cases receive the same compensation as is allowed to male teachers for like service when holding the same grade of cer-tificates and employed to teach an equal grade as male teachers. There is mani-fest justice in this, but it is not certain that its operation will be wholly favorable to the public schools or even to the women teachers. The latter are employed in preference to men in nine-tenths of the teaching positions because they will give the same quality of service for less money. They are the cheapest to hire and the board of education only does its duty as trustee of the school fund when it goes into the cheapest market to procure its teachers. Here and there, however, it appears to the board desirable to employ a man, and to get a capable man teacher it is often necessary to offer him more money than will employ an equally "amoney than will employ an equally ra-pable woman. Under this Seyfert bill, if enacted, to get a suitable man at his low-est price it would be necessary to raise the salaries of all the women teachers of the same grade to a higher figure than they would be willing to sell their services for, but for the fact that the law forbids them to be paid less than a man. Our old friend, supply and demand, ulways produces inequality of pay for very nearly like services. We are inclined to the opinion, however, that his rule works better on the whole than legislative at tempts to regulate prices by arbitrary laws.

Need of Compulsory Education. Philadelphia Press: Mr. Farr, of Lacka-wanna county, who has distinguished his career in the legislature by his persistent advocacy of compulsory education, is urging his bill again at the present session. If Mr. Farr succeeds in persuading this legislature to pass it anew we be-lieve it will go on the statute book. Republican governors are not disposed to stand in the way of any measure that promises to make for the public education, and Governor Hastings is least of all like-ly to follow his predecessor in this back-ward course. The compulsion proposed by Mr. Farr is very moderate, it applies only to children between the ages of t year of schooling. Certainly this is little enough to insist upon as a preliminary to the exercise of the rights of citizenship in Pennsylvania. These children are prospective voters or mothers of voters and the safety of the commonwealth requires that their shell of ignorance shall be cracked sufficiently to allow a little book knowledge to penetrate their is telligence. The scant four months of schooling yearly for five years is sufficient to enable them to read, and to such the hole domain of knowledge is open if they seek it, and some share of it is certain to reach them even unsought. The fact that Mr. Farr has got a legislature to pass his bill before gives ground for hope that this legislature may also be per-suaded by his arguments in favor of comouisory education. The state needs comalsory education-if for nothing else than o secure the retirement of those legislator who think six months schooling is enough for their children, and that the state put ile school appropriation can be put to better use than to the improvement and

maintenance of public schools. How to Protect Quail.

New Castle News: The scarcity of quail in Pennsylvania this year should teach the lesson that there must be a law prohibiting their killing for at least three years to come. Not only that, but the law now in force, prohibiting the selling of the birds, should be supplemented when the open season begins after the long period of protection, by making it unlawful to take dead quail out of the county in which they were killed. Missouri insti-tuted such a law after the long quail killing prohibition ended and it is vigorously enforced. The railways require their employes to watch for any violation of the law, and all judicial officers inflict prompt and severe penalties. The consequence of this protection of the quail is that the to be everlasting. Pennsylvania should have such quail laws.

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And Used the Other. I suppose Ethel's father did not stand on reremony in dismissing you when you asked his daughter's hand? N-no. He stood on one foot.

An Unsolved Problem. What Martha Washington teas have to do with George's birthday is still a puzzle to many.

Talent Sadly Misapplied. Jones is a penniless and disappointed

What was the cause of ill luck? He undertook to establish an agency for nineral water down in Kentucky.

One Serious Disadvantage. Vocalist-I'm afraid that some people will find heaven very dull. Committee—Why? Vocalist-Because they probably will not

able to find fault with the choir up Likewise the Spring Poet.
The wheezy, influenza days,
And mud and slush are here,
And other things that meet our gaze Are proof that spring is near.

An Afterthought. From the Elmhurst Signal.

How noble it would have been had Mr. Handley remembered more of the worthy charitable institutions of the city. How he could have endeared himself to the rising generation had he left a few thous-and dollars for the Young Men's Christian association of Scranton. Again, what a monument he would have reared to his own memory had he left sufficient money to open and improve public parks, where The refusal of councils to provide for servative men, in congress and else- the poor of the city could enjoy the pure

The Y. M. C. A. Young Man. From the Syracuse Post. made up of lackadaisical young men, pale faced, hollow chested, gloomy featured and lacking in both physical and moral exponent of a robust, muscular Christian-ity. He believes in manliness without bravado, in courage without recklessness, imporatant factor in the business and commercial life of the day. Employers have confidence in him, and the average business man would rather know that his clerks spend their evenings at the Young Men's Christian association build-The cartoon on our first page is mere- ing than in lounging about the clubs or loafing in saloons.

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