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The difference between a lecturer and a prize fighter as a "drawing card" in Scranton will be illustrated this week, in a manner that will probably splinter this city's pretensions to refinement and culture.

Evidently a Slander.

any authoritative pronouncement on one party; and we are now more than the subject, that Governor Hastings entertains a feeling of hesitancy with ref- of the amiable colonel's own readable erence to compulsory education in this state, fearing lest its enactment might known as "Pastime's Jottings." cost the Republican party a few ignor- infer from yesterday's jottings that facant votes. We prefer to believe that tionalism is even now epidemic, and those journals which by insinuation virulently epidemic, in the colonel's own credit him with such a feeling are sim- political household. Apropos, let us ply misinformed, or that they are ro- quote the colonel's own language: maneing.

We know there are a few weak sisters among the men to whom common report ascribes the direction of legislative policy at Harrisburg who maintain, upon this subject as well as upon certain other subjects, an attitude of vacillation. They are men who appear, by true to the party at any election. He rep their conduct, to think that political resents nothing himself, and he betray lation. They are men who appear, by parties have no higher mission in life his truest friends and abuses the party than to keep them in office; and who, therefore, are willing at any time to any longer? Ought he not be summarily therefore, are willing at any time to sacrifice principle to a false conception of expediency, no matter into what inconsistencies this willingness may lead them. These men advocated compulsory education, two years ago, not because they cared a picayune whether it was, in itself, a right or a wrong the same and the properties of the party that gives them break there should be little fault found with the ordinary boodler. The action of the subject of these lines cannot be descended used. measure, but merely because they miserable thing called "party capital" We respected the frankness with which Governor Pattison announced his position on this subject, although we did not agree with him. But we have the utmost contempt for the type of invertebrate politician, be his momentary eminence what it may, who can see no other aim in public legislation than to truckle, hat in hand, to some fitful popular prejudice or mush-

room fad of the hour. We refuse to believe those who dare to insinuate that in this or any other matter Governor Hastings, with his quarter of a million plurality indorsement behind him as an ever available back-bone stiffener, would ar could be begulied into the paltry attitude of the man who is without the frank and manly courage of his convictions. We prefer to believe that the individual who credits to the Republican governor of this commonwealth a lack of solid grit and herve at one moment slanders both the governor and the party which he represents.

We have never believed that Senator Quay would personally sanction the absurd proposition to "Lexow" the city of Philadelphia. Bear this in mind untll a month from now, and see if we were not correct.

Mr. Dana Should Apologize.

In general, the newspaper publishe or editor who is sued for libel is deserving of the sympathy of his felllowcraftsmen, for the reason that a great majority of such suits have no foundation in justice. But there are exceptions to this rule, and the suit about to be brought against Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, by F. B. Noyes, of the Washington Star, seems to be one of them. Mr. Dana is the president of the United Press. Mr. Noyes is a diractor in the Associated Press. Mr. Dana in his eagerness to promote the business fortunes of the newsgathering corporation of which he is the executive head has frequently used the editorial columns of the Sun to attack men prominently connected with competing organization. this in the case of Melville E. Stone, whom he abused seemingly without warrant, and for no other apparent reason than because Mr. Stone was the general manager of the Associated Press-and a good one. He did it in other cases.

Finally, he did it in the case of Mr. Noyes, a man who stands as high in his department of newspaper work as Mr. Dana does in his. The editorial of the Sun attacking Mr. Noyes contained a conspicuous libel and it was altogether uncalled for. Mr. Noyes has as good a right, in both law and morals, to be one of the directing manngers of the Associated Press as Mr. Dana has to be the president of the United Press; nor has either gentleman any moral—and, we question, legal—right to abuse the other for the exercise of such obvious right and sure! A president afraid in the first whole host of others equally as absurd.

seem harsh to those who, overlooking Mr. Dana's one conspicuous weakness, see in him a distinguished and praiseworthy editor, in many respects unequalled, but it appears to us to be necessary in order to ascertain how far the law will permit business compatition to serve as an excuse for wanton personal abuse and slanderous misepresentation.

The Tribune is a patron and franhise holder of the United Press, but t has no reason to feel that the gentlemen who manage the Associated Press are necessarily and ex officio oundrels. There is room in this great ountry for two good news gathering rganizations, each of which will be the etter for the wit-sharpening competition of the other. Why should not the warfare between them be a goodnatured and open one? Why should it require, on either side, the printing against the opposite side of libels and slanders? We think that Mr. Dana owes it not only to Mr. Noyes but to the United Press itself to make a publie retraction of his assertions in the Sun of last Friday; and also to make public apology for their appearance. His kind of fighting does not win.

Governor Morton has signed a bill making it unlawful to display any foreign flag on any state, county or munipal building in New York state, except in honor of the presence of some distinguished foreign guest. "It is a good thing," said Governor Morton when he signed it; and therefore he pushed it along. He was right. The American flag is plenty good enough for all persons who claim to be Americans.

Harmony in Hunks.

A few months ago the public read a good deal, in Democratic papers, about the factionalism that was said to exist in the Republican ranks of Lackawanna county. Small differences were magnified by our Democratic friends until they took on the aspect of tremendous party convulsions; and unless our memory be greatly at fault, one of the most ingenious of these magnifying organs was Colonel Frank Fitzsimmons' Sunday News. It occurred to us, at the time, that factionalism was We refuse to believe, in advance of a subject not necessarily confined to ever confirmed in this belief by perusal department in the esteemed News

In the recent aldermanic contest in the Eighth ward one of the most persistent boodlers was a federal officeholder. He insisted on having money. He has held a Democratic appointment many years. To my knowledge he has always demanded noney at elections. I know that the same ndividual, although holding a Demogratic appointment for many years, has not been it was, in itself, a right or a wrong be depended upon. He has not a friend who can say a word in his behalf. His thought they saw in that advocacy of it an opportunity to accumulate the proved his utter downfall. I am very much mistaken if he can ingratiate himself in the confidence and esteem of those at the expense of the then Democratic | who gave him a standing in this community and an opportunity to command re-

The foregoing quarrel, it should be said, is "none of our funeral." We do not even suspect to whom our irate ontemporary alludes-although if any city shall chance to be discharged beween this time and March 5, 1897, the public will be in a position to guess. We allude to the episode at all simply show, in the enemy's own language. the present condition of the enemy's camp. It strikes us, as we casually pass the subject by, that when it omes to talking about factionalism, hose who live in glass houses should know better than to make a practice of throwing stones.

Mr. Fow's declaration that there "will e no West Side hospital this year" would possess more weight if Mr. Fow were the only gentleman concerned in the government of this great state.

The Traction company which operates n Pittston, according to all accounts, is waiting for the summer sunlight to uncover their tracks in some portions of the city while the patrons of the road are compelled to walk in the slush. If proper steps were taken to relieve the deeping Traction officials of their charer there is no doubt that other companies could be found whose officials would run cars on time. The woods are full of 'em.

The unanimous opposition of the most ignorant kind of parents to the proposed compulsory education law is a strong argument in its favor.

An Interesting Spectacle.

Apologists for the administration' seeret bond sale try to justify that extraordinary proceeding by alleging that had the president not thrown his big five or ten million dollar sop to the Morgan-Rothschild syndicate at the very moment of the 2d of February, various financial institutions throughout the world would, within a week, have refused all American exchanges. He This is the official explanation vouchsafed by no less a person that Senator Vilas, of Wisconsin. the cuckoo-extraor dinary of the Grover Cleveland regime. Mr. Vilas, had he chosen to do so, might have made this explanation considerably clearer by asserting, with 'various financial institutions" to which he alluded were institutions within the Rothschilds' sphere of ing in behind this journal to aid in the influence, and hence attuned their municipal regeneraton that must come.

threats to the Rothschilds' key note. That is to say, the syndicate of alien bond-buyers, in order to get, at 1041/2, United States 31/2 per cent, bonds worth anywhere from 115 to 120 in open market, "worked a bluff" on our verdant president, and made anywhere from \$5,-

The Scranfon Tribune privilege, Mr. Noyes' decision to prosecountry in time of peace would not survive for seven days unless he should buy off its foreign assailants; and, in the second place, a president so afraid of his own party following in congress that he tried for several days to screen cate, after all, to back out of its bargain! It takes Democratic statesmanship to parallel this humiliation.

The individual who wandered away from his home in Akron, Ohio, several years ago and has just awakened to and himself running a saloon in Indiana, seems to have reversed the natural order of events. Men have freseldom that one recovers from a period pensing the mixtures that bring on

It is asserted, in a dispatch from St. Paul, that the recent papal encyclical against secret societies has been incorectly interpreted. The letter, it is said, was not mandatory, but only advisory. This, if true, partially mends matters, and even more liberal concesons in the same direction may be conidently expected.

Professor Rothrock's assertion, in a cent lecture, that one acre of land out of every nineteen acres in the comsonwealth has been abandoned beause of the destructiveness of forest fires is startling; yet no doubt true. The just failure of the legislature to guard the state's forests is already be ginning to bear costly fruit.

A Chicagoan named McDonough is the latest discoverer of a process of photography which will "surely reproduce the natural colors." These discoverers tank with the discoverers of perpetual motion; yet their muchvaunted colors very singularly remain

New York electrical workers who have just gone out on a strike for shorter hours, with the result of the Brooklyn trolley war fresh in their minds, possess a degree of faith in their own resources that, to say the least, is remarkable.

The Republican party in Pennsylvama can stand the loss of a few ignorant cotes a great deal better than it can stand the loss of its principles. Adopt impulsory education!

Complaint is made of dull times in

rubber trade down in New Jersey. Business in gum footwear lacks elasticity, so to speak.

The veto pen of Governor Hastings is being put to excellent use these days, More power to it!

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS. New County Prospects. Philadelphia Times: Of the three the bill that calls for the dismemberment of Luxerue and Schuylkill is the most prac-Lical and is the only one likely to pass. It is now through the senate and awaits the action of the house. The territory embraced in the limits has a population be-yord 6000, covering about 500 square miles in area. The counties affected have a population of 354,356, according to the census of 1899, with an area of 1,997 square miles. It is an unquestioned fact that lower Luzerne is far removed from Wilkes-Barre, the county seat, the dis-tance of fifty miles covering at least three mountain ranges. The ten townships of Schuylkill included in the bill are equally removed from Pottsville, and the time and expense of attending court are serious and costly items for those who must be present at the civil and criminal sessions. It is given as further weight of argument for the passage of the new county bill that over two thousand indictments and cases are now on the Luzerne calendar, and the regular terms, although almost continuous, cannot dispose of the busi ness, which does not include civil issues Democratic federal office-holder in the special arguments and equity causes. Lu zerne and Schuylkill counties are leading among the populous centers of the state and differ materially from Lancaster and Berks, their equals, in having a foreign population that is constantly in litigation or on the trial lists. If there is to be new county formed from the territory of the two counties interested, there is large ause for the movement. Hazleton is th natural trade center of the section named in the measure, and as a city of 11,872 pulation would make a county seat town the first importance. The proposed new county pays \$48,000 yearly in taxation, an amount greater than thirty-three counties of the state, and this is a further title to favor. . . .

A Mockery of Honest Reform.

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Lebanon Report: The Baker ballot law
as it now stands is a sham, a mockery of
the genuine. It practically invites the
ward-heeler and boss to control the loose ote as he will. Will not the honorable men in the legislature, those who need not depend on corruption to secure them office, put forth an effort to require of all men to stand on their merits?

Your Uncle Aleck Is Evidently Mad. From the Philadelphia Times, Since this journal was established some wenty years ago, it has earnestly striven o deserve the hatred of every ballot thief, every lobbyist, every jobber, every black-mailer and every dependent organ of the city, and how well it has maintained its

consistency in moriting the hostility of these disreputable elements, is shown by the malignant hostility that crupts from them against the Times whenever they are exposed in these columns. The Times is the one newspaper of the city that has advocated reform and de-nounced corruptionists 35 days of every year, and it has been conspicuously honored by the most defamatory utterances from every endangered criminal and from every organ apologist of political crime. This fact is well understood by the people of Philadelphia, and it has made the Times the only journal that they can trust for fearless hostility to every form of misrule and every method of political criminals. The Times thanks the organs of Phila-delphia for their maglignant abuse of its efforts in the late campaign. In no other way could it be so effectively compli-mented. It fought the battle for the tax-payers of Philadelphia; not for partisans. It had no party interests to advance, no personal profits to secure, no friends to reward, no enemies to punish save the

nemies of good government, and it has enemies of good government, and it has not a single utterance to recall, nor a single effort to spologize for.

The Times meant all it said; it means it today; it will mean it tomorrow; it will mean it every day in the future, and beno doubt equal truth, that the fore the close of the present year the shivering organs, which in the late contest apologized for the political debauchery that most of them despised, will be cree-

A Remedy for Overlegislation.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer,
The members of some state legislatures
seem this year to be afflicted with a
mania for the introduction of measures of the cranklest character. Bills have been introduced providing that men shall not treat each other; that high hats shall not

There is a story told of an ancient republic, a law of which was that no member of its general assembly should offer a bill for new legislation without a rope about his neck, so that upon a failure of the measure proposed by him he should be hanged at once. The result of this result hanged at once. The result of this reguilation was that for three hundred years no new law was enacted and the ern was his transaction from their knowledge, fearful lest they might raise a sufficient row about it to cause the syndicient row about t

Why Pattison Collapsed.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.
It is a prominent characteristic of the public record of Robert E. Pattison that it has been made by personal influence near-est the governor. Under the tutelage of Lewis C. Cassidy and Stenger, his first administration earned a reputation for virility, independence and integrity. Un-der the influence of Harrity and Hensel, his second administration was neutral and quently awakened to find themselves in the ditch or on the doorstep, but it is seldom that one recovers from a period seldom that one recovers from a period of forgetfulness to find himself dis-of that functionary from a possible presidential quantity to a defeated candidate for mayor.

Taught a Costly Lesson. From the Easton Free Press,
The lesson Republicans learned at Scranton was costly. They were napping election day and lost control of the city councils.

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