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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1895, 105,000. Registered voters, 30,500. Value of school property, \$500,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000. 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 1850, 9,223; Population in 1855, 15,100; Population in 1860, 25,520; Population in 1865, 35,216; Population in 1870, 45,000; Population in 1875, 55,000; Population in 1880, 65,000; Population in 1885, 75,000; Population in 1890, 85,000; Population in 1895, 105,000. And the end is not yet.

The safest way, after all, to settle this public school question is to elect fair-minded and intelligent men to membership on boards of control.

Common Sense Shed on a Huddled Controversy.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Diocesan Record, sounds a gratifyingly broad and charitable note in connection with the so-called religious garb bill when it says: "Our idea of the difference between public education and parochial school education is so well defined that we do not understand how a teacher trained to teach in the one school can teach in the other. The public school teacher would not be justified in teaching any form of religion, and the parochial school teacher would be negligent to teach religion by lesson and example. We do not desire to see sisters undertake to teach in any school where their identity is lost and religion relegated from the school room, and consequently the garb bill is not a source of worry to us."

Except among the few but noisy fanatics who stir up most of the current strife upon this question, there nowhere exists a feeling of antagonism toward the gowned sisters of charity and mercy connected with the Catholic church. Impassioned defenses of them are unnecessary, for the reason that they are not assailed. Every intelligent citizen knows and appreciates the infinite good achieved by these sisters in their daily ministrations among the poor, the sick and the afflicted; Protestants will vie with Catholics in testifying to their unselfishness, their devotion and their purity of motives and character.

The only question is whether, as servants of a particular church, to which they are wedded by most solemn vows, they can consistently teach in the public schools, from which religion in its sectarian applications is constitutionally debarred. We agree with the Diocesan Record that they cannot. But the assertion of this belief cannot fairly be construed as involving any reflection upon the sisters themselves, when their ministrations are restricted within proper jurisdictions.

If it were clear that Spain would properly appreciate our delicate consideration in refusing to embarrass its sorely-tried home government, the president's easy going policy in the Alliance affair would be more acceptable. But a nation which makes a practice of firing on Yankee vessels whenever it is out of humor will, we fear, hardly estimate our cooler-blooded moderation at its true worth.

An Important Situation.

The imperative demand of Great Britain upon the republic of Nicaragua for \$75,000 "smart money," to be paid within seven weeks, in atonement for the affront to the British crown implied in the alleged wrongful expulsion of British Consul Hatch from Bluefields is something concerning which the United States government has no right to interfere. It is perhaps an unreasonable demand, but it is at least an excess in the right direction. If our own state department would more frequently err in the direction of emphatic assertion of American rights, and less frequently in the abject surrender of those rights, through want of backbone, it would soon enjoy a superior prestige to that which it now possesses among the nations of the earth.

The second item in England's demand upon Nicaragua is, however, more serious. His insistence that the claims of Consul Hatch and other British subjects for damages alleged to have been sustained by them in connection with the Bluefields incident shall be arbitrated by a commission of three, no member of which is to be a citizen of any American republic (in its original form this item read "not to be a citizen of the United States") involves an issue of prime importance, which may as well be settled now as at any

later time. It is not possible for the government at Washington to resent this exclusion directly; but if, in the event of a default by Nicaragua in the payment of any claim of money, England should, following her usual custom, undertake to seize Nicaraguan territory, that would seem to offer an unequalled opportunity for such an assertion of the Monroe doctrine as would forever settle the question of the supremacy of republican influences in the western hemisphere.

The issue, in brief, may be stated as follows: Prolonged supineness on the part of the American state department and equally noticeable indifference among the American people to foreign affairs have caused the aggressive rulers of Great Britain to plan a daring raid upon the territory adjacent to the proposed Nicaraguan canal. Once successful in this design, England could laugh at America, whose control of that important transisthmian waterway when it shall have been built would thus be effectually voided. Therefore, England pushes its exaggerated claim with a shrewd view to provoking a crisis at a time when she fancies the American people, in their general disgust at the Democratic domestic administration, will be unwilling to obstruct her purposes.

There would be a consoling amount of poetic justice in the alleged coincidence, should it prove true, that while England was planning a smart grab of strategic territory near the route of the contemplated Nicaraguan canal, her traditional rival, Russia, was completing an alliance with Japan which will mean the wane of British and the rise of Russian supremacy in the Orient. Poreine diplomacy often overreaches itself in just such striking manner.

The Snubbing of Bismarck.

Without assuming to understand the motives of the Socialistic opposition in the German Reichstag to the president's motion warranting the delivery of an official message of congratulation to the venerable ex-chancellor, Prince Bismarck, it is entirely safe to say that this church's action will have a worse effect upon those responsible for it than upon the distinguished octogenarian at whom it was aimed.

It newly reveals the ugly seriousness of the socialistic leaven in soldiery-ridden Germany; its thinly disguised ferocity and lack of fine discrimination. Thus it will inspire the governing forces, headed by an impetuous emperor, to renew their efforts at repression, and the result, as felt by the average citizen of the fatherland, will be increased taxation and augmented severity on the part of the abounding military and civic officials.

To an American spectator, the wonder is that the people endure all this. But the American would perhaps think otherwise if he had behind him the history of a dozen centuries teaching the patient subordination of the citizen to the state. Will democracy ever prevail in continental Europe? Perhaps not as we know it. But it seems to us inevitable that a revolution will occur in the relations of state to citizen—a revolution of which these grumbings of socialism and blind obstruction are but the faint and far-ached premonitions.

A question of the utmost difficulty is likely soon to confront the legislature, in the necessity of fitting \$15,000,000 worth of expectations to \$19,900,000 worth of available cash funds. It is reported that the general appropriation bill providing for the expenses of the state government and the public schools and the appropriations to the various state penal and charitable institutions will wipe out every cent of the nineteen millions which the state fiscal officers estimate will be the revenue for the next two years, leaving absolutely no prospect of those institutions not under state control receiving any aid. The check-rein on legislative extravagance has evidently not yet been sufficiently tightened.

The civil service reform bill prepared by the Chicago Civic federation has become a law in Illinois. It provides that upon application of 1,000 legal voters resident in any city, the county court must authorize the submission to popular vote, in that city, at the next ensuing general election, of the question, "Shall civil service regulations govern appointments to and promotions in municipal offices not elective by the people or by certain boards, such as school boards?" The law is a comprehensive one, and is designed to limit the abuse of public service by partisans using it for the reward of unit henchmen. Its operation will be watched with interest.

Senator Lexow, of New York, has the satisfaction of knowing that if his probing committee caused Tammany to be bounced from office, his reckless obedience to Platt direction in the matter of the police reform bills is going to make it easy for Tammany to crawl back.

The Richmond Times says it doesn't care a rap for the Monroe doctrine. But that is less strange when we reflect that the Times hasn't cared a rap for anything worth mentioning, since Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

As to the report that Governor McKinley has moderated his ultra-protection views, that, after all, would be only keeping step with the people.

The probability is that the tariff question will not cut a large swath in the next presidential campaign.

Rev. Dr. Worden, a Presbyterian pastor of Detroit, knows of men "who spend ten or twelve years getting ready to secure a place in some luxurious pulp-it. They want to be fawned upon and flattered by the rich, and do not care

to do Christ's work." It is a gratifying reflection that pastors of this type are rareties in Scranton.

We assume, of course, that when our esteemed Providence contributor, Mr. Bowen, in Saturday's ode to the Lackawanna river, urged it to fondly breathe its fragrance to the air, he meant no reflection upon the board of health.

Treachery in the ranks of the Cuban patriots may delay but it cannot overcome the inevitable; which is, first Cuba's independence, then its annexation to the United States.

Life has its compensations. The defeat of woman suffrage in Massachusetts is no sooner announced than we have the Illinois legislature considering a bill to tax bachelors.

The Republican legislative majorities in several states that we could name should not forget that self-preservation is the first law of politics, as well as of nature.

The number of capable Chinamen in official life is so few these days as to redouble the general gratification over Li Hung Chang's escape from assassination.

Suppose that the Honorable James Kerr should succeed in capturing the scalp of the Honorable William Harcity. What would it profit him?

THE TEN-FOOT LIMIT.

From the Scranton News. The property owners of this city in general, pride themselves upon being public spirited. They declare they desire to see this city include in its public property, although it may involve some personal sacrifice. For instance, the "ten-foot reservation" which permits property owners to take advantage of and which makes an encroachment upon the width and therefore the attractiveness of a street, if conscientiously determined upon, will sacrifice the public good for individual greed. But if the property owners with an eye to the beauty of the city and the public welfare shall waive their rights and let the city have the benefit of the ten-foot limit, as a street is always marred by irregularities, however ornate the buildings upon it may be. A better way, however, and one which would sacrifice the public interests more would be an agreement to waive the ten-foot limit and thus secure uniformity of frontages by affording wide sidewalks and more pretentious thoroughfares. If the property has become so valuable in this city that men can't sacrifice a portion of it for the general welfare, then let them build sky-ward, which will not be obtrusive, but not forward until our streets shall be like those of Constantinople or of Peking, upon which two vehicles are unable to pass.

The Common Sense View.

From the Scranton Free Press. In this country, where liberty of belief is guaranteed to everybody, the belief of all should be respected, and in schools supported by general taxation and open to the children of all classes of people, no exclusive doctrine should be taught. The slightest degree upon the religious rights of any of the pupils. If the sentiment prevails in this commonwealth that there should be religious instruction in the public schools, the only fair means would be to divide the school appropriation among denominational schools. We believe that the sentiment of the people of this commonwealth is almost unanimous against such a division of public funds and the framers of the constitution of 1872 wisely provided that no public funds should be so appropriated. This being the case and the desire of everybody in this country being to live in peace and harmony with his neighbors it is most anxious to make no distinction in schools anything which is apt to excite prejudice or cause acrimonious discussion among the people. The sooner all cause of disagreement in relation to the public schools is removed the better it will be for the schools.

At The Cuckoo's Nest.

From the Chicago Herald. Minister Thurston may go back to Honolulu, or to Halifax, and be hanged to him, let him go, and take away with him the Hawaiian Islands and all their natural riches and descriptions. He and they and the ridiculous oligarchy that a republic have already made too much noise in the world, and a constant stream of such newspaper ink and valuable space. Hawaii is a nuisance. Thurston is a nuisance. The Hawaiian bowlers are a nuisance. Abate them all and severly. Send Thurston back to Dale with word to that latter worthy that he needn't be in any hurry about replacing the former. Let Hawaii work into the salvation of our time and the contending currents of human selfishness, hubbub and hypocrisy that beat about Pearl Harbor may decide enough of the whole caboodle.

One Thousand Years Hence.

From the Boston Globe. "Tell my daughter that she must not forget that dinner will be an hour earlier today. She is in Egypt." "Yes, mum." (Telephone a phonographic signal to Pyramid Station No. 3223.) "I see the airship from Market Street, Japan, nearing the window. Bring my husband's slippers and dressing gown." "Yes, mum." "Now touch the buttons A, L, R, T, V, W and X. I think that will be all we want for dinner. Here comes my daughter on her flying flyer, just in time. Call up No. 3888." "Yes, mum."

Where It Could Find Out.

From the Buffalo Commercial. Dr. P. was riding in the suburbs of Buffalo with his small boy and stopped at a tavern to water his horse. The child watched the operation intently, and evidently thinking it clumsily managed, piped out: "Papa, why doesn't the horse take the pad up with his feet and drink?" "Why, he isn't made that way." "Why not?" "Well, God didn't see fit to make him so." "Why didn't God make him so?" "Ah! that beats me. How should I know?" The infant's remark for his father clearly suffered. "If he," he said, after a moment's hesitation, "I'll ask grandma. She knows God."

Peter Keep Hands Off.

From the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. The foreign government that should attempt to lay hands on American soil would get such a trouncing at the hands of Uncle Sam that it would not know where it was at in a very short time after hostilities opened.

Scranton to the Fore.

From the Wilkes-Barre Times. Scranton's representatives at Harrisburg seem to be carrying along every thing going while our men seem to be hypnotized.

Is This Charge True?

From the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. Sometimes it is difficult to know whether Luzerne county is represented at Harrisburg or not. Lackawanna certainly is, for her representatives have no opportunity in presenting her claims to recognition, and it is a cold day when they are not in

the front with a demand for some sort of recognition. But the voices of the Luzerne men are dumb, and save for an occasional squawk that they emit every now and then, it wouldn't be known that we are represented at all.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabs cast: 2:10 a. m. for Monday, March 25, 1895.

A peculiarity of children born under this cast is that when grown to adult size they will believe their own romances, somewhat after the manner of the star Spangford banner cranks of the A. P. A. The young man who starts the work with a firm decision to pay his just debts will have less money by Saturday than he would otherwise have; but he will have more genuine friends.

It is well known that Sandow is the strongest man alive; but even he isn't strong enough to punch back the certain defeat that awaits his namesake in the city rivalry fight.

Ajaxchus' Advice. Always count 1000 slowly before signing a paper you haven't read. It is possible for an independent in politics to fool both parties some of the time; but when the paths part and he drops into the bog, neither side seldom feels in duty bound to help him out.

When thinking of evading the stage, take a vacation.

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