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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1895, 103,000. Registered voters, 20,599. Value of school property, \$900,000. Number of school children, 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..... 9.003

	Population in 1870	35,000
	Population in 1880	45,850
	Population in 1890	75,215
	Population in 1894 (estimated)	103,000
	And the end is not yet.	

The season of congressional seed planting has recurred, we are told. What will the harvest be?

The People May Be Trusted.

It is perhaps less unfortunate than would at first thought appear that such purely scientific questions as the tariff and the currency should have to be settled through the medium of general, partisan discussion. In a government like our own, resting upon the aggregate, final intelligence of the masses, no other method of settlement is feasible, and history shows that no other method of settlement is, upon the whole, quite so satisfactory.

It is a proverbial fact that the more learned the doctors, the greater the disagreement. There is no issue in abstract science which has elicited less

tests, may be relied upon in due season

to settle the currency question to its

own satisfaction, just as it has settled

the question of moderate protection by

tariff enactment. And unless it does

reach this settlement by and for itself,

it will not accept any other verdict as

yet the common sense of the plain peospeakers and journals showing that Mr.

ance as to strong drink. The wholesale imhibition of one brand of liquor will hardis sustained by numerous precedents urally have to be conservative, so as and is certainly plausible. Pennsylvania not to frighten these foreign bondholdly effect a cure for the drinking of an-other brand, nor will the cause of temper-ance in one department be helped by inis as well entitled to the presidency as ers. But, at the same time, is it not a is any other state. Considering the misfortune that the richest nation on temperance in another. staunchness of her Republicanism she earth, in material resources, should be, is better entitled to it than any other with respect to the per capita volume state; and since the formerly doubtful of its currency, one of the poorest-so

states" are likely to cut little or no poor, in fact, that it has to borrow Infigure in next year's presidential elec- stead of lend? Must this poverty be intion, this would seem to be a favorable tensified by the further limiting of our time for Pennsylvania to claim recogni- colmage to gold alone, of which we have less than \$10 per capita, as against more Nor is any difficulty likely to arise in than \$40 of gold and silver per capita

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securing a candidate. The woods of in bimetallic France? Pennsylvania are literally full of first The Philadelphia Record is correct in rate presidential timber.

wholly discarded, what is to become of

the \$500,000,000 (in round numbers)

worth of silver now used as money in

the United States? These are questions

Income Tax Points.

own thrift and economy. In other

words, a federal premium is put on ten

worthy of attention.

its assertion that "if every owner of sllver bullion should be permitted to take Is there enough gold in this country with which to do the business of the it to the United States mint, and there have a dollar stamp put on every 50 country? If so, and if silver is to be

cents worth, it would at once become a legal tender for the payment of a dollar of indebtedness, and the whole people of the United States would be con-

tributing to the silver kings." But suppose we put a dollar stamp on a dollar's

There is apparently every probability that the income tax will yet be declared bimetallism would do. utterly unconstitutional, should it come The railroad committee of the New before the full Supreme court on a re-York board of alderman has recomhearing, as now seems probable. In

mended that an ordinance be adopted that case, the government, in addition compelling all surface cars to use fento having to sustain the considerable ders and wheel guards. That is what expense of the litigation arising from ought to be done in every other wideesistance to its collection, will eventuawake city, not excepting Scranton. ally have to refund the various

amounts collected. Every citizen, there If the United States shall permit fore, who is compelled to pay this Great Britain to bombard Greytown It odious tax should file with its collector might as well permit it to land marines a formal protest. This will facilitate and seize the town. That is probably his repayment, should the law yet be what England is aiming at.

declared void. Those who hope for a speedy return One point in the recent Supreme court to honest bimetallism in this country deliverance touching the income tax has escaped general notice. The busi- have much to be thankful for in the fact that Colonel Alexander McClure ness firm which occupies a leased prophas begun to call them names. erty may subtract from its return of

income the amount paid out for rent, The latest gossip is that Br'er Harsince its taxable income in net, all over rity is to be stripped of his National \$4,000. But the merchant who owns his Chairmanship Yellow Vest. place of business dare not count out,

sny, six per cent. on its cost, as rent; he From a cursory inspection of the returns we should say that Robert is still is required to pay a tax to the government for the use of the product of his all Wright.

BIMETALLISM NOT A FAD.

antry and a discount exacted from Some persons, says the Rochester Post-Express, ought to study American history a little more. Those who call bimetal-lism a "fad" and a "craze," if they will those fortunate enough to own their

own stores, factories or mines. read the constitution of the United States, will find bimetallism in it. If they will read the first coinage act of the United While the bondholder, the owner of tenements and the proprietor of inter-States, April 2, 1792, they will find it made the silver dollar the unit of value. It reest bearing stocks based on real property, escapes scot free, the man who mained the unit value until the passage earns \$4,000 or more by hard and reof the act of Feb. 12, 1873, when its coinage was discontinued. Its coinage was sponsible clerical, executive or profesresumed with restriction as to amount sional labor is mulcted to the law's under the act of Feb. 28, 1878, after having utmost extent. If the annals of legisla-tion contain a more conspicuous case description with it. There were, Feb. 1, 1885. than this of demagogic and unprin- no less than 422,636,749 of these dollars cipled spoliation under cover of the coined; and most of them are in circula-tion or rather represented in circulation

forms of law, we have yet to make its acquaintance. And yet the same pres-ident who talks gold monometallism in one breath preaches income taxation in In England, where monometallism has the other!

divergence of opinion among the so-called masters of science than has the issue, let us say, of a protective tariff; the utterances of leading Democratic English conditions, and they consider the

As True as Preaching

"It is utterly impossible that any one in our broad land, rich or poor, whatever may be his occupation and whether dwell-ing in a center of finance and commerce or in a remote corner of our domain, can be really benefited by a financial scheme not alike beneficial to all our people, or that any one should be excluded from a common and universal interest in the safe character and stable value of the currency of the country."-Cleveland's Chicago Let

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. cast: 3.09 a. m. for Thursday, April 18, 1895.

Frit ale 6 A child born on this day will wonder when it will be the editor's turn to receive benefits from Pennsylvania's civil pension bureau. In fact the burden of thoughts will be "What next?"

worth of sliver bullion, why should the Record complain? That is what honest

There are many who insist that they can detect a hollow, mocking sound in Congressman Scranton's shouts in the interest of the Smith senatorial boom Boss Burns snowed under this day, 1893.

Ajacchus' Advice. Do not carry your spring overcoat upon your arm so long as the balmy air of spring gives evidence of having been

blown through an ice cream freezer, unless you desire to enrich the undertakers. Never attempt to run down a slanderer.

It is easier to catch the will-'o-the-wisp than to locate a first-class liar. Mr. Gompers should remember that the "bearding of the lion in his den" is a dangerous allegory to introduce into practice away from home.



GOLDSMITH'S <> BAZAAR.

Summer Draperies.

Light silk and cotton draperies naturally take precedence of the heavier lines at this season of the year. Silkolene and drapery satins, cretonnes, denims, etc., are in demand in all shades and qualities. Each year the spring and summer season in the upholstery line increases in importance.

These pretty fabrics can be retailed at such low prices, are shown in such magnificent colorings and designs, are so well finished and rich looking that immense quantities of them are handled daily .- Dry Goods Economist, April 6.

We are not egotistical enough to suppose that the able Economist writer had our store in mind when he wrote the above. Yet it fits us-fits us like a glove. Our upholstery department does grow every year-every month witnesses improvement. As the "Spring-time Comes, Gentle Annie," and the season for renewing of draperies draws on apace, the lines we show are well worth visiting.

SEE THESE NEW DRAPERIES.

Carpets, Mattings, Linoleums, Rugs and other floor coverings are certainly the topic of conversation, and the theme of nearly every housekeeper's thoughts just now. Our offerings in the above will surely interest you and post you, whether you desire to purchase of us or not. Our stock and prices are always the barometer of trade.

WALL PAPER.

iar to the public, that we would do a big business in the Wall Paper line, but never expected that it would reach the proportion it has. We have hardly been able to get it in as fast as our customers wanted it, but now our stock is well caught up with the demand, and we can supply you with any and every grade. Number of patterns unlimited

ot with reference to English pros ple in the end settled the tariff question Cleveland's object is to force gold pects. Their strongest arguments in favor more decisively even than the learned monometailism upon his party. The of monometallism there apply in favor of bimetallism here. And curiously enough, arguments of the scholars have settled Republican party, by the way, has alany issue in abstract science. This consensus of popular opinion, moving equilibrium and is quite likely to do so again. cautiously along lines of common sense

Points on Bimetallism.

James Dobson, the eminent Philadelphia manufacturer, says that in the past twelve years we in this country his only chance. have lost in the material wealth, the

product of the soil, from which the RESPECT THE PLATFORMS. wealth of the country is derived, \$12,-

000,000,000-a sum so large that it would final. purchase all the railroad stocks The tariff question has ended in what is fairly called a compromise, but it is watered or unwatered, besides leaving a surplus. He attributes this fall in essentially a triumph for protection, prices to the contraction of our curhonestly applied for the benefit of the masses. Crudities in the present law rency by the artificially enhanced value remain to be removed, and experience of gold, and says it would be checked will doubtless from time to time sugby bimetallism.

Replying to that, Henry Dunning Mcgest necessary minor modifications; but in the vital fact of a popular recoil from Leod, the eminent British monometallist, claims that the currency of the a valuable metal, but not necessarily the most valuable metal. And it must be extreme theories either of free trade or protection, the tariff may be regarded world has not contracted in effect, because people nowadays do business as settled at last and finally. So it will be with the silver issue, so-called. Bi- largely on the basis of credits. His locked up and kept in any way from the metallism was the custom of our fa- argument, in brief, is that \$5 worth of gold will float \$100 worth of credits, thers from the Republic's earliest days hence we do not need to bother our down to recent times. It will likewise be the choice of the future. The aggre- heads about silver. Mr. Dobson, howgate common sense of the masses will ever, asks, "What is this but inflation recoil from either extreme of contend- of the worst kind, worse, even, than flat money?" And he adds: ing factions urged on by self-interest;

bank than in your safe or on your per-

son. If checks are used in payment

and it will, in a spirit of compromise, "We are met with the statement that re-establish that system which, while with the aid of the modern mode of working no injustice either to silver or financiering we do not require the same to gold, will at the same time bring no amount of money to do the same volspoliation to the masses of the people. ume of business; that the use of checks, It is popular government's mission to or bills of exchange, dispenses, to a great measure, with the use of money.

do these things.

cannot see the force of the argument, Bishop Andrews is assured that the for I have yet to find a bank that will violation of pledges concerning the reaccept any check and pay it out over lease of confidential news is not a frethe counter, unless you have the money quent offence among reputable newsin bank to meet it. The only difference papers. Honesty is the best policy, in in the method of payment is that it is journalism as in all else. more convenient to keep your money in

Why Not a Pennsylvanian?

The Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette is the same amount of money will be reof the opinion that "Pennsylvania has quired in either event. The difference no conspicuous presidential candidate is simply where the money is kept for to present to the next national Republime. The use of checks neither dimincan convention; no one who would start ishes nor increases the volume of in with even a remote chance of winmoney, and in no way affects our cirning." Does not our contemporary take culating medium." too gloomy a view of the question? Checks and credits may suffice dur-

There is, in politics, no certainty coning prosperous times, but it is noticed neoted with any event that is one year that people demand cash during a distant. Pennsylvania, to be sure, has panie. as yet no candidate ranking, in popular

strength, with either Reed or McKinley; but that need not necessarily discourage the hopeful presentation, one year hence, of a Pennsylvania candidacy. Who knows what changes may by foreigners. Some of these securities occur within a year?

in gold. 'Others do not. If all should It is the opinion of many experienced politicians that the next national Re- be presented for payment at one time, publican convention will select as the demanding gold, there would not be

party's standard-bearer, not one of the enough available gold in the whole now foremost candidates, but a more world with which to cancel them. or less "dark horse." This opinion may Therefore, whatever action is taken turn out to have been erroneous. But it with reference to our currency will nat- are going to advance the cause of tem

Does he believe in what he said? If so, what courage is there in saying it? Mr. Cleveland probably wants a renomination now and he is for monometallism as his only chance. He wanted a re-election in 1892, and he was then for bimetallism as

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

The good sense of the country will hold its political preachers and prophets to their declerations in favor of bimetallism and no party will even dare to inaugurate, or if inaugurated, to maintain and pursue a policy that will drive gold out of circulation and make our money less valuable than the money of the world. What we need is a sound currency, as everyone de-clares and concedes. The simple question is what is it and where will we get it. A sound currency is not necessarily formed by the most valuable material in the world stable in value; and not only stable in value, but so abundant that it may not be use of those who want it. Gold is a pre-cious metal, as stable in value as any; sil-Gold is a prever is a metal less precious and perhaps less stable; but its use as money has been demanded, until of late, unanimously, by civilized nations, to help out the store of gold and to make the money metals as abundant as they should be. Some cred-itor nations have of late cast out silver, in the belief that gold is sufficiently abun-

dant and in the knowledge that the mor precious the money the greater the profit. But debtor people are sorely injured by the destruction of silver as a mo and the consequent appreciation of gold, thus called upon to perform alone th money function. This loss may not suf-fice to prove that gold is not; alone, the best money; but the fact that the great United States now pays so high a price, to its few holders in quantity, to get the gold that it needs, shows clearly that gold

is not so abundant and readily obtainable as to furnish alone the best money, How Many Persons Believe This ?

rom the Washington Star. W. L. Trenholm, who was controller of the currency during President Cleveland's first term, closes a recent paper as fol-lows: "Gold monometallism is the unavoidable destiny of this country; the sooner we recognize this and fix it in our laws, the sooner will we reap the fruits; the longer we defer the recogni-tion, the more we impede and postpone its establishment by law-the longer will our establishment by law-the longer will our industries be hampered and all our busi-ness deranged by financial unrest and commercial apprehension. Should we un-fortunately let go the single gold standard, there will be nothing to take hold of but silver monometallism, for bimetallism for us is a snare and a delusion."

Also Wants Gold Monometallism. From the Philadelphia Record, Dem. In the relations of gold and sliver there

can be but one honest money standard-that which has been established by this It is estimated that \$3,000,000,000 worth of American securities are held government and by all other great comabroad, in the form of collaterals on ercial nations. In the acute stage which the conflict between honest money and cheap silver has reached in this country international bimetallism has no standlow-interest loans made to American ing ground. It is a fight to a finish be-tween opposing forces, and the neutrals in the bimetallic camp must take sliver or stipulate that they shall be redeemed go to the rear.

Referred to Mr. Hogan. From the Wilkes-Barro Leader. The friends of the Third party have yet to be convinced that intemperance in speech and action, malice and bitterness speech and action, malice and bitterness