

The Scranton Tribune

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The immense mass meeting held last evening by the citizens of Philadelphia in support of the senatorial candidacy of Hon. Boies Penrose is a fit answer to the malicious anonymous insinuations concerning Penrose which agents of Warramaker have lately been spreading broadcast.

Under False Pretenses. We oppose John Warramaker for United States senator for a number of reasons—among them because he lacks experience in legislative ways; because he is guilty by acquiescence if not by complicity in a most despicable and un-Christian campaign of defamation aimed at a political opponent and worked along lines from which any decent man would instinctively recoil.

But if in charity we assume in his behalf that he records any course so justifiable in politics, how are we to reconcile such a view with the lofty and high-sounding professions that are being made throughout the state in his name and interest?

A Golden Christmas Tree. In this time of gladness preparation for Christmas it is interesting to read of Christmas novelties, one of them, which certainly is a novelty so far as the most of us are concerned, is described in a New York letter to the Washington Post. It is nothing less than a Christmas tree that bears golden fruit.

There are honest men in great abundance who have been taken in by this consummate mixture of week-day commercialism with Sabbath day cant; but we predict that ere the campaign reaches a finish most of these will be undeluded.

Help for the Farmer. The master of the Virginia state grange, Alex. Wedderburn, is also a master of irony, as one of his "open letters" will show. A Washington paper in an editorial comment on the decline in farm values recently commiserated with the farmer.

This is certainly an inviting outlook for those privileged to share the golden tree's glories. But we suspect there are very few Scrantonians who will envy Santa Claus Havemeyer his golden tree or that there is one particle of pleasure in connection with that gorgeous celebration which cannot be duplicated and perhaps surpassed in the humblest home in Lackawanna county if the occupants of that home so determine.

An Honor Well Deserved. It is announced that when the legislature of Colorado shall assemble in January it will accord to Henry M. Teller an honor without precedent in American history, that of a unanimous election, by the votes of members of all political parties, to the United States senate.

It is probable that Mr. Wedderburn, like many another farmer, is inclined to overestimate the importance of having a protecting special friend at court. Sundry disposes his statement that "our farmers purchase the greater proportion of our nation's wealth. They feed, they clothe, and partially house the entire country."

Tom Platt may have fought McKinley before the convention, but he has the right idea now. "The success of the next administration," says he, "will be the success of the party; the failure of the administration will be the party's failure, with all such a failure would imply. And so it becomes the duty and the privilege of every one of us to renew our pledges to our party, to renew our pledges to the victorious candidates of our party, to William McKinley and Garret A. Hobart, and to prepare to sustain the new administration by word and by deed for the good of the party and for the good of the entire nation."

What person ever thought of blacksmiths working overtime or doing much of an increased business because of the holidays? Blacksmiths don't work much in working garb and they don't hang their wares in plate glass windows and they don't advertise a special line of horse-drawing machinery in the heart of the business district that has been open every night for a week until a late hour. On Monday night the blacksmiths and their apprentices were putting up, exhibiting, showing and hustling until after 1 o'clock in the morning.

The board of members of the Lackawanna bar yesterday granted certificates to Charles Post and E. J. McAndrews, of this city, and P. E. Tindin, of Jersey Shore, that they passed a successful examination and are entitled to practice law in the courts of this county.

The Sun entered Capriorn yesterday, and will continue in the sign until Jan. 21. The children of Capriorn belong to the class of great workers and thinkers, philosophers and reasoners. They are usually proud, high-minded and independent. They want to be recognized as the head of any enterprise with which they are connected, and it is difficult for them to economize in anything.

The man who reads the report accompanying the Cameron resolution will learn several things that Messrs. Cleveland and Olney appear to have overlooked.

It is gravely announced, via Vienna, that President-elect McKinley "does not favor war." Well, who does?

For a second time Mr. Bryan has "declined to talk." What can his ailment be?

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention. "Forty-five dollars." "Oh, not at least forty-five dollars." The mayor said thirty-five and the reporter forty-five. They were standing in front of the window of a large jewelry store in Wyoming, and discussing the value of a large and elegantly wrought cut-glass punch bowl that was displayed in the brilliantly lighted window.

The snow that will today select the route that it will take is well kept in front when seeking work. The man who manufactures gunpowder always has great opportunities to rise in life.

In all matters involving endangered liberties with foreign countries it is above all important that the several branches of the government should be in unison. This is no time for a contest between the president and congress as to their respective prerogatives, and it is certainly in question as to whether the secretary of state in the absence of the president to serve notice upon a country whose relations with us are strained that the entire matter should be referred to the national legislature may take.

A CASE IN POINT. Under common law a man is forbidden to maintain a nuisance on his premises which impairs the health, comfort or property of his neighbor. It is axiomatic that a man should not pollute his neighbor's country to maintain a nuisance which offends the sense and outrages the civilization of a neighboring country.

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