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The Pittsburgh Times raises a doleful cry that the Quakers in Allegheny are promising federal positions.

No Place Like Scranton.

A letter contributed by Professor George N. Hoekvelde, formerly of this city, to the Syracuse Evening Herald presents some features which are both interesting and instructive.

Although a church position had nothing to do with my leaving in Syracuse, I thought that should a congenial opening present I might accept such; and so when a gentleman well known in Syracuse musical circles gave me a letter of introduction to the pastor of a church desiring an organist, and advised me to 'lose no time' in looking the matter up, I set out in the hope of finding a good church, a good organ and not less than \$600 or \$800 per annum.

The financial tables submitted by the committee will demonstrate that during the six months of its workings the law has brought into the treasury \$3,551,699 as the state's share of the excise money.

The statement is made that since his nomination at St. Louis, Major McKinley has been visited at Canton by one in every eight of the men who voted for him.

The New Immigration Law.

The new immigration bill which awaits the president's signature excludes from entrance into the United States all persons physically capable and over 16 years of age, who cannot read and write the English language or some other language; but a person not so able to read and write, who is over 60 years of age, and is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age and capable of supporting such parent or grandparent, may accompany such immigrant, or such a parent or grandparent, may be sent for and come to join the family of a child or grandchild over 21 years of age similarly qualified and capable, and a wife or minor child not so able to read and write may accompany or be sent for and come to join the husband or parent similarly qualified and capable.

For the purpose of testing the ability of the immigrant to read and write, as required by the foregoing section, the inspection officers "shall be furnished with copies of the constitution of the United States, printed on numbered and perforated paper, each containing not less than twenty-two words more than twenty-five words of said constitution, printed in the various languages of the immigrants in double small type. These slips shall be kept in boxes made for that purpose, and so constructed as to conceal the slips from view, each box to contain slips of but one language, and the immigrant may designate the language in which he prefers the test shall be made.

Notwithstanding the natural depravity of man, which shows itself in no way more conspicuously than in an inherent disposition to scoff at philanthropy, a statistical review of the beneficence of the New York society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, during its existence of twenty-two years, stimulates the intelligent mind to high admiration. In this time the society has investigated 194,563 cases, involving 313,689 children. Of these cases 41,755 have been prosecuted, 38,649 convictions have been secured, and 68,457 children have been rescued and relieved.

President Ethan Allen, of the Cuban League of the United States, makes a point worthy of consideration when he says: "It has long been the trick of royal powers to seduce with promises where they failed to reduce with arms. This was attempted in our own Revolution. After Saratoga, and when the loss of the colonies seemed inevitable to Great Britain, Lord North brought forth his 'Bills of Conciliation,' and therein granted to our fathers every claim demanded by them and even more. It was a generous tender from a defeated tyrant, and special commis-

sioners were sent here to smooth the way for their acceptance. They came too late. Fate had already firmly fixed the corner stone of the new state, and the bell of liberty had even then rung in the new state, and Washington and congress alike rejected the proposed reforms, and the commissioners of Lord North took back to him the defiance of the patriots." Is history about to repeat itself?

The king, government and people of Greece are showing true Spartan fortitude in their just defiance of the greater European powers. And what is more, those powers dare not use force to restrain Greece from the performance of a duty which Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia have so long and so recently shirked.

According to George Bidwell, the anti-treating crusader, there are 210,000 saloons in the United States to only 165,000 churches, and three-fourths of their receipts come from the custom of treating. But it is one thing to state such a fact and another to change it.

It is one thing for the United States senate to declare the Clayton-Bulwer treaty abrogated, and it is another to secure England's consent. It unfortunately in this case takes two to unmake such a bargain.

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It is noticed that the Spaniards no longer charge General Gomez with a willingness to sell Cubans out.

The Raines Law in Operation.

An inquiry into the workings of the Raines law has been completed by a special committee of the New York senate, and its result is of general interest.

The committee brings in a long report covering statistics of arrests before and after the passage of the Raines law, and tending to establish that the law has had the effect of reducing minor crimes, but we find this part of its return difficult to credit.

From these figures of the government's immigration statistics it is clear that the bill will operate as clear. The commissioner of immigration pointed out in his last report that, with some exceptions, illiterate and poverty-stricken immigrants went hand in hand.

ARBITRATION.

It is a gentle power which inspires the best of men, and which has been the cause of brotherly affection is the topic of the hour.

Let us discipline the author who this contempt assails; Let us restrict the fertile fancy of the honored Prince of Wales, that unscrupulous folk we may not rudely scare.

STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

The bill which the State Fish Commission has presented to the legislature is a document of 10,000 words. It defines which for years is six inches commercially valuable for food, and regulates their catching and encourages their propagation.

The following curious bill has been introduced at Harrisburg by Representative Smith, of Philadelphia.

Another of the gallery plays of Representative Orme, of Schuylkill, has been introduced by the Hon. J. H. Orme.

SOME DIPLOMATIC PLUMS.

Excluding cabinet portfolios the most eagerly sought for and desirable offices in the gift of the president are the foreign missions.

The most desirable diplomatic places in this gift will be the missions to London, Madrid and Berlin.

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MR. DANA'S DAY DREAM.

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A TEN-YEAR-OLD VIEW.

Stephen Crane's books have had many criticisms of one sort and another, but the other day he received one which did not come through the ordinary channels.

NO RHETORICAL BLEMISH.

From the Chicago Tribune. "Mr. Gibbons," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric, "point out the beauties in this figure of speech: 'At this time the Emperor Frederick hatched out a scheme to bring the Japanese back, in its place she took 'Nelly's Silver Mine.'"

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