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It is to be regretted that councils last night did not re-elect City Solicitor Torrey outright and have it ended. Demonstrated ability, familiarity with at least, is practical. the work of the office and with the general subject of municipal legislalation, and also precedent were all in his favor. The office of city solicitor is one that should be kept free from face of so many condicting reports, to politics. Democrats and Republicans are allke interested in having an honest enforcement of the law and a con- event, is our inexpert opinion on such stitutional drafting of the ordinances. The fact that Mr. Torrey has shown clear, however, that for the present himself capable to aid in the one and to insure the other is a thoroughly suf- themselves are responsible. Had they fictent justification for his retention. Fortunately, he is now reseated for at its oft-broken promises of reform in least a year, in consequence of the the civil administration of Crete, or, Democratic failure to regulate the time better still, accepted the demand of to which councils adjourned.

The Local Industrial Problem.

The report of the Manufactures committee read last evening to the board of trade calls attention to a subject which is bound scener or later to grow in importance. In saying this we do not wish to imply that it is not important already; the need of additional local industries has never been more emphatically brought home to the community's attention than during the recent depression, when the curtallment of activities in the mines and in the steel mills carried the entire circle of business downward. It is true that the the empire's recent war with China. depression in these two foundation industries was reflected in most other in- tion much to suggest that short-lived dustries, so that the recent times would struggle, the main difference being in have been hard had the diversification of our productive energies been far Japan were left to fight it out practigreater than they were.

it is only on rare occasions that all are puncture the rotten bubble of Mohamdull at the same time. It often happens-perhaps as often as nine times ternal decay, as we should expect it to in ten-that the community with nu- do if let alone, the greed of Russia and merous industries covering a wide the jealousy of England, Germany and range of activity is enabled to bridge Austria may net establish a new conover depression in one or two direc. cert of mediation, more effective than tions, while the community that has the old. The present appearance of only a few strings to its bow is thrown the powers suggests that they will abby the snapping of those strings into a stain from interfering only when Turstate of collapse. What lends to these key is getting the better of it, and trite remarks the element of especial that it will require simply an aggrestimeliness is the fact, pointed out in sive stride by Greece to unsheath their Saturday's issue, that coal and iron swords. Unless all current informacannot in future be depended upon as tion is at fault, there is no alternative a basis of growth to the extent that for Americans but to sympathize with they have been in the past. Our coal the Greeks and watch the price of is going, and the slump in iron is such wheat. that no man foresees the end. If the future is to be preserved and the city carried onward to its possibilities, it can come in no other way than by means of an industrial branching out. The appeal of the Manufactures committee for the investment of Scranton capital in Scranton enterprises is one that can be enforced only through public sentiment. It is our belief that most of our citizens of means would any day choose a local investment in preference to a foreign one, provided legislature the enactment of a law prothe former came within speaking dis- hibiting the playing of base ball or the tance of the latter in point of prospective profitableness. At the same time, it is not possible to conceal that there proposition that such occurrences are are men in Scranton, as elsewhere, who detrimental to the best interests of accord to promoters from a distance a the community. It is not likely that more ready and credible hearing than this proposition will be disputed. they accord to those who aim to stimulate the volume of home trade. It is day to witness athletic sports it is alupon these men that public sentiment most impossible to preserve that deshould concentrate. If they can be in- cent quiet and good order that duced to open as willing an ear to the appropriate to the day. Profehome promoter as to the foreign one, usually especially rife; and set. the problem will be solved. While on this subject we venture to base ball is concerned it is a sha. offer the opinion that it is better as a connect it in the minds of the better rule to organize home capitalists into class of people with rowdyism and companies for manufacture and pro- sacrilege; for, by itself and in its propduction than to coax outsiders to locate | er place, it is one of the most wholehere. Some mishaps which in the past some of sports. He is the best friend have attended such organizations ought of it who wishes to preserve it from not to be charged up as faults of the the odlum of evil associations. system, but only as inevitable vicissitudes of the hard times. While out- base ball club is to be congratulated siders should always be welcomed and upon its firmness in declining to yield accorded all inducements within ren- to the financial temptation of Sunday son, it is in our judgment open to de- playing. We have no doubt that for a bate whether it is wise to encourage time Sunday games would be exceedindustrial mendicancy by competitive ingly profitable in this city. But it is bldding for the favor of outsiders. Such bldding is better suited to communities with reputations yet to ba established than to cities of the rank and renown of Scranton. There is for work and boisterous play ought money enough in Scranton to diversify Scranton's industries and make a few outside investments beside. Let energy he directed to getting this money into use.

co-operation it is pledged to promote. the people will be liquidated only after every becoming effort shall have been put forth by our government in vain. So long as there is a chance of invoking international concert for bimetallism, the administration must improve it; when all chance shall have disappeared, it may awalt further instructions from the people.

It may tickle the Mugwump mind to believe that party platforms should be and something in reduction of the evil of no consequence; but this belief is must be done. not general among men who value honesty and fair-dealing.

With due credit to the sincerity of the self-styled "agitators and evangellists" who have been conferring in this city relative to the formation of a Prohibition church, it is probable that the most important plank in their platform is that in which they invite "financial assistance" and advertise to respond to calls from any part of the country "on reasonable terms," This,

War at Last.

laws prohibiting steam engines and It is almost impossible, at this diselectricity. tance from the seat of war and in the According to ex-Governor Campbell, write an intelligent comment on the of Ohio, the Democratic party "is the Turco-Greeian hostilities, nor, in any only indestructible political entity in this country." Why? Because it a subject of much consequence. It is hasn't sense enough to recognize that its usefulness has ceased. complication the European powers We infer from the remarks of certain

cial reward of the fit .

prominent Wilkes-Barreans that that in the first place made Turkey redeem city wants a different charter so that it can increase its municipal debt the Cretan Christians for release from Turkish sway and freedom to make the alliance of their choice; or, failing this, had they kept hands off the Cretan insurrection, it is fair to assume that war would not have arisen. But while to Scranton.

loudly professing solicitude for peace, the powers have so indecisively dilly The Coal Fields dallied, now goading Greece and anon encouraging the Turk, that a conflict has literally been forced upon the reluctant principals, the end of which no

man can foresce. Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Superficially the odds against Greece appear to be overwhelming, but so did they against Japan in that plucky lit-There is in the present eastern situathe attitude of the powers. Chira and cally unhindered; but there is no as-But where industries are diversified surance that when Greek valor shall medan ignorance, superstition and in-

If there is justice in the universe,

as to the greatness and growth possibili-ties of this market. If the Salada cold field proves to be what its promoters assort signs were posted in every street car GOLDSMITH'S informing the splitter that the moment he is caught in the act he will and what all competent testimony so far be seized by the ear and marched unites in doclaring it, it will be opened at forthwith to the nearest alderman's DBCC.

office, it would be likely to have a This field is located 160 miles from El Paso and to market its product a railroad of that length must be built. All the evi-dence agrees that to build this road is the good effect. If the threat shouldn't, the fulfilment of R certainly would. This subject has passed beyond the simplest railroad proposition possible. There are no streams to cross, no trestling of any moment, almost no rockwork and tage of a jest and is now a matter of seriousness. Considerations of health for nearly its entire length the road would run over a mesa as smooth as an ideal no less than of decency are involved, western prairie. Near its northern termi-nus the read would tap the famous Capl-lan region, the best timbered, the best The Binghamton Chronicle, in celebzrating its tenth bitrhday, assures

this region, the peet induced, the base water-2d of any section in all the southweat and already supporting a lumbering and agricultural population of upward 12,000 people. There are also excedingly rich deposits of iron and the predoms metals the public that it is a success. We knew it was that, from an editorial standpoint, for it is one of the neatest which would by this road be brought to and cleanest weekly publications in an immediate market. the country; and we are rejoiced to

In the matter of lumber it should be born in mind the rough timber of the grace of learn also that it is receiving the finanthe country is now bringing 320 per thou-sand in El Paso, while flooring is quoted at 325. A conservative estimate of the distribution of railroad ties to the six railroads centering at El Paso is 500,000 An attempt is being made in New York and Illinois to illegalize the department store. Of course it will fail. annually. Railroad men say a supply at Statutes cannot turn back the dial 45 or even 50 cents would practically con-trol the market. From all appearances hands of civilization. As well pass

there is no timber region that could com-pete with the Capitan in this respect, once t is reached by a railroad. At this writing the summing up of the

whole matter appears to be; if the Sala ia coal field and the Capitan timber section are reached by a railroad those who con-trol the output and the traffic can dictate prices or practically monopolize the coal tending for fully 200 miles in every direc-tion from El aso. M. M. Gillam. tion from El aso.

OUR NEW PRESS.

It can increase its municipal debt. Take advice in time, and keep the debt down. The New York big dry goods firm of H. B. Claffin company threatens to improvements, or which a paper 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 16 pages may be printed, cut, move if the legislature at Albany doesn't go slow. That's right; come pasted, folded and counted at the rate o 12,000 to 24,000 complete copies in an hour. The strider made in the newspaper business in this city within the past few years

is something wonderful and The Tribune is always to be found at the head of the procession. This latest improvement in The Tribune press room was demanded by of New Mexico the constantly increasing patronage of that popular newspaper, and the enterprise of the business management is ably El Paso, N. M., April 14.--Mine men seconded by the ability of the editorial and reportorial departments. El Paso, N. M., April 14.-Mine men

some of them of country-wide fame, left New York on Saturday last, the 10th inst., New York on Saturday last, the 10th inst., Montrose Republican: "Our valued o investigate the coal fields of Salada, N. Scranton contemporary, The Tribune, hav-M, and the advisability of a railroad to take that coal to market. It is doubtful has just put in one of R. Hoe & Co.'s lat f a party more thoroughly qualified from est and most improved machines, or experience and equipment to judge of the which the paper will hereafter be printed notorial resources of a country, the pos-dbilities of coal production and use and and folds an eight-page paper at the rate he inducements for railroad construction | of upward of 20,000 per hour or a sixteen was ever organized. It consists of Ciar-ence D. Simpson and Colonel H. M. Boies. This addition to the mechanical depart of Scranton; W. A. Lathrop, of Wilkes-Barre, general superintendent Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company: J. plant in the state, aside from the large Ogden, of New York, banker: nmadore G. C. W. Lowry, of this evidence of the continued prosperity of our contemporary, which it has earned by its unquestioned merit and worth." New York, capitalist; George W. Dickinon, of New York, formerly general manger of the Northern Pacific Railroad com-

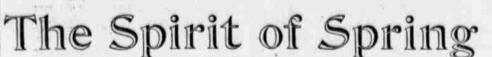
Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer: The Scranpany; Benjamin S. Harmon, a prominent on Tribune is now equipped with one of New York inwyer: Charles B. Eddy, who Hoe's modern presses. It is capable of printing 6, 8, 10, 12 or 16 pages. Our conhas been a leader in some of the greatest interprises over undertaken in the southwest, and M. M. Gillam, of New York, The investigations have been entered upon temporary appears daily now in 19-page form. The improvement is a marked one, but only in keeping with the progress that y these gentlemen with a view to demon-trating beyond question the promise and cssibilities of the country. Nothing is to

be taken for granted. Nothing short of facts and provable figures will satisfy Scranton World: One of the latest them. If they decide to go ahead with the moves by The Tribune is the putting in enterprise it is their own money that will place of a new \$20,000 Hoe press. This is be largely at risk. They mean that there a docidedly commendable step, and places shall be no risk. And so it is that every The Tribune much in advance of other step taken into this country has been with papers her from a mechanical point of

'rom "hind quarters."

much self-sacrifice?

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BAZAAR.

That Busy Garment Room

We've planned for business this spring as we have never planned before, and the logical result is we are getting it. More new lots for you to investigate. This means another week of busy buying.

> Misses' Spring Jackets at \$1.23 and upwards Ladies' Spring Jackets at \$4.98 and upwards New Capes at \$1.23 and upwards Suits at \$4.98 and upwards Separate Skirts at \$1.49 and upwards

Our Dress Goods stock has received some important acquisitions during the past week, among which are 20 different colorings, all Wool Star Checks, 38 inches wide, at 39c; 10 shades of double fold Bicycle Sultings at 20c; 12 shades of All Wool French Vigogne Suitings, 48 inches wide, at 50c. Also a fine lot of Silk and Wool Novelties, regular 75c and \$1 goods, at 50c.

Since everybody knows that we are going out of the carpet business. the rush has been so great that we have been overworked, but have now added to our force so as to serve you promptly.



Those who are predicting Democratie success in 1900 overlook the fact that the Republican party cannot be denied a fair trial, which is all it needs in order to win.

A Party Duty.

It is characteristic of the small group "of Mugwump extremists who made the most noise for McKinley when he was a candidate for president that they are already making an equal clamor against him because he has remained faithful to the pledges of his party. They belabored him for his attitude on the tariff and now they are thwacking him for appointing a commission to inquire cars. While the rules of the Traction Into the possibility of convening another international bimetallic conference. They affirm that this appointment is a "sop" to the milver forces; but if they will spitter in spirited resolutions, the evil read the St. Louis platform they will remains unabated It is an evil in evperceive that it is nothing of the kind, ery public place, but in street cars is The Republican position from the especially obnoxious, for reasons that party's inception has been one favor- can readily be understood able to bimetallism; but in recent

the Hon, John M. Garman will not only be re-elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Democracy, but he will he re-elected unanimously, vociferously and tumultuously, with the Republicans foremest in approval.

As to Sunday Sports.

The efforts of leading elergymen of this city to secure from the present exhibition of other amusements on Sunday rest upon the fundamental Where large throngs gather on Sun-

force and violence appear. So

dad. The management of the Scranton

questionable if that condition would be permanent. The lowering of the hars would let in one element only to drive out a better. Six days a week to be sufficient for reasonable men. Let us keep the seventh day pure.

"Do the political leaders of the Republican party in Pennsylvania feel," asks the Philadelphia Ledger, "that they can afford by their own acts to stamp the platform of their own party as a lie and a cheat? Have they forgotten the lessons of the past? Are they foolish enough to believe that such a thing as a day of reckoning is an impossibility?" We*imagine not. The trouble doesn't appear to be with

the leaders at Harrisburg, but with the balky led.

Get After the Spitter.

There is need of more determined effort than has yet been made to stamp out the splitting habit on our street company forbid the transformation of the floors of the cars into traveling cuspidors and the board of health has upon occasions condemned the public hend it.

In many cities we hear from day to

gears, in consequence of the increasing day of the arrest of particularly obdivergence between the metals, the noxious spitters, under provisions of divergence between the metals, the party has abandoned thought of independent action toward silver's rehab-flitation and has arserted the necess-sity of international co-operation. Such

yes and cars wide open and with a deter-nination to know the worst and to take favorable statements with every possible allowance. Heresay evidence has been given no weight; the rosy views of promoters who see great possibilities in the future have not been considered. The question is, "What is the state of things place.

now; what is the least price that com-petitive coal can be brought into this region for, and at what cost could coal be marketed from the Salada mines?"

It has been made very clear to every one n that party that El Paso is now the disibuting center for more than 40,000 tons f coal and 12,000 tons of coke each mouth, A: present there are three principal sources is for this supply—Thurber on the Texas Pacific railroad, 559 miles away, and with haul over the Sierra Blanco mountains, esenting adverse grades of more than

feet; Trinidad on the Sante Fe vall-522 miles away, and with grades even adverse than those of the Texas Patlic, and Certhas, 310 miles distant, using e Santa Fe line after a hard haul over 9 Glorietta mountains. None of these als is of exceptionally high grade judged m the castern standpoint. The Trini-al coal, which is probably the best, nakes a coke yielding about 18 per ceni.

of ash. The Thurber coal can be coked, but the product is inferior to that of Trin-The old Cerilles coal was of fairly good coking quality, but the vein is ex-

hausted and the present output from this field is of poor grade. There are some other points from which small quantities of inferior coal are contributed, but they do not count in considering this problem. The large quantity price of coal in Ei Phiso is \$4,80 to \$5.75 per ion, and of coke from \$6.50 to \$10.00, or even very much higher for the choicest grades. The retail

price of coal is \$7,50 and \$8. No wonder the average citizen as well as the Greaser turns to mesquiti roots for his fuel. Since rrigation is largely practiced here and the ditches must be above the general level the two facts led some wit to characterize the country as "a land where you dig for wood and climb for water." There is almost no stove wood to be had for more than a hundred miles around El Paso, save such as the mesquill roots supply, and their yield is limited as well as bulky, awkward, divty and unsatisfactory, Cheap. coal would be a great advantage to

all classes.

Just at present there are evidences of much activity in El Paso. It is the nat-urel northern gateway to Mexico and the flood of materials and machinery now being attracted into the sister republic leaves a pleasant toll as it passes. It is probable that still greater activities will characterize the immediate future of Mexo. New territory in the northern part s being opened by new rallways, great uning operations are taking life all around and vast capital is being put into smelters and reducing plants. All of this makes a growing and imperative market

for coal and coke, yet six or seven hun dred miles of hard hauling swells the price of every ton. In El Paso Itself and in a dozen other conters of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, there is the same in-

put on enterprise by the cost of fuel. 'Ask any El Paso boy 19 years old what one thing is now needed for the greater osperity of this part of the country and ae'll te'l you 'cheaper coal,'" remarked one of the foremost lawyers of the southwest to me today. The fuel question here is one of such great moment that all ances and almost all ages fully compre-

> With the cost of coal reduced \$1 a ton (as the Sa'ada enterprise promises to pro-fitably permit with assurance that the

lower rate would be maintained, a score of important enterprises would be undertakand sell it at the same time.

view, as it affords the privilege of turning out any size paper desired. The Trib-une is rapidly moving to the head of the olumn, and Manager Davis is to be con cratulated on the securing of the cress, as it was mainly through his eforts the elegent machine was put in

RECALLS A STORY.

From the Pittston Gazette.

BUT OIL IS CHEAP.

There has been much talk of a settleaent of differences between the Republic

can factions in Philadelphia, by which Senator Quay is to have the united support of the party leaders there, so far as tate politics are concerned. The report

strange, then, that these gentlemen can occasionally give a million or two for religious purposes? Does anybody for a noment suppose that such giving involves



Congressman Connell recently remarked that he is "in the hands of his friends"

he has lots of them among those who will have a voice in selecting the candidate.

ng department. Many a business man of exalted selfpinions has lost money by recognizing to late the squawk of the dying goose of olden eug achievements.

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THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

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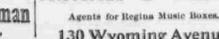
Of sorrow do you strike! Too big for baby carriages: Too small to ride a bike!

It often happens that the Scranton man who yells the loudest for high tariff and protection of home enterprise buys his sugar and crackers by the barrel in New York.

Cold-blooded murder should hereafter be known as "Voluntary manslaughter up in Susquehanna county.

Business complications sooner or later infront the man who tries to out his cake Ajacchus' Advice. Wheat speculators will do well to hedge

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WM. T. SMITH.

to. Dealers supplied at the mine,