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With two papers in Scranton and one in Wilkes-Barre each claiming the largest circulation outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the chance for an argument multiplies beautifully.

Of Interest to All. It is doubtful if the average reader of American newspapers yet appreciates the magnitude of the municipal task to which the first mayor of Greater New York, who is to be elected this fall, will have to address himself.

Entitled to Thanks. The plan of John R. Dos Passos, of New York, for the creation of a vast mortgage loan company under a charter from congress, for the purpose of carrying cheap banking facilities to the disaffected farmers of the south and west, has as yet gone no further than the academic stage.

Gossip at the Capital. The first gun in the next Republican gubernatorial campaign in Pennsylvania will be fired immediately after the meeting of the state convention this year, by Colonel William A. Stone, of Allegheny.

Business is Improving. There is no boom in any channel of commerce, industry or trade, but there is a steady and substantial improvement in the business interests of the country.

Who's Afraid in the Dark. "Oh, not I," said the owl, And he gave a great scowl, And he wiped his eye.

Enemies of Order. The Urbans lynching episode was simply an exhibition of the swift vengeance for atrocious crime against the person which in all civilizations has been wont, at times, to burst the conventions and leap madly to its satisfaction.

Speaking to an interviewer on the subject of wealth, Secretary of the Treasury Gage says: "I respect the man who is able to make a moderate competency, who does his part in all the avocations of life, who educates his children and dies leaving enough for his widow, but not enough to raise a monument. Such men get too little credit in this life."

The Elmira Advertiser is about to dedicate a new Hoe press of the type of that now in The Tribune press room, and expects soon to adopt the twelve-page form.

had, and competent lawyers have represented the accused and brought out every point in his favor, and a verdict of guilty is then pronounced, the sentence of the court should be promptly executed.

No intelligent man can have deliberate indifference for lynching under any circumstances. There does not need to be maudlin sympathy for the guilty wretch thus rudely sent to his doom in order to make out a case against the whole shocking practice of mob executions.

No enactment can pass muster which attempts to abridge the right of contract. The Weller bill attempts this, and that is why that bill, though it has been signed by the governor, will collapse when taken for review into the Supreme court.

The friends of the big Allegheny congressman, of course, are not about to see him win the fight easily. There are others, however, who are just as confident that he will not win.

It was Herbert Spencer, if we remember correctly, who once declared that every reform had to pass through three stages: first, indifference; next, violent opposition; and then, acceptance.

For forehandedness Secretary of the Commonwealth Reed is certainly entitled to passing notice. At present he holds the best paying political position in Pennsylvania.

The Japanese minister in Washington is at great pains to state that his government has no intention of getting into a war with Hawaii over the refusal of the republic to admit to the islands the riff-raff of the population of the Japanese empire.

President Dole's had received secret information a few hours before Minister Willis' visit as to what he might expect, and he was prepared for the emergency.

It is possible that at some distant day tea in small quantity may be successfully grown in southern portions of the United States; but the fact remains that a tax on imported tea is a

tax on a public necessity and is to be defended only upon the plea that exceptional revenue conditions require its imposition.

Mr. Calhoun has returned and will not talk; but his secretary will. The latter intimates that the Cuban commissioner heard both sides, which leaves the mystery still mysterious.

An increase in loans in New York city amounting to \$4,409,000 in one week—the week ended Saturday—is an interesting business "straw."

By keeping Weyler in Cuba the queen regent of Spain will simply hasten the day of our inevitable intervention.

France will help us to negotiate for international bimetalism; but until the Rothschilds permit England to say yes, the overture will have to travel an up-hill road.

It is worthy of note that at the periling of the ways, Thomas Dolan, of Philadelphia, prefers McKinley and prosperity to Mr. Wmannaizer and the blues.

Let us now hope, in the interest of the county's good name, that the last has been heard of Cornelius Smith's attack upon our bench and bar.

If Mr. Finn did not use the abusive language recently credited to him in a public print, and wishes to disclaim it, why not do so openly?

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which is fully known. The inside story, however, of what has been going on in the administration of the Hawaiian republic has been one of the carefully guarded secrets of the Cleveland administration.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. It is reported in Washington that immediately after the passage of the tariff bill the Republican managers, acting in accordance with the wishes of the administration, will pass an act providing for the condition of our currency, and of suggesting recommendations for its improvements.

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