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SCRANTON, OCTOBER 4, 1897. Our Democratic friends should be excused for the indulgence in a little exuberance at the present time. When one expects nothing it is undoubtedly a pleasure to receive a portion of the favors.

Concerning the Result. The Republican victory in this county Tuesday was not as high as the flag staff not as wide as a barn door but it will serve. The defeat of Langstaff, Heuster and Beck is sincerely to be regretted. The latter went down before a sympathy wave for Koch.

The large defection of Republican votes from Pryor to Leach and Okell accounts for Pryor's small plurality. Some of this was due to Leach's personal popularity and was complimentary in nature; some of it arose from mistaken sympathy for Koch, who pleaded for votes "to save his little home," but who forgot to mention that his candidacy from start to finish had been a commercial speculation.

Dr. Swallow's vote appears to have been derived largely from the Democratic party. Let the good work go on! It is not necessary to endorse Dr. Swallow's wholesale and indiscriminate method of attack upon Republican state officials to perceive that in the enormous vote which he has just polled there lies an imperative admonition to Pennsylvania Republicanism.

The vote of Swallow was a vote of censure on the last state legislature and upon factional wrangling and caterwauling lately grown intolerable; but more than that, it was a serving of formal notice upon the Republican leadership in command in this great state that in the important politics of the next few months the people also intend to have some say. Pennsylvania is gladly loyal to party organization and command when these evince due respect for public decency and public opinion.

The returns of this last state election constitute a storm signal. Skillful piloting will heed the warning and choose the course of prudence and safety. There is nothing surprising in the fact that a woman went insane over New York politics. Enough worry and disturbance of mind were incurred by Lackawanna politics this year to drive almost anybody crazy.

Dignity of Manual Labor. An exchange deplores the fact that so many young men of this country embark upon professions regardless of their fitness for the same, and invite failure in instances where success would have attended efforts applied in the right direction. The reference to the evils of the mistaking of one's calling is timely. There is scarcely a locality in the universe that cannot furnish glaring examples of the misfortune that attend the endeavors of the young men to succeed in walks of life that are not suited to their attainments.

There are countless illustrations all about us that prove that fortunes can be obtained outside of the so-called learned professions. While education is something to be desired at all times, it is a mistaken idea that one must embrace a profession in order to become respectable and gain a living income. It is evident that the average young and in fact old American does not realize the dignity that should be attached to manual labor.

The paleontological expedition to be sent out from Princeton to southern Patagonia will serve as a foundation for enterprising novelists to dilate upon for some time to come. No doubt we shall soon hear from Frank Stockton in the shape of a story with the title, "The Great Ichthyosaurus of 1898," or "The New Cretaceous." It will take three years to disturb the fossil birds and mammals from their rest of ages and get them into a condition presentable to the youth of America.

The New Jersey law compelling Traction companies to protect their motor-cars with vestibule cars went into effect Monday and it is proposed by the authorities to enforce it throughout the state. No time is being lost in making investigations as to the intention of corporations and it is probable that the New Jersey motorman will be about the most comfortable specimen of his vocation in the country during the cold weather. It is a requirement which should be regarded by all street car companies, whether they are subject to law or not.

Fidelity or Treason, Which? During the recent campaign the only candidate on the Republican ticket who received direct and unequivocal support from the Scranton Republican was John R. Jones. In its issue of Nov. 1 that paper published one editorial half a column in length reviewing favorably and fairly Mr. Jones' record as a public official and omitting the innuendo and covert abuse that had caused each of its prior editorials on the other Republican candidates to be seized with avidity by the Democratic press for reprint and to be used by the Democratic managers as campaign weapons.

It is probable that people would talk still more about Seneca Evangelina Cisneros if they knew how to pronounce her name. Jeffersonian voters in New York did not seem to think the mantle of the late Henry George would fit Seth Low.

Use of Machinery in the Coal Mines. From the Philadelphia Record. One of the immediate effects of the recent strike in the coal regions has been to create a boom in orders for coal mining machinery, and to stimulate the invention of improvements in "underground" machines. It is probably not a hazardous prediction to say that within the next ten years the mines of the coal fields will be fully equipped with coal cutting machinery in which each cutter will do the work of at least eight or ten men with the pick. The saving in waste of coal, in time and in wages will be calculated, enable producers to place coal at tide-water at somewhat less cost than it is delivered at the mine.

The Chicago boarding house, whose inmates slept peacefully while a burglar looted the rooms, selecting the articles of wearing apparel best pleasing to his fancy, and fitting to his figure, leisurely took a bath, dressed in his borrowed clothes, and departed undisturbed, should be recommended as a resort for people afflicted with insomnia. For some time past there has been an epidemic of tragedy down in Kentucky. In fact the chivalrous resident of the blue grass region has been more than ever ready to pull his weapon on the slightest provocation. Not satisfied with the occasional lynching of a negro the high-strung citizens of the land of trotting horses and moonshine whiskey have developed a fond-

ness for shooting at each other and as a result the descendants of many of the "first families" have dropped by the wayside. It is difficult to account for these periodical spasms of the shooting-mania, and explanation is seldom offered save by astrologers. If there is indeed anything in the latter science as taught by Prof. Coles and others, it is very evident that old Kentucky is at present passing through the sign of shot-guns and bull-dog revolvers.

creation of entirely new designs of the high-speed engines of most perfect mechanism needed for these lights. This is but one illustration out of many. In conclusion, we may safely assert that there is no more promising field for the amelioration of the hard lot of labor than in the introduction of modern machinery into coal mines.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. Accustomed as we are in the coal regions to deeds of heroism, the tragedy of the other day in the Von Storch mine of Scranton cannot be read without feeling deeply the pathos and horror of the awful event. The carbide lamp which kept himself alive amid the fire and smoke all around him by drinking the air through a tube of iron, and the trunk of which he turned constantly, now feebly and again with the strength of despair for some sixteen hours, never daring to stop a moment for fear of being suffocated, reads like an impossible page in some melodramatic story.

Usually heretofore it has been the Hun that fired the gas, or exploded the powder, killing and maiming himself or hundreds of others because of his impetuosity and his rashness for fear of being improving. No doubt the dreadful experiences they have had to encounter from time to time, have taught them many valuable lessons and at last they seem to be seeing accurately instead of as through a glass darkly. The Hun shortly will mine most of our coal with dynamite as they improve in their methods of working and in their conduct as citizens, which much will they add to their value as miners and thus rise to a corresponding degree in the estimation of all other classes. The people, therefore, read with interest the account of this man whose lowly who knew how to save his life with everything all about him in chaos.

Decline of Thrift. From the Chicago Record. The typical American was once a model of industry and thrift. From the time of the landing of the pilgrim fathers, with their frugal habits, down to the close of the civil war period, the average American was not only exceedingly industrious, but exceedingly thrifty as well. Economy and foresight in planning against the future were the characteristics of the American of that period.

Following the civil war there was a period of prolonged and extensive speculation. Speculation engenders extravagance, and in this case the habits of extravagance and dissipation were introduced into the habits of the people. The extravagance of a considerable portion of the very wealthy in this country is a matter of common notoriety. Extravagant and excessive expenditures do not necessarily interfere with further accretions of wealth, but they do tend to create a well-to-do and the poor it is different. The tendency to live on the very highest scale of income will permit of course the accumulation of vast wealth, but it is one reason why periods of industrial depression produce such great hardship.

Whatever the reasons, the truth is indisputable that the American people are not a thrifty people to the extent that they were a century ago. Such a condition of things cannot be a fortunate one, both for the people as individuals and for the country as a whole. The habits of extravagance and dissipation of saving in good times explain to a considerable degree the remarkably widespread discontent that is manifested whenever times are hard.

The establishment of postal savings banks would do much to inculcate in the habits of very moderate income classes of thrift for which the American once was noted. Many who are willing to sacrifice most in order to lay by money for future needs have been discouraged in attempts at saving by their experience with insurance banking institutions. Artfully advertised and advertised in bank failures it is little wonder that some prefer to spend their money rather than practice self-denial only to see their savings dissipated in the hands of others to whom they were intrusted for safe keeping. The Federal government should establish postal savings banks and offer to those who desire to take on habits of thrift an absolutely secure place of deposit for their savings.

NOT AN ISSUE. New York Mail and Express. Nothing could be more unfortunate for the cause of Cuba than the widespread repetition of the contention that the annexation of the island to the United States must follow as a logical sequence of its separation from Spain. No matter how kindly may be the motives behind it, this agitation is damaging and vexatious. Its immediate effect will be to retard any peace negotiations which may be undertaken by the revolutionary leaders and the Spanish authorities. To recognize the independence and surrender control of Cuba even on the most liberal terms will be selling a pound to Spain, and she will be doubly reluctant to do so on any conditions which even remotely contemplate the possible acquisition of the territory by this government.

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