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SCRANTON, MAY 3, 1899.

With its honey-combed pavements and soft coal smoke, Scranton is rapidly becoming a locality that cannot be enjoyed as a residence city save in instances where hope springs eternal.

The Rule of Merit.

The re-election yesterday of County Superintendent Taylor by a vote so nearly unanimous as to amount to that was a result upon which the people of the county are to be congratulated.

Equally acceptable to the people is the action of the Scranton board of control in re-electing City Superintendent Howell without opposition.

Good work is nowhere more deserving of appreciative reward than in connection with public instruction.

The continual rise in wages has left nothing behind the calamity prophets but work.

Too Previous.

Having learned that Senator Quay and his friends were inclining favorably toward the candidacy of General Daniel McMurtrie Gregg for state treasurer, David Martin, the Philadelphia Press and other leaders and organs of the recent "insurgent" movement are trying by vicious praise to mark General Gregg as their own.

General Gregg would make an excellent state treasurer and as a candidate would poll the party's united strength, with some Democratic votes besides.

The first rays of the dawn of peace have a bewildering effect on the orbs of the anti-imperialist owls.

That Agreement Concerning China.

The official announcement that England and Russia have signed an agreement respecting their "spheres of influence" in China and that under the terms of their understanding the "open door" is to swing inward for American imports on the same terms as any other imports is one of the most significant pieces of news which have come over the wires in many a day.

Unless all signs deceive, England and Russia were on the brink of war when this agreement was reached. By no other theory can we account for the unprecedented naval preparations which England was making on the one hand and for the equally extraordinary military activities of the St. Petersburg government on the other.

The victory is American as well as British. Of the interested parties we are not sure that the United States is not, after all, the chief gainer.

generations of Chinese that aversion which goes out to spoliation, or that instinctive repugnance which the robbed feel for the sons and daughters of the robbers.

The action of the councils by more than a two-thirds vote in directing the mayor to execute a new contract with the Barber Asphalt company for the immediate repairing of the paved streets in accordance with the agreement entered into last year will be sustained by the sober and responsible judgment of the people and will be fully vindicated by time.

Secretary Long's Answer to the Administration's Critics.

A philosophic view of the Philippine problem is taken by the secretary of the navy. In a speech delivered at Boston on Dewey day Mr. Long directed the attention of New England to the fact that no real difference in policy exists between the administration and its critics.

"In the prosecution of the war," said he, "it is clear that as a military movement, as proved by its success, the thing to do was to strike at Spain in the Philippine Islands, and that having conquered her there, we held the Philippines as a result of the war.

And now a syndicate has been organized to control the American peanut crop. Red lemonade is about all that remains for the trust of the future.

Recent events prove that General Luna is not so much so as his name would indicate.

Cuba's Big Need Is Public Schools.

E. J. Gibson, in Philadelphia Press.

ONE of the greatest needs of Cuba is a public school system. Over 75 per cent of the population can neither read nor write.

General Wood, the military governor of Santiago province, was quick to recognize the great necessity for public schools, and he appointed a commission to make a thorough investigation of the subject.

The commission in its report to General Wood says: "The indifference, caprice, neglect and incapacity of the governing authorities left the admirable promises of the law without enforcement or application.

responsibility. You may be sure that it will do everything it can to carry the blessings of our own civilization to these islands of the sea, and that its highest ambition will be fulfilled, if through its efforts, from oppression and darkness they shall come out into the light of the new world and be set upon the way to the enjoyment of the same liberties, the same education, the same government, the same large, generous happy life which is now the heritage of every American citizen in whatever part of the great American union he lives.

In Sunday journalism, especially in the inland cities, the newspaper scapegoat seems to be one of the necessary features of the printing establishment.

The newspaper scapegoat is generally an inoffensive individual who, whether guilty or not, has to take the drubbing that are administered, or the looks of annihilation that are given by those who have been assailed in print.

The Sons of the Revolution at Detroit the other day became enthusiastic and cabled congratulations to Admiral Dewey. On account of heavy tolls Dewey will be justified in answering by slow freight.

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