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Of course Colonel Roosevelt is for McKinley next year, but for 1904 it is believed he knows a good man to take McKinley's place.

Too Much Politics in the Schools,

Irrespective of the immediate merits of the controversy over the high school faculty, we believe we voice the opinion of every intelligent Scrantonian conversant with school affairs when we say that the amount of petty local politics represented in the deliberations of the Board of Control and especially in the board's attitude toward the employment, promotion or discharge of teachers is a disgrace to the city and an outrage on the taxpayers.

We can think of no place save possibly the church which should from the very character of its mission in the community be more carefully protected against the contemptible blekerings of partisan or factional strife than the public school. Not only is the publie school supported by the money of men of all political and religious affiliations, but to it we commit our children for instruction and guidance at a most impressionable period in their lives. In a large majority of instances the public school represents the only educational facility available; doubly essential is it in these cases, both for parents and pupils and for the general community, that the instruction given in the public school to these pupils who have no expectation of other instruction, be of the best and be not hampered or embarrassed by the unnecessary jealousies, frictions and intrigues of political manipulators. Our future citizenship is moulded mainly in these free schools of the people. Shall its rearing be handicapped by an atmosphere of distracting discord and strife?

The public schools of Scranton have outgrown the dimensions of the village period of the city's development and have expanded to proportions which require in their management a high order of expert intelligence. It is no longer possible to run the schools of this big city on the low basis of personal favoritism or factional spicen without working irreparable harm among a great number of our citizen-With our complex population and diverse standards of popular intelligence, the problem of administering successfully the school system of the city is hard enough at best, even when every energy is given to the actual work of instruction and none wasted on school board manipulation. The very best professional skill in the country employed in the schools of Scranton without embarrassment or of war? interruption would be unable to produce successful results as rapidly and as satisfactorily as friends of progress could wish. How stupidly foolish and criminally negligent, therefore, to dissinute a large part of the energy of our school workers on the childish games of intrigue and retaliation continually characteristic of our Board of Control-games very largely of personal pique or prejudice-thereby not only showing bad enconomy but also carrying the spirit of contention into the school room and filling the minds of pupils with ignoble conceptions of government. We are not now attempting to place

the immediate blame for the present discentrable discord. It is widely distributed. Ever since we can remember, the prevalent conception in this city of the teacher's position has been that of a fair spoil for the school board combination which could corral a majority vote. The question of a teacher's merit has long been held subsidiary to the question of his relationship in school board politics to the gang on top; and hence we have seen at the close of almost every school year within our recollection the same kind of a wrangle over the hiring of teachers for the ensuing year which has just taken place. Principals and superintendents have been unceremoniously dragged in; every occupant of either office has had to go politically armed against possible ambush. and the entire public school system has been perverted and abused most shamefully.

A public opinion is needed which will discourage this childish view of serious responsibilites,

The anti-expansionists do not seem o have been bunching their hits of ate.

Expansion.

Nineteen years ago the United States produced per annum less than 4,000,000 tons of pig iron, about half the then annual product of England and twice tint of Germany. Last year the American product was nearly 12,000,000 tons against less than 9,000,000 tons for Great Britain and a trifle over 7,000,000 tons for Germany. England's percentage of gain in this period was less than 12; Germany's was 165, but our own was 207. This year out output is estimated at 13,000,000 tons and still there is a famine in the pig iron market, the demand far exceeding the

The student of statistics who understands what these figures mean to a country so independently situated as our own is not surprised at the marvelous development which is taking place in the exportation of American manufactures of iron and steel. Egypt, Australia, China, Russia and even England buy of us in certain lines of manufacture because they realize that the business skill which has wrought such an extraordinary progress in the utilization of mineral resources is able to make the best product in the market. It is simply the plain truth to say that in the making of staple products of iron and steel the United and they will be measured accordingly.

Those Buffalo reformers who preferred to cheer Aguinaido instead of Driver—"Well, fo' the Lawd's sake! I should think it ought to. Here I have been drivin' to this station fo' bout twenty years, sah."

States is everywhere recognized as Politics with the Scranton tribune standing at the top of the list of in-

justrial nations. While this is true it is equally true that from the standpoint of agriculture we exceed in present productiveness any other nation and are exceeded in potential agricultural wealth only by the as yet undeveloped empire of Russia. The exercise of international political influence commensurate with such natural strength is as inevitable as effect after cause. Anti-expansionists are too late. Expansion is already an unalterable fact.

Leonard Wood's remark that money is not the only thing in this world recalls Richard Croker's assertion that he was "out for the stuff." These men fairly represent the two extreme views of civic duty and responsibility. Wood is only a poor dector, while Croker is a millionaire with the world's second largest city under his control almost absolutely; yet we had rather be Wood than Croker.

Put Alger Out.

We may well believe Senator Burows when he says that as a friend of Senator McMillan he would be the last person in the world to suggest to the president General Alger's removal from the secretaryship of war, since Alger's indecency in hanging on to that place while leading a factional fight against the administration's friends in Michigan makes McMillan's re-election ab solutely certain. Yet the New Mail and Express, a staunch supporter of the administration, voices the opinion of Republicans generally when it says:

"Secretary Alger by declaring his purpose to remain in the cabinet, furnishes evidence that he glories in the fact that he is in league with an open enemy of the administration for the purpose of destroying the administra tion's staunchest champion in his home state. Never, in our presidential famlly, was displayed a situation more reprehensible politically or more con temptible personally. It is an impos sible situation, unfair to the president humiliating to the cabinet, damaging to the party through its possible effect on Michigan's electoral vote, and disgusting to the country. Alger will not Then he should be made to go, The time has come for Mr. McKinley to demand a resignation, in Justice to

committed to his care. An exhibition of insubordination such as Alger is now making toward the obvious best interests of his party and his chief is the last thing in the world which ought to be set as an example before the eyes of the United States army, already suffering from personal intrigues and jealousies. The dismissal of Alger is needed quite as much on account of its exemplary influence upon the army as on account of obvious and commanding political

himself and to every national interest

It is reported that the president has General Wood in mind for promotion to the colonial secretaryship in case such an office should be created by congress. Such a selection would, of course, receive universal approval; but in the meantime why not fire Alger and give Wood a chance as secretary

considerations.

The White Man and the Tropics.

Can the white race colonize the tropes? The answer returned by ex-Minister Truxtun Beale in the July Forum is that he can if he wil try and he offers some good reasons for his belief.

First of all he noter that the white man had his origin in the tropics and that for him to go back to them would simply be returning to the old home. He has not gone back hitherto because the more comfortable temperate zone has offered superior inducements. But the temperate zone is now pretty well populated. Soon the white man will have to take a flyer into tropical colonization or get of the face of the earth. Mr. Beale thinks that the white man of today knows some points in the colonization game which will put him several laps ahead of the white experimenter of the past who tackled the tropics and failed.

For instance, there is such a thing today as sanltary science. It teaches the intelligent white man to keep clean while in the tropics; to cat well selected vegetable and fruit food; to avoid continuous hard physical work; to keep in the shade during the hottest perjods of the day and to go to cooler climates on long vacations at least once in every period of from four to seven years. His predecessor didn't know this or, knowing it, neglected to act on the information. That is where the white colonizer of the hereafter is going to take a fall out of history. Again, sanitary science has recently shown us through the microscope many of the dangers of tropical disease and how to avert or cure them. Yellow fever yields to cleanliness, but when caught can be knocked out by a certain new serum. The old-fashioned "plague" has succumbed to modern science and leprosy is limited to the ignorant. Other tropical ailments will disappear when the up-to-date medico takes after

Lastly, the white man of the period takes modern conveniences with him when going to the tropics. He makes ice artificially; he uses electrical fans; he cuts and harvests his grain by steam or electrically driven machinery; and in a thousand different directions he approaches the old problem from new standpoints and with the aid of new assistants. In other words, the world is moving, and the white man is fully competent to keep up with the procession.

The appointment of Croker's nephew as chief of the New York fire department, coupled with other recent family manocuvers, would seem to indicate that Croker intends to make hay while the sun shines. He evidently forefees a rainy season for the Croker dy-

Now that Mme. Bernhardt has performed "Hamlet" in Stratford without an upheaval on the part of Shakespeare's ghost, the discussion over the Bernhardt version may as well close.

a Local Flavor

THE name of Judge R. W. Archbald figured conspicuously in the political stories published in papers of the state this With seemingly reluctance the political writers at Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburg are beginning to concede that Judge Archbaid will be a very important figure in the coming Republican state convention and that there is much merit in his claims to the nomination for justice of the supreme court. From all sections of the state reports of his popularity and the desire of the Republican voters to see him nominated reach this city. They indicate the drift of public sen-

This week the First and Third legislative districts selected their state delegates and in each instance the men suggested by Judge Archbald were chosen without opposition. W R. Lewis, of West Scranton, was ected in the First district and W. P. Griffiths, of Taylor, in the Third. Today the preliminary steps will be taken to select delegates in the Second and Fourth districts, E. M. Vernoy will be unopposed in the first named district and Hon. John F. Reynolds in the Fourth. They are the gentlemen suggested by Judge Archbald at the meeting held some time ago in the interest of his candidacy.

The following Republicans have at ready registered with Secretary J. E. Watkins of the Republican county committee for county commissioners: Giles Roberts, of Dalton, present commissioner; W. J. Thomas, former select councilman of the Fourth ward of Scranton: "Bill" Frantz, of Scranton. former commissioner; S. W. Roberts, sent commissioner; W. D. Spencer Waverly. Three commissioners and is many auditors are to be elected this fail, but each party nominates but two candidates, as the law provides for a minority representation.

No one has registered as yet for the Republican nomination for county auditor, but it is understood that the two Republican members of the present oard of auditors. A. E. Keifer and F. . Ward, will seek re-election. P. W. 'ostello, the Democratic member of the board, will seek a renomination from his party, and Victor Burschell, of Dunmore, is also an aspirant for be Democratic nomination for audi-Democratic candidates for the ounty commissioner nominations are Michael Kramer, Lorenz Zeidler, John Durkin, John E. Regan, of this city,

and John Mannion, and James Pid-

geon, of Carbondale,

This fall's campaign is not exciting any more attention than the one which will be held a year later, when almost a full county ticket is to be selected. On the Democratic side of the political household a good deal of announcing has already been done by prospective candidates. At this distance it seems reasonably certain that Charles Schadt will be the candidate for sheriff. He vants the nomination and even at this early day makes no effort to conceal the fact. Mr. Schadt was the Democratic nominee for sheriff is the fall of 1897 and was defeated by Sheriff C. E. Prvor after a struggle that will e a memorable one in the political

history of the county. Mr. Schadt says he was pitted against the most popular Republican in the could have de leated any other man when he gave Pryor such a hard run, At all events is willing to back up his belief by taking a Democratic nomination and meeting whoever the Republican voters of the county select as his opponent, knowing that his late antagonist will not again be pitted against him, for the reason that a sheriff cannot succeed himself.

Neither can a county treasurer. That has possibly given rise to the story that County Treasurer M. J. Kelly wil make a big try for the Democratic nomination for sheriff. It is said he would not object to stepping across the hallway to Sheriff Pryor's present quarters when he leaves the county treasurer's office. If Mr. Kelly is anxious to be the next Democratic nominee for sheriff he is not proclaiming the fact in loud tones. Who can tell, though, what ambitious thoughts may be surging through the brain of the county's financial agent.

It is something of a trick to pas from the treasurer's to the sheriff's office, as the history of the county in the past demonstrates. D. J. Campbell tried to accomplish the feat eight years ago, but was defeated for the Democratic nomination in a hard fought convention battle, when the nomination went to ex-Sheriff John J. Fahey. In '97 Charles Schadt also tried to make the change from one side of the corridor to the other, but failed in the attempt. He had no trouble in securing the nomination from his party, but lost by a length at the wire on election day. He thinks that three years away from the court house will remove the hoodoo,

Attorney John J. Murphy will in all probability be a candidate for th Democratic nomination for district attorney. He is being urged by his friends to enter the field and it is altogether likely that he will. He is one of the able members of the young er bar of the county and in the par lance of the street is regarded as a 'comer." In other words, his attainments and natural bent toward the law are expected to place him in the front rank of his profession. He has a large following of warm personal friends in the party and is in touch with the leaders, being the present secretary of the Democratic city committee.

He will not be the only one to look or that nomination in the event that he enters the race. David J. Reedy, solicitor for the school board and one t the most active young men of his party, is not disposed to run away from the nomination if it comes his way and Attorney T. J. Duggan will in all likelihood have something to say about the matter when the proper time arrives. He stepped out of the way of George S. Horn when the latter was nominated two years ago and may not be disposed to act in that way again.

IT OUGHT TO BE FAMILIAR.

Gentieman (who has engaged aged colred hackman to drive him from the staon to the hotel)-"Say, un ie, what's Driver-"My name, son, is George

Gentleman-"George Washington? Why,

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 4.07 a. m., for Saturday, July 1, 1899.

URE . 6 W.

A child born on this day will notice that the lazy man can always plan the most inviting vacation. The ladies say that there is nothing un easant about the Scranton "kissing

save an occasional aroma of coffee or cloves. Scranton was not recognized in the istribution of Spanish cannon, but that

will not prevent the burning of some powder here next week. The Sunday editor who can say: "Nev r touched me," must be a good runner hese days.

We can always see at a glance where or neighbor has failed to improve his pportunities. Ajacchus' Advice.

If you wish to avoid suspicion let som ne else tell your fish story,

................. Letter from the Lightning Rod Man.

Deer Sir.-I hav so meny letters from yure korrespondents 2 ancer that I cant get them awl in this week so wil have 2 ancer sum later. There 4 I wish 2 state 2 those persons the state 2 those persons are the state 2 tho pil whose letters are not ancerd this weak that I wil do so az soon az possi-ble. I awiso wish 2 state 4 the benefit ov whom it may konsern, and evrybody else that the next man wooman or child (be he frend or foe) who sex "iz it hot enu! you" or eny remark whatsoever konthis date and Oct. 1st takes his or her life thare own hands az the kase may be I will not be responsable 4 my axions am konstituted similer 2 the gental rur kreatshun there 4 I do my shair erspirin in the heetid seeson, and nust sa it dont kool me oph 2enymarked legree 2 hav evry pusilanimus numbskul meat remind me that the wether iz unkomfortubie. Peopli with brainz think ov other things besides the wether and or there 4 able to (2) keep kool untill that meat 1 ov the abuy menshuned retches. Persons who wish 2 be konsidere brits will there 4 N. B. take notis. Veritas-No, swet bords due not per-

spire. They probly akquird thare present name oweing 2 the fakt that eny sucker I use this term advixedly) who plays the game long enuff will swet. However it dont due him eny good 4 he kant get his munny back and it only makes him feel unkomfeetable. I never new a profest kristshum 2 be mgr. ov a swet bord. here 4 I dont think its quite az ennest z deeling pharo.

Wilkesbarrean-In riteing an essay or the poll kat (kommenly kalled the skunk) I wish 2stat I hav plagerized sum infermashun from centurys dickshunary. He (Mr. Century sez the name poll kat iz derived from the Latin word stinkerinus and as I am sumwhat rusty on Latin we will hav 2 take his word 4it. The poll kat, like rattel snaix, haz a way ov mak-ink its presents kone long be 4 you see ink its presents kone long be 4 you see him the in a diffrent manner. While the poll kat iz not konsidered partickulariy vishus I have knone, acktiv spesimen ov that family 2 brake up a kamp meeting ov over 5 hundred peepil and hold them at bay and libbyhum (as long az he wanted 2)

It isnt considered good form in polite sosiety 2 assosheate with poll kats; in fackt I remember distinktly my 1st interview with 1. It was I sunday after noon and I had my best close on, and after I returnd home justinkt (or something like that) seamed 2 tell my fathe that I had bin playing with 1. He was so angry with me he woodnt allow me : sosheate with the family untill I had spent 2 daze in reflexion, med

I hever saw 1 in a menagrie, so kan onley reckommend the woods and country az a plase whare it kan witness 1. If yu reely want 2 ketch 1 I would suggest the use ov an 80 ft laws.

Our reputation

I wood awiso ware old close or a mak intosh as it mite ranc. After yu have wunce sekured the reptile you shood keep the lasso tawt while bringing him some 4 his kick us az vishus az that o

the jackass. Sientists tell us that the propper in trument 2 examine the poil kat with iz the mikershope but my prefrents in the spyglas. Yu kan soot yure self. In olden times peepil thawt musk per-fumery was sekured from the poll kat. but such iz not the kase. This eroneou

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idea probly originated owing 2 the fackt that musk rats and poll kats ar very frendly. They ar the onley kase on reckord whare members ov the kat and at genus (respektively) assosheate with

out disagreement.

The eggs ov pell kats fel in 2 disrepute som time ago and I no ov no I now daze who eats them xcept indeans and so ats. As far az I no the pell kat iz a morabled (so 2 speak) and pays his ownest determined.

Reader-There is very littll nown about the life and habits ov Mr. Anonimus, the he waz an ambidextrus riter and rote postry az well az proze. Some ov his efforts waz very prolifick. When ford Byrons Don Joan 1st apeard peepll sed it waz ritten by Anonimus, but Anonimous like the gentliman he was

reasons than 1. If awl the produxshuns ov Mr. Anoni-mus waz 2 be gatherd 2 gether in 1 book it wood be az intresting, instrucktiv and az large az the bible or Websters dick shunnery and contane just abowt as much plot. A KIDDER.

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