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A reference was made yesterday to an interview with President Clark of the Scranton Railway company, in which he offered to co-operate for a viaduct on West Lackawanna avenue.

Mr. Scranton "Ruffled."

IN YESTERDAY'S Republican appeared the following: "President W. W. Scranton, of the Scranton Gas and Water company, was somewhat ruffled yesterday, owing to the letter which he signed and forwarded to The Tribune for publication appearing in a changed form.

The Standard dictionary defines the verb "garble" in this manner: "To change a document or writing usually with evil intent, by suppression or omission; mutilate, pervert, falsify."

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(2) The elision of the word "piddling" in the sentence: "Yet why rates in Scranton, with its immensely varying heights and dependent on two little piddling streams, should be invariably compared," etc.

(3) The crossing out of a reference to the fact that the mayor of the city is privately indebted to the Scranton Gas and Water company for water received.

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na county are reached a scene of desolation is presented indicating that the work of the lumberman, bark-poorer and fire fiend has been all too well performed.

The water question is in a state at present in the Lackawanna valley that is indeed serious, but there can be no solution other than in the encouragement of tree planting and in the protection of the few patches of woodland that remain near the headwaters of the Lackawanna river and its tributaries.

Recent intelligence from Cuba relating to the feeling over the promotion of General Wood indicates that the army officer is in danger of passing the actor in the way of nursing petty jealousy.

That Paterson Verdict.

FROM SUCH reports of the coroner's inquest in the matter of the Paterson wreck as have been published in the newspapers, the verdict's silence with respect to the engineer of train 96 appears as a surprise.

It is easy to criticize a blunder after its commission. No doubt the flagman of train 6 should have dropped fuses, as the rules required.

It is better to be safe in the movement of railway trains than to be fast. The tendency to make up lost time is upon many railroads often carried to an extreme.

The advance of wages of cotton mill employes in Georgia is another evidence of a prosperity which smiles upon all these days.

From present prospects trouble is brewing between the big and little leaguers in the base ball enterprise.

It is probable that at least twelve Democrats in congress will vote directly for the gold standard bill.

The French government is keeping very quiet at present on the South African war question.

The nickle-in-slot machines flourish like the proverbial green bay tree in Scranton these days.

In the matter of employment for women, Chicago, of course, leads the country.

In addition to other terrors the British soldiers in South Africa are menaced by ten tons of plum puddings.

In order that there may be no mistake made in future controversies, it will be well to jot down the address of the original McKinley and Root man at once.

The Marlowe-Taber divorce suit illustrates anew the folly of husband and wife attempting to become celebrated simultaneously.

This talk of Indian summer weather any open winter seems to have driven the goose-bone prophet to the woods.

Senator Pettigrew shows an inclination to act like Billy Mason's understudy.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES.

Obedience of Orders. The following dialogue, current at the time, between one of Stone-wall Jackson's soldiers and the provost guard, illustrates Jackson's tact at eluding his enemy, and also the obedience rendered and the confidence reposed in him by his troops.

"Who are you?" demanded the guard. "I don't know," replied the soldier. "Where are you going?" "I don't know," which was no doubt correct.

"Where have you been?" "I don't know." "Where is your command?" "I don't know." "To what command do you belong?" "I don't know."

"What are you doing in that cherry tree?" "I don't know." "Are those good cherries you are eating?" "I don't know."

"Is there anything you do know?" "Yes." "What is it?" "Well, the last order I had from old Stonewall was that I was not to know anything until further orders, and gentlemen, I would see you all d--d before I will know anything until old Stonewall takes that order off."—Waco Times-Herald.

Mistaken Identity. The little daughter of a distinguished French scientist had never seen a monkey; so when an organ-grinder, accompanied by Jacko in cap and jacket, appeared before the house her father took her out to view the creature's antics, expecting that she would be much amused; but after a single glance the little maid hid her eyes against her father's coat skirts and refused to look again, seeming much frightened and distressed.

He soothed and coaxed her, wishing to overcome her fears, but for some time in vain. She would not for a moment think of feeding the monkey with a biscuit, as she was urged to do; indeed, she would not even lift her face.

"But you are really very silly," the father said at last, turning to take her indoors. "He is such a harmless little animal."

"Animal!" cried the little girl, stopping short. "Oh, I am sure I feel it, papa, that will be fun! I don't mind animals, but I thought it was such a dreadful little boy!"—Pearson's Magazine.

General Buller's Obstinance. Of General Sir Redvers Buller's obstinance and opinionatedness I could tell many a story, says a writer in the London Mail. I remember one in particular, in which Lord Charles Bouverie, now in this country, was concerned.

The semi-annual examinations for admission to the bar of Lackawanna county will be held in one of the court rooms in the court house, Scranton, Pa., on Monday, Dec. 18, 1899, and subject to the following order:

Monday, Dec. 18, 1899—Blackstone's Commentary, 8.30 a. m. to 1 p. m.; Agency, 2 to 3 p. m.; Partnership, 3 to 4 p. m.

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LIFE'S HUMOROUS SIDE. The Prevailing Craze. Teacher—Bobbie, did you look up the story of the prodigal son, as I told you? Bobbie—No, Ma. I wouldn't let me read the Bible. She's pressin' autumn leaves in it.—San Francisco Examiner.

The Unpardonable Part. It is getting "found out" that is really the curse. Of our wrongs, for it can't be denied that the rat in the trap may be not a little wiser.

Dangerous Work. Spacer—Good-bye, old man. You may hear me again. Scribbler—What's the matter? Spacer—I've got to interview a man who has discovered a new explosive.—New York Journal.

To the Kicker. If you e'er know that happy day, And reach that place—I tell you true—Where you can have things just your way, The world will all be dead but you.—Detroit Free Press.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

What the Y. M. C. A. Is Doing for the Men Who Are Serving Their Country Abroad. The many friends of the Young Men's Christian association residing in Scranton, especially those who are interested in the work of the International committee among the soldiers, will be pleased to note the forward movement along this line.

When congress increased the United States army by adding several new regiments, it failed to make any provision for additional chaplains and consequently all regiments which have been ordered to reinforce General Otis in the Philippines have gone without chaplains.

Not being able to induce the chaplains of the regular army posts to sail for Manila, Secretary Root appealed to the International committee of the Young Men's Christian association, urging it to put men on the transports and to send others to the Philippine Islands at once.

Mr. Root said that he appreciated the efforts of certain public-spirited citizens to furnish the soldiers with reading matter after they reached the islands, but that absolutely no provisions were being made for the men during the fifty or sixty days they were on board the transports.

Going at the great problem with a will, W. B. Miller, secretary of the army and navy work, secured and fully equipped with a field Young Men's Christian association outfit, the following, who have already been sent out: Frank Gloucester, of San Francisco, who sailed on the Hancock; C. B. Carlisle, of Iowa, who sailed on the Thomas; John M. Phipps, who sailed on the Meade; and John M. Dean, of New York, who sailed on the Logan.

Beside books, papers, magazines and field equipment, the Meade, which left New York a few weeks ago, had on board six carrier pigeons from the housing station in the Brooklyn navy yard, which have already been sent out; these birds were released and brought back the first Young Men's Christian association message ever sent by a field worker to the home secretary by means of a carrier pigeon. The message reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Miller: We are eighteen hours at sea, with men perfect. The Meade crew, officers and soldiers are all right. Our work on board is promising. A number of officers have asked me about the circulating library. Some have asked about the reading matter regarding stationery. All are interested in accommodations and benefits of the Young Men's Christian association. Plan now is to organize an association to secure a club and form a literary society on board at once and to enlist as much help from the officers and men as possible.

There are many men on board who have seen service in the Philippine Islands and I have been able to learn from them something about the needs of the soldiers in the camps around Manila. This is all interested in our work by carrier pigeon. Phipps.

Nearly twenty tons of equipment were sent to the Philippines by the International committee in October, which included 1,000,000 envelopes, 1,000,000 note-books, games, tents, organs, song books, testaments, pens, ink and scores of other things which the war department does not furnish, but which are essential to the average soldier's comfort.

Through the kindness of several in this city, it is reported that a second box of magazines, weighing 280 pounds, was sent to New York last week by our home association.

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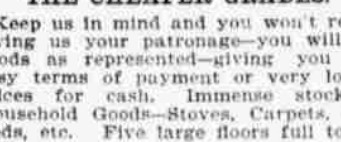
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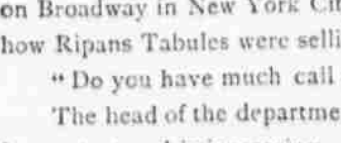
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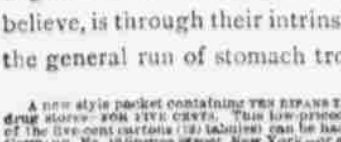
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