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The sincere sympathy of every citizen is with the president in this, his hour of supreme peril, the greatest affliction that can befall a family.

A Trail of Ruin.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that in almost every city in the country and at shortening intervals outbreaks of violence on the part of workmen or their sympathizers, arising from the attempt to put other men in places which they have secured, tend to the complete paralysis of law and order and require, to end them, the overpowering of force by greater force. It cannot be said that this tendency is decreasing. A generation ago a riot was a rare thing in the more civilized portions of the United States but today we expect every rise in the tide of the country's prosperity to be paid for in dissension and bloodshed; and there is hardly an industrial center of importance anywhere in the land which does not have its gruesome record of breaches of the peace through the attempted denial by mobs of the right of men peacefully to seek and accept work where and when they please.

What is wrong? This growing recourse to the mob spirit is not the Americanism our fathers and mothers taught us when, as little children, we nestled at their knees. It is not the Americanism of the Declaration of Independence, which holds as unalienable the right of every man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is not the Americanism of the Constitution, for a cardinal principle in that great instrument holds that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, while every mob is a menace to all three and every act of intimidation a direct assault on the foundations of justice.

And yet, the trail of the labor agitator is everywhere a trail of ruin, and the moral courage of society is apparently insufficient to protect its victims. Is it not true that the Americanism of the fathers began to pulse more vigorously through the veins of our sons in a new campaign of liberation to make the men hold in a slavery of prejudice or fear?

When the taxayers and burghers who met at Philadelphia the other day get their throats perforated it will be necessary for members of the Wobley Wilton fraternity to make all excursions through Pennsylvania upon the bumper of freight cars.

Vacation School Again.

WE HAVE taken occasion incidentally in writing about other school matters in this city to point out that the time has come for Scranton to step to the establishment of vacation schools for the great number of children who cannot leave the city in summer time. The vast majority of them have no play place but the street. They belong to the classes of children who are debarr'd by their parents' poverty from any but the primary grades of education—so pitifully early must they become bread winners; unfilled to win any living, at that, for lack of training. Some of that training, not merely in skill, but in desirable character development also, would be given them by vacation schools.

The clubs that have established these schools show by experience how great is their value. Last year in New York, for instance, there were seventy places devoted to vacation work, with 45 teachers, principals and directors. This summer there will be seven hundred. There are ten vacation schools proper, where instruction will be given to girls in domestic industries and to boys in manual training. In the others there will be various forms of instruction, including swimming, gymnastics and general work.

Chicago rivals it if it does not exceed. New York is thus providing for the saving and training of the children. Philadelphia comes slowly after, not because its citizens are indifferent, but because of the city's being afflicted with the same councils which for so many years deliberately kept that city

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Timothy Burke, of this city, was chosen secretary by unanimous vote of the delegates, and the same compliment was paid William Gilroy, of Archbald, first vice-president; James Mahon, of Scranton, second vice-president, and William Malloy, of Carbondale, treasurer. There were three candidates for secretary.

But at the same time he urged every young man to take an active interest in party politics. "You should at once," he said, "become a member of that party whose principles are nearest to your own faith. Parties can only succeed by organization. Mobs never win; discipline always disperses them. Parties are the surrender by individuals of pet projects and pet purposes to certain broad general principles which are in common with the great mass of the party believe are essential to good government. No matter how close the party organization you can find a place, because it needs workers. Join at once, if you live in the country, the club or organization of your town; if you live in the city, of your district. Give time and attention to party work.

Charles Lavin, of Wilkes-Barre, opposed having a general parade at Hazleton or any other place outside of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. He said the other cities and towns are too small or too remote to properly accommodate the diocesan parade and to bring out a representation that will be a credit to the union. Mr. Lavin thought it unwise to have anything but a district parade to any place outside of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Michael Duggan, of Hazleton, made a strong argument in favor of that city and presented formal invitations from the mayor of Hazleton and Rev. E. S. Phillips, the pastor of St. Gabriel's church of that city, inviting the parade to be held there. The invitation to the parade at Hazleton was seconded by J. C. Gallagher, on behalf of the Scranton societies, and P. M. Thornton, on behalf of Wilkes-Barre. The motion to parade at Hazleton was adopted with practical unanimity.

Rev. N. J. McManus, of North Scranton, at the morning session made a short address. In the temperance cause there is need of enthusiasm, he said, and it is because of this enthusiasm that the Father Mathew movement has met with such success during the last year. But the Father Mathew enthusiast differs from other enthusiasts engaged in the temperance work for the reason that he is not content to make a convert but follows this up by curing for the convert and preventing him from becoming a backslider. He trusted that the splendid work done during the year will be duplicated the coming year.

The delegates attended mass in the morning and at 10:30 after the convention opened its first session. After prayer, the delegates listened to the annual report of the president, Rev. J. J. Curran. Father Curran's address was an able and eloquent effort. Among other things, he said:

From almost every parish in the diocese our theistic reports come in that we state without exaggeration that our increase during the last year is well high on each of the total membership as reported at our last annual convention. The only reason for this increase, which has been so appreciated at Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton have apparently met with one another as to which would represent the largest number of total abstainers at the convention today.

Our extended and beloved clergy have given a most encouraging help to us during the past year, and we are most enthusiastic over the success which has attended their assistance. As has been effected, the prospects for the coming year are still brighter. Gregy and laity are united on the conviction that total abstinence is the only remedy against intemperance and that total abstinence alone is the only means of promoting, prosperity, happiness and education in the home of the poor man. The organization of the anti-vice and intemperance societies and the small girls into total abstinence societies will be a feature of the coming year's work.

TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION. P. M. Thornton, of Wilkes-Barre, presented the report of the committee on constitutional amendments. It suggested that the delegates be elected from each of the four districts of the union, these to carefully examine the body's fundamental law and make such changes and improvements as may be deemed wise; these changes to be presented to each society in the union for their consideration and report to be made to the next annual convention of the revised convention. Thomas Earley, of this city, presented an amendment, which would prevent a man from being a member of two societies at the same time. After some debate, it was decided to reduce the committee to one member from each district and to refer Mr. Earley's amendment to this committee, which will act in conjunction with the board of government.

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THE TRIBUNE'S EDUCATIONAL CONTEST

\$3,000 in Special Rewards.

THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE has inaugurated its second Educational Contest which, like the first, is open to every ambitious person, not only in Scranton, but throughout Lackawanna and other counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This contest will be even greater in magnitude than its predecessor, embracing special rewards of the very highest character, and will be carried out in strict accordance with the rules of fairness and justice.

The first contest, which occupied the attention of our readers from July to October of last year, met with such encouragement and was so successful in every way that it has been decided to repeat it.

This year the special rewards are limited to those of an educational character, eight scholarships being offered to the very best educational institutions in the state.

The Special Rewards. Scholarship in Lafayette College \$1,000. Scholarship in Swarthmore College 1,000. Scholarship in Stourbridge Normal School 675. Three Scholarships in Scranton Business College, \$50 Each 180. Two Scholarships in Scranton Conservatory of Music, \$75 Each 150. \$3,005.

Each contestant failing to secure one of these special rewards will be given ten (10) per cent. of all the money he or she turns in.

Rules of the Contest. All subscriptions must be paid in advance. Only new subscribers will be counted. Rewards by persons whose names are on our subscription list prior to May 15 will not be credited. The Tribune will investigate each subscription and if found irregular it may reserve the right to reject it. No transfer can be made after credit has once been given.

All subscriptions, and the cash to pay for same, must be handed in The Tribune office within the week in which they are entered, so that papers may be sent to the subscribers at once. Subscriptions must be written on blanks, which can be secured at The Tribune office, or will be sent by mail. The contest will close promptly at 5 o'clock Saturday evening, August 25, 1901.

Full particulars will be furnished all interested, including a list of the winners last year with the number of points they secured. Address EDITOR EDUCATIONAL CONTEST, Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

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Pique Jackets. We are showing a complete line of these jackets, in short and the new three-quarter length, Raglan or box coat. In sizes from one to six years.

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Children's Dresses. Finest line of long and short dresses, with lace and embroidery trimming. Empire dresses, with low neck and short sleeves.

Children's Underwear. Full line of Muslin Underwear in all grades. Night Gowns, Drawers, Short and Long Skirts at popular prices.

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