

CANDIDATES ON THE ALERT

WHITNEY TELLS OF POLITICAL STRUGGLES.

Striking Erie Boiler Shop Men Return to Work—An Expensive Luxury—A Glance at "Lo" of Today.

News Heard on the Street.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Dec. 5.—There are two Republican candidates for representative of Scranton, in one guard and one in the other. There are three wards still to be chosen from. It is reported that in Montrose every Republican and every Democrat, with one exception, is seeking either a county or a state office. The exception is preparing to remove out of the state.

The announcement columns of the county newspapers already contain the names of aspirants for political favor. Once upon a time a man who could sit down and wait for the office to find him. He has that privilege yet, but the man sitting for office runs a greater risk of being sat upon than of gaining the prize.

In this day "strenuousness" is the word. If a man wants anything he must forthwith go forth and do what he can to get it. There might have been a time when a man could sit in a corner and an office would come and settle in his lap. In such remote cases the man who did the sitting probably had the strings of the campaign in his fingers and was working them. Anyhow, no man can hope to get an office by sitting down and waiting for it to come around. "He who does not blow his own horn, the same shall not be blown unto him." The modest and the studious men get no political perquisites. Sigh!

CHIEFLY OTHERWISE.

The women who complain that bachelors are the worst enemies of mankind maintain a dignified silence when the man with two wives comes along.

Love and bargains laugh at locksmiths.

Don't scorn your fellow creature. There is some spark of good yet left in every man, even though he be lying in the veriest mire.

You may push a man deep under the murky waters of calamity, but be sure of this: the deeper he sinks beneath your feet the higher he will rise when you step off from him.

A Friday editor writes: "I started to walk home today night when a traveling highwayman stopped me and demanded a coin?" Curious how the man knew he was an editor?

The Irish patriots should not be disengaged. Miserable men have struggled for home rule for twenty centuries and have not yet succeeded in getting it.

NEWS PARAPHRAPPETTES.

The ten months' local labor contention is at an end, and the striking Erie boiler shop employees and their helpers returned to work on Monday, both sides to the contention making concessions. The men returned to work as individuals. It is to be hoped that Susquehanna has seen its last strike. They are expensive luxuries.

Hon. W. W. Mumford, of Scranton, has commenced proceedings in bankruptcy.

The first of a series of six Farmers' Institutes to be held in Susquehanna county this month, was held at Clarendon on Monday and well attended.

Rev. James Lehman of Scranton, has opened a gospel mission in the Brandt block.

Quite a large number immigrants are passing over the Erie.

Mrs. H. P. Kimball, of this place, is seriously ill at Langhorne.

Milk has advanced in price one-fourth of a cent a quart in the Susquehanna country, and a further advance is expected in the near future.

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LO. THE POOR INDIAN.

The Indian at one time roamed through this section and the strip of land between Endicott and Waverly was their favorite tramping ground. His exploits hereabouts have been chronicled in song and story.

The Indian of today is a commonplace creature—fat, brown, feeble—but the very opposite of the splendid creature that was his own bear stock-in-trade for the writer of romance and the painter of heroes. The one-time valiant warrior and the mighty hunter, who roamed the uninhabited over the limitless wilderness to the west, now bounds of a reservation, shod in the grotesqueness of indolent hand-to-mouth garments supplied by the benign department of the interior drawing lazily through the winter intervals of government beef issues.

The sweet fragrance of the pipe of peace has given place to the musty stench of the cigarette. The fiery speech that flamed from the pages of Fenimore Cooper is heard no more, save when under the sun.

Tourist Cars on Nickel Plate Road.

semi-weekly transcontinental tourist cars between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts are operated by the Nickel Plate and its connections. "Tourist cars offered to afford the same sleeping accommodations, with same class of mattress and other bed clothing, that are provided in the regular Pullman sleeping car service. These tourist cars leave Boston Mondays and Wednesdays, and leave San Francisco Tuesdays and Fridays. Berths in these tourist cars are sold at greatly reduced rates. Conveniences are offered without extra cost, for heating food or preparing tea or coffee, affording every facility for comfort on a long journey, especially for families traveling with children. Lowest rates may be obtained always via the Nickel Plate road for all points in the west. For special information regarding all trains on the Nickel Plate road, including these tourist cars, consult your nearest ticket agent, or write F. J. Moore, general agent, 291 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y."

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into the future and see the condition to which your cough, if neglected, will bring you, you would seek relief at once—and that naturally would be through

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Guaranteed to cure Consumption, Bronchitis, Tuberculosis, Coughs and Colds, and all Lung Diseases. Cure Coughs and Colds in a day. Write to Shiloh & Co., Le Roy, N. Y., for free trial bottle.

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pernicious stimulus of story writers. Mr. Indian turns himself loose and proceeds to "whoop 'em up" in the very latest Anglo-Saxon fashion. All the picturesque golden glory of old days has faded quite away.

HEARD IN THE STREET.
At the Susquehanna milk station, milk has advanced one-fourth of a cent per quart. The price is now about 34 cents.

The funeral of former Sheriff Ward Denel took place at Little Meadows on Friday.

Mrs. Ada M. Bates, formerly of Susquehanna, has been granted a divorce from her husband, Clarence A. Bates.

Wife-beaters are numerous in wicked Montrose, and the Democrat erred for the institution of the whipping post.

Two Susquehanna parties of deer hunters have returned from the humped and huddling hills of Pike county. They secured more exercise than venison.

The remains of the late Mrs. Helen Pickering, of Binghamton, were interred at South Gibson on Saturday.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Things seem to be going up in Uniondale, but we can't make out just what they are.

The future of Populism is evidently past.

It seems that there will never be enough offices to go around.

Lucky is the mortal who hasn't time to do wrong.

To the man who is chock full of malaria, all is vanity.

Most differences may be easily settled with the cash.

As some see it, a trust is a combination without any of their relatives and friends in it.

"He away to the woods and fields and enjoy nature's mysteries in many shades and colors." After reading the last paragraph, cut from a Texas newspaper last week, go to your coal man and order a few more books. —Whitney.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

An order has been issued by Director of Public Safety F. L. Wormer, reducing Captain Isaac Tie, of Engine company No. 4, and promoting Driver C. E. Tropp to be captain. Captain Tie's reduction is not intended to be in any way a reflection on his record in the fire department. He has long been recognized as one of the best men in the city, but one of the duties which he has been recently called to perform is the repair of the hydrants, for he is an expert mechanic. This duty calls him away from the engine house a great deal and for this reason, and none other, according to Director Wormer, Driver Tropp has been promoted to his place. The promotion goes into effect on Dec. 1.

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George Connors, who has been for a number of years the engineer of the No. 4 or old Crystal steamer, holds his position no longer. He was placed in it last week by Permanent Master Henry Heine. No charge of malfeasance have been preferred against Engineer Connors, the reason for his removal, as given by Director Wormer, being the fact that he is employed during the day time and is placed in a position where he cannot readily respond to alarms of fire.

Director Wormer is going to ask officials to provide for no less than 5,000 feet of new hose, a larger quantity than has been asked for in many years. He is desirous that the hose, if purchased, shall be of first class quality and has asked for a sufficient amount to pay for good rubber hose. "The best buys in the end," said he to a Tribune man. "If we purchase hose while I have charge of this department, I want it to be of the very best quality, because I believe firmly that cheap hose does not pay."

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