

The Scranton Tribune

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SOME weather prophet has asserted that four more snow storms are due before spring actually begins operations. As the identity of the author of the claim remains a secret, it is likely that the information was forwarded upon a postal card.

The Visit of Mr. Bryan.

THERE was a time when the presence of Hon. W. J. Bryan in Scranton would have been the excuse for a vast amount of red fire and the sound of many brass bands. On this occasion his coming was quiet and his going will be unattended by a torchlight procession. Such is popularity. Yet the man is as great a man as he was six years ago.

In spite of his great popularity, in spite of the besting advantage of the political arena, Mr. Bryan has lived a narrow life. His ideas have run in a very small groove, limited by the confines of a section only of this great country of ours.

SCRANTON is not the only place where the dog question has been recently agitated. The same condition of affairs has existed in Washington and as a result the commissioner of the District of Columbia has approved the following amendment to the statute already in operation:

Engineering Projects of Russia.

THE Siberian railway, according to the Commercial Advertiser, seems to have been only one of a series of great engineering projects which have engaged the attention of the Russian government for many years.

There is also a daring and original scheme afoot for deepening the Sea of Azov. This, and not the Black Sea, is the immediate southern outlet for Russian commerce, and it will surprise most readers to know that it is nothing more than a shallow lagoon, nowhere reaching fifty feet in depth.

An exchange calls attention to the discovery made in Chicago the other day which may be of interest to the department officials everywhere. There was a fire in one of the "skyscrapers," and although not much damage was done, it was noticed that the flames went up the elevator shafts with extraordinary rapidity, considering that in this particular building there was nothing for them to feed on.

This is the deepening of the sea and the turning it into a vast dock by the construction of a dam, with locks and sluices, across the Straits of Kerch.

Philadelphia certainly will be unique if the programme is carried out to allow no camera fiends to attack the prince during his brief stay in the Quaker city. The insurgent press will doubtless yawn about Ashbridge but if this is Ashbridge with regard to the entertainment of distinguished guests, give us more of it.

Paterson having experienced the woes of a Chicago fire and a Galveston flood, ought to be permitted to enjoy peace and prosperity from this time hence.

Stranger as it may seem no mention is made of baked beans in the reports of the banquet tendered Prince Henry at Boston.

As these schemes concern vitally the development and even the safety of the country, they will persist and will probably be realized, or at least suggest variations that will. That they are well calculated to increase enormously the food-producing and commercial utilities there can be little doubt, and the steady perseverance of Russia in achieving her aims, combined with her patience and the force of a great historic tradition, can only fail to win new engineering triumphs as notable as that of the Siberian railway.

The Dog and His Day.

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It is possible that this offers a practical solution of the matter to the authorities of this city as regards dogs. It might also be suggested that their owners were required to register their animals and if it were clearly understood that dogs found loose without a collar indicating such registration were to be conveyed to a pound, to be destroyed, there would soon be a lessening of the tramp dog evil.

The manner in which the railroad of this vicinity recovered from the effects of the recent snow storms speaks volumes for the efficient management of the great systems. Within the past few days the lines centering in Scranton have encountered obstacles hitherto almost unknown in railroad operation in this part of the country.

In view of a recent statement by M. DeWitt, the Russian secretary of finance, to the effect that the stocks of French and Belgian companies doing business in Russia have depreciated from forty-six to ninety-nine per cent. He declares, in the direct report of commercial and financial conditions, that the country has been a great success.

There is no more promising field in any country for the investment of money than the Philippines. If the people of the world were ever overcome, a well equipped steam laundry would undoubtedly yield large returns, and money awaits the American who has the requisite push and patience.

REPORTS of "discontent in China" are again abroad. The fact is the Celestial Kingdom is large enough to allow some portion to be discontented most of the time without seriously affecting the interests of the country at large.

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The average married woman does not need to take to the lecture platform. She can generally secure an audience at home.

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ALWAYS BUSY.

We place on sale today—200 pairs of Men'sENAMEL

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will note that there is hope for the woman who can attend daily church service and still keep her mind from the prospective Easter bonnet.

The man who gets in on the ground floor does not always have such a pleasant time during the boom.

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The man who feels more concern for the health of the hydrophobic-bearing public than for the comfort of his pet has not the wealth of attention that should characterize the ownership of a horse.

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Ajacchus' Advice.

Do not judge a man's character by the amount of snow on his sidewalk. He may not take the papers.

WHAT OUR CONSULS SAY.

BY WALTER J. BALLARD.

The final adjudication of the boundary dispute between Bolivia, Peru and Brazil, with the formal relinquishment of the thousands of square miles of land involved to the two last mentioned countries, may mark the beginning of a new era in this part of the Americas.

Reporting on Germany's trade with Australia, Consul Bell of Chemnitz, Germany, says: "Sydney is one of the strongest competitive ports on the globe. She occupies an important geographical position almost on the opposite side of the world from all the great commercial centers.

There is hardly a shop (every place where goods or wares are sold is a shop under the law in this country) in Sydney where American articles are not displayed and sold.

There is a true to the fact that the introduction of our goods into England has especially increased a great deal in the last few years. There is a general demand, particularly in Liverpool, for American agricultural implements, furniture (both office and household), boots and shoes, electrical appliances, bells, bells, etc.

There is not in the whole of Asia at present a business proposition of a government contract, so much American trade or to represent American interests. Other nationalities are well represented; they are constantly seeking business, and in the event of opportunities are ready to consider them at once.

In order to make room for new goods, we are now selling our entire line of Fine China at a reduction of from 25 to 50 per Cent.

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return, and money awaits the American who has the requisite push and patience. One of the needs of all offices in this country is a good blotting paper. The article in general use is very poor. Visitors have frequently commented upon the excellent quality of the American blotters used at this consulate.

These are, after all, more people in the world who rejoice over a retreating draught of cooling water than there are of those who seek for the rare vineyards of France and the Rhine, or the mysterious alcoholic concoctions of the American bar room.

PEOPLE PREFER CLEAN, SWEET PLAYS.

William Winter in Harper's Weekly.

The carrying out of the letter and spirit of all contracts, Consul A. M. Thiacara of Havre.

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Free Tuition

By a recent act of the legislature, free tuition is now granted at the

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to all those preparing to teach. This school maintains courses of study for teachers, for those preparing for college, and for those studying music.

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J. P. Welsh, A. M., Ph. D., Prin.

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Has been an event of even greater interest to the public than we had anticipated. Certainly there is something very attractive about this store.

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