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SCRANTON, MAY 13, 1902.

For governor of Pennsylvania, on the issue of an open field and fair play,

JOHN P. ELKIN, of Indiana, subject to the will of the Republican masses.

Prompt and to the Point.

HERE IS unanimous public and there should be prompt congressional approval of the president's request for a \$500,000 appropriation for the relief of the stricken victims of the ghastly tragedy in Martinique. The reported intention of one member of the house to oppose such a grant on the ground that it is without warrant in the constitution will not, we trust, be carried out. The United States, which has so many times received the sympathy of the world in times of especial affliction and which has an honorable history in quick response to human suffering, should not at this late day grow cal-

lous or penurious or unduly technical. The frightful occurrence at Martiniique is an international tragedy, engulfing in its swift tide of destruction Americans as well as natives and Europeans. It makes a call to humanity as emphatic as it is urgent. Haste in relief measures is doubly essential; and it would ill become the United States, the nearest, great power, to be tardy or niggardly. Fortunately there is little danger of remissness in this respect. The president has well interpreted the temper of the pople.

From such information as can be rleaned. It seems to be true that a conthe mine workers of this vicinity in their balloting on the question of continuing the strike. Whether this will be sufficient to develop into a majority of the Hazleton convention must be left for the convention to determine. Predictions at such a time and in view of so many uncertain factors would be

No Need to Be Scared.

▲ HERE IS reason to believe that more persons are scared to death than die of accident. This community in a business sense has been in a state of scare for more than two years. Strike has followed strike in such quick succession that those lookdebts or placing orders have had them on their tongue's end. Yet in reality the actual damage done to business by disturbances amongst the laboring men has been overestimated. In spite of strikes, last year was the best business year that Scranton ever had. The figures of bank clearings and the records of the mercantile agencies as to failures prove this beyond challenge,

As we said, the scare is worse than the hurt. Our merchants have become pretty well accustomed to that kind of scare. Of course uncertainty has necessarily interfered with business, inasmuch as it has interrupted orders and delayed various plans looking to the future. But after tomorrow we shall know just what to expect with regard to the labor situation in our mines. If the strike is withdrawn, prosperity, of course, will take on new life; but if the worst comes to the worst and a fight to the finish is entered upon there will be the consolation to business men generally that after this one period of taken, turned there will be industrial peace and a settled foundation for business

for an entire generation. Strike or no strike, there are about so many people in this valley who must have food to eat, clothes to wear into the mercanthe life of our city. Consequently, if the strike goes on, trade is not going to disappear nor the stores to become empty. There may be new adjustments of patronage and re-arrangements of stock, but the buying will continue and the volume will be very little lightened, at least for months. It. therefore, is unnecessary ofor our merchants to feel discouraged ental or pessimistic. If they will keep the

public informed intelligently and regularly of what they have to sell and keep for sale what the public wants to buy, there need be no failures and very little, if any, shrinkage in profits,

Before the attorney general is through with the beef business it is to be hoped that he will make the "big six" look like the tenth numeral.

Rev. Mr. Roeder, an Orange, N. J., divine, has appeared with arguments public franchises and special legal adgory. More people would probably take public welfare. The law of congress,

if he could bring convincing talk to The Scranton Tribune if he could bring convincing talk to support the idea that the promised fires of Hodes are also figurative.

> In ten months our exports have fallen off nearly \$60,000,000, and yet men at Washington claiming to be Cuba, one of the surest means of ton- should not. They could then make and ing up this declining trade.

The Voice of Illinois.

THE SECOND influential Republican state to hold its 1902 convention was Illinois, one door west of the starter, Inand its platform, like that framed at Indianapolis recently, rings firm and true. Here is one plank in particular that merits national notice:

"We commend the brilliant and navy in maintaining, the dignity and honor of our flag on the seas and in our foreign possessions, and we condemn the malignant attacks now being made upon our soldiers and sailors."

The present governor of Illinois, Richard Yates, is a son of the war governor in '61-5; and history merely repeats in this new condemnation of unpatriotic back-firing upon the boys on the fight-

Here is another plank significant enough to be emphasized: "We condemn all conspiracies and combinations to restrict business, to create monopolies, to limit production or to control prices, and favor such legislation as will effectually restrain and prevent all such abuses, protect and promote competition and secure the rights of producers, laborers and all who are engaged in industry and commerce, and we approve and commend the efforts of President Roosevelt to enforce the laws against illegal combinations in restraint of trade, and pledge him our nearty support in all his efforts to preent the people from oppressive combinations of capital." The meat trust, with its headquarters in Chicago, will lerive small comfort from this.

In addition to these clarion tones, protection is approved and an expression in favor of a reciprocal trade treaty with Cuba is voiced. Although brief, the Illinois platform is full of meat and merit. It heralds a winning Advice to Miners fight by an undivided party.

The sweet girl graduate and the rum mage sale gubernatorial boom are now struggling for the center of the stage.

Why Not?

HE ASSERTION is made by the Philadelphia Record that a joint debate of aspirants for the Republican guberpatorial nomination, such as was conducted in Wilkes-Barre last week between Messrs, Watres and Elkin, should also include the slated candidate, Judge Pennypacker; and our contemporary, with dry humor, adds: "In such a joint debate, while Colonel Watres is eloquently supporting the cause of honest government and while Attorney General Elkin is defending the right of the Republican party to make its nomination for governor free from despotic dictation.' Judge Pennypacker could expand his original eulogium upon Senator Quay and expatiate at greater length upon the merits of the machine as illustrated in the state and city governments.'

Uttered by a Democratic paper de risively, why should not this suggestion be considered seriously? The opportunity is near to hand. On May 31 a direct primary election with popular expression as to gubernatorial candidacies is to be held in Tloga county. Watres, Elkin and Pennypacker have each registered. The first two have faced the voters like men and been seen and measured by the constituents they would serve. Pennypacker to the great bulk of Pennsylvanians is an abstraction merely. Not one in a thousand has ever seen him. Not one in ten thousand knows what his opinions are on public ing for excuses to avoid paying their questions entering into gubernatorial work. It is known that he is a gentleman and a scholar, but there the publie's stock of information ends. Should these periodical and now very general he be nominated without further eincldation a marvel of obscurity would be the consequence.

We have no authority to speak for either Colonel Watres or Attorney General Elkin, but we suspect that they would welcome the chance to test their nowers in a friendly contest of oratory and argument with the Philadelphia jurist. From the manner in which Mr. Elkin enjoyed the discussion at Wilkes-Barre and in the light of its effect upon the primaries, we doubt not that he would be willing to pay the cost of band hire and hall rent if his two opponents should consent to join him in a personally conducted tour of the commonwealth, with one-night stands in each county yet to elect delegates.

If the new pension commissioner thinks he will find time or inspiration for any more poetry he is greatly mis-

Preparing a Defense.

STATEMENT by the meat packing interests calculated to counteract the effect upon public opinion of the averments in the government's petition for an injunction is said to be in course of preparation. It will be welcomed. The public is fair enough to hear both sides. It cannot have too much information on a subject so vital

to its welfare. There is one phase of the government's case, however, which the packers can hardly have the hardihood to deny. That is the averment that the combination in control of the packing industry has forced from the railroads rebates and special privileges sufficient to make competition impracticable. This is not hearsay. It has been admitted by railroad officials under oath; and there is no reason to doubt their assertion that they are eager to be re-

lieved from the necessity of being ridden by the octopus. This forcing of rebates is the mean crime in the bill of indictment. Railroads are public institutions enjoying to sustain the theory that the story of vantages conditional upon their per-Adam and Eve is not history but alle- forming certain services vital to the

Justice, declares that railroads shall not discriminate as between shippers seeking an equal service. Were they to be permitted to discriminate, a power would rest in them greater than that of an emperor or czar; the power to say what men should prosper in their statesmen oppose reciprocity with commercial enterprises and what

and in a short time the inequalities which would result from such power unrestrained in the hands of a few would threaten the character if not the very life of our government.

Yet the meat trust, by reason of the grip which it has acquired upon the largest item of freight revenue entering into the receipts of most of the raffronds traversing the cattle producing states, have demanded and enpatriotic services of our army and forced concessions with regard, to interstate commerce which not only are prohibited by law but which in their very nature are outrages upon the puband in their effect highway robberies. A government which, knowing that the kind of flagrant violation of its law was in continuous and boasted operation, would take no steps to enforce its mandate and protect the public interests would not deserve the respect of a single honest man.

No wonder that President Roosevelt has made up his mind that this sort of thing must stop,

The wire wound Gathman gun, which was to throw half a ton of steel twenty miles with sufficient accuracy to sink a ship, has been declared a dream by the war department experts. But as long as Senators Tillman and Money can be kept in fighting trim the country will be safe.

For a man who all his professional life according to his critics, had been an attorney for trusts, Attorney General Knox is giving a good imitation of an attorney for the people.

Two aeronauts have just been killed by the explosion of an airship at Paris. Facts seem to justify the oft-repeated assertion that the airship will never get beyond the toy plane.

by a Workingman

P. W. Gallagher in the Free Press, Sunday, THERE ARE two duties that devolve on the miners who are members of the Mine Workers' union. They devolve on them as individuals and they apply collectively. As individuals they will meet at Hazleton Wed-nesday, and, representing their hundreds, they will stand for one hundred and fitty thousand

A Free Press reporter interviewed President Mitchell yesterday morning at his headquarters in the St. Charles hotel, and this was for the purse of having some of the cobwebs brushed from the situation and making the points at issue stand out boldly, so that there could be no doubt as to their identity. "There are only two questions at issue," said President Mitchell. "One is that contract-min-

ers shall receive an increase of wages amounting to twenty per cent., and that men who are doing day work shall receive a corresponding forcease by having their working hours reduced from ter eight hours. Of course, we also want our employers to enter into term agreements." "How about recognition of the union?" asked

"Waived long since," was President Mitchell's Lewis & Reilly,

ard at mines?" asked the reporter.
"It never entered into the discussion," was he way Mr. Mitchell dismissed the subject Here, then, is the status of the case, relieved of all unnecessary verbiage. Miners demand an increase in wages, and those that employ them refuse to grant this request.

This leaves this condition: Time who are mismided are crying for strike. Those who want to see unionism crushed out in this valley are crying for strike, and if the miners want their next condition to be worse than their present, they will order a strike for next Wednesday. If they are wise, they will postpone the strike indefinite by, and make the first strike they engage in a trike through the ballot box,

The merchants of the city of Scranton have reached that pass where strike talk ceases to worry them. During the past two years it has been strike, strike, strike, and if it wasn't in one line of activity, it was in another. The form an influential portion of the body politic, and there can be no doubt of their feelings. They have listened to threats of striing so long that they are eager to see the question threshold thatly and decisively.

The Free Press wants to see a strike, too. It would like to see men of intelligence strike on good, decisive blow next fall, when men who ar choose United States senators are to b n the lower branch of the nation's law-making

your children hunger, and if any of your leader are so blind as to say that you will be able tie up the shipping across the Atlantic for wa of coal to generate steam that will furnish the power to move the vessels, dethrone such leaders. They are talse prophets. Ask them what J. erport Morgan was buying up steamboat line ! This never occurred to them.

What are the facts? They are just as t who represent corporate interests are eager the scrap. They have been in training for it some time. J. Pictport Morgan has been pealed to, but this gentleman is too busy cor solidating his fleet to have them in lattle array that he hasn't time to listen to the wails of his friend, the senaior from Ohio. Mr. Morgan knows that next fall will give him the opportunity of squaring matters with Marcus, and be will not interfere with the plans of agent, Mr. Baer, of Reading, And Mr. Baer, Reading, wants the miners to strike,

The position that the Free Press takes in this matter may be criticised by those whom it is intended to benefit, but this will not prevent utterance, nor deter advice. The duty of mine workers who have not elected delegates yet, is to see that only men of superior intelligence as sent to Hazleton, and it would be better if all were instructed to vote against the strike. Any one who has been in a losing strike wil agree with the comes that is here suggested. There is no election in progress now, and no Wilitam J. Bryan, whose honesty made him feared, is a candidate for the presidency. Mark A. Hanna, Ralph Easley and Nathan Strauss may tell you that they are eager to act as concilia-tors, but when only due side is open to concilia-tion and the other side only offers terms that will be accepted by compulsion, there is not much chance for the good offices of the men who com-prise the Civic Federation. It was organized with a lotty purpose, but the first big task that is submitted proves to be more than it could

masticate. The only question that confronts the minworkers is one of pride. They have delivered their ultimatum, and it has been rejected. The nat dren act on impulses. Men weigh the conditions They are guided by judgment founded on a balancing of all the conditions after mature de-liberations, and in this case the thing for the mine workers to do is to banish pride and act on the facts as they are presented, as predent, reasonable men should. If they do this, there will be no strike. If, however, they are tired of will be no strike. It, however, they are tried to agree with capital; if they are willing that their erganization has outlived its usefulness; if they are willing to permit a return to chaotic conditions that prevailed prior to their organization. they will order a strike.

THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

Walter Wellman in Chicago Record-Herald. robably take public welfare. The law of congress, bination because he was satisfied the situation because he was satisfied the situation there met the conditions which should warrant

appeal to the courts—both violation of the law and an injury to the public. The president has not raised his band against hig corporations, nor against ldg combinations, nor any of the other natural developments of modern industrialism, but he demands that they carry on their lipsiness in such way as not to violate his cardinal prin-ciple," equal opportunity for hig and little; foir play."

liere is found the keynote to the President's policy. He will not attack great industrial conunmake communities and even states; they are successful. He is not going around with a microscope in one hand and a club in rice other. But he is opposed to methods which leave the realm of fair business competition and enter the field of piracy by secret relates and other conspiracies to crush out smaller rivals. Wherever he sees a head whose owner is greedily engaged in trampling on the rule of "equal op-portunity and fair play" he intends to hit it.

"FINE WRITING."

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ingly. "These are being very much worn this season "These are being very much worn this season, sir," he explained,
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