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ton, Lobich, Monroe, Northampton and Pike counties which during Jackson's time got into the habit of going Democratic and cannot yet change over.

THE WORKERS in Pennsylvania's iron and steel industries evidently were not caught in the free iron ore trap.

That was a peculiar instance of returning good for evil when the president judge of a Northwestern Pennsylvania county threw into the lap of his secret enemy certain patronage which will no more stop the traitorous knife of its recipient than a toy dam will turn back the deceptive waters of a Niagara.

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ton, Lobich, Monroe, Northampton and Pike counties which during Jackson's time got into the habit of going Democratic and cannot yet change over. If GROVER CLEVELAND were to assume to dictate local nominations in New York, what a howl the Murphy Democrats would instantly raise!

EITHER WARREN BROCKWAY, of the Emmita reformatory, is the worst invigilant man or else he is the most over-rated man in the country. If the former, the puzzle is why so many reputable journals and witnesses should seek to do him an injustice. This is exceedingly difficult to explain.

THE FORM of relief which consists of innumering the temporarily unfortunate recipient in the shunned abode of paupers should soon hear its death knell in intelligent Lackawanna.

UNLESS all signs fail, the approaching summer will witness a great revival in building. This is Scranton's predestined year to reach out and spread itself.

AT THE Pie Counter. Freddy Featherweight—Ah! dearest, with dream of me. Sally Stout—Shouldn't wonder. I ate a very light supper.

"There was a time," the pious said, "before these days of sin. When ladies wore one-button gloves And dresses to the chin. But now they've changed all that again. The style is different—bless me! They button gloves up to the chin And wear one-button dresses."

Johnny to Cholly Simpson who is courting sister Lizzie—Do you ever bite people, Mr. Simpson? Cholly S.—No, my little man. What makes you ask such a question? Johnny—Why I heard Pa tell Lizzie the other day that you were the only snacker left who would be liable to bite.

There is a married man in Hot Springs who cannot hold the baby on his lap a few minutes, but before he was married he used to hold his wife on his lap hours at a time.—Archie Thomas Claf.

Scientist—Have you ever contemplated the hypothetical rationing of an technological dissertation? The Entertained—N—no. But I had measles once.

In Lent she seeks a sad seclusion No more a dancer or a feaster. A dormant bud—but in profusion Of loveliness and bloom at Easter. —Washington Star.

She—Mr. Knox is such a good man! He could not well be spared from the community, could he? He—Well, that depends upon the amount of life insurance he carries.

SOME PASSING THOUGHTS. A swelled head is often more damaging than dynamite to the owner. It is always easier to see the point of a joke that is cracked at the expense of the other fellow.

An attempt to reason with a fool is generally as fruitless as results as an effort to fight the ocean with a ten-cent sponge. Many a man has mistaken a sign of toleration as a wave of public sentiment calculated to bear him on to greatness.

Promises, like cut glass, are often broken with expensive results. A very good man does not necessarily wear a label. A nocturne with sixteen-finger variations, if well rendered, at times may appease the soul-felt longings of the average husband. But the occasions are less frequent than those when a platter of nicely cooked sausage, accompanied by brown buckwheats, will fill the void more acceptably.

Not a Fair Division. Municipalities have had nothing to do with bringing on the hard times and yet, so far, the great burden of finding employment for those out of work and securing those in distress has fallen upon municipalities. They are obliged, not only to bear the burden of individual folly, but to meet the difficulties that come from national imbecility.

No, It's Just The Tribune's Way. It is a little surprising that two morning papers, possessing the same facilities, and natural rivals in popular favor, too, should present so strong a contrast in their city election reports as did the SCRANTON TRIBUNE and Republican. The editor of the former was away absent of that of the latter in respect to Scranton's municipal fight.

The Graduated Reply. Here's the way Pennsylvania answers the tariff tinkers. 1892. Lilly's plurality 61,091. 1893. Jackson's plurality 133,000. 1894. Grow's majority anywhere between 150,000 and 160,000.

Made Their Opinion Conspicuous. The workmen of Pennsylvania on Tuesday not only reaffirmed their belief in the doctrine of a protective tariff but they nailed the fact on the walls of history with 150,000 six-inch spikes.

Will Need Brand New Principles. There must be a reorganization, so as to make Democratic politics consequential and momentous. Democracy's Blunders Will Do It. Pennsylvania's verdict against tariff reform narrowly escapes being unanimous. A few more Democratic blunders will make it so.

Amstutz's Judicial Nostray. The United States supreme court does not lack for color. There is a Gray, a Brown and a White on its bench. And the men who failed of confirmation feel blue.

That Dodge Will Not Work Now. For once the Democracy cannot stagger to its feet, who the game from its eyes with the back of its hand and exclaim in a piping treble: "Never touched me."

Explanations Quite Unnecessary. When a man's head is taken off it is of little consequence as to fingers and toes. The Democrats have simply been wallowed out of their boots and the floor mopped up with them by their victorious adversaries. It was a regular Waterloo, and explanations of apologies are not in order, as the figures untily but eloquently explain themselves.

Wouldn't Be Too Sleep. One of the reformers would replenish the treasury by means of a tax of \$100 on every base ball and foot ball club and a tax of \$100 on every game played. On some of the games it would be well to fix such a sum as a fine.

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