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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1884, 110,000. Registered voters, 20,000. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000. It's the metropolis of northeastern Pennsylvania. Can produce electric power cheaper than Niagara. No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries. See how we grow: Population in 1880, 9,223. Population in 1870, 35,000. Population in 1860, 45,520. Population in 1850, 75,315. Population in 1840 (estimated), 105,920. And the end is not yet.

The congressman who does not introduce some sort of a bill calculated to cover the financial question, will not be in it this winter.

Cleanse Common Council.

There is general dissatisfaction with Scranton's present common council. The majority of its members do not, in public estimation, measure up to the requirements of the third community in Pennsylvania. Some of its members, if common report be true, are not only none too scrupulous in their methods of legislation, but they have, also, only scant ability and very moderate intelligence. While there are probably several honest members of this body and one or two honest and able members, the net aggregate of ability and probity is much beneath this growing city's need. This much may be said in all candor without carrying with it any suggestion of a desire on our part to call names or "slate" enemies. Names could be called and shady personages could be pilloried, if it were thought necessary. We trust that it will not become necessary.

What is the secret of this mediocrity? To whom shall we attribute the blame? Perhaps no better answer can be given than, without mentioning names, to cite the example of a gentleman high in the estimation of local business men—a man who, at board of trade meetings, for instance, does not spare words of criticism for shortcomings in Scranton's municipal government. This gentleman was once besought by a number of appreciative neighbors to be a candidate for common council. His reply was to laugh loudly and treat the proposition as an excellent joke. He was, it is true, a careful, honorable and prudent business man. He knew the value of business methods and of business experience in councilmanic deliberations. And he was not, in intention, a coward. But he drew back from an opportunity to benefit the city because, in his opinion, a seat in common council is the natural prey of ward heeled or subsidized tools.

This, we dare say, is the general feeling—a feeling which excellently serves the purposes of those who make public office a private snap. Isn't it about time, in this happy decade of general reform, for the level-headed business men and the decency-loving middle classes of Scranton to take an active part in the selection of the next common council? Is their indifference or levity to continue until we, too, shall have a miniature Tammany in municipal control? The objectionable features of our present common council are not as yet really dangerous. Those members of that body who fall below the requisite standard are ignorant and therefore easily cast off. But a few more years of unchecked practice in the arts of corrupt legislation would put a different phase on the matter, and the postponed house cleaning which could now be readily effected would then become a task of uncommon difficulty.

The new councilmen to be elected in February should first of all be honest and earnest men. We shall have more to say on this subject before we get through with it.

Newfoundland, too, displays symptoms of a disorder resembling the fever-Cleveland-poppin-congress complication of diseases.

New Currency Plan.

In another place appears an interesting letter from Dr. Daniel B. Strong, of Starucca, Pa., outlining a strikingly original plan of currency reform. Dr. Strong would gradually withdraw from our national banks their privileges as banks of issue—privileges which many people believe should not depart from the federal government—and would issue this currency on treasury notes, issued by the government in exchange for approved city, county and state, non-interest-bearing bonds, deposited in the treasury as security. He would issue the government exchange \$50 in treasury notes for \$100 in these approved bonds; would make provision for the cancellation of the bonds by means of annual repayments into the national treasury; and would protect the treasury by giving it, in case of defaulted repayment, first claim on national, county or state tax collections. A small tax on the circulation would reimburse the government for its expense in the premises, as well as secure it against loss.

These are the crudely stated general principles of his suggestion. Many details that look perplexing at first glance

would probably adjust themselves without uncommon legislative effort. The plan is obviously plausible; and there are numerous reasons for believing that it would be more acceptable to the people generally than would have been the plan whereby the late Secretary Windom contemplated providing against the emergency when Republican financing had at last achieved the wiping out of the national debt. The Windom plan, it will be remembered, had in mind an issue of United States, long-term consols, bearing very low interest, not higher than 2 per cent. The objection to this plan is that it would perpetuate the national debt merely in order to prolong the life of national banks as banks of issue. This plan of Dr. Strong curtails the national banks to banks of deposit, but it makes the magnitude of the national debt a matter of indifference. And, last of all, it would, by abolishing interest on city, county and state bonds used as a basis of currency, save perhaps \$50,000,000 annually for the people, thus virtually expanding the currency to an amount equal to the economized interest charges.

We must confess to a degree of bewilderment amid the numerous projects lately advanced for saving the financial honor of the nation. Many of them smack loudly of self-interest. Such are to be regarded with suspicion by the mass of people who are neither money-lenders nor borrowers to a large degree. But it does not at this moment occur to us that the project of our Starucca friend, whatever its shortcomings, can be classified as having been dictated by any desire to augment an existing debt nor cheat a creditor. To this extent, at least, it can be submitted to discussion with a fair measure of approval, to which we may safely add a token of admiration for its simplicity and its uniqueness.

The state, which requires its citizens to pay school taxes should also require those who have children of school age to send these children to school unless there is valid excuse to the contrary. This, in a sentence, is the common sense of this much-befogged question of compulsory education.

The Christmas Tribune.

Some of the features of The Tribune's Christmas number, to be issued soon, are as follows: "WHY THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN HUMILIATED," a graphic pen-picture of Chinese customs and conditions, by Rev. W. W. Shaw, M. A., of Archbold, Pa., who has passed many years in the Celestial Kingdom as a missionary. "FORGOTTEN HERO'S NEGLECTED GRAVE," illustrated descriptive article by E. T. Sweet of the last resting-place of General Samuel Meredith, the first treasurer of the United States, whose tomb near Pleasant Mount, in Wayne county, is overrun with weeds. "WHY THE WEST ASKS FOR FREE COINAGE," a scholarly discussion of the currency problem by Judge C. C. Goodwin, editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, and also by Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada. "WEARY WILLIES AT NIGHTFALL," being the chronicle of a careful study of the chain-brigade now domiciled in Chief Simpson's department of the Municipal building; together with causes of the tramp nuisance as told by the vagrants themselves. "ADVENTURE ON PIKE'S PEAK," by Miss Minnie Powell, illustrated by J. L. Hang, one of the most thrilling incidents of travel ever written. The writer was once a resident of Scranton; and her experiences, as vividly told in this illustrated article, will repay perusal. "THE LIVES OF A THOUSAND YEARS," a Christmas fantasy of uncommon interest by E. T. Sweet, who, in this story, treats in a novel fashion the mental science of the future. "HAPPY TRADITIONS," a cleverly written article by Miss Gertrude Holyoke French, reviewing the literature of the day and giving readable advice as to its manipulation. "ENGLISH VIEWS OF OUR POLITICS," a woman's explanation of the peculiar interest manifested by our British cousins in the success of the Democratic party. This letter of Miss Kaiser will be found one of the most interesting she has yet written.

But why particularize? These are merely a few of the many features—including choice poetry, fiction, anecdote, biography, humor and description—which will make the Xmas Tribune incomparably the best newspaper ever issued in Scranton. Wait for it.

Nicaragua canal boomers take it for granted if Uncle Sam doesn't endorse the worthless bonds of a yet more worthless canal company some other government will. An excellent reply may be made in the two-fold fact that no other country wants to, in the first place, while in the second place no other country dares to. The American people will not permit the Nicaragua canal to be bossed by any other power. Neither will they be entrapped into pulling chestnuts out of the fire in behalf of individual stock speculators. When they want to build the canal at the public expense they will do so directly and without circumlocution or apology.

The Minneapolis Tribune has, by its admirable reports of the daily sessions of the municipal reform convention, placed every other newspaper in the country under obligations to it. Its summaries of the papers read the fore part of the week in this convention have been adequate, intelligent and well-edited; and there is no essential detail absent. Those who are interested in municipal progress could not invest money to better advantage than in the purchase of copies of this Minneapolis newspaper containing the proceedings of the Good Government congress.

Some statistical crank has figured it up that the amount of liquor consumed in the country will average two glasses daily for every person. Many impetuous old soaks who are occasionally obliged to exist forty-eight hours without moisture will doubtless agree that the liquid has not been properly distributed.

The councilmanic candidate of doubtful reputation who spends money seeking an office to which no salary is attached should be unflinchingly turned down by the people. The decent element in Scranton is fully able to elect trustworthy men to councils if it will take the trouble to make its power felt.

That the sentiment of western Republicans, as indicated in Thursday's gathering of the Republican congressional committee, is unfavorable to further agitation, in the direction of high tariffs is not proof that western Republicans want free trade. They want protection; but they want only so

much of it as is necessary to cover the difference between home and foreign industrial conditions. A tariff which exceeds this limit is bound to become as unpopular as it is superfluous, for reasons readily understood.

Strong Man Sandow has lost a lot of diamonds. It is to be hoped that the modern Hercules, in grasping the advertising methods of the weaker sex, in his heroic fields, will not develop any of the gem-exhibiting propensities of the individual of Alvin Joslin fame.

What are the practical business men of Scranton—those men who sometimes complain that the city is not properly governed—doing to improve the quality of city legislation? How many of them are willing to become common councilmen?

One fire a year, in the central part of the city, for instance, would alone cost more than the extra cost of a paid fire department for the entire year. We had better have the paid firemen than the one costly fire.

To understand the milk in the cocoon of Rev. J. C. Hogan's popularity in the Scranton correspondence of the People, it is necessary to know who writes that correspondence. Is it Rev. Mr. Hogan himself?

If Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt resembles her published portraits it is safe to assert that the person who threatened to kidnap the young lady was either crazy or cross-eyed.

The realization that he is not a bigger man than the court doubtless has fallen upon Debs with the usual dull thud.

If the exclusion of anarchists can be brought about by legislation, let us not shirk the legislation.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Ex-Congressman Brunner has announced his intention to become a candidate before the next congressional convention to represent the Ninth district. According to the compact the next congressman will come from Berks. According to the agreement Berks is to have three terms and Lehigh two terms alternately.

Representative Lawrence's proposition that the legislature should do its necessary work in a three months' session and then quit, does not altogether please some folks," says the Philadelphia Press, which thoughtlessly adds: "It would be an agreeable thing to the people at large, however, and that is the influence to take into account. The people at large want their legislative servants to attend to business, and not jumble a long session's important work by frantic effort to reach an early adjournment."

Demagogism's Signal Defeat.

From the Washington Post. It has been thought a fine philosophy that prosperity shall be treated as a crime and that virtue is to be found only among the idle and the improvident; that legislation shall be aimed at money, and government employed to dispossess the thrifty and the frugal. We have heard the foolish and imprudent proposition that this or that law should not be enacted because it might in its operation benefit some great and useful business enterprise, and have been told that the foolish and imprudent proposition that this or that law should not be enacted because it might in its operation benefit some great and useful business enterprise, and have been told that the foolish and imprudent proposition that this or that law should not be enacted because it might in its operation benefit some great and useful business enterprise.

The City of Pittston.

From the Philadelphia Press. Pittston is the latest of the boroughs to assume the dignity and organized government of a city. The governor's proclamation to that effect has just been issued, and the change, which was, of course, made in pursuance of the vote of the people, appears to be an altogether satisfactory one. The new city has a very thrifty and interesting population, which numbered at the last census 10,302, but which is no doubt very much in excess of that at this time. Its growth from 1880 to 1890 amounted to 37.87 per cent, and it may soon begin to make faces at its big neighbor on either side, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

An Up and Down Pic.

From the Cincinnati Tribune. "Judge," said the young man with torn clothes and a black eye, "considerin' the way the police done me up, I think you ought to let me down easy."

THE DRUMMER.

(Read by E. A. Niven at a Wilkes-Barre banquet of commercial travelers.) What man is that with flashing eyes, Who can Fate's sharpest shafts defy, Who nods at every passer-by? The Drummer.

Who is it that upon the train, From California on to Maine, Assauges every grief or pain? The Drummer.

Who is it claims the world his own, And even on the glittering throne His tempting sample goods throws down? The Drummer.

Who is it presses Europe's ground, The Yankee flag about him bound, And wins a fight in one short round? The Drummer.

Who is it on the railroads through Delights in entertaining you With stories that are neat and new? The Drummer.

Who is it passes for a jay When card sharp's hater him to play, And with the boodle walks away? The Drummer.

Who is it cuts the town boy out At many a dance and genial rout, And makes the old beaux frown and pout? The Drummer.

Who is it calmly cuts a dash, Who asks no credit, pays his cash, And never fails to make a "mash"? The Drummer.

Who is it loves his home the best, Though always longing for its rest, And deems its sacred portals best? The Drummer.

Who keeps the traveling world astray With stories that are neat and new? The Drummer.

Who is it, wearing age or youth, Or circled round with foes forsooth, Always and ever tells the truth? The Drummer.

Who telleth tales that split your side, And tickleth e'en a deacon's hide, From early morn till eventide? The Drummer.

Who wears his heart upon his sleeve And hastes all sorrow to relieve, Nor asks what pay he will receive? The Drummer.

Who loves his wife and babes dear, And brings to them continued cheer, Nor Gossip's idle tongue doth fear? The Drummer.

And who when life's last trip is o'er, Will pick his gripsack from the floor And saunter in at Heaven's door? The Drummer.

NO TIME FOR TINKERING.

Washington Special. Senator Platt, of Connecticut, voices the sentiments of most Republican senators when he says there must be no tariff tinkering in the coming session of Congress—that Republicans must take no affirmative action until they have the power. He feels that although opposed to the scandalous sugar schedule, it would do no good to endeavor to amend it, for that would reopen the entire tariff question and necessarily recreate that uncertainty which the election has in a large measure destroyed. The country wants a rest, and business men can be assured that there will be no tariff agitation by Republicans this session.

A Literary Comparison.

From the Cincinnati Tribune. "What sort of a steak do they serve at your boarding house?" "Oh, it is a good deal like a French novel—rather tough, but very well done."

Why He Didn't Like It. From the Washington Star. "I can't help my dislike for it," said Meandering Mike; "I once seen a sign in I never it could have no respect for it sense."

WHAT THE SENATORS DO.

"What do the Senators do, papa? The United States Senators do?" "They are patriots all my good little Paul. They are patriots tried and true."

"But what do the Senators do, papa? The United States Senators do?" "Oh, they talk and debate for the good of the state. They are statesmen lead and true."

"But what do the Senators do, papa? The United States Senators do?" "Each talks in turn until they adjourn; They are workers stern and true."

"But what do the Senators do, papa? These United States Senators do?" "Oh, they draw their pay in the regular way. In the old immemorial way."

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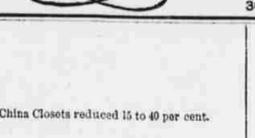
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