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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1894, 103,000. Registered voters, 21,939. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,300. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000.

It is not easy to see how there can be fair or just criticism of Mayor Connel for vetoing an ordinance which opened an indefinite hole in the city treasury and specified no exact compensation.

Hypercritical Criticism.

The declaration of a contemporary that it "is a bad precedent" for the county commissioners to save the taxpayers' money by reducing the rate of interest on the outstanding 5 per cent. bonds to 4 1/2 per cent., is one of the novelties of this hilarious season.

One Job Declined.

Our estimable Democratic friend, "Roderick Random," is pleased to observe: "The Tribune is an ingenious logician and a deep reasoner. Therefore, I hope that it will tackle the job of demonstrating to its readers how that which is a crime in Hyde Park can be a virtue on Sanderson's hill."

Looking Ahead.

An announcement is made, apparently upon good authority, that ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt has declared that he would fight to the bitter end any effort to nominate either General Harrison or Major McKinley for president in 1896.

A Tempest in a Tea Pot.

From the point of view of the average man, it must be confessed that the stir of the Cleveland, O., temperance women over the fact that in christening the new steamship St. Louis Mrs. Cleveland broke upon its side a bottle of wine instead of a bottle of water, appears very like a tempest in a tea-pot.

PHILADELPHIA.

Not without interest, in this connection, is this question of the Philadelphia Times, "Why Not Grow?" The Times entertainingly points out that "Grow," the first Republican candidate of Pennsylvania who crossed the hundred thousand line in a majority, in his second contest received the largest majority given to any one of the six state candidates, and the largest majority ever given to any candidate of any party in any state of the Union.

CHATS BY THE WAY.

The Electric Traction company, of Philadelphia, after experimenting with more than 100 devices to save life, has decided that the kerosene trolley car feeder fulfills its demands, and each car of this company will be fitted with a device of this kind.

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177 members and the Democrats twenty-nine, the two Pennsylvania Democrats included. In the last legislature the Republicans had thirty-three senators and 134 members of the house; the Democrats, seventeen senators and seventy members of the house.

Coleman Lambert, when asked if he had heard anything about the report that he was to be named insurance commissioner under Hastings, said: "I deem it proper for me to say that at no time have I sought any favor at the hands of Governor-elect Hastings, either for myself or any friend, nor shall I ask anything. I have no claims to present. I am only desirous that Governor Hastings' administration shall be worthy of him and of the people who have shown their confidence in him by such an unprecedented majority, and all that I believe it will be."

The aggregate plurality for the Republican candidates for congress is even greater than that received by General Hastings for governor. The official Republican pluralities follow: First district, Pingham, 16,902; Second district, Adams, 12,062; Third district, Hatterman, 8,532; Fourth district, Reburn, 23,462; Fifth district, Harmer, 28,457; Sixth district, Robinson, 10,914; Seventh district, Wanger, 4,826; Eighth district, Brooks, 12,855; Eleventh district, Scranton, 2,071; Thirteenth district, Brumm, 2,223; Fourteenth district, Woomer, 9,921; Fifteenth district, Wright, 3,151; Sixteenth district, Leonard, 5,374; Seventeenth district, Kulp, 894; Eighteenth district, Mahon, 7,419; Nineteenth district, Stahl, 2,284; Twentieth district, Hicks, 11,777; Twenty-first district, Helmer, 10,657; Twenty-second district, Dalzell, 21,796; Twenty-third district, Stone, 10,311; Twenty-fourth district, Acheson, 1,234; Twenty-fifth district, Phillips, 11,721; Twenty-sixth district, C. W. Stone, 6,872; Twenty-eighth district, Arnold, 1,727; Total Republican pluralities, 243,382. These are the Democratic pluralities in these two districts, those of the Republican congressmen aggregate 245,925.

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pose quite as well; but it would have possessed no poetical symbolism, no romantic suggestiveness and no substantial benefit to the cause of true temperance.

If we should be asked why this same cause of temperance does not make larger and more gratifying progress among men, we should feel under the necessity of citing as one of the reasons the fact that women, when engaged in the laudable work of reforming mankind, often grow utterly irrational over trivialities, thus alienating masculine sympathy. Nor are we wholly sure that this christening episode would not supply us with a pertinent example.

With due respect to Maine, we wish that Tom Reed were located west of the Mississippi river.

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