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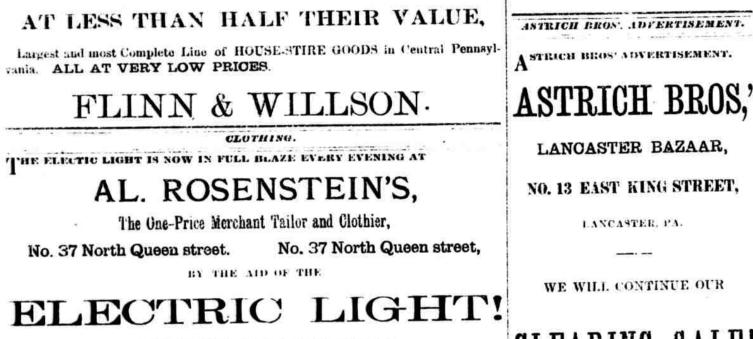
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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 14, 1882. THE CITY ELECTION. THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

A Review of MacGonigle's Administration It has been five years since John T. MacGonigle was elected for the first time so far as we are concerned WE SHALL that time he defeated, by a majority of 53, an incumbent of the office who only two years before had been chosen by a majority of 484. At the close of his first term Mayor MacGonigle was re-elected by a majority of 817. He is now a candidate for re-election only at the request of a large number of his fellow citizens of all shades of political opinion, who in urging him to allow his name to be used in this

representative citizens. The increasing need, felt in every municipality, of honest, efficient and econom ical city government, and especially for such executive direction to it, impels us better system of financial management to make this call upon you to forego any repugnance felt personally upon your-part to being again placed before the people for their suffrages. More than four years of your administration of the mayoralty have created by a street committee in opposition illustrated your fitness for the position, and enlarged experience has only qualitied you better for such a discharge of its duties as will be for the interest of tax- last year. Had he not halted that compayers and all classes of citizens. You mittee this levy might have been required have steadily adhered to the policy of no to have been double or treble as much. expenditures in excess of the appropriations, and enforced the principle of no permanent debts for temporary purposes. You have not hesitated to appeal even to the courts to protect the city from en- cent or \$200,000 of the city debt, securing croachments upon the law and from the consequences of reckless disregard of its limitations. You have enforced police discipline without fear, favor or affection. You have successfully under the present administration. Be-urged the reduction of the rate sides paying off the floating indebtedness of interest on the city loans. You have given close personal attention to public affairs, and insisted upon the purchase of supplies and making of contracts legally and honestly. You have secured the improvement of the streets, the erection of new bridges over the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, and you have

sought to put our water works into such condition as would meet the growing wants of the city, invite manufactures, supply conveniences to the public and en hance real estate values. You have been abreast with every practicable reform and have tolerated no practices which could justly bring reproach upon the dignity of

your position. These and other special

er. We hope the mayor will not stop at | are absolutely necessary for the health and Lancaster Intelligencer. protesting' and calling the attention of protection of nearly half of our citizens, councils to their extravagance and illegal especially those on the higher ground or proceedings, but will, if necessary, proceed by injunction to restrain them, and also hold the ringleaders individually liable when they shall run the city in debt. It is notorious that there has been in this department at least RECKLESSNESS and EXTRAVAGANCE IF NOT CORRUPTION, and

to the mayoralty of Lancaster city. At SUSTAIN THE MAYOR in his efforts to compel an observance, at all events, of the forms of law, and we hope he will not hesitate when occasion requires to call the attention of councils and the public to the shortcomings of those in authority."

Following the Examiner's Good Advice When a later street committee persisted in making expenditures in violation of law, and indulged in "recklessness and extravagance, if not corruption," Mayor Mac-Gonigle, on behalf of the taxpayers and to the number of more than a thousand in pursuance of the forms of law sought and obtained the injunction of the court "to restrain them."

By persistent hammering he has succeeded in impressing upon the city government a and has prevented a recurrence of deficiencies in excess of the regular appropriation. To pay debts and deficiences to his protests and warnings a special tax levy of two mills had to be made last

Saving the Public Money. In accordance with his suggestions the

rate of interest has been reduced 2 per an annual saving of \$4,000. For the first time since 1869 there has

been an actual reduction of the city debt under the present administration. Beof \$30,000 left by Stauffer's administration and the \$20,000 deficiency incurred by the street committee of two years ago, the bonded debt of the city has been actually reduced over \$15,000, as the following

figures will show. ists Total net funded debt 563,253 9

> Decrease in net funded debt in 4 Permanent Improvements Made.

furnish any recommendation for Mr. And all this has been accomplished besides making such valuable and costly Stauffer to the executive direction of our

in the outer wards. The Police. In the administration of police discipline he has enforced regulations for the order of the city and the morale of the force with a firm and impartial hand; he has given prompt attention to every abuse brought to his notice, and he has fearlessly punished delinquents.

New Railroad Bridges. In regulating the relations of the rail roads with the city, Mayor MacGonigle largely aided and chiefly conducted the n gotiations which secured for the city the fine bridges on Lime and Shippen streets, and he has been moving with every promise of success for the erection of a new bridge on James. After renewed effort he has secured protection for life and limb by having the railroad company station watchmen at two of the dangerous street crossings, and ere long no doubt the remaining one, now unguarded, will te

similarly manned. For the Future.

Mayor MacGonigle's performances are the best pledges for his future administration. In his letter of acceptance he has said

"In my election to council and twice to the mayoralty of the city, I have recognized rather the vindication of the true principles of good municipal government and approbation of my efforts to enforce them than any personal preference for myself. If it shall therefore seem to a majority of my fellow citizens that the continued supremacy of those principles may be better assured by my candidacy than

otherwise, I am willing to allow my name to be again placed in nomination. It must, however, be with the distinct understanding that I am free from all pledges or obligations to administer the office, if elected, otherwise than as I have en deavored to discharge its duties in the past, 'for the interests of the taxpayers and all classes of citizens ;' for no class

can, in the end, fail to suffer from anything else than 'honest, efficient and economical city government." Upon that the people of the city can bet ter afford to take him again than to replace him with one who has been tried, found wanting and has been repudiated. However profuse the promises of Mayor Mac-

Gonigle's opponent may be they cannot be taken in view of the reputation which the newspapers of his own party have given him for nureliability. Seventeen years of " chronic office-holding " do not

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