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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE.
GALUSHA A. GROW,
OF SUSQUEHANNA.

ELECTION FEBRUARY 20.

"A STUDY IN SCARLET"

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HORNBLOWER'S REACTION

is Graham's great opportunity to test his popularity among the cuckoo senators.

DAVID B. HILL, in this Hornblower business, reveals himself anew as a signal example of great gifts put to an indefensible use.

THE POSSIBILITIES open to an expert and artistic "car" receive new and conspicuous demonstration under the rulings of Speaker Crisp.

A NEW YORK victim of the cocaine habit has been sentenced to the penitentiary for a year for forging a doctor's name to a prescription for cocaine. A hospital would have been a fitter place to send him.

LAST SUNDAY'S election in France showed the Republicans to have a handsome majority over all the combined forces of monarchy and socialism. As in most Republics, the prudent middle-class element hold the fort.

THE HARVARD law students are up in arms because they are no longer permitted, as has been the time honored custom, to sit in the reading room of the law school in their shirt sleeves. They will receive the heartfelt sympathy of Congressman Walker.

PROFESSOR HENRY DUNSLER, professor of Greek at Columbia college for fifty years, has asked to be retired as professor emeritus. This sound and sage scholar is one of the notable figures in the faculty of old Columbia, a worthy contemporary of Professor Dwight who lately retired from the law school.

UNTIL PIGS are conquered and railway tracks apportioned so that two trains will never meet, wrecks will need to be accepted as inevitable, and loss of life viewed in the light of a toll to civilization. This latest terrible crash seems from information now at hand to belong to the list of accidents, pure and simple.

IT IS NOT through any excess of sympathy with Grover Cleveland's impetuous conception of the executive function that the public regrets the failure of the Hornblower nomination. It is due, instead, to a profound and growing lack of confidence in the beliefs and practices of those to whom Mr. Hornblower is politically distasteful.

THERE IS AN incipient desire on the part of the Democratic press in this state to open their partisan mud-batteries on Galusha A. Grow. Some already have given currency to a campaign lie about Mr. Grow's coal mines; and it is seemingly hard for the remainder to keep back from the old tactics. At this juncture, therefore, it is timely to inquire if the game is worth the defilement? Mr. Grow will win in any event. If lied about, he will win by two hundred and fifty thousand majority, but if he be let alone, the figures may fall as low as two hundred thousand. Why, then, not save the lies for a more vulnerable ticket?

THE BOARD of trade of Portland, Ore., has signified its intention of trying to get the national board of trade to endorse the principle of federal aid to the construction of the Nicaragua canal. We trust it will not succeed. The government of the United States has recently done enough meddling with other people's business to justify a thoughtful pause. If the Nicaragua canal is feasible at all, it will not need to be saddled upon congress. Private capital will gladly enough seek the investment on a private basis. If it is not feasible, this era of deficits and panics is a poor time to spring another big congressional "job" like some which history tells of, and like one, especially, which came to grief when the Nicaragua Canal Construction company became a memory.

THE FACT that business depression is co-extensive with civilization supplies no justification for American tariff smashing. In the possession of insalubrious resources, unhampered by a great military burden and with workmen skilled in their respective lines of trade, we ought, with reasonable tariff protection, to be very materially more prosperous than any European nation. The simple fact is that we were progressing toward a new dispensation of industrial thrift when an inflated Populist revolt arrested this forward stride, and the hostile hand of amateur revenue reformers turned the halt into a backward rush. Let con-

gress give credible assurance of continued tariff protection and of the maintenance unimpaired of a sound and ample currency, and see how quickly American brain and American enterprise will shake off this oppressive stupor, and stride forward, again, to greater and braver deeds.

OUR PUNY friend, the editor of the Lelanau Report, thinks that THE TRIBUNE "has been commenting in eloquent silence upon the fact that a man with ex-Attorney General Palmer's record on the saloon question and his generally good reputation as an upright, independent citizen failed to secure the Republican nomination for congressman-at-large." Our friend will excuse us for suggesting that we fail to catch the point. Mr. Palmer is not a candidate for any state office, never wanted to be a candidate for congressman-at-large, and had no other purpose at Harrisburg the other day than to name and work for a man in every respect his peer, and in point of age, experience and renown, decidedly his superior. The journal which should comment, audibly or otherwise, upon the fact that a man who was not running for office, and who refused to run for it, didn't get it, would lay itself open to more and juster charges of idleness than THE TRIBUNE would care to face.

DEMOCRATIC NERVE.

With a sublimity of nerve which would inspire admiration if one could recover sufficiently from the shock, the leading organs of Democracy are beginning to speak of those who stand opposed to the hybrid Wilson tariff and who take occasion to express its hurtful cruelties and havoc-working effects as "panic mongers" and "alarmists." Now of all the designations which a prefervid and squirming press, weighted down with the accumulating burden of popular censure along all lines of Democratic policy, could utilize to ease its pitiable chagrin, these surely are the most utterly gratuitous, the least deserved.

Have the Democratic editors no recollection of a time less than four years ago, when every eager one of them was raising a hue and cry about the "calamitous" McKinley bill? Do their excited minds retain no memory of the tremendous strain to which they were put prior to the congressional elections of '90, in the endeavor to prove that American farms were being abandoned by wholesale, American farm mortgages plastering the surface of the thrifty west, and the American laborer bowed down under the stress of war taxation without end? There had never, in the history of American politics, been a calamity cry equal to this; nor had there ever been an equal instance of panic mongering so systematic, persistent, and consummately unscrupulous.

We all know the sequel. The cry frightened the excitable element in our citizenship. There was a rush to get in the tariff reform procession. Schemes and propositions, the most preposterous, born in the heat of mental panic and economic lunacy, and embraced in smoking warmth without inquiry or pause, quickly dotted the field of American legislation as mushrooms dot the surface of fermenting soil. And yet, with all this chaotic Populistic revolt impeding it and turning men's minds from the equities of sane politics, the Republican party bore up, averted panic and started the industries of the country upon a new career of profitable activity, which was not interrupted until the Democratic amateurs, having deceived the masses into a lamented mistletoe of trust, took hold of the helm, tried to steer the craft according to the misty lines of their confused economic day dreams, and wound up, before half under sail, by precipitating the most disastrous panic in thirty eventful years.

And now, for sooth, the Republican who expresses himself with regard to the contemplated prolongation of this disastrous and well-nigh insupportable policy may say nothing of the harm it has already achieved, lest he should be called an "alarmist," or crushed under the sarcasm of the appellation, "panic monger." The man who for three decades made panic mongering a fine art now rises to remark, from the soft vantage of entrenched political authority, that the thing must stop. The politicians whose sole claim to consideration at all is the amazing proficiency with which they fool the masses, having gained their coveted end, now possess the effrontery to decree that criticism must cease.

HIS SENSE OF RIGHT.

It remains as the crowning anomaly of this utterly anomalous and unprosperous Hawaiian business that Stephen Grover Cleveland still believes himself loudly right. We cannot entertain for a moment, in connection with this man, the suspicion which would instantly be directed at many another, that the repeated allusions, in the official correspondence, to "the president's high sense of duty" and his "exalted conception of equity and honor" are inserted in a conscious and deliberate spirit of hyperbole, with a view to the glorifying of a moral and a political crime. It occurs to us that a policy of pretence, carried to the extreme which has characterized the present policy, would subject the conscious pretender to the danger of confinement in a lunatic asylum. (Only upon the supposition that Mr. Cleveland is self-deceived can his course appear other than incomprehensibly irrational.)

There have been instances in history to which the course of Mr. Cleveland bears approximately parallel. Those medieval zealots who marched to Jerusalem against the infidel Moslem, encountering inestimable dangers of famine, pestilence and sword, gave to a mistaken faith energies that would have made a similarly earnest performance of their real duties fruitful of incalculable good. Even the starchy Puritan fathers, though they burned witches with a sanctity which permits no smile, are believed by certain contemporary chroniclers to have had a mistaken zeal. In Mr. Cleveland's mind, narrowed as it has been by the incessant adulations of an able but rhapsodical class, we are quiet prepared to believe that duty, as he views it, holds a su-

preme place, just as it unmistakably did in the active brain of Don Quixote de la Mancha. But there is cumulative evidence that giants can turn into windmills as well as wind mills into giants; and it is decidedly as a windmill that the presidential epaulet of Liliuokalani will figure in our coming annals.

To honor Saicho Panz, despite his credulous complaisance, the fair Dulcinea was nothing more nor less than a common chamber maid, in spite of the fact that the crack-brained burlesque knight swore she was a princess in disguise. Is it not possible that when Mr. Cleveland rushed impetuously to the support of Queen Lili, he took up the cause of a blood-thirsty, foul-behaved heathen, instead of a lovely sovereign smarting under an undeserved hurt? There has been no single point in Mr. Cleveland's Hawaiian course where one can say with certainty that the policy is that of a thoroughly level-headed man. From the first of it to the last, there is encountered the ludicrous and yet pitiable traces of a diseased sense of right.

PERSISTENT GENEROSITY.

Times like the present call for persistent generosity on the part of our wealthy men. Hunger that is supplied with food is persistent; and so is suffering from cold and exposure, when there are no means of procuring clothes and shelter. Privation, hunger and want are persistent in such times, and there is need that charity and generosity should be as persistent also.

The call for more funds is an appeal that the wealth and consciences of Scranton cannot afford to disregard. Men who have contributed once with generosity may, perhaps, naturally feel that they should not be called upon again to contribute. But persistent need must be met by persistent charity. It is the only method by which it can be relieved. Spasmodic giving is not enough. The time calls for incessant and systematic generosity.

IT OUGHT to be worth a good deal to Mr. Cleveland just now to know that his "lofty sense of right," and his "high conception of duty" are the only things of their kind in the whole United States.

MINOR FACTS AND FANCIES.

The election last night of Mr. Dolph Atherton as secretary of the Scranton board of trade is attended by only one unpleasant circumstance, which is the fact that it displaced an official who has brought courage, fidelity and a varied familiarity with Scranton's development to the discharge of his office. Mr. H. A. Kingbury retires with the unanimous respect of the board's membership and of the community at large, and Mr. Atherton enters accompanied by the best wishes of everybody for the successful prosecution of his new duties.

The HARRY newspapers are roundly berating Howard Mutchler for his "unscrupulousness" on the Wilson tariff, and are seeking to frighten him inside the traces by publishing his names for re-election. No doubt Howard is accustomed to this sort of thing. He ought to be, having been in journalism long enough. The trouble with him is that he doesn't know exactly where he does stand, economically, a difficulty which reflects itself in the tariff editorials of his Eastern newspaper.

Carbuncle merchants are represented as greatly aggrieved at the disposition of the fire underwriters to increase the premiums on mercantile risks. Possibly their grievance is an exceptional one, but if it be of a piece with that which is generally encountered, the fault lies pretty close to their own door. That, with all the improvements that are being made in the building trades, and with the increased safety experienced in modern methods of lighting and heating, Americans cannot prevent the percentage of fire losses from rising, year by year, is a disgrace which they ought to pay for, if they desire to be insured at all.

It occurs to me curiously that those Republicans who seem disposed to make a great ado over the McAleer-Markley side show are pursuing an erroneous policy. To begin with, there's nothing in it. It is in the next place, the intimation that their party is hopelessly rent asunder will give the regular wing too fine an excuse for getting caught in the Grow avalanche. The glory of whipping a consolidated Democracy out of their boots should prevent any Republicans from seeking to perpetuate the present disunion.

It will be seen from the synopsis of Rev. J. C. Hogan's last Sunday sermon that this energetic Forest City pastor has shamed some of his ardent as an enemy of the Sunday newspaper. The remedy which he levels at the congressman in this district will doubtless provoke a spirited rejoinder. Rev. Mr. Hogan is fearless and impartial in the performance of the duty that his conscience discloses to him. He smites and spares not. A tilt between him and the knight militant of the Scranton Republican would not lack interest.

How the Plum-fall Was Received.

The local Democratic politicians were becoming very much disgruntled with the Cleveland administration. Had not they labored hard to roll up for him an extraordinary majority in the county, and what evidence had been given as yet of his appreciation of such services? They had all been promised office and for ten months with an expectant look their gaze had been turned towards Washington. They are certainly to be excused for becoming hilarious on Monday, when the announcement was made that the collectorship plum had dropped into Senator Herring's lap. It is really the first ocular demonstration to them that Cleveland is encoined in the White house, unless the soup houses throughout the country are proof of this fact.

Burrows Expounds the Cure.

You have only to substitute for the pending measure a joint resolution declaratory of our purpose to maintain existing law in full force and effect during the continuance of this depression and business activity would instantly take the place of business depression. It would arrest the slaughter of our flocks, open our mines, re-light the fires of our furnaces, unchain the wheels of our industries, start every spinning-loom, whirring and factory bellows would call the tramp, starving millions back from enforced idleness to profitable employment, and the American republic would leap with a bound to its accustomed place in the van of industrial nations.

The Boom Time Has Set In.

With rare news dealer. A number of prominent Scranton Democrats launched a gubernatorial boom in Harrisburg for Charles Robinson, ex-sheriff of Lackawanna county, during the convention that nominated Hancock for congress. Charles Robinson is one of the most popular Democrats in this section of the state, and if the price and honor of a gubernatorial nomination can be secured for him it will be deserved. We think safe to say that Luzerne and the adjacent counties will be for him and give him the warmest support. "Ah for Robinson!"

But How About Grover's Course?

Harrisburg Patriot, Dec. The Hawaiian affair has reached the point where the American government ought to abandon all interference. The royalists ought to be distinctly informed that they must help themselves and the provisionalists that they must maintain their own government if they can.

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