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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE
GALUSHA A. GROW,
OF SUSQUEHANNA.
ELECTION FEBRUARY 20.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS.

To vote for the new bridge, mark a cross in the small square at the right hand side of the word "Yes," at the bottom of the first column on the ticket.
To vote for the new park, mark a cross in the small square at the right hand side of the word "Yes," at the bottom of the second column. Unless you make a separate mark, for or against the park, your vote will not affect either question. The progressive and vote "Yes."

IT WOULD PROFIT THE UNITED PRESS TO DO LESS WHINING AND SAW MORE WOOD.

A VOTE FOR MR. GROW NEXT TUESDAY WILL BE A VOTE OF DISSENT WITH DELIBERATE DEFICIT MAKING.

AMONG OTHER Democratic resump-tions there has been a marked renewal of activity in Mr. Hattery's "pull."

IT IS ADVANTAGEOUS to every citizen of Scranton to have Scranton well-equipped with all necessary conveniences.

AFTER DENOUNCING "war taxation" for twenty-five years, it is characteristic in the Democracy to propose its re-imposition.

TRUE ECONOMY in municipal government consists of giving citizens what they need. Scrantonians need new bridges.

THE VILLAGES ON West Lackawanna avenue will make an admirable companion piece to the dual bridge improvement.

GENERAL HARRISON'S latest address shows that if he hasn't talked much of late it hasn't been due to any lack of gilt-edged ideas.

A VOTE FOR MR. GROW next Tuesday will be an expression of dissent from the putting of Southern theories into Northern practice.

MORE OF this Manitouan frigidity at an early point in the present game would have given the coal trade a decidedly winning hand.

GOVERNOR FLOWER has re-appointed Health Officer Jenkins. The action simply re-affirms the fact that Mr. Flower's man is satisfactory to Mr. Flower.

WITH PROPER harmony among New York Republicans, Governor Flower can next autumn retire to his Water-town herbarium secure in the fact that he is the last of his political species.

THERE NEED BE no capricious dis-cussion of possible candidates on the ticket with General Hastings. The unflinching voice of the Republican masses will signify its wishes and these wishes will be duly respected and elected.

PROGRESS in municipal matters is never achieved without some dis-satisfaction somewhere. But the nearer a city can come to unanimity of go-ahead sentiment, the faster will be its ascent of the scale of all round advancement.

THOSE WHO charge that the bridge improvements are a "job" are undoubtedly correct. They comprise a job designed to give employment to idle labor, to lighten the weight of public charities and permanently to benefit Scranton.

GOTHAM DOUBTORS who, in defiance of the present handwriting on the wall, lately censured General Sikes for bolting the Wilson bill, should remove from the metropolis and locate among their political kinsmen down in Arkansas. There they would feel decidedly more at home.

LOCAL FRIENDS of H. B. Chamberlin will be interested and pleased in his vindication from unjust charges, as explained in another column. The confidence retained in him by them, during his hour of trial, will undoubtedly long remain a pleasant memory.

THERE IS an abundance of room in this great country for two associations for the collection and distribution of genuine news. It is a false assumption that the activities of seventy millions of healthy Americans can be monopolized by any single press news organization.

THE WASHINGTON POST's prediction, based upon a careful canvass, is that the free coal clause will never be able to pull through the senate. However, that may be, one thing is at least certain. It will never be able to pull the wool over eyes that see its inspiration, motive and menace.

WHILE IT is undoubtedly true that in thirty busy years of prosperous and aggressive rule, the Republican party, in moments of error, has cast up some unsightly specimens on the shores of official station, it nevertheless remains the fact that it never was able to approximate such a misfit as Hoke Smith.

IN TOMORROW'S TRIBUNE will appear the full text of Daniel B. Strong's masterly address in exposition of the fundamental principles of protection and free trade. Mr. Strong delivered this originally at the Starucca, Pa. opera house, Feb. 6, and its condensation of the arguments for protection was so thorough and apt that we have been

induced to republish it in its entirety. The address will be a contribution to economic literature worthy of careful perusal and preservation.
IT WAS doubtless not the intention of the ballot law to cause any misapprehension as to the effect of one mark in the top circle. Yet at elections where there is a submission of special questions the law's provisions inevitably create confusion. The ballot prepared for next Tuesday's municipal election observes strictly the law's letter. It is the law, and not the commissioners, that deserves whatever blame there may be a disposition to accord, because of such confusion.

TAKING UP the remarks made recently by THE TRIBUNE with reference to the need of an overhauling of the practitioners of medicine in Luzerne county, the Wilkes-Barre Record reluctantly confesses to the existence in its community of "creatures who profess to be physicians, but who are in reality murderers of the most inhuman stamp," and continues as follows upon a much-mooted point in medical jurisprudence:
The failure of the courts to admit the ante-mortem statement of a woman who dies under such circumstances has placed a premium upon this unnatural work, and effectually shuts out all hope of bringing the guilty ones to justice. It is no credit to the medical profession that it has as yet made little or no effort to have such a palpably unjust law repealed.

IT ought certainly to be repealed, whether the doctors agree thereto or not. The theory that a woman, at the very portals of eternity, would, with her last breath, perjure her soul by the utterance of false testimony, puts an undeserved stigma upon the sex, and acts twice to shield guilt where once it serves as a protection for innocence.

VOTE FOR MR. GROW:
Because every ballot cast for him is a sprag in the wheel of our industrial rush to ruin.

Because it will let the wreckers know that there are ominous breakers ahead.

Because it will restore to public life one who has been too long immured in privacy.

Because, if by your vote you help roll up a majority that will break the record, it will be a proud deed to talk about in the Republican years to come.

Because you do not believe in paying old debts by the creation of new ones.

Because you do not believe that the men who sent no substitutes in '91 are a pack of rascals and frauds in 1894.

Because every vicious thing Democracy has lately done has savored of unpardonable ignorance or smacked of almost criminal ruse.

Because, in the very nature of things, the Democratic party is unfit to assume the responsibilities of a majority organization and is only truly tolerable when in innocuous desuetude.

Because the manifest destiny of our phenomenally expanding country, the dignity and welfare of its indomitable citizens and the honor and good repute of our national emblem abroad demand that the reins of legislative control shall be taken from inadequate hands and put in hands skilled in the guidance of affairs along the paths of peace.

BOSSISM'S DOOM.
The verdict of conviction, reached in the case of John Y. McKane, the "czar" of Gravesend, prosecuted for gross and audacious electoral frauds, is doubly suggestive at this time, coming in the wake of municipal revolutions in a score of ill-governed New York cities and towns, from Brooklyn and Buffalo down. It is a new reminder that, however much the public conscience may at times seem lulled into indifference to franchise outrages; however patient or inert the mass of citizens may appear toward those who make a capital of this weakness and reap from it huge profits in the schemes of "practical politics," there is bound to come a crisis when pumpered ring rascality will overleap itself and land, cold and shivering, "outside the breast-works."

From the very nature of democratic institutions, there is bound to be an irrepressible conflict between vice and virtue; between official rascality on the one hand and official honesty, upright-ness and fairness on the other. The community, whether great or small, naturally divides along this funda-mental line of separation. But unfor-tunately it has of comparatively recent years been the fate of the better element very frequently to be numerically outnumbered or strategically over-reached. This has given to just those legacies of municipal corruption and venality which, now and anon, make necessary some giant struggle waged in every instance to bossism's doom. The conviction of McKane in itself is of minor importance; but as fitly typify-ing a life-and-death battle reaching throughout every ramification of our political system down to the very well springs of government by the people, it attains dimensions of momentous import.

It seems almost prophetic that the jury which has found McKane guilty should in the same breath have uttered a recommendation of mercy. Undoubt-edly, such monstrous municipal growths as registry-forgery, ballot-stuffer Mc-Kane exist only as possibilities of civic indifference. They are, in a large degree, the creations of circumstances which are of deeper root than their own design or endeavor. It is in the nature of a self-statement that an institution of justice, in meting out justice to a poisoner of justice, should by this leniency, inferentially rebuke the courts themselves for so long tolerating such characters. Nevertheless, an ex-tension of mercy to men like McKane is implied in the very fact that, instead of treating them as society treated its traitors of old, we permit them to keep their heads on their shoulders, and to "do" merely a few years of nominal imprisonment in some politely con-ducted jail.

SENATOR "ED" MURPHY has absented himself from Washington, and an-nounces that he will "look after things in Troy" until after election. From all accounts, things in Troy need look-ing after. The people of that city, in a caprice of unaccountable aulicity, are actually doing to look after things them-selves. Strange, ridiculous, incompre-

hensible as it may seem, they are an-ladenly imbibing a delusion that it is their own duty to do the looking; and that a little earlier recognition of this principle would have saved them sev-eral million dollars in municipal rev-enue, not to speak of removing their odium as the worst governed city in the western hemisphere.

THE TRUE REMEDY.
Mr. Archer's admission that the streets of Scranton are far too lavishly endowed with poles will not provoke dissent. At many corners in the busi-ness portion of the central city, as any one can see, the clusters each comprise from fifteen to twenty-five supports, fully two-thirds of which are abso-lutely superfluous. No system or de-sign has governed the location of these poles. There has been no perceptible effort to distribute them in a manner calculated to decrease the sum total of their unlightliness. They have been erected in obedience to no other rule than that of greedy caprice; and they are not only detrimental in point of appearance, but also grossly extrava-gant in their unwarranted waste of wood and ground space, and indefensi-bly menacing to the public.

But it seems like a vain hope to ex-pect the electrical companies to unite in remedying this evil, as Mr. Archer suggests. If we may venture to use an expressive bit of the vernacular, they are not built that way. The opportu-nity to unite has been open to them for a dozen years. The argument that it would be an economical move, as well as a politic one, had just as much force twelve years ago as it has today. But nothing was done in the matter. Nor, if we wait for these corporations to as-sume the initiative, is it likely that anything would be done in a dozen years to come. Every year sees the number of poles increased, instead of lessened. Whenever a company has occasion to enlarge its equipment of wires, the thought that animates it is not whether a mutually beneficial agreement can be made with the other companies; the sole endeavor is to pick out the spots most suitable to its tem-porary purpose and on them to promp-ly erect additional poles. The public itself will need to move ahead in this matter, if the evil is ever to be abated. Fortunately, there is a permanent remedy already within reach. An or-dinance requiring all overhead wires, within a certain business area, to be laid upon the surface, in a properly insulated conduit, placed parallel to the curbing and buried at crossings or court ways, would open the door to a project which is practical, comparatively inexpensive and certain in its results. The saving made in repairs, and the increased ef-ficiency of a service thus protected from the hurtful influences of every wind, rain or hail storm, would soon repay the cost of the alteration, while hereafter the maintenance of the curb-conduit would be decidedly cheaper than the maintenance of expensive poles that rot; cross beams that break, and overhead wires that twist together, get torn loose and otherwise require con-stant attention from linemen.

Councils will need to apply some such prod as this if the pole nuisance is to be solved with any approach to permanency and general satisfaction.

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