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MR. GROW'S ELECTION.

Representing in his personality the brightest traditions of the Republican party, and emerging from honorable retirement at the unanimous call of that party, extended at a time when it was the general desire to secure the strongest possible representation in congress, Galusha A. Grow has very naturally received a tremendous majority of the popular vote. A candidate less famous would have won grandly, for the reason that industrial Pennsylvania had interests at stake far transcending the personal equation.

But in the case of Mr. Grow, personal fitness and personal renown blended with the general needs of the commonwealth to make his selection virtually one without dissent.

It is no individual fault of Mr. Grow's opponent that the Democratic vote has dwindled down to almost an invisible quantity. Mr. Hancock, personally, is an affable gentleman whose deportment during the canvass has been one of almost piteous propriety. But he has the misfortune to advocate in this busy state, and in this eager, practical country, bald economic theories which, in any other mundane relation than that of beautiful and abstract speculations, would mean ruin to our prosperity, curtailment to our commerce and a deadly drain of our money to foreign lands.

The present congress Mr. Grow will have little to do. The scene of the great economic battle has been shifted from house to senate, and the duties of the former will from this time forward be light. Nevertheless, in even the routine of legislation, Mr. Grow's skill, experience and ready counsel will prove valuable national resources. In all the vast audience of senators and representatives among whom he will take his place—some of whom have been for three decades active in public affairs—there is none who will fail to recognize in the father of the homestead law and in the spirited war speaker a peer in every sense, and in some senses a superior.

The loaded pistol and the diseased temper should be forcibly divorced in Scranton thoroughfares.

MONDAY NIGHT'S quietude of burglaries may have been merely a coincidence, but it is a kind of groning which Scranton's able police force should strive to make uncommon. The re-summption of the burglar industry in this city needs to be followed by a little extra infusion of energy into our guardians of the peace.

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FACT second in this connection relates to a practical condition now existing, rather than to an abstract principle of equity such as figures largely in the pole tax discussion. It is the fact that the Scranton Traction company owns in legal form franchise rights putting it in complete possession of the situation in this city for a period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years. It may be argued that such a sweeping grant covering so long a time is inexpedient and unwise. THE TRIBUNE will not debate this point. Its sympathies are with the people in this matter and it would gladly welcome the day when every public franchise grant could be open, at reasonable intervals, to competitive bidders, under regulations as

suring to the public its proper part in the business which it voluntarily creates. But this, too, is foreign to the present call that the Traction company, in pursuance, doubtless, of a not uncommon instinct, has taken advantage of the prevailing condition of things to get what it wanted, in the form it wanted it.

What recourse, then, have we from a possibility of constant friction toward the street car management? Shall we invite that friction by beginning a series of legislative enactments which, however proper enough in themselves, are, at this time and under these circumstances, of doubtful expediency? Or, shall we seek by putting the whole matter on a common-sense basis of mutual consultation and concession, to prolong the courteous and progressive manner in which the management of the Scranton Traction company first met the people of this city and community, and particularly the working classes? This is the central issue at present, and THE TRIBUNE is frank to say that it can see very little present usefulness in crying over spilled milk, as illustrated in the murmur of those who think that, years ago, the council of Scranton should not have been such soft and luscious prey for aggregations of capital that wanted a permanent license to monopolize the earth.

THE INDIVIDUAL who coolly shoots victims of fancied grievances in a public street and walks icily away as if nothing uncommon had happened, should be warmed up to the novelty of the situation, if to nothing else. The ready shooter must go.

IT IS BELIEVED, at this writing, that Mr. Hancock has "heard from Pennsylvania."

THE BRIDGES WIN. It was a losing issue from the start which was waged by economists fearful of the cost of two such needed public improvements as the Linden Street and Roaring Brook bridges. The negative side had no arguments to present and nothing better upon which to make a firm stand save sullen opposition or an easy indifference to the progressive welfare of this thriving and indomitable city.

THE BRIDGES have won, at last, and with their victory comes a new demonstration of the moving force of selfish public spirit. It has been this spirit, manifested through a long line of patriotic citizens from the rudimentary stages of Slocum Hollow down to the metropolitan phases of today, which has carried Scranton forward and as in the aggregate of its wealth, resources and population, upward, until in the prestige of its enterprises it ranks third among our Keystone cities.

FROM THE exhilaration of this victory, Scrantonians should not relapse into quiescence or apathy. The avenues for improvement are many and inviting. They should be occupied with a steadiness of purpose that shall know neither discouragement nor pause. The re-aroused spirit of the past, when, flushed with virile youth, it forged ahead with strides that were fairly wondrous, should be kept at the ready pitch consistent with staying qualities until the record of the coming decade shall be written in a substantial growth fairly vying with the decennial record which is now inspiring history.

IF MR. BISELL does some things which the general public cannot approve, it is fair to say that he does other things which ring the center bell of popular approval. One of these latter actions is his vigorous crusade against the Louisiana lottery swindle's new Honduras departure. While lottery gambling will not yield wholly to this postal boycott, it is something to know that popular sentiment has forced the dishonest enterprise into permanent exile.

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