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The first year of Clevelinit's second presbrains of the Democratic party.

THE BRIDGE ISSUE.

At the last meeting of select council there was a spirited contention as to the manner of establishing the legal machinery necessary to procure the approaches to the proposed new bridges. One side, led by Mr. Sanderson, insisted that the city authorities should move carefully and conservatively, doing nothing that would give the people reason to charge bad faith upon those foremost in assuring the electors tended presentation of what it believes unblushing perversion of the popular of Scranton that the cost of the bridge to be the true facts of the case. No will. Another page would fail to conwould not exceed \$250,000. The other question before the people of Scranton tain the supported testimony which he side, captained by Mr. Roche, wanted ordinances passed appropriating the which we have just endeavored to out the wildest flights of the Keystone imright of way and, in case of non-agree ment with property owners, wanted re-emphasizes the force of Davy frauds, has there been conceived such the mayor to file a bond and the city Crockett's sapient advice: "First, be a degree of franchise profanation as is to take immediate possession. This sure you are right; then go ahead." here developed and systematized into a difference, it will be seen, is one of Scranton wants the two bridges as soon | machinery that moves forward to its procedure rather than of ultimate re- as she can get them; but she does not corrupt ends with the unerring precisult. Both sides in this controversy want them to be builded upon legal sion of an automaton. For twenty have done efficient service in advocating the bridge bond issue; and both deserve well of the community, however authorized them. When two ways it failed to do just what its owners they may differ as to details of muni- present themselves to a certain end, and bosses wanted it to do. The pubcipal progress. But lest in the divergence of counsel and frictions of uncertainty and the other, a sure and fought and pleaded; but with its one method valuable time should be lest certain one, it would be folly not to hand it has held the public steadily by and false steps taken, it may be well take the latter. hastily to review the facts in the case and let them guide common sense to a wise conclusion.

cost of the Roaring Brook bridge at is better than none. \$100,000 and its approaches at \$20,000, the latter calculation was based on a afterward left \$5,000 available for con- Hines has decided that the doublefingencies. Now that the bridges are jointed, now you see-me-and-now-youof this approach might work injury to lorage vote was taken, Hines simply their property by the possible construc- dodged. Ween the people of his distion opposite, of undesirable buildings, trict take a division next November, want another approach, to be made by they should make his exit final. simply widening Platt place. In order to gratify their wish it would be naceswhich the city engineer based his he reache original estimate, and \$10,000 more than was contemplated in the sum set apart for the bridge and approaches. The question at once arises, How can with taxpayers, accept an offer that on its face pledges it to pay a sum largely in excess of the amount originally agreed upon and accepted by the voters | of Seranton?

Roche in this matter, he proposes to evade this troublesome interrogation by having the property condemned. This would be all right if he did not bond and have the city enter into pos- | in poker, is against the rules. session at once, claiming, no doubt that bond should be filed, the city Platt estate, to say nothing of damages which might be recovered by the grad- | two claims to every one admitted. ing of the approach to other property owners. The estimate of the city engineer made no specific provision for improving the approach, it being taken for granted that the surplus of \$5,000, which would exist if the original approach were carried out, would meet this contingency. The changed approach therefore with its expensive retaining wall, can hardly be constructed without a considerable increase over the maximum original estimates.

Upon the other hand, it is contended by Mr. Sanderson and his supporters, dently no inexplicable mystery. Histhat the only safe and proper cours; under the circumstances, to avoid even the possibility of a breach of faith with the people, is to have viewers appointed without filing a bond. This the law permits, and if the consequence is heavy damages the city will not be bound, hands and feet, but can [take either a new alternative or else | cally, in the state, nationally and in fall back upon the original estimate. Conversely, if the damages are low the man who does not regularly read a enough to come within the moral contract entered into at the recent election | lar day in the year. by the city with the taxpayers of Scranton, the signal to "go ahead" can be given at once, and all would be well that should thus end well. This plan, moreover, would afford adjacent | Hall, coupled with serious charges of property owners seemly consideration, as much as they have any moral right many organization plays an iquoble to expect, without setting their desires above and beyond the welfare of the upon a desperate battle which is waggreat mass of Scranton texpayers who voted for the bridges under the representation that they would cost a specified sum, and who do not desire now to be juggled with by councils.

special committee of councils obtained sion at the polls, deciding a municipal from every interested property owner contest of instructive issues. a definite statement as to the selling In three separate election districts call Bill a Har and Bill knocked Dan down BY THE TRADE SUPPLIED THE STOWERS PACKING CO., SCRANTON, PA

General Manager. of the fact that the property can be fore, to know, under offers of prizes to acquired amicably and voluntarily. The institution of such proceedings showing the greatest majority for sight. that might be awarded, hesides dameges for the grading, which, if their present propositions are accepted, they until the approaches are secured is his smoothly, working subsidiary forces idency ended pesterday, amid the humilla- everthrown by the fact that the city of false registration, police intimidation of his party, the depression of his already owns technical approaches, tion, ballot studing and dazzling loyal countries and the cestasy of the and needs land simply for the purpose mathematics in the count. Whereas, re-instated Confederacy. It is petting to of widening those approaches. It is last fall, Brooklya showed a Repubbe duly recognized that America sustained the contention of Mr. Sinderson that Bean gain of 37,000. Buffalo, one of a national loss when Daniel Manning Mr. Roche's proposition to institute 10,000 and even rotten Gotham, dedied, and took into the grave with him the condemnation proceedings relating to spite Dick Croker's premium list for creased cost, What he and his friends ordinate factors in Democratic supre-Swetland street property owners into erage Democratic excess. legal form, and that the city then at It would take a solid page of THE ing the bridge.

IT HAS taken Congressman Dunphy a long time to make up his mind that Tammany Hall is not a collection of When the city engineers estimated the scraphs; but even a late enlightenment

Jupuing FROM his course with referwritten offer from the Platt estate that | ence to the Bland bill, Representative assured, certain property owners on don't kind of advocacy isn't as safe, po-Platt place, fearing that the adoption litically, as it looks. When the seign-

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S indersement of sary to purchase from the Platt estate | the Wilson bill was evidently in parland for which the estate asks the city | tial liquidation of a much more impor-\$35,000; or \$15,000 more than the land | tant bill, the last of which has yet to

PENSION STABBING.

The Democratic party, in its pension retrenchment, apparently shares the the past fortnight to a personal inspecthe city, without violating its faith feelings of Mr. Meredith, the Virginia tion of his fraud mill, and to redoubled congressman who, ;last Friday, Thanked God there were no loyal men in his county" and afterwards wanted to fight the Republican member who non partisan supervision. The culmin-Meredith is a fire eater with something As we understand the position of Mr. less than the usual Democratic diplomacy and something more than the customary Democratic frankness. His greatest state. principal defect, from a Democratic standpoint, is in his tendency to show also propose to have the mayor file a the party's hand. That, in politics as

Representative Grout, of Vermont, correctly, that until the approaches bas prepared some statistics with refare acquired, bonds cannot legally be erence to the pension bureau which iiissued. The point in this plan to which | lustrates the gladness of the present objection is raised is in the filing of administration at the gradual decrease the indemnifying bond. The instant in the number of surviving Union veterans. During the first six months of Morton's election is the manufacture, would have no legal escape from pay- the present fiscal year Commissioner ing whatever damages might subse. Lochren under the Hoke Smith system | Democratic majorities quently be imposed by viewers or by of pension reform, issued in round juries. It is well known that viewers numbers 53,000 certificates. During the and juries, in cases like this, are in- corresponding period of the year beclined to magnify rather than minimizs fore, Commissioner Raum had issued damages, particularly when a munici- 311,000 certificates. During this same pal corporation is the victim. Thus six months Mr. Lochren rejected 67,000 would be introduced in this problem a claims; while, in the corresponding new factor of grave uncertainty and period of Mr. Raum's commissioneralmost inevitable embarrassment. It ship only 48,000 claims had been reis not improbable that under such a jected. To every rejected claim, Genprocedure the result might be an in- eral Raum passed favorably on four crease over the voluntary offer of the On the other hand, Commissioner Lochren, under Clevelandism, has rejected

> When men like Hose Smith are put in American cabinets; when Confederate brigadiers like Meredith get the whip hand over legislation in both branches of congress, and when, in every tendency illustrative of its unpatriotic impulses, the Cleveland administration panders to the pockets and the prejudices of the Solid South, even going so far as to wipe from the statute books a law that tried to make | Tribune. southern elections fair and honest, the Republican revival that is unmistakably sweeping over the country is evitory is repeating itself.

LET US have the bridges; but let us have them in the spirit of fairness. equity and economy. Let us not have any breaking of faith.

THERE ARE lively times in view, lo-Europeau politics. It is time to pity complete daily newspaper every secu-

THE FIGHT IN TROY. The resignation of Representative Dunphy, of New York, from Tammany ballot irregularities in which the Tanpart, throws an interesting side light ing in the Empire state against the most unscrupulous conspiracy of ballot corruption in the history of American politics. This battle will tomorrow, in Senator Murphy's home city of Troy, which for twenty years Mr. Murphy With respect to the Linden street has ruled with the firmness of an absobridge, different conditions prevail. A lute monarch, reach a partial expres-

price of his land. These offers, in writ- in New York city last fall, according and jumped on him, and so they sub-SCRANTON TRIBUNE price of his land. These offers, in writ- in New York City that the Dunphy, who has poemed fre. office. Absolutely no necessity exists | been a member of the Tammany genfor condemnation proceedings, in view | eral committee and who ought, therebe awarded by Dick Croker to districts would simply mean that the owners of | Election-Return Thiof Maynard, the this land could throw their letters to entire registered vote was polled and the sake of developing facial muscles, if the wind and claim every possible cent | in these districts Maynard got every vote. This startling unanimity of liking for a smirched criminal proved such a poser to Mr. Dunphy's conwill not claim. Only in one instance science that he has washed his hands is their any friction with respect to of Tammanyism, regardless of consethese voluntary offers. This arises quences. Yet this little incident is enfrom a dispute as to the land's owner- titled to dismissal as inconsequential ship, and could, so far as the city is and trivial as compared with the aiconcerned, be easily adjusted. The leged vote for Maynard of interior argument that bonds for the Linden Troy, under the personal orders and street structure cannot be legally issued supervision of Senator Murphy and the Linden sireet bridge would, if expert franchise pollution, one of 9,000, adopted, be to delay the structure's it remained for Troy, under the clutch completion and incur dangers of in- of Murphyism, Molloyism and the suburge is that the city solicitor be recom- macy, to return a majority for Maymended to put the letters of these nard of 6,000, or nearly double the av-

once process with the work of build- TRIBUNE to tell what its editor person ally knows concerning the irregularities that are practised at elections in THE TRIBUNE offers no apology for this Trojan citadel of thugism, police the devotion of much space to an ex- brutality, professional repeating and is of greater interest than the one has heard rendered by others. Not in line. Experience in every new lesson agination, as applied to electoral quagmires or upon a foundation of years this mechanism has been executbroken faith with the taxpayers who ting its perfect work, and not once has one of which is filled with doubt and lie has alternatively squirmed, howled, the throat, while with the other it has coolly picked the public's pocket, This year, by one of those strange

o-incidences in which reverent observers perceive the handiwork of a compassionate Providence, the Murphy plundering muchine has been jeoparded by a revolt within its own ranks. One of its creations, Dennis Whalen, three times its choice for mayor, has, like Representative Dunphy, reached his limit of tolerable acquiescence in fraud, and has turned upon his old-time masters. The Republican committee, assured through a score of humiliating aniures that a straight Republican nomination would encounter only defeat, nas endorsed Mayor Woalen and is giving his independent candidacy its best energies. Opposed to Whalen, as the embodiement of Murphyism in all its black phases, is Francis J. Molloy, The struggle has been so bitter as to necessitate Senator Murphy's personal presence on the battle field. Regardless of his public duties he has devoted plotting in the mill's defense. Under Murphy's orders Governor Flower has just vetoed a bill giving Troy elections shamed him for this robel yawp. Mr. ation of the battle will be reached tomorrow; and its result will play an important part in discouraging or in accelerating honest elections in our

THE DESICRATIC Harrisburg Patriot draws a characteristically long bow when it accuses Lieuteuant Governor Waters of laying wires for the United States Senute in 1897. The Patriot's resources of exclusive misinformation are a study in journalism.

ONE or the Empire State industries expected to close soon after Governor in Buffalo, Troy and Albany, of bogus

AT THE Pie Counter.

With lamb-like aspect March drew near, While maple sap was flowing: But she'll depart in manner drear, With angry, wild winds blowing.

Father—What's that devilish noise in the kitches, Bobby: Bobby—That's mamma Brown Marten Capes, making angel cake —Life.

James-Can a man eat a quail a day for thirty days? William-! think so, I know of Demo

crats who have been eating a crow a day rats who have been eating a crow a day
or a longer period.

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Hello, Kiljordan! Been buying a new
vercoat?"

Baltic Sea Cappe.
Electric real Capes.
French Coney Capes.
Mink Capes.
Brown Marten Capes.
Monkey Capos. for a longer period.

overcoat?"

"No. Don't give it away, Shadbolt, but it's my old chinchilla. I paid a barber 50 cents to run his clippers over it,"—Chicago Young Manager-What do you consider the greatest drawing card for an opening

complimentary card board generally Hiland-The fly fisherman does not eatch many. Van Braam Do you mean that he does not catch many fish?
Hiland—No; he doesn't catch many files.

Pittsburg Telegraph. If you are an old gold bug then your age Should immediately teach you to mend

your rage; And smile upon Bland, In lending a hand To give us a slice of the seigmorage.

Wife (at the amateur concert)-What a rich fullness there is in Charlie Mend's Hubby-Fullness; yes, Charlie has got a pretty heavy load on tonight.

Wife-Who is that beastly not leaning against the telegraph pole. Husband-That is the person who pre pares the temperance column for the pares the Bangtown Eagle.

Attorney-What do you know about this case? Witness-Nothing. Attorney-What are you here for?

Witness-Why, you see, I heard Dan

Some Passing Thoughts.

Most men are generally bravest when the enemy is around the corner out of

It is best to smile occassionally, just for nothing more.

Luck will often bring a man to his level where efforts have failed.

The most terrifying sign of spring to the everage husband is the spring bonnet. The silent man who looks wise and dignified is just as apt to be a blockhead as a deep thinker.

Usin was a bad man but his relatives are to be congratulated that he never "took music lessons."

His E & h Sister. "I will be," she said, "a sister to——"
"Excuse me," broke in he,
"Five sisters I already have, That's quite enough for me."
She swiled —"And yet, Alphonso,dear,
You'll have to take another, For I am going to be the wife

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