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For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, OF ALLEGHENY.

For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, OF LANCASTER.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTA, OF PHILADELPHIA.

For Congressional Electors: GALUSHA A. CROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA.

GEORGE T. HUFF, OF WESTMORELAND.

Election Time, Nov. 6

The Sunday Problem, Once More.

Among the various opinions quoted in an adjoining column with reference to the local movement for the better observance of existing Sunday laws there are several that, however good or however bad in the abstract, are to some extent irrelevant.

When such a query is pressed home to the conscientious citizen he immediately ascertains the real facts in the case. It is a fact, we believe, that the movement to secure a better observance of Sunday in Scranton was planned, not wholly by Rev. F. A. Dony, nor by any particular person or persons in intimate fellowship with him.

The movement was the practical culmination of religious and civic instruction covering more than a century of American history, representing all classes and sects and faiths, and finding expression in that dictum of republicanism which says that the will of the majority shall be obeyed as the law of the land.

THE TRIBUNE is not sure that that law, even though freshened by a recent re-indorsement, is the high expression of human wisdom that some of its advocates say it is.

It is perhaps not yet too late for the voice of reason to make clear the fact that so long as a law remains valid, by the consent of the majority, it requires the obedience of every true citizen, whether he likes the law or not.

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With this long exordium we are prepared to have a friendly talk with Mr. Van Benthuyzen upon this momentous question of the observance of the United States.

He has misquoted Webster by stating within quotation marks that Webster's definition of religious liberty is the privilege of worshipping the Supreme Being according to conscience.

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