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#### REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

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For Congressmen-at-Larger GALUSHA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEILANNA Election Time, Nov. 6

A MODERATE tax upon the electrical poles of Scranton would perhaps be a good quickener to the process of reducing their number. Such a tax, honestly imposed, would have very little opposition, despite the fact that careful students of the problem would much prefer to have the wires buried alto-

The Time to Grow.

The report of Secretary Atherton, at last evening's meeting of the board of trade, confirms the recent assertion in these columns that now, while general business depression renders doubly necessary the advantageous location of industries, is a first rate time for Scranton's business men to renew former vigorous efforts to advertiss Scranton. Secretary Atherton's visit to Paterson, N. J., has convinced him that many valuable industries in that neighborhood are anxious to remove to better sites. We are thoroughly convinced that Scranton possesses the kind of sites that these manufacturers would like to get hold of. The only thing that intervenes to prevent a consummation of the bargain is somebody to take the right kind of an initiative.

It seems like a threshing over of old straw to attempt to lay before the enterprising business men of this city the advantages of diversified local industries. They know what these are, not only from past teaching, but also from past experience. Indeed, the only point which seems worthy of mention at this time is the fact that if the opportunities at present open for a wise increase of our manufacturing industries are to be improved, as they admittedly should be, the necessary work to improve them must be lone quickly and also done thoroughly. It is as absolutely certain is anything can be in a world of uncertainties, that the lifting of the now mpending cloud of business dubiousness will not be long postponed. Congress or no congress, tariff bill or no sariff bill, the natural necessities of our thrifty and indomitable people will nevitably triumph in the long run; ind when the wheels shall move igain, and the factory spindles whirr again, it will doubtless be in accompaniment to one of the steadiest and most re-assuring trade revivals that this section has ever known.

Scianton wants to be in that revival and in it deep. We have the facilities, the resources, the labor, and the brains. All that is lacking, or all that cas apparently for some time been lormant, is the determination. We have, it is said, outgrown the boom period. Let that be granted. But we have not outgrown the period of steady growth. We have reached maturity, perhaps, but we have not reached the uge of idleness and decline. It is as true of cities as of men that unless they expand and develop, they must inevit ably retrograde. There is no middle course; no inert mean. Business, competition, civilization itself spurs on to progress or else kicks downward to de-

Industrial Scranton has touched rock bottom. It has got down to the level of healthy stability. Now let it grow,

IT IS INTERESTING to note that Rev. Dr. Parkhurst takes the same view that most persons do of Richard Croker's incontinent flight to Europe. "I conider his flight a good thing," the dootor is quoted as having said in London. "He runs away while under fire. This shows that the fire has been heavy. He realizes that he has got about as much plunder as he can. He thinks it time to quit before the ship sinks." Bossism is essentially cowardly when in trouble. Its arrogance invariably disappears in the hour of danger. Croker's abject fear will do more than many serious revelations of the Lexow committee to bring about the downfall of the scheme of municipal politics of which he is the type. Sane men will not forever bow down to cowards,

The Pedagogue in Politics. A lively breeze has been stirred in Pittston owing to the recent activity of Professor Robert Shiel, principal of the Pittston schools, in a public meet ing called to discuss certain contemplated public improvements. Professor Shiel's course met with criticism upon the ground that it was improper for him, occupying the position he did, to take a prominent part in what will naturally become, if it had not already become, a question of local partisan politics. In an open letter to some of his critics, which has just been made public, the professor takes up his cudzels in the following spirited manner:

With regard to my action in taking part with regard to my action in taking part as a citizen in civic duties, I should wish to state my position. I maintain that political duties are moral obligations; that every one who can vote should vote; and that the man who neglects by voice or vote to make his influence felt in the government of his locality, is as culpably negligent as he, who being a member of a church, shirks his duties to that institution. You unfortunately voice a class who, according to my views, erroneously view. according to my views, erroneously view the teacher's position towards the community in which he lives. I cannot at all agree with you that a teacher, because of his position, should be denied the rights of the ordinary, every-day citizen, or that he, from present the ordinary, every-day citizen, or that he, from prudential metives, should act the part of a nolitical enumeh. I, for one, resent the idea of being relegated into innocuous desuctude, simply because I occupy the second most important position in town, and I believe it would be a sorry thing is done to protect the streams of the present congress unless sometimes, the second most important position in the second most important position in the second most important position in the present congress unless sometimes, therefore, on expediency, and argument becomes largely a matter of doubt,

day when one, having intelligence enough to occupy the position of principal of our schools, should set the bad example of negecting the performance of his civic du-

We do not pretend to understand all the points at issue in this Pittston complication-indeed, it might be added that we doubt if anybody else does. It fed finny inhabitants. is pretty clear, however, that Professor Shiel will be able to take care of himself in any controversy which may arise as an incident to his participation in local politics, And, speaking generally, we venture to express a belief that politics will not, to any great extent, become the worse for the larger activity in it of the men who superintand our public schools.

New Jensey has recently passed a law which requires young Lochinvars journeying to Camden to get marriage licenses before receiving clerical benediction. By a curious kink, however, this wise provision is waived in the case of Jerseyites themselves. Jersey egislation always was proverbial for its eccentricities; and this instance fully sustains the record.

The Right of Refuge. Perhaps it may be true that President Ezeta, of Salvador, just deposed by one of those frequent revolutions in that tropic clime, has been a bold, bad man, who deserves punishment. But when, to save his life, he fled for refuge to the United States cruiser Bennington, and was sheltered by Captain Thomas, the dignity of the American flag would seem to demand that before he shall be released to his pursuers, they should be required to give trustworthy assurance that exact justice, and not political vengeance, would be

This is the common sense as well as the humanity of the thing. We do not desire to have Old Glory used as a shield for criminals; but the man who iss sought and been accorded its protection should be handed over to his pursuers only after the establishment, by them, of a clear case of guilt, couped with distinct assurances that justice will be administered. The fact that we took Ezeta on board and kept him there makes us the proper judges of his innocence or guilt. If the Salvadoran authorities should dissent from this proposition, let them take it out in dissenting. There is infinitely less likelihood of our defeating justice than of our conserving us. We are impartial, disinterested and phlegmatic. The broils of the Latin-American races do not inflame us. It is a Yankee habit to be right, before going ahead. Let us be right, then, in these international

imbroglios. In this connection it too frequently iappens that our state authorities are deterred from maintaining a firm position through fear that certain disloyal home papers under British subsidy may call them "jingoists." That title, nine times out of ten, is a signal compliment-is equivalent to a certification of firm and robust American character. The jingoist who stands up for our rights abroad is infinitely preferable, in the opinion of good citizens, to the poltroon who incontinently sacrifices them.

THE ESTEEMED Harrisburg Patriot ecomes uncommonly facetious be cause a Pittston journal ventured to express disbelief in the wisdom of according to the state capital a monopoly of state political conventions. Nevertheless, its laughter will, to use an expressive phrase, soon be on the opposite side of its face if many more conventions shall be as poorly accommodated at Harrisburg as was the last Republican one. There is no law compelling delegates to meet in the Patriot's bailiwick.

The Trackage Question.

The remarks of Mr. Paine at last night's board of trade meeting relative o the unused tracks of the Traction ompany will receive general indorse-When the ordinance granting right of way for several of these tracks was signed, it was upon the general understanding that the tracks would be operated. If it had been known that they were to be used simply for antiquarian purposes, it is doubtful if executive approval could have been secured. Those verbal pledges ought to be redeemed or else the tracks ought to be torn up or buried. Their idle presence on the streets, interrupting wagon traffic and blocksding travel of all kinds, is an anomaly that no person, in or out of the Traction company, should

approve or defend. With regard to the condition of the Traction company's active tracks, THE PRIBUNE has been at some pains to asertain the company's intentions; and we deem it no more that fair to the company to say in behalf of its present management that eighty men are at work every day repairing and replacing the run-down lines. These lines should never have been permitted to get nto such a wretched condition. The franchise under which the city grants this company the use of the public streets should provide more stringent regulations as to the manner in which the streets are to be used, the repair in which they are to be kept and the kind of service that the public is supposed to

consideration. Among the business men of the board of trade there is, we dars say, no disposition to exact uneasonable conditions, nor to be unduly hasty in the administration of consure. If in due time the tracks are not materially bettered, the company should be made to come to time.

SEVENTEEN YEAR locusts have arrived at Middletown, N. Y. The good citizens do not seem to complain at the action of the insects in gnawing shrubbery down to the roots; transforming shady forests into dreary stump lots, and performing other lawless acts for which the seventeen year locusts are noted. But when the insects drop by the million into the streams in that vicinity and satisfy the hunger of the fish to such an extent that angle worms and red feathers have no further attraction as bait, the locust question

over there. The proverbial accuracy in fish literature as well as in reports of locust visitations make it impossible for anything save cold facts to be given in such cases. It stands New York game associations in hand to protect these streams and look after their over-

THE WHOLE issue in this senatorial prosecution of two newspaper correspondents for no other offence in the world than merely telling the truth, is well condensed by the Philadelphia Press in these pointed words: "If the president of the sugar trust, in the face of his deliberate refusal to answer a pertinent and vital question, is not treated like the correspondents for an immeasurably more excusable refusal. it will be a discrimination and favoritism which will produce a most painful impression throughout the country." The senate is signing and sealing its own death warrant in this thin effort to cover up its own infamy by the sacrifice of two newspaper reporters. The people will not stand that kind of thing. They will defeat and humiliate every solitary senator that is so small minded as to regard that kind of persecution as real justice.

THE VIEWS expressed by Rev. Dr. Parkhurst upon a question now uppermost in his state will have many dissenters. When asked in London if woman suffrage would clear the political atmosphere in America, the doctor is reported to have said, with emphasis: "Hang woman suffrage! It would make the situation worse. The better class of men won't vote; neither would the better class of women. The soloon dement, bad men and ward heelers would make their wives vote. As a result an organization like Tammany would have bigger majorities than ever." We are skeptical as to whether Charles H. Parkhurst ever made this remark. The chances are that he has been misquoted.

THE MAYOR of Indianapolis has just one on record by recommending the svying of a tax on gas mains in that ity. Gas in Indianapolis is used for fuel purposes, as well as an illuminant. The question arises, will be be consistent enough to tax coal chutes and wagons, also?

GENERAL HARRISON'S candidacy for the presidency two years hence has enlisted the support of Hancock county, Ind., but has yet to receive the indorsement of Benjamin Harrison.

#### BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Last evening's Truth says: "The verses on 'Nay Aug Falls' printed on the editorial pages of to day's Schanton Thibune and labeled 'For The Tribune' were printed in the Truth two weeks ago. 'It's of no consequence,' as Toots would say, but it must be evident that if the author of the lines wrote them 'For the Truth' of June 4 he could not have written them 'For Tue Tribune' of June 16." I beg to believe, on the contrary, that it is of some consequence. The author of those verses simply imposed on The Tribune, taking advantage of the fact that its editor had not seen a copy of the Truth of June 4. The Schanton Tribune is entirely willing to give due credit for all quotations of original matter intentionally made from the Truth's columns.

Says Brother Boyd: "The SCRANTON TRIBUNE appears to see, in the defeat of aptain Flannery for renomination, a cossible chance to capture the district by the Republicans. THE TRIBUNE editor views matters through a reseate glass wiews matters through a reseate glass.

Mr. Rutledge's nomination gives excellent satisfaction throughout the entire district, and there is no possible chance of defeating him by the strongest Republican that could be named." Now don't you deceive yourself. The Republican party this year isn't going to concede anything, anything, until the order and hing, anywhere, until the votes are counted and the result verified. Stranger hings have happened than the defeat of Mr. Rutledge; and stranger things will happen in the elections of Nov. 6. We feel it in our bones that this is going to be leef it in our poace.
a Republican year.

The Philadelphia Record, which is the epresentative in most things of the political wishes of Governor Patrison, evidently loss not agree with Mr. Bissell, in his removal of a woman tostmaster at Moscow o make room for a Democratic voter who prior to his appointment, had scarcely known the inside of a postoffice. The Record says: "Experience has demonstrated, both in this country and in England, that women make most acceptable, efficient and agree-able postoffice officials. They don't steal the government funds. Other things being qual, they should be preferred for the ight labor of country postofices."

We learn from the excellent summer guide book just asued by the Central Rail-road of New Jersey that "Scranton has grown with remarkable rapidity." And this is the way it proves it: "Upon its site but three houses stood in 1810, al-though a postoffice had been e-tablished; the mail was carried from Easton once a week on horseback. In 1853 the popula-tion numbered 3,000; in 1859, 9,000; in 1889, over 46,000; in 1890, 85,000." In 1894, primit us to add, it is 100,000, with several thousand more anxious to annex themselves as soon as they are asked.

#### DANGERS OF FREE TRADE.

Washington Post The workingman, no matter in what phere his activity may be cast, ceases to be a good citizen the moment be finds that as labor will not yield him the necessaries of life. It is idle to argue with him on this point. He knows that he toils from morning. g until night, that he returns from his work worn out, hungry, and dejected, and that in the cheerless home, his empty layder, and his mean surroundings there is of service that the public is supposed to get.

But for the present, it is fair that the efforts of Mr. Bestem to repair the tracks and restore the service to its earlier efficiency should be taken into consideration. Among the business question is not one of ethics nor economy nor abstract principle; it is a question of human nature.

#### THE EZETA CASE,

Pittaburg Times.

President Ezeta and his cabinet and officers were not traitors, in insurrection against their government. They were the government itself, until armed rebellion overthrew it. They fied to the protection of the American flag, because to be captured was to be shot, without trial or mercy. That is the hot, swift Central American fashion. The state department at Washington might as well today order the captain of the Bennington to have them blown from the muzzles of his cannon, as to deliver them over to their triumphant enemies. Suppose rebellion had triumphed in this country 30 years ago, and President Lincoln and his cabinet had field to the shelter of a neutral flag, would any civilized nation on earth have thrust Pittsburg Times. any civilized nation on earth have thrust them back against the bayonets of a mob that howled for their instant murder?

Opposition to Woman Suffrage.

hope, speculation; and we are more and more disposed to think that those who op-pose women suffrage base their opinion less on abstract principles or considerations of social forces, or political probabilities, than upon old custom, old prejudice, an-tipathy to innovation, and dread of prob-able evil.

#### ODIOUS AND UNAUTHORIZED.

Senator David B. Hill. An income tax is a scheme of monarchi cal governments only, which always sauc-tion class legislation, but which is never adopted by Republicans except from dire adopted by Republicans except from dire necessity during the emergency of war. It is neither a Democratic nor a Republican principle, but is Socialistic in its inception, un-American in theory, unequal in its operation and necessarily offensive in its execution. It is unjust, because it is unnecessary for purposes of revenue. It is an ill-disguised sectional attack upon the industry, thrift, enterprise and vast business interests of the Northern states, which should be vigorously resented by the men of all parties. It is an odious tax, for which the people have never expressed their approval at the poils. In my judgment, it will surely bring disaster to the political party that enacts it.

Rochester Fost-Express.
This argument basing the right of suf-This argument basing the right of suf-frage on the power to fight forgets the very nature of society and nationhood. Society is formed or grows for the good of all, the weak as well as the strong; and the state, under the law, represents the strength of the whole and wields the power of the whole. To conceive a state that cannot enforce the law, is to deny the right of that state to eviat and to bessit right of that state to exist, and to break the bond of political fellowship.

Too Gloomy a View.

New York Sun.

The Rev. Dr. Paxton takes too gloomy a riow of social conditions and the prospects of the human race: "I see a spirit of unrest everywhere. Neither capital or labor has made any money for two years. There are too many mouths to feed. War or pestilence, that is the only remedy for us." How would it do to try first a little pa-tience and common sense?

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