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REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

- For Representative: JOHN R. FARR, of Scranton. Second district, ALEX. T. CONNELL, of Scranton. Third district, FRANK J. GLOVER, of Moosic. Fourth district, CHARLES P. O'MALLEY, of Olyphant.

When the untrifled tom tom beater of the resuscitated Times speaks of THE TRIBUNE as if it were "dying," he speaks of the liveliest obituary event in the history of Pennsylvania journalism; so lively, in fact, that the alleged "corpse" itself leads the dance at its own "funeral."

Speak Out, Like a Man. When the Harrisburg Patriot, representing, as it does, the state organ of the old-time Pennsylvania Democracy, recently declared, in effect, that a Protectionist who undertakes to masquerade as a Democrat should be drummed out of camp, it was addressing its observations directly to Edward Merrifield, the Democratic candidate for congress from Lackawanna county.

The Patriot evidently thinks that a man who tries to ride two horses at once is not fit to be trusted with either. The trick may do when the road is clear; but when the divergent steeds come to a mud-puddle, something is certain to drop.

With this growing volume of criticism reaching him from all quarters within his own party, why does not Candidate Merrifield say something in self defense? Can he, as a man of honor, comfortably sit still under such an arraignment of his fairness? Is not every moment of silence an additional acquiescence in the proposition that he is deliberately attempting to trick the voters of the Eleventh district by pretending to favor both sides of the chief question?

It is time the people of this district were clearly informed where Mr. Merrifield proposes, if elected, to stand on this fundamental issue of threatened tariff revision. The people already know where Representative Joseph A. Scranton stands. There has never been a moment's question of his entire loyalty to the cardinal doctrine of protection to home industries. He has never promised one course and voted for another. He does not need to be interrogated upon the foremost present issue in American politics. How is it with Mr. Merrifield? Who knows definitely? Who can say?

With election day scarcely six weeks off, there is only one faint glimmer of light upon this subject, and it squints both ways. Mr. Merrifield, in an informal manner and without manuscript proof, told a TRIBUNE reporter that he "was a conservative Protection Democrat of the Sam Randall school."

Now, what does this mean? Let us have Mr. Merrifield's own elaboration of this insufficient phrase. The columns of this paper will be cheerfully placed at his service if he shall be disposed to act fairly by the people of this district and frankly tell them where he is at.

No sailing under false colors. Speak out, like a man!

THAT PORTION of Senator Hill's Saratoga speech wherein he sought to credit the Democratic party with the recent repeal of the Sherman silver purchase law moves even the half-Democratic Rochester Post-Express to laughter. "Though it is partly repealed," that journal cruelly asks, "Where is free coinage?" so profusely promised to the west by Democratic orators. "Moreover," adds the Post-Express, "the repeal was not carried by Democrats but by Republican votes. It is a matter of record that on several test votes a majority of Democrats in the house of representatives

voted against unconditional repeal. The Sherman act was a compromise to avoid free coinage, and was acknowledged by even its friends to be a cowardly makeshift; but the mere repeal of the purchasing clause was also a cowardly makeshift which left the whole money question unsettled. The attempt to magnify that legislation into supreme importance last year was a shameful political fake, and the course of events has made its character so clear that the less said about the special session of congress the better." A good many persons who are not Democrats are beginning to share these same views. At all events, Hill is building his political structure on a mighty uncertain foundation when he builds it upon misrepresentations of his incompetent party's bungling work in the Fifty-third congress, with reference to the currency question especially.

The Common Sense View. Ex-Councilman H. C. Hutton of the First Legislative district is to be congratulated upon the failure of his recent call to bring about organized Republican disension to the embarrassment of the candidacy of Mr. Farr. The sober and unbiased judgment of disinterested Republicans strongly condemned Mr. Hutton's original call as an act both irregular and uncalculated; and this same judgment must cordially approve the discretion of the overwhelming majority of Mr. Farr's Republican constituents in refusing, at this late day, to be drawn into an untimely controversy.

As THE TRIBUNE has said, there is not now a question of Mr. Farr against Mr. Anybody Else. By Mr. Farr's fair renomination in response to the wishes of a clear and large majority of the Republicans of his district, it was instantly made a question of party loyalty against threatened party revolt and possible party disruption. The Republican who would sacrifice the party organization in order to vent his pique over the regular party nomination is fortunately scarce in this country. And the scarcer he shall become, the better it will be for the party and for the people.

The Republicans of the First district have in Mr. Farr an experienced and capable legislator, who ranks well toward the front. No new man could in one term equal Mr. Farr's usefulness, whatever might be the new man's abilities. From a business standpoint, not to speak of politics, one dollar spent in employing Mr. Farr to represent the district in Harrisburg would bring two or three times as much and as good service in return as would one dollar spent in employing Mr. Davis or any other beginner. The Republican who permits ward boundaries or individual disappointment to blind him to the common sense of Mr. Farr's candidacy takes a narrow view of the situation, and ought to think twice before giving sanction to schemes that tend toward party division.

A SAN FRANCISCO court has refused to grant a divorce to a man who complained that his wife bleached her hair and used paint on her face. This seems to be a good indication that art is gaining ground in the vicinity of the golden gate.

Sleeping Innocence. Under the terms of their contract, the builders of the Nay Aug bridge are to have their structure completed by Monday next. When that shall be done, there will be a continuous stretch of smoothly and nicely graded roadway reaching in an unbroken line from Arthur avenue, at the edge of Nay Aug park, to the very heart of handsome Elmhurst borough.

This driveway traverses some of the most beautiful bits of rolling landscape to be found in the United States. It offers superb possibilities in way of delightful scenery, pure air and natural inspiration. The merchant who should travel over it would forget his cares, the mechanic his worries and the wife, child or mother made to glad in the bracing atmosphere. The opening of this new boulevard would, in short, give to Scranton just such an advantage as the city has so long needed; the advantage of a really respectable and well-kept thoroughfare stretching out beyond the forests and the hills.

It is proper to state, however, that this magnificent boulevard will not open on Oct. 1. There are seven squares of ungraded hillside between it and Scranton. The Scranton Traction company once obligated itself to provide an approach up this hillside, but it has apparently forgotten its promise. Only seven blocks of dirt and sod keep the people from the enjoyment of the superb beckoning driveway; seven blocks which the Philadelphia stockholders in our local street railway system evidently don't know are there, and don't wish to be in a hurry to discover.

Is it not time to prod these laggards along?

News from the seat of the Korean war is becoming a little labored in its rhetorical construction. The yellow warriors are sadly in need of a brace of Wilkes-Barre mine rat correspondents to give the proper color to their movements.

Hill's Future at Stake. It is expressing an admitted fact mildly to say that David B. Hill, in his candidacy for the governorship of New York, is battling for his entire future. The prestige of a victory won in the face of present odds would be tremendous, if not irresistible, in the next Democratic national nominating convention. The ignominy of defeat, while it might not carry with it utter oblivion, would at least be an insurmountable bar to national party leadership.

It is one of the signal characteristics of Senator Hill that he is at his best when most strongly beset. The Re-

publican who shall fancy that with this adroit, daring and magnetic opponent in the field this year, the Republican ticket in New York will have an easy campaign will make a mistake. Little is ever gained in politics by undervaluing the enemy. When the enemy chances to be a man who has, in two years, transformed a popular sentiment of distrust and even open hostility into a feeling of secret if not open admiration, as has David B. Hill, it becomes the policy of wisdom to face the facts and attend strictly to business.

There are reasons wholly apart from Senator Hill's resources of strategic leadership why the state of New York this year should elect Mr. Morton governor. The citizen who permits personal liking for Hill to blind him to the glaring evils of Hill's party as demonstrated in state and national records, will commit a grievous error. Because Hill, at the beck of partisan destiny and at peril of utter defeat, swallows his true convictions whole, to such an extent that he can now laud a tariff bill which, a few days ago, he could not vote for, is no reason why others who have none of Hill's party reasons as an excuse, should imitate his bad example.

THE INTERESTING fact is cited that at the recent election in Maine the Prohibitionists polled 2,615 votes. At the election of September, 1892, they polled 3,732 votes. In two years the vote has fallen off 30 per cent. Meanwhile the Populist vote increased from 2,888 to 4,930, a gain of 70 per cent. The Third party pendulum is evidently swinging.

THERE is something apprehensive and untrustful in the handshake of the average Democratic candidate this year.

THAT IDEA of the Pittston councilmen calling a policeman when offered money is really very funny.

POLITICAL NOTES.

In his Williamsport speech ex-Governor Beaver gave notice that he wanted to see the Republican caucus in the sixteenth district, who have been so long deadlocked on a nomination. The conferees occupied a box and the general public had to stand. In so far as not only the Republicans of the Sixteenth district or of the state, but the Republicans of the whole country had an interest in the work that had brought them together. He said that a nomination was not only wanted, but that it was demanded, and that it was a very serious business to endanger a Republican district by a bitter personal fight. The ex-Governor was very earnest, declaring that it was a shame for these men to sit day after day frittering away time, creating dissensions and arousing party feeling when the next session of representatives might be lost to the Republicans by a single vote. The speech created a marked impression on the audience and the speaker was heard to shout "Nominate Beaver!" "Give us Beaver!" and of like import. The Democratic conference of the Sixteenth district has nominated James B. Benson, of Potter county.

The Rochester Post-Express, an able independent journal ordinarily with Democratic leanings, thinks that Senator Hill's speech at Saratoga, considering the difficulties he had to face, was a masterpiece of clever word juggling. "The Wilson bill," it says, "is an enticement to all the excuses that Senator Hill makes for it; but he did not think it good enough to vote for it; President Cleveland did not think it good enough to sign; and both of them are on record as condemning it in unmeasured terms. Neither of them was willing to be responsible for the thing, constructed without principle and freighted to the brim with fraud; but both of them ask the Democratic masses, who had nothing to do with it, to sanction and defend the perfidy and dishonor at the polls. We do not see how Senator Hill's eloquence will avail against the fact that he is pleading with Democrats to sustain action that the highest Democratic authority has pronounced indefensible. According to President Cleveland and Senator Hill the Democratic party goes to the people and asks for approval on the ground of inability to do what it should have done."

Says the Wilkes-Barre Record: "The nomination of J. C. Vaughan, of Scranton, for state senator by the Republicans of the Twelfth senatorial district is a just tribute to a sterling Republican and an honest man. Mr. Vaughan will make a strong candidate and although there is a natural majority against him, it is confidently expected that he will defeat McDonald and redeem the district."

In revising the base ball rules for 1895, the Chicago Dispatch thinks it should not be forgotten that Edouard, of Philadelphia, is the greatest living authority on the subject of sacrifice hits.

CAMERON'S ONE HOPE.

Fittsburg Dispatch. He looks first to the Republican party. He believes the organization will be compelled, by the condition of things, to break away from its meetings on the financial question and nominate someone who will be sound on the tariff, and who, at the same time, can propitiate the half dozen of western states that are committed to the rehabilitation of silver, to say nothing of a large element in both parties in the more eastern of the western states which is in favor of an immediate increase of the circulating medium. During the extra session the Pennsylvania senator often said to his friends he sincerely believed that if the question of free coinage were submitted to a popular expression in Pennsylvania a large majority would vote in the affirmative. He has never believed that the masses of the east are in sympathy with the politicians, who must always fall in line with the party utterance. All of these things make the Cameron boom interesting, to say the least, and there are scores of shrewd politicians in both parties here who believe that the Populist-Silverite-Cameron combine may yet be a potent factor in the election of '95.

LOCAL PATRIOTISM.

Glyphart Record. The Scranton board of trade is composed of men who have always considered the affairs of their city paramount to all others. They have done much for the city, and their plans for the future chiefly concern the larger growth and industrial development of the Electric City. It is surprising strange that this body of Scranton men, should be guilty of so gross an error, as to permit its annual report to be farmed out to an individual outside their city and country. We cannot believe that the members of the board have wilfully insulted the efficient canvassers of the Electric City.

THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE has taken the board to task, and its action is this commensurate. If this insult were passed in silent contempt by the leading printing firms of the city, their indifference to the excellent workmanship of their employees should be rebuked, and their lack of local patriotism should be censured. Scranton is no longer a "mining town." Its name shines brightly amid the famous galaxy of centers of industrial activity in the States, and its sons engaged in the typographic art have kept pace with the rapid advancement of all other departments. The work turned out by THE TRIBUNE job office is second to none in the country for artistic

taste and mechanical excellence; and there are in the city half a dozen other printing firms, whose production ranks in the first class. Agents of "printers' supplies" affirm that in no other city of the size of Scranton, do they do as large a business as in the Electric City, which proves that more money is invested in this industry in the capital of our county, than in cities of equal population. This fact should be known to the board of trade, and especially so to its secretary. This investment deserves patronage, and should decidedly receive it from a public body that exists to enhance the industries of the city. Patriotic sentiment for one's city and county is praiseworthy. There is much of it in Scranton and THE TRIBUNE is replete with it. Its present stand in defense of the members of the Typographical union in general, and its own office in particular, strikes a sympathetic cord in the hearts of the thousands who love Scranton above all other cities. May THE TRIBUNE live long to engage in such laudable work and ever be as sound in local patriotism as in the present instance.

HILL'S LAME APOLOGY.

Rochester Post-Express, Ind.-Dem. The senator throws the responsibility for the hard times on the Republican party; and as this is a matter in which nothing but a downright falsehood will serve, we presume it is best for a politician to dig his spurs into his eloquence, shut his eyes and take the hedge of truth at a flying leap. It may be that the panic was not altogether political, but nothing can be clearer than the fact that, in so far as it was political, the responsibility rests with the Democratic party. No man but a fool could expect a general revision of the tariff without something of a panic, and Senator Hill incidentally admits that fact.

SMOOTH MR. HARRITY.

Pittsburg Times. Mr. Harrity is still explaining to Mr. Singler that he had no hand near the knife which did for McLeer, though his appointee and creature, Harbor Master Ryan, was foremost in the plot. The Ryan incident would be a fly in the gravy of most explanations, under the circumstances; but Mr. Singler is by nature a ruthless gentleman and Mr. Harrity, both by nature and practice, is smooth enough to skate on at any season of the year—but thin ice, very.

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