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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Estimated population, 1894, 103,000. Registered voters, 35,589. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000.

After today's returns shall have come in, abusing the neighbor who runs for office on another ticket will be less popular in Lackawanna county than ever before, and much less likely to be repeated in order to fit the mental caliber and habitual associations of roving bushwhackers from the big cities. Get out the entire Republican vote.

Look Out for Fraud!

The Democrats have grown desperate. It has been discovered that a plan has been conceived by them to erase the voters' marks from Republican ballots and substitute marks of their own. Overseers and watchers of elections are therefore cautioned to see that this is not attempted or consummated.

There is reason to fear that many such fraudulent devices will be attempted today. In the vocabulary of the men who are directing the Democratic local fight there is no such word as conscience. They have resorted to lies and libels during the forefront of the campaign, and it is no stretching of credulity to suspect that they will, if they see the chance, connive at open fraud at the polls.

But the Republican county committee has not forgotten to take precautions. Every election officer should understand the magnitude of the penalty against ballot frauds. Those who are in complicity need not expect that they can evade the law.

No jugglery with today's ballots. No crookedness in tonight's counts.

A vote for Judge Archbald will be a vote that will help to keep the judiciary of Lackawanna county upright, honorable and learned in the law. A vote for P. P. Smith will be a vote to put one man's uncurbed ambition above every consideration of gratitude for his competitor's faithful service on the bench.

The people are not in a mood to tolerate fraud.

Following the Smutty Path.

We regret that not one of the Democratic local candidates has had the courage or the manliness to repudiate the abusive course of the Scranton Times in its effort to blackguard him into office by circulating wilful and bare-faced lies about his Republican opponents. The failure of these men to disconnect themselves from this vituperative policy is equivalent to its indorsement and to that extent sullies every candidate's fame, from Edward Merrifield down, with something of the smut-mill's own smut.

For, when these candidates subscribed money to circulate the Times, they became directly responsible, not only morally but also legally, for its scurrilous utterances. If, after election, it should be decided that the titular lessees of that unfortunate newspaper were accountable before the law for its erratic conduct, and of enough consequence to be prosecuted, the men who have had complicity in this nasty conspiracy of character defamation would also come within the scope of the statute against libel; and could be mulcted for exemplary as well as compensatory damages.

It is therefore far from creditable to either Edward Merrifield, P. P. Smith, James G. Bailey or Charles Schadt that by their silence they should indicate a willingness to see personal abuse super-seeded, and calumny substituted for courteous discussion. Had the tables been turned; that is to say, had the Republican newspapers chosen to enter into a competition with the Oakland alley sheet's nauseating filth and slime, is there in Lackawanna county one person who believes that Judge Archbald, Frank Clemons and Honest Tom Davies

would not have entered their immediate protest? The evasive explanation that "all is fair in politics" does not excuse downright indecency nor clear the skirts of those who are co-partners in its utterance and dissemination. Of their own free will, the Democratic candidates have chosen the smutty path. Let the voters today manfully refuse to lend to this bad choice the weight of their sovereign condonation.

"Honest Tom" Davies will get such a testimonial in Hyde Park today as will effectually disprove the charge of trading and counter-trading.

William R. Leeds dropped out of politics very suddenly, for a man of his former prominence. Only last spring, at Harrisburg, when General Hastings was nominated, Mr. Leeds had declined in no uncertain manner the alert and much-consulted man that he had been, only four years before, in hotel corridors during convention time. Fashions change, in politics as well as in dress. The forward march of youth or blood seems gradually to have left the "deacon" in the rear; and now death has come and removed him forever. His career supplies much that is suggestive, but the world is probably a good deal too busy to stop long enough to think seriously about it.

Sibley and his Lackawanna money will soon be parted. Get out the entire Republican vote.

The Penitentiary Yawns.

Large sums of Democratic money were taken to Hyde Park last night for use in the attempted corrupting of Republican wards.

The sums, their bearers and their givers are known; and also the candidates in whose interest this money is to be used. Every detail of the project, with authentic names and figures, is in the possession of Republicans who will not hesitate to act promptly at the first indication of an attempt to carry out the deal.

This will not be a healthful day in Lackawanna for the ballot-fixer and the bookie-user. The penitentiary yawns for just such trash.

This is the proper occasion to remember that men die, but principles live forever.

Chairman Stranahan as a prophet is far from being a conspicuous success. He talks of Hines' election in Luzerne today as a sure thing, when every person knows—even Democrats—that Hines hasn't the ghost of a show. There is an equal amount of incandescent moonshine in Brother Stranahan's airy assertion the Merrifield is "quite certain to redeem Lackawanna." If all the Democratic claims in this county are constructed on the Stranahan basis, Wednesday's returns will be too one-sided to be even interesting. Get out the Republican vote.

The next sheriff will be a much-esteemed but honest and deserving young Republican. Get out all the stay-at-home vote.

The Real Issue Defined.

The campaign of character assassination waged by the Democrats of Lackawanna county through the medium of an imported campaign sewer will today come before the voters of this county for approval or censure. The broad principles of the Republican and Democratic parties were clearly defined weeks ago. It is not necessary, at this late time, to repeat the familiar fact that Republicanism stands, in a national sense, for protection and honest government, whereas Democracy stands, in the words of its highest exponent, for "perfidy and dishonor"—for mongrel tariff tinkering which is neither the free trade that the masses of the Democratic party have in national convention declared for, nor the protection which Samuel J. Randall asserted to be inseparable from true Americanism. The last two years have afforded vivid contrasts between Republicanism, as typified in thirty years of unexampled prosperity and Democracy, made costly to every citizen through a blight upon trade and labor unexampled in the history of our country. Upon these points we may fairly assume that every reflecting voter has already arrived at a decision which will be expressed in the ballot that he will cast today for governor and congressman.

The immediate issue which yet calls for a thoughtful decision, an issue less general but not less significant than any other question involved in today's election, is the problem whether a majority of the voters of this county will knowingly give their sanction to the villainous lies and bold, blushing slanders upon which the Democratic county campaign management has based its hopes of party success. It will become the duty of individual voters today to decide whether a reputable and faithful judge, after a decade's brilliant service upon the bench, is to be shoved ignominiously aside in deference to the unrestrained abuse of a lying campaign journal, and in furtherance of the insatiable personal ambition of a once-rejected judicial office seeker. It will become the duty of individual voters also to decide whether a clean and capable young Republican business-man, who has served this city most efficiently in both branches of its municipal legislature, shall be lied out of the sheriff's office through the venomous abuse of unprincipled adventurers who sent in the election of Mr. Clemons' opponent a chance to get their filth-covered fingers upon a new source of pecuniary "spoils."

This, in plain words, is the local issue. It is a battle to decide whether reputable men who become candidates for office are to be lied about, slandered and vilified as if they were pickpockets or criminals in the dock. It is a battle to decide whether politics is any excuse for brazen falsification and the defiant libeling of a man's good name. It is a battle to decide whether the self-respect of the Democratic masses in this county is to be offended with the filth and slime of two roving newspaper bushwhackers from the big cities who have picked out Scranton as a suitable place and the Lackawanna Democracy as a

suitable audience for the spewing forth of partisan foulness and the vomiting up of putrid epithets. The Democratic leaders have indorsed this malodorous method of attack by giving to these libelous charges widespread publicity; but we must mistake the temper of the fair-minded Democratic rank-and-file if they propose today by their votes to ratify any such anarchistic nastiness.

The Republican who shall today vote for a Democrat as a personal compliment will not need to be surprised if that single vote should be the means of defeating his party and putting new weapons into the enemy's hands, for use in 1896.

It is not what today's election means in way of Republican success; it is the moral effect of today's verdict upon the next presidential campaign which voters should heed. Get out all the Republican vote.

Support Republican Congressmen.

"The one thing needful for the restoration of at least a moderate permanent business prosperity," says the Pittsburgh Times, "shall be no further tinkering with the tariff in a direction prejudicial to great American interests. Whatever revival of business there has been during the past two months has been due largely to the belief that, notwithstanding the foolish threats of President Cleveland and Chairman Wilson to the contrary, the end of that sort of tariff tinkering was reached when congress adjourned. Until this belief, however, becomes a certainty, millions of dollars will be withheld from expenditure in all branches of business and industry, and hundreds of thousands of work people will as a consequence remain out of regular employment. There is but one sure and certain way in which to put these millions of money pulsing through all the arteries of business life and to give these multitudes of idle men steady work, and that is to put it beyond the power of the Cleveland, Wilsons and Singierlys to do any further mischief. The only effectual method of achieving this will be to place the control of the next house of representatives safely in the hands of the Republicans. If this is done by the voters of the nation next Tuesday, foolish and damaging tariff tinkering will be ended, for, backed by the unmistakable sentiment of the people of the country, the Republicans and conservative Democrats in the present congress will be able to prevent the passage of any legislation inimical to American industry during the coming short session.

"For these reasons it is most highly important that the Republican candidates for congress, both at large and in the respective districts, shall receive the active support of every citizen who desires to see a return of better times as speedily as possible. There is not the slightest excuse for any Republican refusing to cast his vote for any congressional candidate of the party at this grave crisis. The best interests, not of the party alone, but also of the whole nation, demand a Republican house of representatives in the next congress. It is possible for the control of that body to depend upon the vote of a single member and for that member to be chosen by a majority of but one vote at the polls. The whole question of whether the industries of this country shall be allowed peace and a chance to recover some measure of permanent prosperity, or be doomed to months and years of further turmoil and uncertainty, may be decided by the action or indifference of some individual Republican voter. In districts where a large Republican majority is assured the obligation of every advocate of a change for the better to support the Republican congressional candidate is equally strong, so that they can help to swell the grand total of the protection vote of the country and thereby increase the moral force of the verdict to be registered next Tuesday." This means you.

THE ISSUE OF TODAY.

From the Philadelphia Press. "The question at stake is as simple and direct as was ever presented to intelligent men. They were well; they imagined they could be better; they took physics, and here they lie. They know that the unsetting and uncertainty which followed Democratic success with the threat of tariff revolution brought general paralysis and prostration. They know that the threat has been realized in the enactment of the destructive Wilson-Gorman law. They know that the only hope of recovery is a return to the protective system which has been partially overturned, or at least peace from further agitation and security against further assaults. And they know that the Wilson-Gorman law was only a vantage ground for further attack on protection. Mr. Wilson proclaimed that his bill was only the beginning of the revolution. No Democrat of authority pretends to dispute that. In the event of Democratic success, the crusade will go on. If the American people by their votes approve and sustain Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Wilson, these enemies of protection will claim, and will be justified in claiming, that it is a popular mandate to reopen their warfare with fresh vigor. The issue then is no plain that no rational man can misunderstand it. Every Democratic vote is a vote to raise the black flag and renew the assault upon American industries. It is a vote to continue the agitation to strike fresh blows at the economic system which has built up our prosperity, and to give the business of the country no peace and no revival. Do business men want rest from destructive agitation? Do manufacturers want stability and security? Do workmen want the wheels to start and the fires to be kindled which will give them employment and save them from further reduction of wages? Then elect a Republican house of representatives.

DECENCY ALWAYS PAYS.

From the Carbonade Herald. "There is a noticeable improvement of late in the manner of conducting political campaigns. Partisan newspapers and partisan orators no longer indulge in throwing mud at the personnel of the opposing ticket. Our campaigns are more and more becoming ones of education and less of ribald abuse. An illustration of this was given in Thursday's Scranton Tribune which, although an able and earnest protectionist paper pays the following compliment to Candidate Singierly: 'There is one thing to be said for William M. Singierly, politics or no politics, and it is a considerable tribute to a man with his partisan affiliations. He is sincere in his beliefs and is frank in their expression. Should he, by any chance, be elected governor, this commonwealth would have nothing to apologize for in his personal characteristics. His election, in a political sense, would be a great misfortune; in an economic sense it would be a signal to the tariff wreckers at Washington to proceed with the ruinous agitation and panic-breeding demolition of American industries; but in a personal sense it would escape even the most virulent criticism of opposing partisan extremists.' This is the proper spirit and the more of it that is shown the less will our politics be open to the charges that have had such a tendency to deter able men from mingling in the affairs of government. Like many other things to be seen at the present day, it is a hopeful sign and augurs well for the future of the country.

Correcting a Mistake. From the Philadelphia Press. The expression of 1890 was a fitful and unreflecting outburst of passion; that of 1892 a wayward and incoherent freak of passion; that of 1894 will be the deliberate and conclusive dictate of illuminating experience and irresistible reason. With the vivid object lessons of the past months blighting their homes and opening their eyes, the American people will do all in their power to check the flood of disaster which they blindly and madly let loose two years ago. Then they took a wild leap in the dark. They rashly and impulsively plunged upon an untried and unknown experiment. Now they know the direful consequences they called down upon themselves by their colossal folly, and their overmastering purpose will be to do what they can to rectify the awful mistake.

THE SONG I NEVER SING.

As when in dreams we sometimes hear A melody so faint and fine And musically sweet and clear, It favors all the atmosphere With harmony divine— So, often in my waking dreams, Like fairy voices whispering, I hear the song I never sing. Sometimes when brooding o'er the years My lavish youth has thrown away— When all the glowing past appears But as a mirage that tears Have crumbled to decay— I thrill to find the ache and pain Of my remorse is stilled again, As, forward bent and listening, I hear the song I never sing. A murmuring of rhythmic words, Adrift on tunes whose currents flow Melodiously with the trill of birds, And far-off lowing of the herds In lands of long-ago; And every sound the truant loaves Comes to me like the coo of doves When first in blooming fields of Spring I heard the song I never sing. The echoes of old voices, wound In limpid streams of laughter where The river-time runs bubble-crowned, And giddy eddies ripple round The lilies growing there; When roses, bending o'er the brink, Drain their own kisses as they drink, And ivies climb and twine and cling About the song I never sing. An ocean surge of sound that falls As though a tide of heavenly art Had tempered the gleaming halls And created o'er the golden walls In showers of his heart, This—this, with open arms and eyes Uplifted toward the alien skies, Forgetting every earthly thing, I hear the song I never sing. —James Whitcomb Riley.

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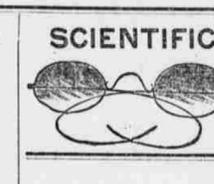
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