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CITY NOTES.

Gentlemen's Driving Club races Saturday, 2 p. m.
The iron frame work of the second story of the Hotel Jermyn is being raised.
Rescue mission song service Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hand will sing. All welcome.

St. Albert's Polish society, of Old Forge, applied to the court for a writ yesterday. It is a beneficial organization.

A petition asking for a bridge over the creek in Glenburn borough near the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western station was presented to the court yesterday. It will be brought to the attention of the grand jury today.

T. J. Duffy has an interesting article in the current number of the Georgetown College Journal, in which he speaks of the students of that institution. Mr. Duffy's home is in this city and he was formerly a valued member of The Tribune staff.

Edmund L. Starr, who is to speak on Friday afternoon by request of the Associated Charities, at the Albright Library building, on "Child Saving," has made a noble record in that line, and will give accounts of the most successful methods of Children's Aid societies. Lackawanna county has a branch of the Pennsylvania one, at Carbondale.

Scranton would make a more effective center, and the work has already gone beyond the power of Associated Charities to do as it needs to be done. Mr. Starr should find a crowded hall of thoughtful people awaiting him. No admission is charged.

An action has for some time been before the court of Alderman Fuller as to the question of regalia supplied to a division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Carbondale, the result of which will be announced by the alderman on Monday. Fuhrman & Bro., of Lackawanna avenue, received an order from Thomas P. McAnulty to supply the division in question with a set of regalia, valued at \$80. The order was completed, but the money was not paid and a question is involved as to the liability of Mr. McAnulty to pay the amount sued for. The case has been before the alderman upon several occasions and continuances have been granted from time to time, but the case was finally heard yesterday and judgment reserved until Monday.

Gentlemen's Driving club races Saturday, 2 p. m.

Pabst's Milwaukee Beer, cool and sparkling, at Lohman's, Spruce street.

A MYSTERIOUS FIRE.

Originated in a Bundle of Free Lances in the Office of Walter, Thompson and Company.

At 1.20 this morning smoke was seen issuing from the second story windows of the brick building at 305 Center street. Patrolman Meiner turned in an alarm to which the central city fire companies responded.

The fire was in the apartments on the second floor occupied by Walter, Thompson & Co., printers, and was burning fiercely when the firemen arrived. By means of the chemical engine the fire was extinguished with but trifling loss to the building and the stock of the firm.

The first floor is used by Louis Conrad, the hatter, and his stock was slightly damaged. The rooms in which the fire originated were used by the late lamented Free Lance, and copies of that paper were the first material the flames fed upon. When Chief Ferber was asked for his opinion of the origin of the fire he kicked over a bundle of partly burned Free Lances and glancing at the scare headlines of a lurid article asking that the light be turned on in the court house, said:

"It may be that these are responsible. If not, I guess an incendiary must have been at work. I see nothing here that could reasonably be expected to do mischief except—and here he glanced at the Free Lances—"that gas jet on the wall."

The damage is covered by insurance.

DAY AFTER BATTLE

Completed Returns Show That First Estimates of Pluralities Were Too Small.

OVER HIGH WATER MARK

Hastings' Plurality Is More Than Four Thousand and Pryor Did Five Hundred Better—Democrats Still Hopeful of Bailey and Schadt.

The greatest political battle in the somewhat eventful history of Lackawanna county is over, but it will be a long time before it is forgotten.

Never before were candidates given such immense majorities as those received by Republican candidates Tuesday.

That's why there was so much rejoicing yesterday.

The complete table printed in the edition of The Tribune put on the streets at 10 o'clock yesterday showed that great gains had been made by the Republican ticket everywhere and effectually answered the claims of a few reckless Democrats who still clung to the hope that the greater part of the Democratic ticket had been elected.

Now that it is all over and the smoke of the battle has lifted sufficiently to see the returns impartially the Republicans of Scranton and Lackawanna county take a pardonable pride in their decisive victory.

Estimates based on available returns at 5 o'clock yesterday morning indicated beyond peradventure that the entire Republican county ticket was secure and had emerged with a safe majority from one of the fiercest and most hotly fought political contests in the history of the county. The victory was complete and overwhelming, but when it was found during yesterday that the estimated majorities were far below the real figures, additional cause was given for satisfaction.

There was much cutting. The unusual tardiness of the returns was considered by political students as an indication that the entire vote of the county had changed either toward Democracy or Republicanism. The delay also indicated split tickets and an evidence that the rank and file of the two great parties had been voting according to the dictation of conscience and independent of the influences of party affiliations.

When, however, the reports began arriving from the various sections of the county and showed Republican gains with but few exceptions, it became apparent that an installment testimonial was being given for protection in the national sense and for the Republican candidates locally. The Tribune's report of the estimated majorities was merely a photograph of the opinions of the most sanguine Republicans, but the increased majorities now presented only goes to show the underestimate of the strength of the party in this county. Its unity and the repudiation by the people of Democracy and its methods.

Based upon the vote for jury commissioner, which represents a comparative illustration of the vote of the two great parties, a gain is shown for all the state and county Republican candidates with but four exceptions. Mr. Matthews' (Rep.) plurality over the Democratic jury commissioner candidate, Mr. Mannion, is 1,113. The head of the Republican ticket very properly shows the outpouring of other faiths into the Republican fold, so General Hastings plurality of 4,097 over Mr. Slinger's vote indicates that nearly 3,000 former Democrats repudiated the principles of their party and expressed their confidence in the Republican candidates.

Grow Led Hastings.

Mr. Grow, for congressman at large, polled nearly 600 more votes than the other Republican candidate, Mr. Huff, and has a plurality of 3,394 over Mr. Meyer, who polled the larger Democratic vote. Mr. Lyon for lieutenant governor, has a plurality of 3,694; Mr. Mylin, for auditor general, 2,882; and General Latta, for secretary of internal affairs, 2,614. Mr. Scranton, for congress, has a plurality of 2,548.

Clarence E. Pryor, who was re-elected jury commissioner, has the largest plurality of any of the local or even state candidates. His preference over Mr. Fahey is indicated by 4,599 surplus ballots. Notwithstanding Mr. Pryor's large plurality it is not more flattering than the 3,528 majority for Mr. Vaughan for state senator over Mr. McDonald, the present incumbent, from the Democratic district. This overwhelming result means an undeniable and firm dissatisfaction toward Democratic mis-legislation rather than any reflection on Mr. McDonald's popularity, but it is quite generally considered that Mr. Vaughan's personality contributed largely toward such an unprecedented victory in this district. Mr. McDonald's plurality in the Luzerne district of 153 reduces Mr. Vaughan's total plurality to 3,375.

Judge Archibald will succeed himself as president judge with a plurality of 1,758, while Mr. Heuster is elected recorder by 1,390 majority; Mr. Thomas, clerk of the courts, by 763; Mr. Jones, district attorney, by 1,809, and Mr. Hopkins, register, by 676.

Sheriff and Treasurer. The election of sheriff and treasurer is claimed by both Democratic and Republican candidates. Until a late hour yesterday the friends of the opposing candidates were engaged in compiling and adding the returns for the two offices. In the interval several counts were made with various results. Mr. Clemons claims his election over Mr. Bailey, and calculations made yesterday by several persons from the unsealed returns in the prothonotary's office give him pluralities ranging from 100 to 700. Mr. Davies also claims his election over Mr. Schadt for treasurer by a small plurality.

Talks with the Republican candidates yesterday revealed the general opinion that only two disappointments attended from the campaign and the victory. They regretted that the campaign had been attended by disagreeable methods which cast no reflection upon their own candidates, and were agreeably disappointed in the unexpected and large majorities. From all quarters has come an expression of ap-

probation and compliment to Colonel E. H. Rippe, chairman, W. S. Miller, secretary, and the other members of the county executive committee. The result of the election was the one topic of conversation everywhere yesterday. On the streets, in the trolley car, in business places the Republican sweep was the favorite subject of discussion. Of course Republicans were enthusiastic; that goes without saying.

They had reason to feel proud of the grand endorsement given to the principles for which the Republican party has always stood; and they were proud.

Democrats were correspondingly depressed, and few of the leaders were visible about the city. The only candidate who put in an appearance about the court house was Charles Schadt. He completed returns with the assistance of his brother and T. P. Duffy, and last evening gave out the results of his figuring that he was elected and had ninety-seven votes to spare. It remains to be seen whether or not Mr. Schadt is a success as a calculator. The official count which begins today will determine the fact.

The gloomy Democratic candidates and leaders is not affected. This time it is genuine. They had confidently hoped for a victory and were grievously disappointed. It will take them some time to recover from this defeat. A well known Democrat gave it as his opinion yesterday that the party ought to take a respite for at least five years, and he voiced the sentiment of many other Democrats.

FOUR FROM THE COUNTY.

The Entire Legislative Delegation Is Republican.

Nowhere is the wave of popular enthusiasm for the Republican ticket that has swept over the county more noticeable than in the vote polled in the legislative districts. Of the four districts of the county are usually Democratic and the others Republican, but this year all four are found strongly entrenched in the Republican column.

Alexander T. Connell has defeated John P. Quinnan in the Second district, which was for years conceded to be an unchangeably Democratic, but more remarkable still, Michael Thomas defeated Charles P. O'Malley, who has a plurality of over 1,000. The district is usually looked upon as good for a Democratic majority of 600.

Mr. Burke's double dealing and method of manipulating the vote are defeat certain, but the great superiority of Mr. O'Malley as legislative timber added to the enthusiasm all along the line are responsible for the big vote rolled up against him.

The opposition to the re-election of John R. Farr in the First district by a few disgruntled Republicans did not injure the plucky father of the compulsory education bill to any extent, and he goes back to Harrisburg to renew the work for his constituents that he is by nature so admirably fitted to perform. In the Third district Frank Grover, a young man of fine attainments, walked away from his Democratic opponent, George Nelson Van Fleet.

Below will be found complete and accurately tabulated returns of the vote in the four districts compiled from the official returns. They will be found to differ but little from the vote as recorded in the last edition of yesterday's Tribune.

First Legislative District.

DISTRICTS.	Farr, R.	Davis, D.	Huff, R.	Evans, P.
Scranton—				
1st ward, 1st dis.	207	81	11	15
2nd ward, 1st dis.	282	11	15	1
3rd ward, 1st dis.	140	33	34	1
2nd ward, 2nd dis.	223	62	34	1
3rd ward, 2nd dis.	123	62	34	1
2nd ward, 3rd dis.	73	109	1	1
3rd ward, 3rd dis.	24	155		
2nd ward, 4th dis.	140	41		
3rd ward, 4th dis.	254	151	10	1
4th ward, 1st dis.	170	110		
5th ward, 1st dis.	200	86		
6th ward, 1st dis.	199	111		
7th ward, 1st dis.	188	111		
8th ward, 1st dis.	38	130		
14th ward, 1st dis.	162	111		
15th ward, 1st dis.	250	162		
16th ward, 1st dis.	157	115		
17th ward, 1st dis.	101	62		
21st ward, 1st dis.	108	114		
Total	3,870	2,051	182	62
Farr's plurality	1,819			

Second Legislative District.

DISTRICTS.	Connell, R.	Quinnan, D.	Hunt, P.	Gooble, P.
Scranton—				
7th ward, 1st dis.	182	115		
8th ward, 1st dis.	150	115		
9th ward, 1st dis.	125	127		
10th ward, 1st dis.	162	115		
11th ward, 1st dis.	162	115		
12th ward, 1st dis.	170	34		
13th ward, 1st dis.	152	127		
14th ward, 1st dis.	120	123		
15th ward, 1st dis.	121	46		
16th ward, 1st dis.	131	46		
17th ward, 1st dis.	143	61		
18th ward, 1st dis.	181	129		
19th ward, 1st dis.	204	74		
20th ward, 1st dis.	130	175		
21st ward, 1st dis.	81	174		
22nd ward, 1st dis.	62	88		
23rd ward, 1st dis.	100	132		
24th ward, 1st dis.	152	111		
25th ward, 1st dis.	78	75		
Total	2,617	2,349	235	136
Connell's plurality	368			

Third Legislative District.

DISTRICTS.	Grover, R.	Van Fleet, D.	Hurley, P.	Clements, P.
Benton township	108	29		14
Covington township	92	41		16
Clifton township	15	2		2
Gouldsboro borough	11	1		1
Glenburn borough	58	18		2
Lackawanna township	18	1		1
Northwest dis.	77	67		1
East dis.	171	110		26
South dis.	123	156		1
LaPlume borough	31	6		1
Lehigh township	16	8		1
Madison township	10	1		1
North Abington twp.	201	69		11
Newtown township	95	35		1
Old Forge, 1st dis.	152	82		1
Old Forge, 2nd dis.	21	10		1
Old Forge, 3rd dis.	103	40		1
Ransom township	204	21		1
South Abington twp.	192	67		28
Scott township	102	65		12
Scranton, 8th ward	108	206		1
Spring Brook twp.	69	12		4
Taylor, 1st ward	112	53		1
Taylor, 2nd ward	108	21		1
Taylor, 3rd ward	134	47		1
Taylor, 4th ward	84	7		1
Taylor, 5th ward	72	42		20
Waverly	72	42		20
Total	2,907	1,533	29	198
Grover's plurality	1,374			

Fourth Legislative District.

DISTRICTS.	O'Malley, R.	Burke, D.	Frank, P.	Shepherd, P.
Archibald—				
1st ward, 1st dis.	121	61	2	
2nd ward, 1st dis.	56	15		
3rd ward, 1st dis.	75	102		
Blakely, 1st ward	163	8		
Blakely, 2nd ward	186	29		
Blakely, 3rd ward	129	10		
Carbondale township	14	41		
Northwest dis.	37	97		1
Carbondale City				
1st ward, 1st dis.	237	28	2	27
2nd ward, 1st dis.	63	148		
3rd ward, 1st dis.	66	24		
2nd ward, 2nd dis.	75	96		
3rd ward, 2nd dis.	14	56		
3rd ward, 3rd dis.	107	6		
3rd ward, 4th dis.	107	6		
4th ward, 1st dis.	109	86		
4th ward, 2nd dis.	139	117	1	14
4th ward, 3rd dis.	139	117	1	14
4th ward, 4th dis.	139	117	1	14
5th ward, 1st dis.	196	44		
5th ward, 2nd dis.	196	44		
5th ward, 3rd dis.	196	44		
5th ward, 4th dis.	196	44		
Dickson City borough, 1st ward	170	78	67	1
Dunmore Borough				
1st ward, 1st dis.	114	73	8	8
2nd ward, 1st dis.	49	42		
3rd ward, 1st dis.	73	105		
3rd ward, 2nd dis.	66	82		
3rd ward, 3rd dis.	81	48	35	
4th ward, 1st dis.	24	40		
4th ward, 2nd dis.	132	37	1	11
4th ward, 3rd dis.	132	37	1	11
4th ward, 4th dis.	132	37	1	11
Elmhurst				
Pell twp, 1st dis.	79	100		
Pell twp, 2nd dis.	79	100		
Jefferson twp.	64	47		
Jermyn borough, 1st ward	130	35		
Jermyn borough, 2nd ward	130	35		
Jermyn borough, 3rd ward	105	11		
Mayfield borough	165	11		
Olyphant, 1st ward	171	55	4	3
Olyphant, 2nd ward	72	74		
Thompson twp.	102	71		
Winton, 1st dis.	41	10		
Winton, 2nd dis.	7	187		1
Total	4,699	3,621	154	279
O'Malley's plurality	1,148			

MRS. LANGTRY.

"A Wife's Peril," by B. C. Stevenson and Clement Scott, was presented for the first time in America by Mrs. Langtry at the Frothingham last night, before a large and distinguished audience. Barring the crudities of a first night, the performance was highly successful, and the reception accorded to its central personage cordial and even generous. Mrs. Langtry did not wholly fulfill the expectations of those who had counted on viewing a most beautiful woman who was simultaneously a great actress; but it remains to be said that she proved an intelligent and at times distinguished player, surrounded by capable assistants.

"A Wife's Peril" introduces a condition of society which has fortunately not yet become general in new America, although, perchance, more common abroad—a condition where plaything wives lead butterfly lives, read French or French novels, as the case may be, and long for appreciative companion spirits, in the guise usually of handsome young men, who are the trusted friends of their prospective but perfunctory affectionate husbands. In this atmosphere, it may be natural enough for so-called friends to play alternately the parasite, the cad and the boor, as Sir George Ormand's friends do in this play; and for Parisian maids to be enthusiastically caressed upon six hours' notice by precocious youths in knickerbockers, as Sophie is fondled by Percy Grafton. Assuming this much, "A Wife's Peril" may safely be said to be true to life. But very happily it is a kind of life that few of us have much to do with, outside the library or the theater; a kind that even in its mimicry, admirable though the representation may be, does not appeal strongly to one's sympathies nor often invite one's spontaneous applause.

If one could have analyzed the real feelings of each auditor last night, he would probably have discovered that curiosity quite as much as anything else led to the large attendance; and that this curiosity, after its quick feasting upon the personality of Mrs. Langtry herself, lapsed quite speedily into a mood of approaching indifference—in difference not due to her lack of the artistic skill, but inevitably resultant from the play's intrinsic vagidity. The enterprise which brought this opportunity to us deserves grateful notice; but, after all, are we really happier, wiser or better since having seen either actress or play?

AT THE HILLSIDE HOME.

Poor Directors Paid a Visit Yesterday and Inspected the Home.

Poor Directors William S. Langstaff, Daniel Williams, Charles Tropp, Mrs. Frances B. Swan, John Gibbons, P. J. Murphy, with Secretary E. J. Lynett, paid a visit to the Hillside Home yesterday and made a thorough inspection of the buildings and the general arrangements, and were satisfied that the best attention was being given to the inmates and that the various departments were under thorough supervision and kept in a cleanly state.

There are over 300 inmates in the home, and no complaints were made to the directors.

Expert Pool Playing. There will be an exhibition of pool playing and fancy shots at Keogh's billiard parlors tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock, between Grant H. Eby, champion of Ohio, and Jerome Keogh. Admission free.

You Have Heard of the Heath paper dolls. See them at Price & Rock's new exhibit all next week at 207 Washington avenue.

DEADLOCK IN COUNCILS

Conference Committee Fails to Even Smooth the Difficulty.

PAVING ORDINANCE TROUBLE

Meanwhile West Lackawanna Avenue Is a Terror to Humane Truckmen and Property Owners—Nichols & Fahey and Dunn Bros. Want Contract.

It is mere chance whether West Lackawanna avenue will be paved this winter or next spring. Select and common council have differed in awarding the contract and the special conference committee which met last night could not adjust the matter. The selectmen last evening were firm in their argument that the contract should be awarded to Nichols & Fahey, while the commoners contended that Dunn Bros. should do the work. Following the disagreement it is not improbable that there will be a deadlock in the councils and the important business thoroughfare will remain for another period in an almost impassable condition, particularly in wet weather.

The specifications advertised invited bids on the paving and grading and curbing separately. Following are the two lowest bids to perform the work: Nichols & Fahey, \$1.95 per square yard for paving and grading, 49 cents per foot for straight curbing, 80 cents per foot for circular curbing, 20 cents per foot for headers; Dunn Bros., \$1.87 per square yard for paving and grading, 79 cents per foot for new curbing, 17 cents per foot for re-laying present curbing.

Beginning of the Deadlock.

When the paving committee of select council considered the bids it decided that the whole of the Nichols & Fahey bid would be cheaper than that of Dunn Bros., although the latter offered to do the paving and grading 2 cents per foot cheaper. Select council adopted its committee's recommendation, but when the measure went into the common body for concurrence it disagreed with the selectmen and amended the award by giving to Dunn Bros. the paving portion of the contract. Select council then refused to concur in the