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Once upon a time the late Reese T. Evans was a candidate for city treasurer. About two weeks before the election he received an exceedingly polite letter from the Ingrate, asking him for the loan of \$300. The money was duly forwarded. Years afterward the Ingrate was called upon to settle up. What was his reply? "The goods were delivered and that bill is paid!"

Don't Get Alarmed.

The fact that the congressman from this district, although elected as a Republican by Republicans, has seen fit to copy the Mugwump custom of espousing a certain municipal ticket other fellows were not content to abide through his newspaper in advance of in peace the result of Judge Smith's the convention, thus opening the way to election, why did they permit him to be a bolt in case the convention does not nominated? Having admitted him, at accept his dictation, seems to give some of our esteemed state contemporaries undue concern. They are naturally surprised at it, because they don't know the Ingrate as he is known here at home; and they fear that it may result in the loss of next spring's municipal election to the Republican party.

For their benefit we would therefore say that this appearance of danger is only an appearance. There is nothing substantial behind it. The recent election returns in this county have conclusively proved that the Republican party is never in quite so good a shape for victory as when Ingrate Joe and his staff of assistant kickers are secretly busy trying to cut the party's throat. This was shown, for one time, on Nov. 5. and it was shown with even greater force, in the recent election of state delegates from Lackawanna, when the verdict rendered was not so much an anti-Quay one as it was one adverse to Joe Scrantonism and the treacherous and reptilian tactics which that term

It is possible, of course-indeed, it is probable—that the Ingrate and his retinue will bolt the next municipal they are figuring on. But in that case the Republican party will simply need to be congratulated upon its good riddance. It will be all the better for it.

The Democratic Philadelphia Record is sad because of its discovery that the "quarrels" of the "Republican factions in Lackawanna county do not appear to affect the party strength." . The Record might experience a different mood if Ingrate Joe had any further power for mischief.

The Growth of the Wagner Cult. In the domain of music no fact is more evident to those who care to see it than that Wagner, despite the oldtime opposition, is fast carrying the day. The giant sums spent annually in our great cities upon productions of his operas; the growing frequency of his name on concert programmes and the multiplication of the literature devoted to exploiting his personality and his artistic aims are circumstances betokening the rapid growth of the ferment. Where once there was only a microscople minority of Wagnerites in this country there are to-day tens and hundreds of thousands; indeed, it would ten years ago have been impossible for an organization like that of Walter Damrosch to make a tour of fifteen or twenty cities with one of the most e xpensive salary lists of any operatic troupe ever collected together in the United States and pay expenses, which Mr. Damrosch is more than doing at this time.

In Mr. Damrosch's own opinion, "Wagnerian music is no longer the music of the future; the years and the culture have finally reached the heights of the master genius of Bayreuth, and the historians who write the art of the end of the century will designate the period by his name. There is everywhere over the land a wise, scholarly appreciation of the great composer Critics will disagree with me and call it a fad. They will argue that the love for the best that men ever put into scores is merely a fad, some sixty-day wonder, which is a fashion. This position I dispute, and to put the question to a test I have determined to sing the masterpieces in all the cities of the continent. This has never previously been undertaken, but I have confidence in the opinion that the people are becoming more thoughtful and are thinking deeper, and are now ready for the opera which carries history, tragedy and all the elements of the drama in the lines above its notes."

Continuing upon this theme the young manager adds: "It is eminently reasonable that the best years of the century should honor Wagner. He appeals to the best characteristics of the time. His operas possess more than that which pleases during their recital. The scenes are crowded with history, the settings bring down to modern times the romance and beauty of medieval years, the stories are consistent, and the lines bear plots as complicated and interesting as the production of the master dramatists. One sings the myth-ology of the northland; another records as does no other work the customs of the glorious times of ancient Nurem-

berg, and each has an intellectual mission, and none depends upon the mere pleasing of a fancy for a whistling jingle for its life." No doubt it is true that the majority is yet partial to the 'whistling jingle;" but thanks to such agencies as the instructive chamber concerts which Professor Hemberger has organized in Scranton, and which to-day find their counterpart in nearly every large city in the country, the whistling jingoists of music are decreasing and the lovers of real music are increasing. This unquestionably means much for the next genration.

The penny journalism fever has now reached St. Louis, where, on the same day the Republic and the Globe-Democrat, both hitherto five-cent papers, dropped to a cent. The Globe-Democrat is one of the largest and ablest newspapers in the country. It prints nearly twice as much news as is printed in the largest eastern dailies, and its editorial standards rank among the best. At a penny a copy it will lose money, but otherwise it will make things hum.

An Unseemly Wrangle.

The Philadelphia Press is undoubtedly correct when it attributes the increasing Democratic hullabaloo over Judge Smith's election to the primary folly of the Democratic party in nominating six candidates for an office which in the very nature of things only one of them could get. The fact that Judge Smith was the one preferred by the voters of his party ought on its face to end the discussion, and it probracy were not aching for a chance to say mean things about itself.

While it is, of course, exclusively a Democratic wrangle, in which Republicans as Republicans have no call to interfere, it is nevertheless a neighborly duty for The Tribune to deprecate the efforts of its friends, the enemy, to abuse their most popular candidate, as they are by implication abusing him in their unseemly hair-pulling match over the recent election returns. If the Williamsport, to a place on their ticket, with equal privileges and equal rights, why should they now fling gravel at his window?

The fact is that the whole affair is a miserable travesty, reflecting no credit on any of the active manipulators. Judge Smith, as a self-respecting and decent man, ought to be heartily glad, for reasons other than personal, that his elevation to the bench will soon remove him from such company.

It is as good as settled, apparently, that Pennsylvania will get the clerkship of the next house. Now let Pennsylvania do the proper thing and secure also the next president.

Reassuring a Contemporary.

For the reason that we believe the Wilkes-Barre Record to be sincere in what follows, we take the trouble to reply to a remark in its issue of yesterday:

day:

If the Hon, Joseph A. Scranton and that sterling Republican and all-round man, William Connell, would only get together for Republicanism, the Democrats of Lackawanna 'county would find themselves outside the breastworks for all time to come. Aside from the merits of the case, with which we have nothing to do, the success of the party in that county would be permanently assured if these gentlemen buried the hatchet and united their forces. As it is, the contest now in progress is very welcome to the Democrats, for they see in it a probable hope that if it continues they may possibly regain some of the ground they lost in the last campaign.

the party's history than he started forth, under the cover of darkness, to gather around him the standing maicontents of the city and to put things in shape to try to defeat the next Republican city ticket. "Getting together" where he is concerned would simply mean new encouragement for the deviltry which has already made his leadership obnoxious to four-fifths of the selfrespecting Republicans of the county. The game isn't worth the candle.

The Republican city ticket, as the February returns will show, will be all the stronger for Scranton's opposition.

Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster, is the latest jurist to complain of the petty cases and exorbitant fee bills which reach the court from the lower tribunals. He charges the constables of that county with going to the almshouse and taking "bums" from there before magistrates and having them committed twice a week for short terms for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, in order to multiply their fees. The judge does not point out any remedy; but a few summary arrests for contempt of court would probably serve a good pur-

To accident rather than to any precautionary measures taken in anticipation of such mishaps is due the escape of the lady and her two daughters from serious injury near the Mears building yesterday afternoon, when part of a scaffolding fell within an arm's length of them, from the eighth story. The obvious lesson of this warning should not pass unheeded.

Local admirers of the national game will be glad to learn that the legal complications which have arisen in nnection with the recent sale of the old Eastern league franchise will not deprive Scranton of representation in next year's Eastern league circuit. This city will have a ball club which will play the game.

Let us hope that one of these fine days Scranton will learn that it, too, has a local Carnegie ready to endow it

velopment of a taste for good musiin this city is to all appearances rapid enough to justify such a prediction; for with the opportunity we may-in Scranton-except the man.

That the city of Scranton should have a first-class central public market is as certain as that it has nothing of the kind at present. The board of trade ought to have enterprise enough within its own membership to take hold of this question and settle it in the right man-

The Scranton Republican having flopped to Mugwumpery and holsted an "Independent" label at its masthead, The Tribune takes pleasure in calling attention to the fact that it is now the only Republican dally in Lackawanna county.

Our Washington correspondent is probably misinformed when he intimates that Speaker Reed has decided to appoint the congressman from this district chairman of the house committee on seltzer and lemon.

Pennsylvania carried off the honor at Atlanta as a matter of habit; and the same habit probably could, if it would, produce a similar effect at the next Republican national convention.

Senator Vest's substitute designation for the Cleveland "cuckoos" is "the incense-burners." They're evidently the ones who are trying to smoke the third term out.

A paid regular fire department in this city would prove, in all respects, ably would if the Pennsylvania Democ- a profitable investment. Fire insurance policy-holders will one day find this out.

> grate should not overlook his own vulnerable record at Washington. Mr. Cleveland, in writing his mes-

While "lifting the curtain," the In-

sage, is hereby courteously implored to cut it short. The "some good Southern man" issue belongs now on the Republican side of

THE TRIP TO ATLANTA.

It is natural for every one who visits the Atlanta exposition to compare it with the World's fair. This is scarcely just to the South, as it has by no means been expected, or even attempted, to compete with that stupendous event. The cotton states, with the assistance they have received from a few northern states, are naturally unable to make such a colossal showing as was seen at Chicago, and it is most unreasonable to anticipate a competition.

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The fact is that the Atlanta exposition is unique, but if comparisons must be made, it may be stated that the grounds at Piedmont park have superior advantages in that they are diversified with natural features of hill and vale, rolling gently as far as the eye can reach, against the blue mountains. Standing on a terraced eminence fronting the Pennsylvania building can be seen every structure on the grounds, and the spectacle at night is especially brilliant. The architecture is varied and therefore utterly unlike the stately glory & the white city. The woman's building is exquisitely beautiful with its five lovely statues surrounding and surmounting the noble dome. It is more symmetrical and charming than any building at the World's fair, and does great credit to the young Pennsylvania girl who was its designer. The forestry and mining building is very handsome indeed, in an airy, graceful style of architecture, while the art gallery is rarely classic and lovely.

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As to the exhibits, those of the woman's building are remarkably fine. Every room is a gem of beauty. The assembly apartment is marvelous in decoration and design. The walls are covered with rare old portraits of Southern women, some of whom have long slept beneath the Southern grasses. Every portrait is by some great master, and the collection is most valuable. the case, with which we have nothing to do, the success of the party in that county would be permanently assured if these gentlemen buried the hatchet and united their forces. As it is, the context now in progress is very welcome to the Democrats, for they see in it a probable hope that if it continues they may possibly regain some of the ground they lost in the last campaign.

The gentlemen named "got together" one year ago, with the result that Mr. Scranton, after begging and borrowing, as is his custom, took the first chance to spend the usufruct in abusing his helper, and in seeking to do injury to Mr. Connell's life-long friends. Thus far, what he did was of a personal nature perhaps not concerning the party at large. But in the last election he not only gave the party ticket lukewarm and grudging support through the columns of his newspaper, but he secretly sought, by the artifices which a lifetime's use had made familiar to him, to cut and stab that ticket in spots, thinking thus to do Mr. Connell further harm. No sooner had it been elected, however, despite his treachery, by the largest average plurality in the party's history than he started

so delighted with everything.

Then his staff—I wish you could see that staff in all its glory of the gorgeous new dress uniforms. I can just tell you it struck Atianta. There was General Wiley, who is said to be the handsomest military representative in the United States. He is over six feet tall. General Gobin is also very distinguished in appearance, as are also Generals Schall and Reeder. Colonels Ripple, Eshleman. Logan, Potter. Reed. Miner, Hudson, Elverson, Howell, Reid and others made up a truly notable staff, and the Southerners were not slow in expressing their admiration. The members of the staff had not taken their wives along, and at the reception they received much attention. Nearly every one of themore frivolous had at least two pretty women who were devoting their entire energies to giving him a good time.

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But I started in to tell about the exposition. The fact is that we were "received and feted to such an extent that we did not see as much of the fair as might be supposed after spending three days at the grounds. Scranton exhibits are pretty generally to be seen. Our lace curtains beautify the lovely Pennsylvania room. J. L. Crawford's big petrified tree attracts more attention than any other exhibit in the forestry and mining building. Scranton's decorated china and needlework are well placed, and our relics find good locations in the colonial room.

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The first thing one sees in entering the art gallery is Hovenden's "Breaking Home Ties." It occupies a large open place in the west wing, and is surrounded by a stout iron railing and a throng of visitors. Great care is taken of this precious picture. A number of the World's fair paintings are hung and among those never before exhibited are works of the greatest artists of modern times. The negro building is full of interest. Visitors are particularly struck with the evidences of progress in the great industrial schools. There is a future for the race in these noble institutions.

There is a future for the face in these noble institutions.

The Pennsylvania building is the handsomest state structure on the grounds. The sunny open court with Liberty Bell at one side is a great resort. It was on this fine marbie floored plasa that the Pennsylvania Day exercises were held, and it was from a platform at the front, around which we all sat grouped, that our governor made one of the happlest addresses of his life.

Harriet Clay Penman.

PLATT'S KEEN TONGUE.

From a New York Dispatch.

Ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt decided two things today. One concerned Senator John Sherman's book, and the other had to do with "reminiscences." Since Mr. Sherman's book was given to the press, on Tuesday fast, Mr. Platt has once or twice thought he would reply to that part wherein Mr. Sherman pitches into him.

"No," said Mr. Platt today, "I have finally decided that I can be in better business than advertising John Sherman's wares. It is only necessary for me to say, when I get into the Sere and yellow leaf, I may write a book myself. But, if I should write the book and fall into

reminiscences, I want you to promise me one thing, and that is that you will get a pint of cyantide of polassium (they say that's the quickest poison) and come right up to the Fifth Avenue hotel, and I'll take the dose without a qualm and thank you with my last murmur."

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Her Insatiable Craving. New York Mail and Express: "It looks now us if Great Britain were preparing to reach out for a large, rich slice of Brazil, It is a monotonous morning newadays when Merrie England fails to wake up with a rezor-edged appetite for some territory that doesn't belong to her."

An Opening to Fame. Boston Globe: "The man who shall solve the fog problem for coast steamers and the smoke problem for steam cars will deserve to be reckened the greatest inventor of his age."

A New Version.

Chicago Times-Herald: "The case of Joe Blackburn would make it appear that whom the geds would destroy they first inoculate with a fierce dislike of the newspapers."

An Odious Comparison. Minneapolis Tribune: "The British made use of Bendict Arnold, but they despised him. They applaud Minister Bayard when he sneers at American institutions—but how they must despise him."

Widely Scattered. Atchinson Globe: "The Duke of Marl-borough will spend his honeymoon in this country, but he will spend the rest of what he gets in Europe."

Only a Myth. San Francisco Call: "There is a grow-ing suspicion in this country that an ulti-matum is only a diplomatic name for a sea serpent."

CURB THE EXECUTIVE.

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

Two well-established delusions are brought into conspicuousness today. The first is that the government of the United States is a popular government. The second is that the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is a monarchial instead of a popular government. What is meant by a responsible government? To whom is the executive of the United States responsible? Presumably to the people of the United States. For what is the executive of the United States responsible? By each of those constitution and lawsof the United States, and of the will of the people clearly expressed in an intelligible and authentic manner.

The president of the United States may not without the concurrence and authorization of congress engage in any undertaking for the enforcement of treaty obligations when the consequences of his acts would involve the country in war. Nevertheless, the congress the president is soon to meet is one uninstructed by the people on the chief question which the executive must now undertake to solvenamely, whether or not a foreign sovereignty may with physical force break treaty obligations with another American country, and, supporting fraud by arms, acquire a huge portion of American soil for purposes hostile to the interests and honor of the United States. On the other hand, the executive of the government of Great Britain, subject to an unwritten constitution, but more directly in touch with the popular will, carries out a well-known desire of the electorate of England at least, and, supporting fraud by force, has already, in shameless defiance of diplomatic usages and of treaty obligations, stealthly transported troops into a territory title to which is known to be be in dispute, and the dispute subject, under numerous precedents and by express agreement, to arbitration.

There are advantages in an unwritten over a written constitution. Doubtless the states forming the American union are safest under a written constitution. Many chapters, however, in the national history emphasize the need of a speedy attempt so to recast the federal compact as to make the executive really and practically responsible to the people, that is to say, to give the president and his advisers a congress elected within a reasonable period preceding its actual life. The congress which President Cleveland is to meet next December is for all useful intents and purposes a dead body. Its functions should have ceased with the election of its successor. election of its successor.

Under the federal constitution as it now reads and works it can scarcely be said reads and works it can scarcely be said that there is a responsible or popular government in the United States. In this juncture, as has been the case in the past, the executive must take the national mandate from the popular will as conveyed through the press and public meetings. If, however, the congress still exclusively potent under the constitution should refuse to effectuate the popular will as thus formulated the executive will be helpless. Lord Salisbury, on the contrary, if the commons should not do what he believes the electorate desire done, can appeal from the legislature to the electors. The British government, therefore, more truly in the working of its highest machinery is a popular and responsible government than the government of the United States.

A Thankful Note. Let's still be thankful with the rest
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