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Ingrate Joe complains of The Tribune's "vile scurrility." He refers to its plain but moderate description of a few of his own iniquities. He isn't sorry for his evil doings. He is only sorry to see them alluded to in print. Now if The Tribune had really reached the middle of this subject. Joe might have some reason to complain. Asit is, the ingrate's writhing under a slight sample dose of his own medicine is simply ludicrous. It makes a difference whose ox is gored.

Exposing False Pretences.

That the candidacy of Colonel Ripple for mayor does not please J. A. Scranton can be accounted for in many ways. chief among them being the fact that Colonel Ripple is an honest man, who never would or could be used by Mr. Scranton as a tool. It was Ripple's original election as mayor that broke the back-bone of Scranton's long-powerful political monopoly in municipal affairs and made it possible for Republicans to aspire to office without paying tribute to one or the other of tween them ruled both parties with an iron hand. It is, of course, a lie that Ripple "made the mayor's office Democratic headquarters"; but it is true that during his tenure of that office it was open to all the public and not held as the chattel of any boss or clique.

Scranton has always opposed Ripple for mayor and always will. His attitude is the natural consequence of the difference between the men; the one honest, brave and implusive, too noble to stoop to trickery and too straightforward to beat about the bush; the other furtive, suspicious and domineer ing, with a nature warped to any act of meanness, and a selfishness which would stop at no sacrifice. The same spirit which caused Scranton to hurry home from Washington at the end of Ripple's first term and put up Major Penman as a candidate against him animates Scranton in his present course. Then, Penman got one vote in convention. It remains to be seen how much better the present opponent will

The cry is made that Ripple fought Williams and Brooks. That he fought Williams is true, and the people sustained him in it. But for a jugglery with the returns, concerning which Scranton could perhaps tell a tale, Mr. Connell would have been seated as county commissioner, to which office he was fairly elected. The facts with reference to Brooks are well known. For one defeat Brooks has twice received an election. The very generous emoluments of his office have in the years of his incumbency probably fully recompensed him for his original chagrin Let Brooks compute his profits and see how his account stands.

But if Ripple is so objectionable to Scranton because years ago he fought a corruptly-nominated candidate for county commissioner and afterward crossed the party line rather than desert a life-long friend, how comes it that Scranton is at home with ex-Mayor Fellows, an open bolter, and cheek-by-jowl with a roomful of men who, not later than three weeks ago, were leagued together against a regularly nominated Republican candidate? Why is it that the thing which damns Ripple in Scranton's judgment makes of Fellows, et. al., hale fellows well

The enmity of Scranton is a compliment which Ripple doubtless fully appreciates, for it is an involuntary testimonial to Ripple's manliness. The Tribune will support the nominee of the next Republican city convention, be he Moir or Ripple. Will Scranton's paper dare to make the same pledge?

The Scranton Republican (Ind.-Rep.) urges the Republican voters of Scranton to "inform themselves of the records, the methods and the purposes of both sides in this struggle for control." And yet when The Tribune makes a start toward showing up Joe's record. the Mugwump Republican at once be-

An Unenviable Record of Crime. = The Lebanon Report, a paper published in the midst of a pacific, conser vative and orderly people, is shocked at the story of lawlessness and crime which comes to its ears from the lower part of Luzerne county. The presence at one time, of twenty-one murderers in the Luserne jail is a circumstance which it finds difficult to account for, while even more perplexing are the almost daily reports of highway robberies and criminal assaults which emanate from the wild places on Buck moun-

"One must conclude," It thinks, "that there is something radically wrong in Luzerne county or there would not be such a carnival of crime within its borders. One's first impluse might be to attribute it all to laxity of officers, yet the fact that twenty-one murderers have been arrested and are now in prison is not a very bad record for the

law officers. What ratio that bears to are unable to state, not having the proper data. Another possible reason may be the too tardy operations of justice. There seems more likelihood that this is to a considerable extent responsible. Out of twenty-one murderers but one has thus far been sentenced to death, while but five have een convicted. This is a very poor showing, It must be admitted, and when it is taken into consideration that the one under sentence of death may be able to secure respite once or possibly more frequently, and may, under the lax system of justice as practised in Pennsylvania, yet escape suffering the extreme penalty of the law, there is considerable plausibility in the theory that crime receives its chief encouragement in the sluggishness of the courts of law. If these are not the causes, then, beyond question, Luzerne county is infested with a far more than ordinarily desperate population and is insufficiently policed for its own protec-

The Report does not agree with those persons in the Hazleton region who advocate recourse to Vigilance committees and Judge Lynch. "A more rational and in the end probably more effective method," it believes, "would be to set about earnestly inquiring into the causes of the difficulty; determine just to what fault is due such an abnormal condition, and then demand a remedy-from the state, if the county cannot furnish it." The chief trouble, we imagine, has been the indifference of the people of Luzerne county to these once thoroughly awakened to the enormity of them, the matter of a remedy stages.

How does the Scranton Republican (Ind.-Rep.) know that Colonel Ripele is 'not wanted by the Republicans for mayor"? Would it not be well to let the next city convention determine that point?

A Question of Arithmetic.

Figures have repeatedly been presented on this page proving the utter falsity of the Democratic claim of a few months ago that tariff reform benefits the farmer; but to the Troy Times we are indebted for a table which puts the whole subject before the eye vividly, yet in brief. The Gorman-Wilson tariff the then partners in bossism who be- law, it will be remembered, went into effect late in August, 1894, and therefore a comparison of the figures for the year preceding and the year following Sept. 1, 1894, gives a fair idea of the operation of the McKinley law and the deficit-breeding Democratic measure. The following table tells the story: Agricultural imports: Last year of Last year of

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McKinley law.	Wilson law.
Animals \$866,359	\$2,121,524
Breadstuffs 2,297,627	
Eggs 161,328	
	2,545,610
	3,077,955
Feathers 910,981	
Fruits 4,659,364	5,335,490
Hay 846,739	1,658,331
Hemp 266,352	632,468
Hides 10,480,562	24,623,269
Hops 582,875	601,188
Provisions 1,824,709	2,007,535
Rice 2,566,089	3,497,196
Seeds 2,361,813	7.146,504
Tobacco	14,389,281
Vegetables 3,083,400	2,858,770
Wool 6.299.934	32,589,791
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Totals \$51,414,594	\$107,351,572
Exports:	2.8-0.78 (C. CO.C.)
Hay \$924,916	\$800,000
Hops 3,752,213	1.849,898
Vegetables 2,072,974	1,775,551
Olicake and meal., 9,442,645	8,070,032
	2,972,242
Corn 31,207.331	19,032,401
Wheat 67,793,499	52,839,232
Flour 78,062,212	59,225,244
Provisions 169,831,131	155,493,282
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Here, as the Times aptly says, "is an increase of nearly 100 per cent. in the imports of articles coming into direct competition with the products of American farms, and coupled with it is a loss of nearly 20 per cent, in the export trade. The direct loss to the American farmers' market from this source alone is more than \$125,000,000." We commend these figures to the farmers of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Let each farmer consult his own account book under Republican and under Democratic times, and see under which period his prices were highest and his sales the largest. It is simply a question of arithmetic.

Speaking about "opposing one's party." how did Mr. Scranton act toward the three Welshmen, Powell, Thomas and Reese?

The Duty of Congress. The duty of the Republican party in the congress which will assemble one week from next Monday ought not, it would seem, to be the subject of much debate. Rarely has a clearer requirement confronted the legislative servants of the people. Conspicuous and paramount among the facts before the public is the government's present inability to pay its running expenses. This on the one hand begets debt, which must some day be paid, and on other weakens public confidence and tends to unsettle business. It is not a healthy sign when the government of the richest nation in time of complete peace is forced to meet its current obligations by the forced sale of interest-bearing bonds. Such a symptom betokens an illness in the body politic demanding immediate attention. Delay will only augment the danger; promptness and courage are re-

quisite to a satisfactory cure. Fortunately an overwhelming majority of our statesmen agree as to the specific action necessary to put that cure into operation. The deficit in the treasury was caused by the Democratic sacrifice of protective duties. That much is certain. How easy it will, therefore, be to overcome that deficit by restoring those duties! Not necessarlly every item in the McKinley schedules; nobody demands that-but there s a wise and a general demand for the restoration of the chief items which, when previously protected by tariff enactment, yielded targe revenue and at the same time developed among our people profitable, wage-paying indus-tries. Among these may be mentioned wool and woolens, pottery and glassware, not to cite several others concerning which the members of the next ways and means committee will undoubtedly

The only argument thus far advanced against the correction of the federal deficit by the restoration of protective

on pure conjecture. The president is an the number of crimes committed we obstinate man, but even he can see by this time that the tariff duties levied under the present revenue bill are insufficient to meet current requirements; and that the temper of the people is overwhelmingly hostile to the raising of supplemental revenue by resort to direct taxation. Seeing these things, and comprehending as he must the great need of prompt relief, it is quite as possible that the president would sign a conservative tariff bill, throwing the responsibility for it upon congress, as that he would repeat his old and disproved tariff reform platitudes in an abbitrary veto.

But no matter what Mr. Cleveland might do, it will be the duty of the Republican party to do what it believes to be well for the nation; and it cannot hide from that duty behind the chair of the Democratic executive.

The esteemed Harrisburg Patriot misinterprets The Tribune's mood when it declares that this journal is "incensed" because the correctness of the Lackawanna returns have been doubted. It is merely amused at the simulated ignorance of those who pretend not to know that hundreds of Democrats in this county voted for Smith and Smith alone. "Plumping" is not fraud.

JOE AS A MUGWUMP.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. The Scranton Republican having hoisted an independent Republican ticket over its editorial columns, the Scranton Tribune announces to its readers that The Tribune is the only Republican daily in Lackawanconditions which embody the county's na county. How long Mr. Scranton can disgrace. When public sentiment is stand being dubbed a mugwump and a boiter, we do not know. But to a man who has claimed straight Republicanism will be reached naturally and by logical as his guiding principle the situation ought to be rather embarrassing, to say

No, He Has Turned Mugwump.

From the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. "The only Republican daily in Lackawanna county," is the line that the Scranton Tribune proudly flaunts on the top of its first page. Reckon the editor of the Republican will have something to say about this when It is brought to his atten-

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Left One Point Undecided. Atlanta Constitution: "A man in Ohlo, who had a grudge against the postmaster in his town, drank whisky and ate onlons and then asked for his mail. The postmaster refused to wait on the breathing censer and the man of breath complained to the powers that be. After a careful investigation the inspector decided that the postmaster was justified in his stand. Much interest is now felt as to what action the postal authorities would advise regarding a customer who takes his onlons straight."

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gress;
"No third term.
"The Monroe doctrine,
"Cuba,
"Venezuela,
"Hawaii,
"Alaska "Alaska. "The Treasury. "Clevelandism."

The Bar Is Responsible. Philadelphia Record: "Judge Brewer in his recent address before the American Bar association complained that 'a growing multitude are crowding in who are not fit to be lawyers, who disgrace the profession after they are in it. For such a state of affairs the bar cannot hold itself guiltless. It should fix a standard of

qualification that would run the shyster out of court." Should Advertise for Bids. Chicago Times-Herald; "It may be that Senator Brice has not decided to take up an exclusive residence in New York. Possibly he will advertise for proposals from some other states which may desire to offer inducements for the locating of a ready freight payer with political ambitions."

Too Sensational.

Washington Star: "It would be a great satisfaction if these old-fashioned rob-berles by masked highwaymen wild only stay inside the yellow-colored novels where they belong." Beginning to Push.

Chicago Times-Herald: "There is a most apparent disposition on the part of the other fellows to crowd the Cushmar K. Davis boom over against the rail." The Real Executive.

Chicago Record: "In the mater of cer-tain expedients for financial legislation President Cleveland now proposes and Tom Reed threatens to dispose."

Must Close the Side Doors. Chicago Times-Herald: "The powers have decided that the Turk cannot make solemn promises and then run an Armenian speak-easy."

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They Fall to See It. Washington Post: "The trouble with a great many of our politicians is that they are on the retired list and don't know it."

Let Him Tell His Troubles. Atchison Globe: "The secret of popularity is to occasionally give the other fellow a chance to tell what alls him."

It Looks That Way. Chicago Record: "Isn't it about time to begin the policy of walloping the Turk first and 'warning' him afterward?"

TROUBLE AHEAD.

Wellman, in the Timez-Herald.
Washington, Nov. 23.—An extraordinary contribution to the literature of diplomacy and prophecy was received at the state department today from some great light of the world who has hitherto kept himself under a bushel at Parsons, Kan. He forwards his communication by registered mail, and tells the secretary of state he can explain the significance of the massacre of Armenians in Asia Minor and what will be the end of it all. He mingles prophecy and advice in the following sweeping fashion:
"I. Form no alliance with any foreign power by which we as a nation will be drawn into the international conflict now drawing near.

drawn into the international conflict now drawing near.

"2 Listen to General Miles in his report on coast defenses. Strengthen the ports of Newport News, the mouth of the Potomac, Delaware and Chesapeake bays, and the harbor of New York, and fortily them with the most improved patterns of coast defenses.

"3. The Turkish government is sure to go down, and the ball will be opened May 15, 1896, by Russia marching on Constantinople. The porte will go to its palace in Jericho, Palestine, June 30, 1896.

"4. Call home all of the American missionaries before May 15, because after that time we shall not be able to protect them.

her Black Sea fleet and her Cossack war-riors at the same time. She will pass Ararat Jan. 14, capture Sassoun May 16, and drive the suitan out of Constantinople June 20, after which Napoleon will be made king of Asia Minor. Keep out of this combination."

It is needless to add that the state de-partment will accept this advice and keep out.

THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

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From the Philadelphia Times.

The natural impulse of even intelligent citizens when a public journal is misled into the commission of a wrong, is to declaim against the general licentiousness of the public press, and in this the greatest injustice is done to all reputable newspapers. The people speak of the licentiousness of the public press, and in this the greatest injustice is done to all reputable newspapers. The people speak of the licentiousness of the press from what they see in its columns, but they do not speak, because they do not know, of the vastly greater amount of sensational articles founded in truth, which might be published with entire justice to the implicated parties, but which are daily suppressed by the editors of our public journals soiely because such publications would wantonly wound innocent parties and at times overthrow credit. There is not a day in the week that the responsible editors of our leading nawspapers are not compelied to consider the question of publishing or suppressing facts which are entirely proper for public information, but which, if printed, would do greater harm to the innocent than good to the public.

Of this important duty of our leading editors the public have little knowledge, and being unknown, it is thoughtlessly assumed that the great aim of every enterprising newspaper man is to filing sensations before the public regardless of their truth, when in point of fact they suppress varily more than they print. There are hundreds of highly reputable citizens of Philadelphia, and in every community in the whole country, who could feelingly testify to the integrity with which the editors of our leading journals sacrifice important and legitimate news in the interest of the peace of homes and the safety and credit of individuals and institutions. Let those who assail the il-centiousness of the press take paune to inquire into the aims and methods of American journalism. If they shall do so, there would be a more just judgment of the genero

AN EASY WAY OUT.

From the Pittston Gazette.

The Scranton Tribune has a plan to reconcile the Democratic newspapers in Philadelphia and elsewhere which refuse to accept as an explanation of Judge Smith's large vote in Luzerne and Lackawanna the statement that many Democrats voted for him and no one else on the Democratic ticket. The Tribune suggests that all of the ballots be recounted by the courts, and is satisfied that the results would confirm the explanation of Judge Smith's friends. It would not be necessary to unseal the ballots or call the voters into court to testify, to determine this matter. A simple count of the ballots cast would be sufficient.



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Hello! Is this The Tribune?

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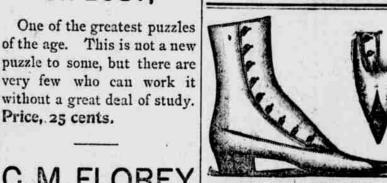
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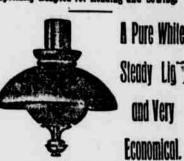
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