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Ingrate Joe complains of the Tribune's "vile scurrility." He refers to his 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.

Exposing False Pretences. That the candidacy of Colonel Ripple for mayor does not please J. A. Scranton can be accounted for in many ways.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Last year, This year. Includes categories like Animals, Breadstuffs, Eggs, etc.

The city is made that Ripple fought Williams and Brooks. That he fought Williams is true, and the people sustained him in it.

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?

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An Unenviable Record of Crime. The Lebanon Report, a paper published in the midst of a pacific, conservative and orderly people, is shocked at the story of lawlessness and crime which comes to its ears from the lower part of Luzerne county.

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 impulse 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 the number of crimes committed we 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 been convicted.

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."

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

Philadelphians are not so much interested in the tariff as we are. The tariff is a subject which has been before the eye vividly, yet in brief. The Gorman-Wilson tariff 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 credit-revolving Democratic measure.

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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."

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

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on pure conjecture. The president is an 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.

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 Lackawanna county. How long Mr. Scranton can stand being dubbed a mugwump and a bolter, we do not know.

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 attention.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Left One Point Undecided. Atlanta Constitution: "A man in Ohio, who had a grudge against the postmaster in his town, drank whisky and ate onions and then asked for his mail. The postmaster refused to mail on the grounds that the man had breath compulsion to the powers that be. After a careful investigation in the peace of homes and in the interest of the peace of the nation, the postmaster was justified in his stand. Much interest is now felt as to what action the postal inspector decided to take regarding a customer who takes his onions straight."

A Few Topics Suggested.

New York Sun: "Subjects for consideration: 'The Monroe doctrine,' 'Cuba,' 'Venezuela,' 'Hawaii,' '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 turning to lawyers, not to be lawyers, who disgrace the profession after they are in it. For such a state of affairs, bar cannot hold itself guiltless. It should fix a standard of qualification that would run the shysters out of court."

Should Advise for Bids.

Chicago Times-Herald: "It may be that Senator Bruce 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 paper with political ambitions."

Too Sensational.

Washington Star: "It would be a great satisfaction if these old-fashioned robberies by masked highwaymen would 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 Cushman K. Davis boom over against the rail."

The Real Executive.

Chicago Record: "In the matter of certain 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."

They Fail to See It.

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TROUBLE AHEAD.

Wellman, in the Times-Herald. Washington, Nov. 20.—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. The name is K. He forwards his communication by registered mail, and tells the secretary of state he can explain the intricacies of the master-craft 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."

"I 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 fortify them with the most improved patterns of coast defenses."

"The Turkish government is sure to go down, and the ball will be opened May 15, 1896, by Russia. The Russian will go to its palace in Berlin, Palestine, June 20, 1896."

"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 warriors at the same time. She will pass Arrat in the capture of the May 15, and drive the Sultan out of Constantinople June 30, after which Napoleon will be made King of Asia Minor. Keep out of this combination."

THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC.

From the Philadelphia Times. The nature of the relation of every intelligent citizen when a public journal is misused into the commission of a wrong, is to be determined by the general benevolence of the public press, and in this the greatest injustice is done to all reputable newspapers. The people speak of the benevolence 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 their midst which are published with a view to the impeding of justice to the implicated parties, but which are daily suppressed by the editors of our public journals solely 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 newspapers are not compelled 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 ignorant, it is thoughtlessly assumed that the great aim of every enterprising newspaper man is to bring sensational before the public regardless of their truth, when in fact they only suppress vastly more than they print. There are hundreds of highly reputable citizens of Philadelphia, and in every community in the whole country, who could 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 integrity of the press in the name of American journalism, if they shall do so, there would be a most just judgment of the generous fidelity of editors to the highest interests of the community.

AN EASY WAY OUT.

From the Pittston Gazette. The Scranton Tribune has a plan to recover the cost of the newspaper 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 result would be a just judgment of Judge Smith's friends. It would not be necessary to unseat the judges or call the voters into court to testify, to settle this matter. A simple count of the ballots cast would be sufficient.



St. de Tribune?

Who are you? Reform editor in? No. Struck for higher salary. What do you want? Want Tribune's support to do movement to tax theaters. Never min-councilman-keepin' shady. What's the matter? Didn't you get a complimentary ticket? Yes. Then what's the grievance? There ain't no cab. Cab? Yes. If no managers can't furnish de conveyance we ain't wid 'em. See? Z-z-z-zing!

Can I speak with Uncle Joe?

Your uncle is at the phone. How are politics this morning, Uncle Joe? Serene, my boy! Serene! Peace and dignity, eh? Yes. Charity for all? Yes, my boy—on the surface at least. Not going to whack 'em this time? Not yet. This is to be one of the "off year" peaceful campaigns, but just wait until I get a grip on the political neck of this country once more! Z-z-z-zing!

Hello! Is this The Tribune?

It is. What are your qualifications on science and chemistry? Limited. Could not analyze food? No. Nor give opinions upon the eternal existence of Hic? No. Why? I was wondering what kind of limburger cheese could be made from some of the condensed milk sold hereabouts. Z-z-z-zing!

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