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The Scranton Tribune is a Republi can paper and it will support the nominees of the next Republican city convention. Dare the Scranton Re publican say as much?

Not Worth Noticing.

It is a wise principle in law that the testimony of a scoundrel is insufficlent to convict. The character of William Connell, which has been built up in this community during many years of patient toll, careful enterprise and practiced benevolence, has been assailed and his honor as a citizen called in question-by whom? By a man who sixteen months ago threw himself on his knees in abject political and, no doubt, financial beggary before Mr. Connell, asking literally with tears in his eyes to be supported in his candidacy for the congressional nomination, the loss of which would, he represented, take the very bread from his mouth. It was perhaps questionable judgment on Mr. Connell's part which caused him, against every teaching of prudence, to yield to this entreaty a promise of aid: but it was, at all events, an error on the side of generosity such as no mean man would have com mitted.

And now, forsooth, this ingrate, supplied for the moment with food and raiment, puffs up with venom against his benefactor and proceeds to spit it out in the form of slander. We submit that the ravings of such a man do not approximate to the dignity of serious accusations, and that they require, before the fair tribunal of public sentiment, no further answer than contempt.

The people of Scranton have had experience with Colonel Ripple as mayor. They know whether or not he can be trusted. The abuse of jealous factionalists will not blind them to the facts. They also know the men who are trying

unusual degree of friction, the conseit know this? How could Judge Smith have prevented such action? quences of which will in many cases be Times' accusations rest wholey on surxhibited in the courts, overtaxing mise, and do its sense of fairness little their energies and complicating their vork. But once let the sons and the credit.

daughters of these allens be taught the Though he draws \$5,000 a year salary English speech in the schools, and be, and gets probably as much more in way through this opening, brought within of patronage from the Republican party, the scope of American ideas and inthe ingrate declines to agree to suppor fluences; and the problem will for the the next Republican city ticket,and flies greater part be solved. Every year from at his paper's mast-head the symbol of this time onward ought to see Lackapolitical piracy. Is he not, indeed, an wanna improve in order and morals. ingrate? Already it is scant justice to couple this

In the absence of a disclaimer, it will county on terms of equality with Lunaturally be telleved that Captain Moir serne, in some parts of which lawlessindorses the low tactics of his chief ness has established itself apparently champion. Can he, as an honest gentleas the supreme rule. man, afford to have this impression pre-

vail? The ingrate's low conception of political morals is revealed in his supposition The influence of Messrs. Connell and that the Republicans of this city can be Ripple was most welcome to Mr. Scranought.

A Crude and Awkward Lie.

of course "things are different now." The lie in politics, in the hands of a skillful liar, sometimes does damage. Circumstances have been known to give the adroitly launched lie a degree blusters. This is evidently his blusterof plausibility sufficient to deceive, for ing year.

a time, even men of experience, who We fear that Captain Moir isn't have learned of their mistake only doing full justice to himself when he after the mischief had been done. But yokes up with a hypocrite like Scranno such dangerousness characterizes this dull and stupid lie which we repro-

duce from yesterday's Scranton Repub-(Ind.-Rep.): "Ripple's small lican band of followers openly claim upon the streets that no matter what majori-

ty of delegates are elected for Moir in the next city convention enough to nominate Ripple will be bought!"

That this is a lie any schoolboy can

ers do not concede that under any probability will the opposition muster more than a dozen votes in the next city convention, if they have that many. When Scranton tried to defeat Ripple's nomination for mayor in 1886, coming all the way from Washington to work the wires of his chronic jealousy, he succeeded in marshaling just one vote, and he was far stronger in politics then than he is today, being now better known. Hence, if the friends of Ripple had any thought of using money corruptly in his behalf, which of course they have not, that thought would be rendered futile because the opportunity to use it would not present itself.

But in the second place the stupidity of the ingrate's lie is plainly exhibited in its intimation that the supporters of Colonel Ripple are engaged in a curb-stone demonstration of their political idiocy. The gentlemen who are urging forward his candidacy are men of prominence, character and discretion. They are not novices in politics. They do not vociferously unosom to each passer by. They know the value of silence and are not putting any free pointers into the hands of the of position. The ingrate's remark about them is a stupid insult, the

clumsy falsity of which is stamped all over its ugly face.

recent election returns are The pretty good recommendation of the present party leadership. No wonder Joe takes them as personal insults to himself.

of the subject, and it condenses the re-

Vindication of the Schoolma'am. The recent deliverance of Bishop

powers that be in our state politics, but so do a number of others who would like to be Cameron's successor. The

to be Cameron's successor. Colonci Bradley's majority for governor of Kentucky is so large that no attempt will be made to count him out. So the once hide-bound Bourbon state will for once have a Republican governor. Prob-ably the people will like the change so well as to want some more of the same kind.

kind, A strong effort is being made to secure the chairmanship of the house ways and means committee for Hon. John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvanians gen-crally hope the movement will be success-ful. He is undoubtedly one of the ablest men in the delegation from this state.

There are a number of Republicans in Pennsylvania who would give a good deal to know whom Senator Quay prefers for his colleague in the United States senato after March 4, 1897. They will not be like-ly to be enlightened in much less than a year. ton a year ago, when he crawled on his knees to beg it. But being an ingrate, year.

year. The silver-tongued Colonel Breckinridge has already announced himself a candi-date for his old seat in the next congress, But he has not yet settled that little mat-ter of damages awarded to the woman he deceived and betrayed. One year the ingrate wheedles and whines; the next year he froths and

One of General Harrison's friends cutely remarks that while the Indiana statesman is not an avowed candidate for the presi-dency, he will be in a position where he can easily be found if the office should go seeking for a man.

It is expected that President Cieveland will fill the vacancy on the Supreme court bench very soon after congress meets, and it is also expected that he will name a New York man-one of his devoted per-sonal friends. Bome of General Alger's friends fear that Senator Sherman has spolled the general's prospects for the presidential nomination next year. Few people were aware that he had any prospects.

TOM REED'S TONGUE.

Weilman, in Chicago Times-Heraft. Washington, Nov. 24.-Tom Reed's tongue has lost none of its sharpness. He tries his best to blunt its keen edge, but now and then nature will have its way. Not long ago Mr. Reed was tempted by some of his congressional friends to talk about the presidents he had known, and the result was a bit of enjoyable satir in Mr. Reed's characteristic vein. "I think I understand Mr. Cleveland." Reed began. "He is a man who does the bost he can within the limits of his understand-ing. It is only just to him to put in thi-pachage within the limits of his understand-ing. It is only just to him to put in thi-pachage when he has reason to belleve the suns are not loaded. Though he has never been to war, Mr. Cleveland thoroughly understands the difference between bullets and blank cartridges. I have met Cleve-and and he pleased me by his directness. There is no nonsense about him. He is not thinking about himself at all. You know the man in the white house has to steel himself against flattery. Every fel-low wants to teil him what a thing of beauty he is, how sweet his volce, how nice his hair, and they are all after cheese. I thought Hayes would gorge, but he ac-ually swallowed it and appeared to like it Harrison was not built that way. No on-could fatter him. He came to Washing no with such a good opinion of himself and and." Wellman, in Chicago Times-Herald,



Matchless Ex-Governor Campbell, of Ohio, who may so overwhelmingly defeated at the politics and entered into the business of manufacturing bicycles. That settles the Democratic nomination for president. Merchandising

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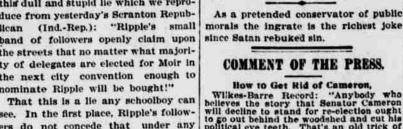
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Cameron Not in Good Favor.

Cameron Not is Good Favor. Philadelphia Press: "We do not believe Mr. Cameron's re-election is one of the possibilities of politics in Pennsylvania, unless the people are far more indifferent than it is conceivable they can be. There is a strong Republican sentiment all over the state in most active opposition to Mr. Cameron. So far as known no Republican newspaper has said one word in favor of bis return to the senate, and a large num-ber of those newspapers heretofore among his supporters are now openly against him. Many of the party newspapers take ft for granted that he is already out of the feld, whether voluntarily or otheryise, and are proposing candidates for the suc-cession."

Spalding, of Peoria, Ill., against the

howl his candidacy down, and can employment of women teachers in our judge intelligently between them. public schools has caused the Chicago Times-Herald to look up the statistics

It Has Slopped Over. There probably is room for doubt as to whether the board of pardons did the right thing in commuting the sentence of Frank Bezek from capital punishment to imprisonment for life. The contention of his defenders has been that Bezek was not morally responsible for his crime; but a jury of his peers, deliberating long and carefully, found otherwise, and it is as fair to believe that they were correct as it is to believe in the superior wisdom of the board of pardons.

The action of the board of pardons in this case is virtually a slap in the face of our courts of law. It is in effect, if not in intention, an arraignment of the regular judicial processes of the commonwealth as inefficient and unjust. We do'not sanction capital punishment as a punishment; but while it remains the legal doorn of convicted first-degree murderers we can see no reason for applying it in one case and having it shoved aside in another.

Bezek's case excites pity. His love Effair was unfortunate and the treatment accorded him by the woman he shot, outrageous. But if the Lackawanna jury, which had every facility for getting at and weighing the facts, and the three judges of the Lackawanna courts, afterward affirmed by the Supreme court, saw no reason to excuse Bezek's act of assassination or to modify in his favor the prescribed sentence for that crime, we are unable to see upon what tenable basis the board of pardons, a careless and perfunctory body at best, can justify its interference.

The fact seems to be simply that it has slopped over.

Mr. Scranton ought to try to establish a parity between his precepts and his practice.

Lackawanna Doing Quite Well.

The Philadelphia Times incorrectly refers to Lackawanna as "the county with a record for crime and unpunished murders," Lackawanna is not above reproach; but it deserves to be said that in recent years very perceptible and gratifying progress has been made within its borders toward the better enforcement of law and order. The district attorney's office today is in splendid shape; cases begun in the name of the commonwealth are pushed vigorously and the present percentage of or else repelled from the beauties of convictions will compare favorably with that of any past period. The lower courts, too, are improving, some more rapidly than others, but all to some extent. If the county constabulary were made to walk the straight line and roundly punished for each deviation, the greates, single remaining obstacle to good government would be

It will, of course, be some years be-

fore the non-English-speaking foreign element in this county will be properly assimilated, and until that moment is reached there will be in this region any was done at his instigation. How does

sighted.

sult of its inquiry in the following suggestive table: Percent- Percent age of age of Teachers. Illiterac States. $\begin{array}{c} 4134 \\ 3254 \\ 4381 \\ 4385 \\ 1236 \\ 948 \\ 4571 \\ 1395 \\ 556 \\ 349 \\ 4214 \\ 555 \\ 656 \\ 699 \\ 001 \\ 518 \\ 886 \\ 557 \\ 021 \\ 880 \\ 557 \\ 021 \\ 880 \\ 557 \\ 021 \\ 880 \\ 557 \\ 621 \\ 880 \\ 557 \\ 621 \\ 880 \\ 557 \\ 630 \\ 421 \\ 630 \\ 630 \\ 421 \\ 630$ olorado onnecticut elaware lorida .48.1 .33.4 .28.7 .51.1 Indiana Jowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota innesota issouri ebraska ew Hampshire... ew Mexico..... New Jersey...... New York..... North Carolina.... North Dakota42.1 .40.1 .32.8 Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington Washington West Virginia. Wisconsin

It will be noticed as something more than a mere coincidence that the nine states in which the percentage of men teachers is over 50 have an average percentage of illiteracy of 26.4; while the twelve states in which the percentage, of men teachers is under 20 show an illiteracy of less than 7 per cent. "Of

course," observes our Chicago contemporary, "this is not an infallible argument in favor of women as teach-

ers. But it proves, generally, that in the states of the union where popular education has the firmest hold and where it is most widely diffused women are held in the greatest esteem as educators. The schoolma'am is acquiring ground everywhere. The doctors may lament and the bishops deounce, but she is here to stay."

As a matter of fact, the male teacher is at a distinct disadvantage in the lower grades of school work, in which the child's mind is either turned toward education. To banish the patience, the intuitive discernment and the ready and tactful sympathy of the schoolma'am from these vital primary departments of our free school system would be practically to destroy its usefulness. It

s well enough to depend on the male teacher for the polishing touches; but to utilize him in the initial stages of the work would be exceedingly short-

at his instigation. How doe Mr.