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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 Republican say as much?

## The Session of Congress.

On Monday the new congress, elected last year, will assemble in its first session. It has been the habit of many newspapers to speak of it as a Republican congress, but it is such only in so far as the lower house is con-The senate is a decidedly mixed body, being neither Republican nor Democratic. If Senators Jones and Stewart, of Nevada (both elected as Republicans), should conclude to act with the Republicans the latter would then have exactly one-half the senate but there is no probability that the Nevada senators will take that posttion. More likely they will continue to act with the handful of Populists and Silverites and attempt to drive a bargain of some kind with the Demo crats. The Republicans cannot hope to control the senate until after March 4, 1897, independent of the Democrats and Populists combined.

While the Republican house will be

powerless to enact new legislation or to repeal existing laws, that body nevertheless has resting upon it the grave responsibility of adopting and carrying out, in so far as one house of congress can, the accepted policy of the party the majority of the house represents. The Republicans of the lower house should pursue precisely the same policy as if the senate and the executive were politically in accord with them. This congress is confronted by circumstances and conditions at once grave and serious. The treasury has been unable to meet the authorized expenditures of the government. The secretary has been compelled to sell bonds from time to time to ury, thus greatly increasing the interst-bearing debt of the coun-From month to month the deficit increases. What plan of relief the president will recommend to congress is conjectural. It is not probable that his suggestion, if he makes any, will commend itself to the Repubican house. His views are diametrically-antagonistic to Republican policy This will only emphasize the duty of the Republican house. The country elected an overwhelming majority of the representatives to the present congress as a protest against a continuance of the policy of Cleveland and the Democratic party. It follows that upon the Republican majority imperatively devolves the duty of inaugurating the change the country demands. If the Republican house cannot control the senate and the executive it can meet the expectations of the nation by passing such measures as the present exigency demands and throw upon the senate and the president the full responsibility of defeating them. The Republicans of the house will have performed their whole duty when they shall have passed and sent over to the senate such bills as will bring relief to the depleted treasury and enable the government to meet its current exnses without still further increasing the bonded indebtedness.

The Republicans in the house cannot escape their responsibility and their obligations to the country by the weak plea that it would be useless to pass relief measures as they would in any event be defeated in the senate, or vetoed by the president if they passed the senate. The Republican house is not responsible for the nondescrip senate or the Democratic executive. The Republicans in the house are an swerable to the country only for the record that body makes at the ensuing

We repeat, that the house should promptly inaugurate a thoroughly Reublican policy and pass such measures for the relief of the treasury and of the country as it would if the senate and the executive were in full accord with the house.

Geography as well as euphony and fitness argue in behalf of a ticket like, say, Hastings and Evans.

The Kodak in Politics. The pictorial poster has already made its way into politics, hence we are measurably prepared for the announcement in Pittsburg of an intention to introduce the kodak and the stereopticon into the spirited municipal camsign about to be waged in that city. The kodak is to be employed in the taking of snap shots at bad pieces of street paving for which the city was harged an ample price; and the stereon will transfer those scenes to

antly before the voters' eyes. The idea is novel and ought to be ef-There is no just reason why a gent by a city should not pro-m good returns as a Gollar ex-by one of that city's private a Making fair allegance.

of large contracts, the city ought nevertheless to get very nearly if not quite as much for its money as a large would get when operating on an equal cale. The fact that in many instances it does not simply means that carelessness or crookedness or both prevail omewhere along the line, with the responsibility therefor ultimately resting

upon the voters themselves. The municipal problem, in each and every phase, simmers down to the simple need of putting fit men into municipal office and standing by them when they have been installed. This is the nub and gist of each city's duty. It is fortunate reflection, by the way, that the citizens of Scranton expect next February to elect in Colonel Ripple a mayor whose honesty, experience and courage are doubted by none. The extension of this standard to all our cities would work quick improvement in the quality of American municipal government.

The fact that Ambassador Bayard neglected on Thanksgiving Day to give his crude and vulgar compatriots another rhetorical drubbing before his blooming British friends is probably due simply to an oversight and not to any lack of caddish inclinations.

### Mr. Cleveland's Opportunity.

Mr. Cleveland ought not to be above the teachings of experience. No great man is so great that he cannot learn anything as the years roll by without sacrificing his greatness. "Wise men," says the adage, "learn constantly; fools never learn.

Mr. Cleveland probably is not a Bourbon nor a fool, although at times he appears to manifest some of the symptoms of both. He is sufficiently a man of ability and of adaptability to know by this time, if he be honest with himself, that the tariff policy which he first advocated in 1887 and ever since has battled for-the policy of no tariff for protection and very little tariff even for revenue-whatever it may be in theory is not a whole some American condition. The experimental test of his theory he can see has precipitated grave disaster. It has thrown hundreds of thousands of his fellow-countrymen out of work; it has closed for months many of our formerly prosperous factories and mills; it has scared capital into hiding. sent gold out of the country, emptied the treasury, forced the sale of government bonds upon terms of exceptional hardness and raised mischlef in general. It has been estimated that the gross cost of this experiment has been as much as if some supernatural hand had two years ago, seized oneseventh of the total wealth of the American people and flung it into the

Mr. Cleveland has prepared a message to congress. It will doubtless be presented to that honorable body on Monday. One of the unavoidable subjects to be considered in that executive letter of advice is the subject of revenue replenishment, of undoing, as fast as possible, some of the mischief which the unfortunate Cleveland experiment has occasioned. Report has it that the president intends to shirk his reibility. The gossips predict that he will renew his former arguments in favor of his mischief-breeding theory and insist that the way to correct the blunder is to blunder some more We do not know how true these reports are: but if Mr. Cleveland has either present regard for his countrymen or the wish to occupy an honorable future place in the esteem of historians, he will commit no such reckless error, but will instead manfully toe the mark. confess his sine and throw himself upon the indulgent mercy of the court A course like this might involve momentary embarrassment and humiliation, but these are much to be preferred

sea, and this estimate it doubtless ap-

proximately correct.

to permanent disgrace. Mr. Cleveland will gain nothing and lose much by elevating obstinacy above common sense in the matter of needed revenue legislation. Can he afford to continue his advocacy of a policy which, within his own direct observation, has brought on so much misery?

The Allentown Leader for Thanksgiving Day consisted of twelve handsome pages printed in three colors and supplying to the people of Lehigh county a new proof of the Leader's vigilant enterprise.

## A Picturesque Plot.

There is a refreshing lack of reserve in the talk of the South Carolina convention-tinkers who have just concocted a plan to disfranchise the 140,000 male adult negroes in that state and put the ballot in the hands of the state's 100,000 male adult whites, 15,000 whom are illiterates. The authors of this outrage readily aver their intention, and so far from feeling ashamed of their work seem really to be proud of it. Witness this extract from a dispatch from Columbia summarizing the constitutional convention's labors in view of its prospective adjournment next Tuesday:

"The convention could never have been called had not most explicit promises been given that these 15,000 illiterate whites would be taken care of. How to cut down the negro majority and preserve the vote of the white men and do it in such a way as to run the gauntlet of the federal courts was the difficult problem which engaged the attention of the convention, in which there are only six negroes. The suffrage article of the new constitution provides for an alternative educational or property qualification for voters. Any man who can read and write or who pays taxes on \$300 worth of property has the right to vote. Had the convention stopped there the illiterate whites would have been disfranchised. They are provided for in a clause which says that any one who cannot vote under either a property or educational qualification shall be given the right to vote for life if he rstand a section of the constiwhen read to him by the regis-

other words, the South Carolina registration officer, and not the studion of the United States, is to cide what constitutes American diff-nship and what does not. This is a cidedly bold and ricturesque stroke, pening up beautiful possibilities in set the white transsives should ever

understanding of their factional officials so as to keep the other fellows away from the ballot box. But we have a suspicion that the United States Supreme court will yet have a word to say on this subject-a word, too, which will

There is reported to be a growing sntiment in Luzerne county in favor of Congressman Leisenring and Theodore Hart for delegates to the next Republican national convention. Mr. Leisenring's election is regarded as a certainty, and Mr. Hart's is deemed by good observers to be very probable. The subject is not one for outside interference, yet it is no more than fairness to Mr. Hart to hope that his long and gallant service for the party may be accorded this or some corresponding recognition. He certainly deserves it. better, perhaps, than any other Republican in Luzerne county.

The report via Philadelphia that Congressman Leisenring expects to buy the Wilkes-Barre Record will require a good deal of confirmation before it can be believed. Such an expectation would do credit to his taste, but it may be doubted if the present owners of the Record, who have made it what it is. and who are just beginning to realize their loftiest journalistic ambitions, would care to dispose of their property

When eighteen columns in one newsnamer are devoted to a description of a commonplace foot ball game between two ordinary college teams, it is wellnigh time for the rational fraction of the American public to stop the procession and insist upon an understanding.

According to "a member of the cabinet," Mr. Cleveland "would accept another term reluctantly, and only because he believed it to be his duty." The American people, however, have no wish to make a martyr out of him.

The Republican party is embarrassed not by the scarcity but by the abundance, of its presidential timber.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Those Not Against Arc For Him.

Philadelphia Press: "There is at this time in progress a particularly active discussion of the next United States senatorship from Pennsylvania. It is not too early. The present shape of the discussion is wholly opposition to the re-election of Mr. Cameron, as can be understood from the opinions of various Republican newspapers reprinted from time to time on this page. Though it will be several months before nominations for the legislature will be made, it is well to have the people fully informed so that they will be able to act with their eyes open when it comes to the primary elections, for it will be at the primary elections, for it will be at the primaries that Mr. Cameron will be defeated, if at all. It can be taken for granted, in the existing condition of our politics, that every candidate for the legislature who is not pledged against Mr. Cameron will be for him. It is worth while to consider that some may pretend to be against him who are at heart for him. If the present temper of the discussion is kept up there will be little chance that the people can be misled. They cannot fall to know just what to do when they go to the primaries."

The Only Safe Way. Those Not Against Are For Him.

The Only Safe Way. Indianapolis Journal: "Until the Cleve-iand administration shall have passed into history it behooves every American citizen to either remain on American soil or be very careful in his conduct if he goes abrond."

Preserving Her Dignity. Pittsburg Dispatch: "Spain would be wise in coming to the early conclusion that she had better concede something to Cuba before she reaches the embarrassing

-:0:-History Repeating Itself. New York Mail and Express: "As Nero fiddled while Rome was burning, so the statesmen of Europe whistle down the wind of diplomacy while the Armenians perish by the sword."

May Come Too Late.

Chicago Record: "The telegraph wires are in bad condition, and Mr. Gorman's letter indorsing Grover Cleveland for a third term may not be received until it is onlirely too late."

-:0:-A Simple Solution.

Washington Post: "Mr. Harrison fails to understand why there is so much talk about a third term when the whole business can be settled by a second term."

Equal to the Oceanion Washington Star: "President Cleveland as not much to say, but Secretary Car-isle is ready at almost any emergency with a few brief remarks."

Hard to Fool.

Washington Post: "We would also advise the new members against attempting any political skin-games on Mr. Reed. He is hard to fool."

-:0:-Short, Sharp and Decisive Chicago Record: "Among other things o be devoutly thankful for is the pros-ect of a very short session of congress."

Taking Time by the Forelock.

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph: "Some people are running for president now in order to be spared the trouble next year."

## POLITICAL POINTS.

The friends of J. Bennett Smith, of Kingston, are already urging him to enter the field as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the legislature in the Third district of Luserne. The present member, Mr. Reese, has served two terms, and Kingston claims the right to the candidate next year. There are few men in the district who would represent the people more creditably than would Mr. Smith. He has given his friends to understand that if he consents to run and should be elected he will not favor the re-election of J. Donald Cameron to the United States senate. He holds to the very correct idea that the next legislature should elect to the senate a man who will be a credit to the great state of Pennsylvania and be able to make a mark in the upper house of the national legislature.

The Harrisburg Patriot is not yet reconciled to the election of Judge Smith, and now insists that the latter's friends open the ballot boxes to ascertain whether or not there was fraud. The Patriot ought to know, if it does not, that there is only one way authorised by law to examine the contents of the ballot boxes. There must be a contest, duly instituted according to the forms of law. The friends of Judge Frekes should either prevail on him to contest the election of Judge Smith or they should cease crying fraud.

Hon. Theodore Hart, of the Pitiston Gasette makes no secret of the fact that he would be pleased to go to the next Republican national convention as the colleague of Congressman Leisenzing. This arrangement would give the upper and lower ends of the Luzerne district each a representative, and shut out Wilkes-Barre.

Barre.

If Hon, Thomas B. Reed were as certain of the presidential nomination as he is of his election as speaker of the house next week, he would be the happlest man in the United States. There appears not to be the slightest opposition to his clevation to the speakership.

Pennsylvania ought to receive the chair-manship of two of the more important committees of the house of representa-tives—Dalsell for chairman of the ways and Bingham for chairman of the committee on posteffices. Senator may probably knews whether or not they fill go thers.

INGALLS ON GARFIELD.

there were varue, mysterious, intangible rumore and whispun of Carlield in the at at the capitol of Washington. I was all line one day is key in the senate restau-ner, with senate new comments.

We were talking about the contest then approaching, and agreed, considering the bitter rivalry among the aspirants, the nomination of Garfield appeared to be a not improbable outcome. Just at that moment, by a singular coincidence, Garfield entered the room. We called him to our table and he joined in our repast. We told him what we had been talking about, and jocularly tendered him our congratulations and best wishes for his success. He made an embarrassed attempt at repartee, but his tone and manner left no doubt in my mind that the subject was naither novel nor repulsive to him. He was a representative in congress. United States senator-elect and a delegate to the national convention—an extraordinary accumulation of honor, unique in political history. As I recall that conversation it seems like the incredible climax of romance that in less than eighteen months he was nominated for the presidency, elected, assassinated and entombed. I was in college with Garfield, though not in the same class, and our relations were cordial and friendly. He was incapable of intrigue, treason or stratagem, but his temperament was emotional and ardent and his sensibility was excessive."

## PERCHED UPON PEGASUS.

What Happens When Editor William Pike Opens the Literary Throttle-Valve. From the Hallstead Herald.

From the Hallstead Herald.

We carefully wipe our pen on the blotter—place it in the rack—stuff our feet into the waste basket and tip gently backward. Our work as an editor is ended. As we gaze through the window, the warm autumn sunbeams cast their shadows soft and lovingly across the desk. The paste pot, the scissors, the quill, boon and faithful partners of every changing fortune, are before us. And as the dancing, rippling sunshine does ever change and vanish, so do the awakening reverles travel swift and slow through valleys of memory. We still linger a moment. A moment with thoughts of a year just closed, Our simple efforts for Hallstead and her people, while feeble, have been carnest and honest—our mistakes, those of the head, not the heart. But, as is truly said, "The past belongs to God; the present only is ours." Again we gaze through the window. The sun has sunk behind the hills. The desk is mantled in the shadows of twilight. We bequeath our pen and all, to one worther, better and nobler than ourself. They have grown dear by association, but will now serve a better purpose. The dawning of another day will bring us beneath the shadow of the nation's capitol, where duty calls.

On Private Business.

His coat was a bit too long and his shoes were rusty. His linen was celluloid mostly and his necktie was stained where his chin had rested upon it. He was a statesman down in Dixle and everybody around the Fifth Avenue hotel knew him.

"Fine day," said the previous young man, who wrote things for the newspapers.

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"Quite so." replied the statesman.

"May I ask," inquired the inopportune one, "what brings you to the city, senator? Private business or politics?"

"Young man," replied the statesman, "I am here in the capacity of a private citizen. Where I go and what I do is largely my own concern. I am here in the endeavor to make an honest living. I expect to be entirely successful, for I consider that in New York I am without competitors in that line. Good day."—New York Herald.

A Shocking Tale. The open fields lie shivering in the breeze;
Rude winter's hand at autumn's chamber door has knocked;
Denuded limbs stand bare on naked trees—
What wonder is it, then, the corn is shocked?—Rochester Post-Express.



Hello! Is that Fleetville?

Yes.

Can I speak with Lord Byron?

This is Byron. I've just come over from Aunt Betsy Plum's. She gave me a big supper! Had spare rib and fresh beef, and hard cider, and—

Never mind. I want to talk about subscriptions.

Yes.
Do you suppose a chromo of the Editor and the Kurnei would be an inducement to new and old subscribers?
Wa'al, I dunno, Might and might not. I think the seeds are better up in this neighborhood.
But our seed supply has been cut off.
Oh, I see. Well, what's the matter with a little premium book tellin' how to fix up horses tails?
Z-z-z-ling!

I say. Can I get some information?
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