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

An Interesting Interview.

A really important contribution to the literature of the canvass for the Republican mayoralty nomination was made by the steemed Times Saturday when it secured from General Mine Superintendent Benjamin Hughes, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, an unequivocal denial of the persistently circulated rumor that the employes of that company had been requested to work for the nomination of Thomas D. Davies, the "Indeperdent Republican" candidate for city treasurer, and for his colleagues on the Scranton Mugwump slate, Cap-

tain James Moir and C. W. Westpfahl. Not only does Mr. Hughes repudiate the idea that the officers of his company are interfering with the preferences of their men in this particular canvass, but he adds that they have never done this and do not propose to do it in the future. The candidacies of Messrs. Moir and Westpfahl must, he intimates, stand, so far as the West Side is concerned, on their own merits, while as for Mr. Davies, Mr. Hughes is quoted as saying that he is not a candidate. Just what this means will perhaps be more apparent later on; but there are many persons who see in it the realization of their prediction that the Scranton "Independent Republican" mayoralty movement would not survive until the day of the convention, much less prove a disturbing factor in that convention.

The frank and manly statement of Mr. Hughes will doubtless prove an embarrassment to the coterie of "Independent Republican" politicians who have for several weeks busily circulated the story that the Delaware, Lack-

reason to believe that the above is un-The Scranton Tribune true in every essential particular.

> In reply to the question "who is to be our next president?" Governor Hastings writes to a New York paper: "Mc-Kinley and Reed are both very popular in Pennsylvania, but the Republicans of the grand old Keystone state may be counted upon to roll up a magnificent majority for any candidate that may be chosen as the standard bearer of the Republican party in the presidential race of 1896, whether those candidates be prominent favorites or ome as yet unthought-of dark horses." Pennsylvania's best energies would be elicited by the candidacy of her gal-

lant governor, and he could be elected president with the utmost ease.

Speaker Reed's Speech.

The speech of Mr. Reed, when called before the Republican caucus on Saturday after his unanimous nomination for the speakership of the house, will place him higher than ever in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. It vas an even-tempered, conservative and wise outlining of the policy and duty of the Republican majority of the house. Brief as were his remarks they contain volumes for the reflection and consideration of the Republican representatives. Mr. Reed is the natural leader of the house, and in his brief remarks to his fellow members of the majority he only emphasized his superior qualities of leadership. If the

house adopts the policy outlined by Mr. Reed it will speedily pass wellconsidered legislation for the increase of the revenues of the treasury to a sufficient volume to meet the expenditures of the government; it will inau-

gurate a foreign policy that "shall maintain our position with firmness and self-respect." In short, the Republican majority in the house, if governed by Speaker Reed's wise counsel. will advance a revenue and a foreign policy which the senate and the Democratic administration cannot reject without incurring the condemnation of the American people. That is what Mr. Reed means when he says: "In this I trust the whole government, in all its branches, will be in accord with each other and with the people."

Mr. Reed, like other thoughtful Republicans, does not look forward to a complete restoration of prosperity in alarmists. the nation until after the people shall have had the opportunity to complete

the work of ousting the Democratic party from power, but he very clearly recognizes the fact that upon the Republican house devolves a grave and important duty. That duty is to indicate such a policy as will convince the American people that their protest against Democratic incompetency

and misrule will be respected by the Republicans. Mr. Reed would place upon the senate and the president the full responsibility of rejecting wise and patriotic legislation enacted by the Republican house. This is in exact accord with the policy The Tribune has from time to time urged upon the Republican representatives in congress. Revenue legislation that will bring

more money into the treasury in a legitimate way is an imperative necessity. The house must originate such measures, as Mr. Reed points out. The house must pass the necessary bills and leave to the senate and the president the alternatives of accepting or rejecting them. No patriotic American can read the brief address of Speaker Reed without being convinced
between them.
The New York Herald continues to plead for a third term for Grover Cleveland, and even compares him favorably with Abraham Lincoln. This is the same Herald that raised the cry of "classism" against give the great commander a third term. It is hoped the Herald will succeed in securing another nomination, for the fat incurse to the strike address of Speaker Reed without being convinced

disappointment philorophic The Tribune has not recommended

the abolition of the board of pardons, although if it had done so the position could be strongly fortified by sound arguments. It has no objection to the continuance of the board as an ornamental feature of our judicial system; but when it begins to use its Luthority arbitrarily for the purpose of promoting partiality and inequality in the operation of punishments, it deserves to be brought to book. That it is doing this now few men will care to question.

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The esteemed Free Press is rapidly redeeming its recent promises of im-

provement. Its issue of yesterday introduced neat new headlines and several bright new literary features. The Free Press is now as good-looking a paper as there is printed in Pennsylvania, which, added to its invariably good contents, makes it a bargain worth having.

Mr. Reed has made an admirable selection for the chairmanship of the invalid pensions committee if he has, as reported, chosen Representative Pickler, of South Dakota. Mr. Pickler is one of the brightest and cleanest men in the house, and he is a firm friend of the deserving Union veteran.

A pool among the big steamship companies to raise to an almost prohibitive degree the cost of steerage transportation is among the latest "combines." If it will restrict immigration it will be welcome.

It appears now that John Dalzell will not be the chairman of the ways and means committee; but this trifling fact will not interfere with his being the real leader of his party on the floor of the house.

From Washington comes the story that Colonel William A. Stone, of Pittsburg, is to be Pennsylvania's next governor. It is possible that this selection is a trifle premature.

Incidentally, Mr. Reed intimates that the president will avoid trouble by keeping within his place.

In other words, the new speaker proposes to sit down heavily on the fire-

Mr. Reed's speech is an excellent example of radicalism well curbed.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Republicans in the United States senate will have a caucus some day this week to consider the question of organiz-ing the senate. If they can muster forty-four senators they will proceed, otherwise the present organization will not be dis-turbed. There are forty-two Republicans in the senate, not counting Stewart and Jones, of Nevada, who have not an-nounced where they stand. There being one vacancy in the senate (from Dela-ware) forty-four is a majority. There has been some intimation that Senator Per-fer, of Kansas, who was elected as a Populist, felt inclined to act with the Re-publicans, and Jones, of Nevada, is not quite so extreme in his silver views as he was a year ago. The Democrats and Populists combined can control the sen-ate, but an alliance may not be possible between them. The Republicans in the United States

sons' is the most remarkable book ever written." Second Poet: "Why?" First Poet: "It contains over a thousand lines on spring, and he managed to get it pub-lished."

COMMENT OF THE PRESS. So Say We All.

So Say We All. Washington Post: "As the story gos, the president intends to proclaim a very firm and vigorous and aggressive foreign policy, asserting the Monroe doctrine in its most comprehensive and far-reaching form, and committing himself to a propo-sition that will throw the veriest jugo into the shadow of obscurity. It is said of him that he will draw the line on British ag-gression in Venezuela, advocate a recom-tigerents, and otherwise, and in every ef-fective way, restore the United States to the category of vertebrate and virile na-tions. Nobody seems to know on what au-thority this strange but gratifying an-nouncement is made, but for our part, we can say in all sincerity that we hope the news is true."

Senator Peffer's Mistake.

Chicago Times-Herald: "Senator Peffer seems to have fallen into a habit of per-sistently misunderstanding the people. They are not complaining of the cost of burying congressmen. It is the expense of keeping them alive that grinds."

Far Too Distant.

Washington Star: "There is a growing sentiment in South American territory that Europe is rather too far off to be re-lied on as an intelligent and conscientious director of the destinkes of the western continent." -:01-

Will Inspire Caution. Washington Star: "If the publication of personal reminiscences is to become a recognized custom among American statesmen, it will inspire a great deal more caution than has hitherto been shown."

Likewise His Namesake John. Washington Post: "Mr. Private Dalzell will continue to do business on the ex-terior of the breastworks."

How He Stands. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "The truth about Harrison appears to be that he wants it if he can get it, and if he can't get it he doesn't want it."

A Real Estate Deal. Cleveland Plain Dealer: "If Spain should sell Cuba to England, wouldn't it be rare fun to see her involce the goods?" -:0!-

Not Negotinble. New York Press: "So far the Cuban In-surgents have been unable to purchase any war material with those Chicago reso-lutions."

BRILLIANTS.





Beginning Saturday, Nov. 30th, and Concluding Tuesday, Dec. 10th

Six valuable prizes to those guessing nearest the number of Handkerchiefs now on display in our northwest window. Three Ladies' Prizes and three Gentlemen's Prizes. Everybody purchasing 25 cents' worth or more of Handkerchiefs will be entitled to a guess.

First Ladies' Prize-A Fine Silk Umbrella.

Second Ladies' Prize-One Dozen Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Third Ladies' Prize-Three Pairs Fine Kid Gloves.

First Gent's Prize-A Fine Silk Umbrella.

Second Gent's Prize-Half-dozen Silk Initial Handkerchiefs. Third Gent's Prize-Fine Silk Muffler.

In Holiday Handkerchiefs last year we displayed 300 styles, this year over 500 styles, not because it was necessary to have more styles each year, but because we could not have the best Handkerchief Store if a single good thing was lacking. Over 300 pat terns of Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Scalloped and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, the 20c kind, at 121/2c.

Ladies' Scalloped and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, button hole and looped edges, the 39c kind, at 25c.

Gents' Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, large size, hand embroidered initials, the 38c kind, at 25c.

Gents' Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs of Milanese quality, the 75c kind, 49c.

The Handkerchiefs will be taken out of the window Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, and counted in the presence of three disinterested persons, and the names of the six best guessers will be announced in Tuesday's Truth and Times and Wednesday's Tribune.



awanna and Western company would do its utmost to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. It leaves these gentlemen in a somewhat humiliating position. But so far as the general public is concerned, it will be accepted as an honest and straightforward enunciation of policy doing credit to the man who made it and to the company for which he speaks.

Major McDowell will make an affable and amiable cierk, but Pennsylvania's cup of joy will not be filled until Pennsylvania also gets the presidency. .

To Prevent Gerrymandering.

Congression Burton, of Ohio, has gone to Washington with a bill in his vest pocket which strikes at a serious nuisance. It is a bill to prevent gerr ;mandering-that agreeable pastime of partisan legislative majorities in states where congressmen can be gained by dishonest reapportionments. Mr. Burton expects to make this bill his special hobby in the coming congress and has hope that it will yet become a law.

His bill provides that after congress has apportioned the number of members to which each state is entitled, the governor of each state shall appoint a board of four men, two from each of the principal parties in the state, to divide the state into congressional districts. If this board cannot agree, it shall certify up the points in controversy to a national board of four members, which shall be appointed at Washington, two from each party. If this board is unable to agree a fifth member shall be selected who has been a judge of the United States Supreme court for at least ten years. It is thought that such a balancing of partisan interests in the preparation of a state reapportionment would obviate the gross one-sidedness at present often witnessed and secure an equitable and symmetrical division.

The principal fault with the foregoing proposition is that it is too idyilic. A body of practical politicians like congress will be likely to hesitate long before assenting to a measure which would probably mean the defeat of a considerable precentage of its membership. The bill's purpose cannot be too highly commended, but we are not optimistic enough to believe that the state of political morals is yet high enough in this country to permit it to become a law.

After today, congress will have the president on its hands.

A Philadelphia dispatch to the Chicago Times-Herald says: "Senator Quay has been urged by his Pennsylvania. lieutenants to be a candidate for president. It is conceded that he will control, at the very least, a majority of Pennsylvania's delegates. He controlled forty-five in the last national convention. The friends of Governor Hastings want a complimentary vote given to him as a favorite son of his state. Mr. Quay is against him, and to head off that scheme will have as much of the delegation as he controls instructed for himself." There is good

that his fellow Republican representatives have acted wisely in again placing him in the speaker's chair. He will direct the majority wisely, patriotically and conservatively.

The success of the venture of the management of the Frothingham theater in securing for this city three per-

formances of Sardou's "Gismonda" as interpreted by Miss Fanny Davenport is a gratifying proof that intelligence and discernment are on the increase in Scranton. The original enterprise dictating such an experiment and its prompt and thorough appreciation by

the public both deserve grateful recognition.

Meet the Issue Manfully. The persistent clamor of the Phila-

delphia Times that Judge Smith or some friend representing him should impugn the honor of the voters who elected him by instituting a contest against himself must appear to men without bias as ridiculous to the point of monotony. If the Times does not believe that there were Democratic votes cast in this and other counties for Smith alone, it can, by acting promptly, have its skepticism removed by securing a recount of the ballots: but in the absence of such offort on its part or on the part of those whose chagrin it doubtless voices, it ought not to expect the victor himself to question the validity of his own ejection simply because some other fel-

low did not win instead. Concerning the Times' charge that Judge Smith or his friends "deliberately planned the systematic betraval of all Judge Smith's associates on the judicial ticket in order to elect him' it need be said that a similar accusatior, would doubtless in some quarter have been raised had any other of the

six Democratic candidates received a larger vote than his five colleagues. It was, from the nature of the case, a race to the swiftest; each candidate knowingly took his chances and is therefore in honor bound to ablde the result without whine or whimper. To work for his own election did not involve Judge Smith in any plan of betraval unless it be deemed treachery in a candidate to strive by fair means to reach the objective goal.

The people of Lackawanna county, of both parties, are satisfied as to the fairness of the late election in this county. That there was collusion between Republican and Democratic election officers to falsify the count in Judge Smith's behalf is a preposterous supposition in view of the fact that the campaign was devoid of excitement, the issue one almost wholly of personal compliment and the general drift favorable to a large complimentary vote for both Willard and Smith.

If the Philadelphia Times or any other distant observer can point to a single evidence of fraud in the local return It will do more than anybody hereabouts can do; and until it can put its finger upon a specific irregularity it ought to have the fairness to with-hold its slanderous imputations and

A prominent Democrat of Scranton on Saturday stated to the writer that an ef-fort would be made to induce Hon. John B. Barrett, editor of the Truth, to run for mayor as a cilizens' candidate, and that if he consented the Democrats would ca-dorse him. Without any knowledge of what Mr. Barrett would do under such circumstances our own opinion is that he will not consent to make the run for mayor on any conditions.

Ex-Senator Ingalls, the brilliant Kansas Ex-Scantor Ingalls, the brilliant Kansas statesman, does himself credit in the de-fense he makes of the dead President Gar-field. It becomes every day more clearly apparent that Senator Shorman's book was not sufficiently blue-penelied. Sena-tor Ingalls indignantly repels the sugges-tion that Garfield ever acted in bad faith toward Eherman or anybody else.

The Wilkes-Barre Record has a decided preference for Editor Charles Emory Smith for United States senator, provided a Luzerne county man cannot make it. According to the Record Luzerne has twi-aspirants for the senatorship—Hon. Henry W. Palmer and Henry M. Fuller. Messra. Palmer and Henry M. Fuller. Messra. Palmer and Fuller ought to pool their in-terests.

terests. Governor-elect Bradley, of Kentucky, announces that having been elected chief magistrate of his state he intends to serve the full term, if he lives, and consequently must not be regarded as a candidate for vice-president. The governorship of Ken-tucky is a good enough for Colonel Brad-ley. Anyway, he can wai, until 1909 for promotion.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, a frequently eccentric j-urnal, has discovered a gentle-man named Garret A. Hobart, somewhere in New Jersey, and is booming him for the vice-presidential nomination on the Re-publican ticket. Mr. Hobart may be a very excellent man, but he is scarcely well enough known for a place on the national ticket.

It was eminently fitting that the vener-able ex-Speaker Grow should present the name of Thomas B. Reed to the caucus for the speakership nomination. At the time Grow was speaker, Reed was little more than an overgrown schoolboy. Speaker Reed should confer the chairmanship of an important committee on the ex-speake.

The Scranton Times expresses the opin-ion that Speaker Reed should give Con-gressman Scranton special recognition when he comes to make up the commit-tees of the house. Mr. Reed, it is hoped, will not call to mind a certain ancient pro-yerb in which pearls and swine figure conspicuously. conspicuously.

All over the state the Republican papers are cautioning their party not to take any stock in the unauthorized announcement by a Harrisburg Democratic paper that Senator Don Cameron will not be a candi-date for another term. That ancient trick won't work again—in fact, it is played out. If II II For the second time the national house of representatives will have a chaplain who is blind. He was the only man nomi-nated by the cancus who was not on the slate of the combine. The blind man who broke the slate is Rev. H. W. Conden, of Michigan.

shale of the complete. The bind main who broke the slate is Rev. H. W. Conden, of Michigan. III Congressman-at-large Huff, of this state, announces that he will be a candi-date for a second term. He is an advocate of the two term principle now, but he was not when he outsed Major McDowell after the latter's first term. IIII There is a suspicion that those who have been booming Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, for the Democratic nomi-nation for president are actuated by no higher motive than to annoy and exaspe-ate Grover Cleveland. Ex-Governor Campbell, of Ohio, claims to be in a position to make the announce-ment that Mr. Cleveland himself makes no such declaration. Thomas B. Reed, on and after today, will be in a position to again attract the atten-tion of the Democratic press. Once more they will probably dub him "Car." The Cushman K. Davis boom is moving eastward from Minnesota. It will encoun-ter smags before it reaches Ohio.

Very Remarkable. 'rom Harper's Basar. First Pest: "I think Thom



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