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In view of the deliberate failure the Scranton Republican to join this paper in a pledge to support the nominees of the next Republican city convention, regardless of individual preferences, is not The Tribune thoroughly justified in calling itself "the only Republican daily in Lackawanna county?"

It is evident from recent evidence that tl e contemplated personal purity movement cannot begin too soon.

The Farce Is Ended.

The conclusion of the inquiry into are now persons whose character would ness at a loss. not be sufficient to lend weight to any charge which they might choose to make, but also that their depositions were sought subsequent to the utterance of the original charge and secured under the promise that their names would be kept secret from the public. In the case of the witness Young, no testimony was offered tending in any manner to reflect upon Lieutenant Davis, who emerges from the investigation absolutely unstained; while in relation to Patrolman Block the evidence is so flimsy that the only point to it. admitting it to be literally true, is that the officer talked too much to fellows not worth talking to.

The collapse of this foolish movement to smirch the character of the police department and incidentally to reflect upon the present city administration, will not be without exemplary value if it shall teach those who would publicly censure public servants to be sure of their ground before beginning the arraignment. The worthless word of spiteful malefactors should be acfully before being taken as the proper basis for an attack upon men whose reputation for faithfulness in official position and for integrity in private life is deserving of serious consideration. Condemnation is unpleasant enough when fully deserved; it is infamous when unjust and untrue.

The theater-goers of Scranton will regret the decision which made last evening's performance by Mme. Modieska the last one they will have the pleasure of witnessing. This educated artist is a credit to her profession, and an exemplar at once of character and of culture the equals of which are unfortunately not as numerous upon the American stage as one could wish The moments she has vouchsafed to Scranton in the course of her professional tours have been moments of uplifting pleasure and instruction, and though they be now ended yet will the recollection of them be a pleasant theme of thought and revery for many years to

An Uprising Against Extortion.

When the street railways of Philadelphia were recently merged into one corporation known as the Union Traction company, the directors of that company, feeling that they were secure from competition, promptly raised the fare from 5 cents to 8 and shut down on free transfers. This was done in spite of the fact that the consolidation involved economies in management, without any increase in operating expenses. It was done too, in face of the circumstance that the employes of that company-its motormen and conductorsare paid smaller wages than in many other cities; and regardless of the additional fact that the volume of street car travel in Philadelphia is larger in proportion to the city's population than in any other large city of the United States. In other words, it was simply a plain, bold and naked extortion, the burden of which fell most heavily upon the city's industrial population, which in nearly every instance has to depend upon the street cars for transit between

homes and workshops. On Thursday evening, in the Philadelphia Academy of Music, the largest audience room in the city, public sentiment expressed its opinion of this action by means of one of the largest mass meetings ever held in Pennsylvania. The vasi theater was crowded to its fullest capacity, and many of the most . prominent citizens of the city were present and spoke in denunciation of the outrage. Among them were such men as John Field, ex-postmaster; Thomas Martindale, ex-Governor Pattison, Charles Emory Smith and Senator Penrose. Resolutions were adopted requesting the directors of the Union Traction company to recede from their unfair position, and intimating that fallure to do so might cause their franchises to be bought and their railway lines to be operated by the city, presumably under condemnation proceedings. This action is overwhelmingly ratified by public sentiment, and it is evident that the Union Traction com-

elevated railroads. The senator pledged himself to work in the next legislature for the enactment of a bill chartering such a company; as well as for a bill requiring street railway companies to provide shelter for their motormen, who in Philadelphia, as in Scranton, are forced to stand in an exposed place which involves extreme physical hardship. From an outside standpoint it would seem as if an elevated railway system in Philadelphia would be a decidedly advantageous and profitable investment. The houses in that city are in the main only two stories in height, so that the windows of the upper rooms would be below the level of elevated tracks and consequently not so much injured by this system of rapid transit as are the properties in Chicago and New York. That elevated trains would prove infinitely more desirable to travelers than the stuffy, slow and miserably furnished surface cars in Philadelphia to-day admits of no question, and it is to be hoped, in the interest of those who occasionally visit Philadelphia as well as in behalf of its permanent residents, that Senator Penrose's idea may yet prevail.

The fight between the Traction corporation and the people of Philadelphia s of indirect interest to every urban resident in the United States, because its outcome may affect the policy of street railway companies in other places as well. The question of transit is one of increasing importance in municipal affairs, and in its solution the people should not be slow to insist upon a proper observance of their

The Democratic papers are trying to explain that big purchase of English steel rails by asserting that it was the action of the American steel rall trust the Robinson charges against Police- in raising prices which gave the British men Davis and Block leaves the case a chance to compete. The Democratic in favor of the defendants stronger than papers seem to think that American ever. It was shown by last evening's steel rail mills ought to be content testimony not only that three of the to adapt themselves permanently to accusing witnesses have long been and the Democratic standard and do busi-

Let There Be No Trifling.

The opinion of close friends of Speaker Reed, as expressed through the Washington papers, is that the public has misinterpreted his plea for conservative action by this congress. It is said by these men that the speaker has no desire to see the Republican majority evade its duty in the matter of so adjusting the national revenues that the federal government may be carried on without resort to bond sales: but that he does not wish to encourage the spirit of partisan bumptiousness inseparable from a large political majority newly called to duties of legislation. This spirit, he thinks, should be curbed at the outset, so that whatever legislation may come before congress may be considered in a dignified and business-like manner, and not treated as the pretext for political wind-jam-

It is to be hoped from every standpoint that this representation of the situation is the correct one. The Recepted with caution and weighed care- publican party cannot afford to let partisan considerations of any kind deter it from the performance of its whole duty. While it is undoubtedly true that a general overhauling of the tariff system at this time would, by reason of the peculiar condition of business interests, which have not yet fully recovered from the disastrous agitation of two years ago, be injudiclous and inadvisable, the fact is equally distinct that the public will not approve of a policy of total inaction. The revenues are utterly inadequate. This is certain. The present laws upon which that revenue is based are insufficient to provide an income equal to the government's necessary current expenses The public is in no mood to tolerate additional bond sales. It elected a Republican majority for the purpose of repairing the deficit and if that majority wants to retain the confidence of its creators it will do exactly what it was elected to do, in a sober, sensible and workmanlike manner.

If the Republicans organize the senate they should be sure of having sufficient power to carry Republican measures through. Responsibility should not be assumed without the strength that should go with it.

An Ugly Cry Exploded. Little has been said in the Northern papers about the chairman of the Kentucky Republican committee, who led Candidate Bradley to such a notable victory; but if southern opinion is true, John W. Yerkes, of Danville, Ky., is likely to prove a coming man in national politics. It is conceded that Mr. Yerkes could for the asking have the United States senatorship to succeed Blackburn, but he has modestly refused to be a candidate, and in other ways he is exhibiting a level head. For instance, while in Washington- recently, Mr. Yerkes was interviewed by the Star concerning the Kentucky fight, and among the things he said we note the following:

"Our responsibilities are great, and we accept them. We must give the state good government—better than it has had of late accept them. We must give the state good government—better than it has had of late—and we shall strive to do that. And our comfort is that the men we have put in office are in every way capable of redeeming every promise we have made in their name. Now, as to next year," continued Mr. Yerkes. "We have to consider the fact that this year we had the cordial cooperation of many Democrats. But as they came to us as much because of our attitude on national issues as on local issues, why should they not remain with us?" "The cry of negro domination raised by General Hardin failed with the rest?" was asked. "Signally. And next to the significance of our victory as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to the finances is its significance as it relates to that. The Democrats depended almost solely upon that cry during the last days of the fight. But a little circumstance that took place in my office a few days before election relieved my anxiety on that score. Several of my Democratic friends had come in to discuss the capvass and its probable result. One of them said to me: John, I agree with you fellows thoroughly on the financial question, and but for the negro question I'd vote with you this time. Before I could reply another member of the company—a Democrat—apoke up and said: "There is no negro question here—there could not be a negro question here—there could not be a negro question here—there could not be a negro question here—we are doing now and his triesd could do nething, if they

adverse tide which will sweep it from its strongholds as chaff is swept away by angry waters.

An interesting feature of the meeting in the Academy of Music was the applause elicited by Senator Penrose's strong plea for the organization of a company to equip Philadelphia with elevated railroads. The senator pleased.

The failure of the senator of th

The failure of the same cry in Maryland, where it was worked with even greater persistence and audacity bear out Mr. Yerkes' contention that it has lost its potency. Such a result would certainly prove gratifying news to every friend of honesty and foe of sham in politics. The negro under the law is entitled to his civic rights; but there is no statute law which can give ignorance the supremacy over intelligence; and when the Southern whites cry out that they fear to see the black man clothed with his constitutional privilege they simply arraign their own intelligence and proclaim a lack of confidence in their own ability to compete with the blacks in a fair and open field.

It is simple justice to Lieutenant John Davis to say that no other member of the Scranton police force bears a better character, has a better record as a faithful, conscientious, courteous and obliging public servant and more largely enjoys the confidence and the esteem of the public he serves. We wish we could say as much for his recent ac-

The Philadelphia Press, Times and Record, et. al., are requested to note that Judge P. P. Smith has duly qualifled as a member of the bench of the Superior court, and is now ready for such business as may come before him. They may now figure up how much good their recent misrepresentation did.

The conviction of Merula for first degree murder was undoubtedly justified by the evidence, but it will not do to say much about it until we shall first have heard from the Board of Par-

For a monarch whose own throne is minus three legs and split in the middle. it strikes us that the sultan of Turkey is doing a good deal of promiscuous demanding these days.

all under sentence of death, the business of artistic murdering ought, it would seem, to encounter something of Philadelphia's traction syndicate

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chose the wrong time to try to rob the people. The people, these days, are getting after their despoilers. It is not economic radicalism to say that the American people want a tar-

iff under which the steel rails will be made on this side. The Cuban cause may not flourish very well in the Spanish telegraph offices, but otherwise it seems to be doing

Speaker Reed will have the cordial support of his party in his attempt to little boys.

make this congress break the record for Z-z-z-ling! make this congress break the record for silence and wood sawing.

The chances are that Lord Sallsbury, in his reply to Olney, will, as the athletes say, spar for wind.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

As Viewed in Luzerne. Wilkes-Barre Times: "Rev. Dr. Robin-son, of Scranton, has fallen into an error quite common with the cloth—the public denunciation of officials without a certaindenunciation of officials without a certainty of the justness of their charges. They are too liable to accept hear-say for fact and act impetuously. Dr. Robinson heard somewhere that the police had enticed young men into unlawful places and, without making due inquiry, proceeded to wade into the department. He incidentally reflected on Mayor Connell and the chief of police and now he has a hornet's nest about his ears."

It Must Be Settled.

Chicago Times-Herald: "The Monroe Chicago Times-Herald: "The Monroe doctrine sooner or later must be tested, and the test will be fairly and unfilnehing-ly met by the people of the United States. There may be some more 'polite epistolary correspondence' with John Bull on this subject, but in the end arbitration, the boasted resort of Great Britain, or force, which ought to be the last resort of modern humanity, must make the Monroe doctrine international law."

Looking for More Fat.

Chicago Record: "Any one glancing to-ward Wall street may now observe Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan expectantly holding out his hand for another of those julcy and appetizing bond issues."

A Pessimistic View. Chicago Record: "There is a pretty gen-eral impression that the most beneficial action of the present session of congress is likely to be the passage of the motion to attourn".

Cannot Be Exterminated.

Detroit Tribune: "Political bosses seem to be like gray hairs. When one is destroyed ten new ones come to his funeral. Perhaps, like gray hairs, they are in-evitable."

Mementarily Expected.

Syracuse Post: "Up to the time of going to press Lord Sallsbury persistently refuses to take any notice of Senator Chandler's declaration of war."

A Free Suggestion. Chicago Times-Herald: "In addition to what he is doing for the colleges Senator Brice ought to endow politics with his re-

Chicago Times-Herald: "Mr. Sherman is talking like a man whose memory is prepared to honor a few more sight drafts." Not Working Overtime.

Might Be Induced To.

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph: "General Maceo is killed only once a day in Cuba now, but then these are very short days."

Can't All Be Presidents.

Atlanta Constitution: "Some of the Republican candidates will have to go on the lecture platform before the season is

"CARP" PICTURES QUAY.

The following is Frank G. Carpenter's astimate of Pennsylvania's junior senator as expressed in a recent Washington letter: "I have spent some time studying Senator Quay. There is no man so little known to the public as he. He never submits to an interview, and saldom talks to newspaper men without an understanding that the matter is not to be published in connection with his name. He has but little personal magnetism, and has none of that 'hall fellow well mer air about him which makes up the capital of the average politician. Still, he is a man of great strength. He is one of the best organizers among our public men, and he knows human nature like a book. He is a man of remarkable literary tastes. His library at Banver, Pa., is one of the fassit private to meetions of books in the country, and he

is thoroughly well posted on all kinds of literature. He is fond of his library, and is domestic in his tastes. He is seidom seen about the hotels, and here at Wash-ington he spends all of his evenings at home. The great points of strength in his composition are his powers of keen-sight. composition are his powers of keen-sight-ed organization and buildog perseverance. He doesn't know when he is beaten, and he will fight again and again for little things that other men would let slip rathe than have trouble concerning them."

TO THE NEW MEMBER.

A Gental Egotist. A Gental Egotist.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Corntossel, "I don't say ez I'm dissatisfied with what you've done in life, but when I read shout all these people goin' to congress an' doin' great things, I feel ez if we wus kinder gittin' left in the march of events."

"Mandy," was the reply, "the greatest men of history is them ez wanted ter stay home an' be let slone, an' wusn't allowed te hev their wish, but wus forced by ther feller citizens to grab hold o' the reins of guy'ment."

"Yes, I s'pone that's the case."
"Well, I'm even better off'n them. I not only don't wanter be a public man, but I'm bein' allowed ter hev my own way about it."-Washington Star.



Is that the mayor's office? Who's talking?

Mark. Say, Mark, I did not see a single police man on Spruce street last night. No. They were not out. How's that? Too cold?

Oh! no. The mayor does not allow them to go out nights any more. Why?

He con't like to have them meet bac

Helio! Is tha! Court Crier Snyder? Basiness lively over at court?

Mr. Snyder, what is your opinion of the eloquence of the bar of today?

I think it is not properly appreciated,

could have equalled some of the Lucka-wanna attorneys in the matter of elo-quence? I think it is doubtful. One thing is cer-tain, I do not believe that Daniel's elo-quence ever caused any of his hearers to fall in a fit.

Z-z-z-ling! Philadelphia, please. Can I speak to Mr. Woodruff?

Z-z-well? Is that Mr. Woodruff, of the U. P.2 Yes-z-Your voice seems husky, George, What's the matter? ne matter?

I strained it up at Scranton yesterday.

What caused the excitement?

Why, you see, we got in front of those intrained coal-heavers—.

Yes.

And it soon became apparent that my voice was the only thing about our club that stood much of a show, so I had to

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