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Disappointment in the pursuit of office is one of the inevitable incidents of political striving. Magnanimity is a test of manhood, in defeat no less than in victory.

Saturday's Primaries.

That the spirited canvass for delegates to the Republican city convention which ended Saturday should have resulted in the selection of a large majority favorable to Messrs. Ripple, Willlams and Widmayer does not belittle the candidates who were unsuccessfur for under the circumstances it must in fairness be acknowledged that they made a gallant fight. Had these candidates stood forth in their own right with sufficient positiveness to dispel the impression that they were being user for ulterior purposes by disaffected and discredited Republican leaders striving to regain lost prestige, it is probable that they would have made an ever better showing. Each of the gentlemer en the Scranton ticket stands well personally in the community, and each has hitherto been consistent and loyal in hi devotion to the party.

That each should have failed to carry a majority of the delegates in his respective community is to be accounter for as much by the popular ustrust o the element arrayed behind them are by the public's disgust at the low metheds of their newspaper champion as by reason of the popularity and the recognized personal fitness of their successfu competitors. While we believe that the is true of both Captain Moir and Mr Westpfahl, we are especially sure tool it is true of Mr. Davies, than whom pe man in Hyde Park stands higher for personal integrity and for honesty o + purpose. The election by the West Sid of a majority of delegates pledged to the ticket which Mr. Davies opposed on Mr. Davies himself, nor upon his colleagues, Messrs. Moir and Westpfahl but rather as an expression of censure upon the methods and the men for whom Mr. Davies and his two associates mistakenly permitted themselves to stand as exponents. They were simply unfortunate in the circum stances surrounding their present effort to secure municipal office.

At the same time it would be unfair to underrate the widespread popularity of the gentlemen who won. In the case of Colonel Ripple this has long been ac knowledged even by his most active ad versaries; and it is little if any less true of his associates in victory. Mr. Williams and Mr. Widmayer. The former as a member of the poor board and the lafter as city controller have proved their fitness for continued public trust in a manner which materially strengthened the winning ticket. They had also the further advantage of standing for clean politics and hopest government. and of representing the type of leadership which has made of Lackawanns county one of the foremost Republicar strongholds in the state, and of the city of Scranton a worthlly-governed and notably progressive municipality. That the choice of the party at its primaries will also be the enthusiastic choice of the voting citizens of the municipality at the polls is not open to doubt, let the opposition be what it may.

General Hastings would make an excellent senator; but he is very likely, in our opinion, to remember that the people elected him to be their governor.

Senator Sherman's Speech.

No apology need be made for the space devoted in this paper to the remarkable speech delivered on Friday of last week in the senate by Senator John Sherman. It deserves and should receive the attentive perusal of each reader, for it not only explains to what causes are due the present trouble experienced by the Cleveland administration in keeping intact the gold reserve, but also points out that with very little amendment, and that not now urgent, our present monetary system can be made stronger than the vaunted currency system of Great Britain and stronger than that of any other

country in the world, excepting none. Senator Sherman's word upon this subject is admittedly the word of authority. It is the word of the greatest financier since Alexander Hamilton, spoken at a time of life when the judgment is ripe and free from any wish to distort or misrepresent. Every statement in the senator's speech is carefully bighed in the light of its admitted imortance among financiers, and is fortified by statistics derived from the treasury department Itself. When, therefore, Senator Sherman declares that but for the enactment of the Wilson tariff bill, with its deficits and its unsettlement of business interests, there would have been no impairment of the gold reserve and no casting of suspicion upon the ability of the government to redeem its notes of hand at any moment in the best money known to civilization, he does not sim-

ply utter a platitude, he states a fact

Let the business men of the United

States, before they join in the chorus of Interested bankers and bond speculators who applaud President Cleveland's reiterated attempts to still further unsettle the stability of our currency and to cast discredit upon our financial honor by repeatedly calling it in question, consider the statement of John Sherman that not once during all the years when the Republican party provided the government with enough revenue to meet Its current expenses was there any raid upon the treasury's stock of gold, or any inclination in any quarter to fear that the United States would not pay every dollar of its just debts in the best money going. Not until the Democratic party, with its threat of greatly lowered tariff duties, carried the elections of 1892 and inaugurated the series of deficits which, while crippling the government in its necessary expenditures, also use the gold reserve to cover the in-

forced the secretary of the treasury to evitable margin between income and expenses, and thus awakened distrust among holders of treasury notes, was there any evidence of the existence of Mr. Cleveland's so-called "endless chain," or any serious difficulty in getting more gold.

Thus while the Republican party in thirty years of successful administration covering the inevitable expenses of reconstruction and the great development which has occurred since, paid off, besides current interest, \$2,500,000,060 of the principal of the national debt, or more than \$82,000,600 a year, the Demoracy, in three years of "free trade" times, has crippled the business interests of the country to an amount in xcess of the national debt at its largest period, besides augmenting that interst-bearing debt to the extent of \$162,-300,000, not saying anything about the 200,000,000 bond issue soon to be antounced. Should that issue be made the account with Democracy will stand it \$120,000,000 of increased annual debt is against the Republican party's \$83,-00,000 annual reduction, or a total yeary loss through Democracy of \$203,000,000

dus the loss of its free trade panic. In the light of these figures, whose acuracy cannot be impeached, Senator therman may well urge the senate to mact the house bill providing more evenue, and eulogize protection as the ountry's sure and safe guaranty of

An elective poor board would be just s efficient as an appointive one; and it ould possess the advantage of reoving from the president judge the mptation to turn his power of apsintment into an instrumentality for he payment of private obligations or he gratification of factional grudges. t is certainly desirable to minimize the adgeship's opportunities for mixing

Scranton's Manifest Advantages.

The Engineering News, as the result f a careful and conservative inquiry to the subject of culm's utilization for power as contrasted with Niagara alls electricity, estimates that Scranon can give Buffalo several points of a tart and yet beat it by many lengths n the race for industrial supremacy. The editor of the News calculates that he total cost per annual horse-power Scranton for 24 hours per day 365 ays in the year would be only \$15.42. r \$9.39 for a 10-hour day 313 days in the ear as against a single flat rate of \$18 er horse-power per year in Buffalo. The figures relating to Scranton have been proved by actual experience; the 'uffalo rate is estimated, and is as likely to go higher as to fall lower in ctual practice. Says the News, at the onclusion of an interesting study of his whole question:

his whole question:

The question whether a factory had beter be located at Scranton or at Niagara is not altogether one of the cost of electic, water or shaft power. For a paper illi, using great quantities of water, and a which the cost of power is perhaps the nost important item of the total cost, Niagara may be the best location, but in nost manufacturing establishments the question of heating in winter is an important one. In Scranton this can generally edone by the exhaust from the engine, this at Niagara coal would have to be ransported for heating purposes. So also many factories use steam and heat for their purposes than merely furnishing ower and warming the buildings, such is boiling, evaporating, driving, etc. For ush factories cheap fuel is most important. On the whole, the writer considers hat Scranton has the advantage over Nigara in the matter of cheap power whenver heating of the buildings is an important item in the total cost of product, and he would not be surprised to see Scranton develop in the future in its manfacturing industries faster than the new towns about Niagara Falls, or than that art of Buffalo which may receive its ower from Niagara.

This expert testimony simply coroborates the mass of similar testimony which has gone before it. Now that industrial activities are, as a rule, beginning to recover from the recent financial paralysis, it will be reasonable to expect that Scranton's repeatedly demonstrated superiority as a factory site will gain the attention of the commercial world and lead in time to a rapid multiplication of our industries,

The esteemed Wilkes-Barre Record has been in shivers for many months lest Lackawanna Republicanism should suffer from the controversies precipitated upon it by local malcontents. The Record does not appear to be able to grasp the significance of recent election returns, which show that with the decline of Scrantonism the Republican majority in Lackawanna county is steadily increasing.

John Sherman may as a matter of courtesy express deference for Secretary Carlisle as a financier, but we'll wager that he doesn't honestly feel it.

When Republicans fight like that against each other, no wonder they are invincible when they join forces against the common enemy.

President Cleveland is the first American executive who has felt that by refusing to look at a deficit he could re-

Be sure to read Senator Sherman's speech in full. It will be a keynote in the coming presidential campaign.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The real difficulty in the treasury department at Washington is that the administration sells bonds to maintain the gold reserve, and then uses the gold to make up the deficiency in the revenues to pay current expenses of the government.

Philadelphia and Allegheny will each claim two of the delegates at large to the national Republican convention, leaving four to the balance of the state. Under

Senator Chandler would like to know why the Bethlehem Iron company can furnish armor plates to the Russian government cheaper than to the United States. The answer to this committum probably is that the Russians were not willing to pay as liberally as the United States. Uncle Sam is very liberal in his dealings with his own family.

For real, downright, common sense opinions and views on national trances, Senator Sherman is headquarters all the time. What is pity it is that the Democratic party does not contain a national financier like John Sherman to put in the place of the blundering tyro was now rattless around in the office of secretary of the

The Democratic Cleveland administra-tion commences the new year by pra-posing another increase of the national debt. This time the president intends to borrow caough money to mest all proba-ble deficiencies during the remainder of his term-\$200,000,000.

PERVERSIONS OF JUSTICE.

Wilkes-Barrs Record: Noting the reablet attainstered by Judge Savidge to a Scranton jury which brought in a verdict of acquitite), but placed part of the costs on the defendant, the Scranton Tribune says: "in a criminal action before a high court the verdict of acquitial ought to constitute a complete experation, cherwise we should have the anomalous spectacle of a prisoner forced to pay for being found guilty. The community, when by its grand jury it sanctions a prosecution, should be willing to bear the expense of the trial, regardless of the outcome. If the prisoner is found guilty, the cost of reaching such a verdict is rightly supposed to be made up to the community in the bettered condition of its moral tone and of its safety caused by the due conviction of a violator of its rights. If found innocent, the assumption by the public of all the costs in the premises is a little enough reparation for the injustice of the arrest and the public arraignment."

This is unanswerable logic. But there are jurors who cannot understand that kind of reasoning. Many of these geatlemen imagine that they are doing their full duty if they find a defendant not gulity, but warn him not to do it again. Such verdicts should not be accepted by the court. The judge should have the power to exercise proper discretion in such cases, overrule the verdict and order another trial. This would result in more sensible decisions on the part of jurors who do not seem to properly realize the sancity of the oaths they take and utterly disregard the evidence, of which they are the constituted judges. No doubt the Scranton jury did not consider the defendant sufficiently guilty to condemn him, nor sufficiently innocent to give him an unqualified verdict of acquittal. In other words, they had a doubt regarding his guilt, but did not seem to understand that this doubt, if reasonable, entitled him to a full and free acquittal.

A similar instance occurred in our court last week, and by a singular coincidence, Judge Edwards, of Scranton, occupied the bench. The jury in the case of Constable Gallagher, charged with doing detective work without a license, brought in a verdict of not guilty, but ordered the defendant to pay the costs. In this case, however, the evidence against the accused was so strong that Judge Edwards felt it his duty to say that Gallagher ought to be found guilty, and told the jurors that they might reconcile their action with their consciences, if they could. In both instances the juries violated their oaths, and brought the administration of justice into disrepute. A radical reform in the method of selecting juries is one of the pressing needs of the time.

Carbondale Herald: Judge Savidge echoed the sentiments of more than a small portion of the people when he criticised the absurd verdicts which juries render in many of the cases tried at the court of quarter desions. The immediate occasion for Judge Savidge's remarks was the action of a jury in a case where one Scranton man was tried for assault and battery committed on another. The testimony in the case was uncontrovertible, but the jury, instead of rendering a verdict according to the law and the evidence, divided the costs between the prosecutor and defendant. Judge Savidge took the verdict, but told the jury that although they might be honest about it, they were very much mistaken in administering justice in that way. In a case where the evidence is strong enough to warrant a conviction, said he, any other verdict brings the law and the courts of justice into disrepute.

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The rebuke was doubtless a merited one, but this particular jury was no more at fault than countless others have been during the recent terms of courts. There has been a general disposition to settle all cases founded on personal encounter, by dividing the costs between prosecutor and defendant; or at the most of deciding that the defendant was not guilty but directing him to pay the costs. The result has been that personal safety has been rendered insecure. Quarrelsome and mischievous persons have not hesitated to attack inoffensive citizens, feeling that the aggrieved would have no redress. By entering the plea of self-defense, the aggressor has frequently succeeded in mulcting the prosecutor for half the costs; and branding him before the community as a character not above the level of the defendant. On account of the small chances for receiving justice, many persons have suffered assaults, without bringing the matter into court.

Tit is not long since a resident of this city, a gentleman celebrated among his acquaintances for his amtable disposition, was attacked by two young men. He sought redress in the courts, but got nothing for his pains except a bill of costs. The case was not any less flagrant than the one which excited Judge Savidge's indignation. Neither isit a greater perversion of justice than scores that occur during the year. There may be times when a jury serves the ends of justice when it divides the costs, but that mode of settling cases has become altogether too frequent of late.

THE PRIMARIES' RESULT.

From the Scranton World.

There seems to be no question that the result of yesterday's primaries resulted in a victory for Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, and that Tuesday's convention will give him the nomination for mayor. This is practically the election, for the clean record that he left when last he was the city's chief magistrate seems to promise but a forlora hope to any opposing nomination. If this be true, the citizens are to be congratulated. No occupant of the executive chair ever conducted the affairs of the city more wisely, or had a cleaner, more reputable administration. In this all good citizens without regard to political affiliations will agree. As he was a soldier, brave and courageous, as he has ever been a business man of most unquestloned integrity, as he is in private life an exemplar of virtue and morality, an exponent of a true broad-gauged Christian gentleman; so he was as mayor, and so he will be when again at the head of the city government. That he has won hands down in spite of the bitter factional opposition which confronted his candidacy, is the highest tribute which can be paid to him. The loss of the nomination to Captain Moir is in no wise a disparagement. He made the best race against Colonel Ripple that could have been put up by any other member of the party, and it is in itself a tribute to the high esteem in which he is held. That the voters of his party should have preferred a tried to an untried candidate is but natural in this emergency, when the party is itself divided, and his opponent was believed to be the only man who was sure to win, and he will doubtless support the nominee. Both are to be congratulated. From the Scranton World.

THE TRIBUNE ANNUAL.

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Philadelphia Press: One of the best of the almanacs issued in the state is the Seranton Tribune's annual. Its excellence consists not alone in its letter press, but in the illustrations in half-tone, which are reproductions of photographs of actual scenes or of famous works of art. This decorative feature is balanced by a compact digest of useful information, particularly rich in local events, that appeal not only to Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, but all northeastern Pennsylvania. The Tribune's annual is all that an almanac should be and in addition is something more.

-:!!:-One of the Very Finest. Pottsville Chronicle: The Scranton Trib-une's Art Annual and Political Hand Book for 1896 is one of the finest publications of this character to reach the Chronicle, It is handsomely illustrated, elegantly printed, and contains information which is val-table to everyone. As a book of refer-ence the Art Annual is most valuable, as it contains political and other informa-tion concerning the tation, state and Lackawanna county found in no other publication.

More Pretentions than Heretofers.

Stranton World: The almanae and political nandbook issued by the Stranton Tribune this year is much larger and more pretentious than any heretofore published by that paper. The annual consists of a number of fine half-tone illustrations and some valuable political listory and data. The latter portion of the book was prepared by Colonei J. D. Laciar. More Pretentions Than Heretofere.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe east: 4.18 a. m., for Monday Jan. 6, 1896.

It will be apparent to a child born this ley that tincle Joe did not observe the soid wave signal until it was too late. It is dealed that Wade Firm put on ear musts when the returns began to come in. With prospects of war with England and Turkey, and a revival of the Burke-Her-ring investigation, the rovernment seems hable to have its hands full. Of course the two brave Carbondale men, who had a weman sent to jath for scoiding them, would shoulder a gun in case of

Individual Horoscopes. [Alacebus has undertaken the task of giving advice to a few renders who have enclosed ramples of hair and date of

birth.1 "Last Rose of Sammer," Carbondale.— You are a nice girl and have many ad-mirers. You are not adverse to admira-tion from the opposite sex, especially when it is accompanied by sleighrides in win-ter and les cream in the summer. Your head is level, Rose. Work the boys for all you can. They are a bad let. In your twentieth year you will probably receive an offer of marriage from a man with a wart on his nose. Do not accept. You are aesthetic by nature and no matter how much you might love him at the time of the wedding, the wert in your eyes would soon seem bigger than his head. "Last Rose of Summer." Carbondale .-

soon seem bigger than his head.

Eddie, Scranton.—It is too bad that you were not born fifteen or twenty years ago. Then you could have voted with the men with no bloomers upon the borizon. You are prood and it will be a source of annoyance to have the new woman stand beside you at the poils and vote. But before you are of age the women will vote. Do not get married, for it is decreed by fate that your wife will vote against you on every question, especially that of finance.

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