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SCRANTON, JANUARY 8, 1896.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For Mayor-E. H. RIPPLE. For Treasurer-DANIEL WILLIAMS. For Controller-F. J. WIDMAYER. For Assessors-CHARLES FOWLER. CHRIST FICKUS. WILLIAM DAWSON.

Election Day, Feb. 18.

A correspondent of the Wilkes-Barre Record nominates Galusha A. Grow for senator to succeed Cameron. The compliment is well deserved; but if we remember correctly, Mr. Grow himself said within a fortnight that under no circumstances would be be a candidate.

The City Convention.

That the ticket yesterday placed in nomination by the Republicans of Scranton will besustained by the people at the polls is rendered certain by its unusually high average of personal merit and public fitness. At its head stands a man who, whether as soldier or civilian, has ever conducted himself honorably, bravely and like an honest man. The people of Scranton, without regard to class or race or creed, know through years of intimate acquaintance that they can trust Colonel Ripple. They know what kind of a mayor he made before: and they consequently know what to expect again. Of his associates it is enough at this time to say that they are concededly fitted for the trust for which they have been nominated In personnel, geography, party fidelit and individual character these nomi nees stand out conspicuously as type of deserving which the citizenship of this discriminating city will not fail t

The convention, to be sure, was marre by some show of factional pique, for which there was no justification either in fancy or in fact. But the conservative judgment of the party in this city sacrifice of majority rule because the kind of rule chances to displease a few overzealous adherents of a minority cause; and it is safe to expect that this bubble of personal chagrin will speedily disappear before the breath of inevit able party repudiation. With this slight exception the gathering yesterday was harmonious and enthusiastic; and it requires no special gift of prophecy to foretell that the ticket which i placed in nomination will be elected on February 18, by the largest average plurality ever cast for a municipa ticket in the city of Scranton.

recognize at the polls,

It is a fact worthy of note that though this government had no official word to say in behalf of the tens and hundreds of thousands of slaughtered Armenian victims of Turkish misrule, it has, by the destruction of some hundreds of dollars' worth of American property in Turkey, been moved to send a war-ship and an ultimetum. Truly his financial nerve is Brother Jonathan's sensitive point.

Mr. Cleveland will veto the new rev nuue bill at his peril. Maybe he will not care to take that risk.

The Nicaragua Canal.

A report has been sent out from Washington which, if true, may have important consequences. It is in substance that the state department has received advices from Nicaragua that British interests are reaching out for the control of the Nicaragua canal and that the Nicaraguan government is being urged to rescind its concessions to the existing American canal corporation. It is added that these advices have been deemed by the state department to be worthy of careful consideration by the president himself, with a view to their transmission in a special message to congress.

While it is well, of course, to avoid premature alarm, it would surprise few students of the Nicaragua canal problem to find this report some day verified. England's desire to have a large voice in the control of that trans-isthmian waterway has always been thinly veiled, and there is good reason to believe that British diplomacy has for years figured with this purpose clearly in view. But recent events have been such as to multiply many fold the anxlety of the officials in Downing street on this point. Secretary Olney's vigorous assertion of the Monroe doctrine greatly intensifies the importance of the control of the Nicaragua canal in the event of war; and this incentive to English diplomacy is in turn strikingly re-inforced by the menacing attitude of European nations under the lead of Germany in consequence of the Jameson invasion of the Transvaal.

With England in command of this important ship channel, she would not only possess an incalculable commercial advantage over her European and American competitors for South American trade, but she would moreover, in the event of war, whether with any part of continental Europe or the United States, have at her command a resource of simply inestimable value. The mere contemplation of this advantage as even a remote possibility ought to be sufficient to prompt the

statesmen of this country to be ready every means at their disposal. It is not probable that England would at this time make any open progress in the direction of trying to gain the mastary over this strategic resource, for that would be to call down a resistless storm of protest. But that by the subtle arts of diplomacy she is feeling her way to this end, under cover of secreey, would be neither surprising or improbable. It would be simply characteristic; and we should be deserving of no sympathy as a nation if we permitted her to fool us in so vital a matter.

It may be that under our deficit-creating, bond-selling present administration we are too poor to take the step which prudence and self-preservation immediately dictate; that is to say, to dig the canal and maintain it as a public work, with the United States government supreme and unchallenged in its ownership of it and of sufficient land on both banks of it to forever protect it against foreign encroachments or interference. But if this be true now, it will not be true for long. The recent correspondence on the Venezuelan question has at least done one thing of permanent value to American public sentiment—it has shown that the ownership and control of the Nicaragua canal are indispensable to the future maintenance of Secretary Olney's dictum that "the United States is supreme on the American continents and that its flat is law." This once clearly understood, the rest will come in time.

One disadvantage of licking an enemy by deed of mouth is shown in Campos' embarrassment since Gomez camped on his trail. It looks as if Spain did her boasting wholly on a bluff.

1895 Among the Railroads.

Encouragement-will be derived from the Railway Age's statement comparing the year of 1895 among rallroads with the panic year, 1893. In the lastmentioned year seventy-four roads, aggregating 29,340 miles, and involving \$1,781,000,000 of securities, became insolvent; last year only thirty-one roads, with 4,989 mileage and \$369,000,000 of securities fell under foreclosure. Two of these thirty-one companies contributed more than half the mileage and more than three-quarters of the capitalization. About 150 roads are being at present operated by receivers, but the sales and reorganizations are outnumbering the failures, and with the increase of business proceeding at a more rapid rate than the increase of expenses over the economies put in force two years ago, there is every reason to expect an early improvement.

The following table summarizes statistics of receiverships for the twelve years during which it has been

	No. of	Mile-	Stocksand
Year.	Roads.	age.	Honds.
1884	37	11,038	\$ 714,755,000
1885	44	8,386	385,460,000
1886	13	1,799	70,346,000
1887	9	1.046	90,318,000
1888	. 22	3,270	486,814,000
1889		3,800	99,664,000
1890	26	2,963	105,007,000
1891	26	2,159	84,479,000
1892	36	10,508	357,692,000
1893	74	29,340	1,781,046,000
1894	38	7.025	a 395,791,000
1895	31	4.059	369,075,000
Total for 12 v'r	0.976	85 496	\$1 610 147 000

How the work of railway foreclosure sale and reorganization has gone on very certainly will not approve of the during the last twenty years is shown

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v	No. of	Mile-	Stocksand
39	Year. Roads.	age.	Bonds.
y .	1876	3,840	\$ 217,848,000
g	1877 54	3.875	198,948,000
73U	1878 48	3,906	311,631,000
y	1879 65	4,909	243,288,000
	1880	3,775	263,882,600
	1881	2,617	127,923,000
4	1882 16	897	65,426,000
ÿ	1883 18	1.354	47,100,000
201	1884 15	710	23,504,000
d	1007	3 156	278,494,000
v	22.12	7,687	374,109,000
24	1200	5.478	328,181,000
8	CALLOW CO. C.	1.596	64,555,000
3	22.00	2,930	137,815,000
17.73	4 1000		
6	1890 29	3,825	182,495,000
1	1891 21	3,223	168,069,000
7	1892 28	1,922	95,898,000
	1893 25	1,613	79,924,000
	1894 42	5,643	318,999,000
h	1895 52	12,831	761,791,000
40		_	

Total in 20 yrs.645 75.757 \$4,289,916,000 "The fact that in twenty years 645 roads representing 75,757 miles of line and nearly \$4,290,000,000 of capitalization, or 42 per cent. of the present mileage and 40 per cent, of the present railway capitalization of the country, have been sold out, with great sacrifice of securities, is," says the Railway Age. 'rather appalling to contemplate, even when it is remembered that in many cases the same roads have been sold more than once and that the capitalization represents numerous duplications of securities." One circumstance in the immediate outlook which lends emphasis to hopefulness is the fact that the agrarian anti-railway movement in several western and northwestern states, with its jumble of anfagonistic and illiberal legislation, is on the wane. Another is the growing popular demand for fair, yet stringent and uniform supervision of railway matters by a reconstructed and invigorated interstate commission. When to these facts are added greater honesty in railway management and financiering, coupled with closer supervision of officials' work by shareholders, we shall be prepared to chronicle very decided progress in the matter of dividends.

The Philadelphia Press is receiving deserved congratulations upon the incomparable manner in which it is these days reporting the news of the world. In addition to its usual news service, which has no superior, it has established Julian Ralph as its special correspondent in London, has sent Colonel George N. McCain, of the governor's staff, to Venezuela, has located Wiliam F. Mannix in Cuba and has reorganized its Washington bureau so that in routine news and general political information it is unequalled. The daily dispatches of Mr. E. J. Gibson would alone keep the dumbest man well informed on all issues of party and of statesmanship. Added to these live special features, which do not begin to exhaust the list, is the fact that the Press, in all its departments, is a clean, enterprising, conscientious and high-toned journal, not surpassed on this continent, if in the world. The Tribune gladly felicitates it upon its excellence and congratulates Pennsylvania Republicans that they have at their command so good a champion and so alert a pur-

veyor of news. An ingenious argument for non-partisanism in municipal affairs is being put forth by the Democratic organs in Philadelphia, who care less for non-

partisanism than they do for the posto resist such a consummation with sibilities of electing Democrats to city office. It is an almost invariable rule that when non-partisanism is urged upon a municipality capable of clean government within party lines the suggestion comes from a minority that hungers for installation in power, and is orrespondingly insincere.

Contributions to the Armenian relief fund, whether of money, provisions or clothing, should be sent to Colonel H. M. Boles, the treasurer of the fund, who will gladly acknowledge any form of generosity. It is believed that the citizens of Scranton will not wait to be urged to the performance of so obvious a duty of Christianity and humanity as is involved in the giving of instant relief to the literally starving thousands in Armenia.

Senator Murphy's political proteges under the old regime were simply pardoned when they got into conflict with the law. The fact that they now have to fall back on fake confessions is a sign that times have changed.

In view of what the Kaiser has done to dear old England, don't you know, the New York Evening Post ought to lose no time in declaring war on Carl Schurz.

Senator Hill's appearance as an apologist for Grover Cleveland is doubtless upon the principle that since lecturing gave out he had to do something for a

In writing to the Kaiser that he must withdraw that Kruger telegram, Grandma Victoria runs the risk of being told a conventional piece of grandsonly ad-

It is a pity that Mr. Cleveland did not make up his mind a couple of years earlier to trust the people, instead of the foreign money-lenders.

The impression in Troy is that Mc-Gough's confession is too clever by han; and Trojans ought to know.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, 515 Fourteenth street, N. W., Washington, Jan. 7. A western Pennsylvania member of con-A western Pennsylvania member of congress, who is cheek by jowl with Senator Quay, is responsible for the statement that there has been a reconciliation between Governor Hastings and himself; that the governor has agreed to desert the combine and that hereafter he will be found marching under the banner of Quay. The white-winged angel of peace first appeared at the Republican national committee in Washington last month, and the recent meeting of Governor Hastings and Senator Quay at Harrisburg was the result. My informant also stated that Quay was the first to offer the glive branch. With it was the promise to give General Hastings the complimentary vote of the Pennsylvania delegation to the national convention for president on first bailot, and that should he show any outside strength, he is to have further support from Quay for the nomination.

Senator Quay and his friends are claim-

Senator Quay and his friends are claiming that they will capture a majority of the Philadelphia city committee. In discussing the matter today Congressman Reyburn said the senator and his friends would be lucky if they secure any members of that committee. Mr. Reyburn also said that the Penrose Smelling committee is exceeding its powers, and that if he were in Dave Martin's place he would have the members of that committee arrested. Chris Magee has threatened to have them arrested if they attempt to probe deeper than the law allows when they investigate the alleged rottenness of Pittsburg. But barking dogs seldom bite.

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Secretary Carlisle's popular loan plan is not likely to relieve the raid which is being made on the treasury. Instead, it will only tend to increase the raid, and a completely depleted treasury is likely to resuit. To get gold with which to purchase bonds everybody who has a gold certificate, treasury note or greenback, will rush off to the treasury or sub-treasury and demand coin for it, and thereby take the gold out of one of Uncle Sam's pockets to put it in another. It is another case of "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul." As I am "short" on all kinds of money just at present, the bond question interests me very little, and I will therefore let the other fellows do the worrying.

I learned the other day that my Demo-cratic friend, Martin Flynn, was going to quit selling eigars and will shortly embark in the hotel business. Flynn has been jealous of my friend, Tom Melvin, ever since he became a landlord. I trust both Martin and Tom are able to give Uncle Sam a helping hand in this his hour of greatest need.

Associate Justice Peckham, of the United States Supreme court, who took his seat on the bench Monday, looks very much like Chief Justice Fuller. He wears a mustache and his hair long, both of which are snowy white. For a member of the court-in Banc to wear a mustache was considered in bad taste until Mr. Fuller was made chief justice. Smooth faces or full beards was the custom, but Mr. Fuller refused to part with his beautiful white mustache, and Justice Peckham will also follow suit. The late Justice Jackson wore a goatee, and the late Justice Lamar a mustache and chin whiskers,

Daniel Sorber, of Hunlock Creek, Lu-zerne county, has been granted an origi-nal pension, and Wallace Keesler, of Gal-lice, Wayne county, an additional pen-

The additional star, made necessary by the admission of Utah as a state, will not be added to the flag until July 4 next. It will cost the government several thousand dollars to make the change. But Uncle Sam to be patriotic must keep up with the custom if he is a bankrupt.

The rector and the faculties of the Cath-olic University of America, located in this city, gave a reception on Tuesday in honor of His Eminence, Cardinal Satolii. The reception was largely attended by the clergy of all churches, irrespective of creed.

Landlord Roessle, of the Arlington hotel, received through the custom house today a small box upon which he paid \$1 duty. It was from his friend, William Holland, manager of the Winter Garden company of London, and with it was the following letter:

of London, and with it was the following letter:

"T. E. Roessle.

"My Dear Sir:—During the whole of my tour in America I never saw a soldier, and, as the president wants war, I have great pleasure in sending him some tin soldiers, made in Germany, to help him.

"Ever yours,

Mr. Roessle will write to Mr. Holland a few words, reminding him that Germany will not use tin soldiers if the Transvaal affair grows more serious.

Some people in Washington are almos willing to put up good money against bad
that Senator Cameron will succeed himself. Stranger things have happened, but
they do not occur often. If I were betting
on the result I would put my money on
Governor Hastings against the field.

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The Scranton Tribune's Annual for 1893 is not only a valuable handbook for ready reference, it is also a most creditable publication from a mechanical point of view, and one upon which The Tribune may pride itself. Aside from the usual calendrical information, there is a great deal of political and statistical matter or general interest, and much miscellaneous information that is good to possess. There are also several art productions in half tone. The Tribune's Annual is all right.

ELECT THE POOR DIRECTORS

From the Scranton News.

The News approves and heartily seconds the suggestion of the Truth that the directors of the Scranton poor district should be elected by the people. We have never heard any good reason advanced why an exception to the general rule should be made as to this class of officials. If it is a

good thing to give the president judge the appointment of poor directors, why not give him also the appointment of all the other enecutive officials of the city who have to do with the levyling, collection and expenditure of taxes? Or, to put the case the other way, if the law gives the choosing of these other officials to the people, why should it not give them the choosing of the poor directors also? The method of appointment is inconsistent with our general system, which is so good a system that it should never be departed from in any particular unless the most pressing and weighty reasons for such departure can be adduced. The law as it is should be repealed and popular rights in this matter restored.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The

Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 4.16 a. m., for Wednes-day, Jan. 8, 1895.

6 282 This morning's child, 'tis safe to say Will think that Johnny Fellows Received inflation yesterday From a pair of blacksmith's bellows.

From a pair of blacksmith's bellows.

History has oft repeated the fact that a blizzard is always moving in the direction of the man who imagines that he is larger than his political party.

The would-be leader who springs into polities on a frosty day generally "Withers" and fades before the violets bloom again.

Individual Horoscopes. [Ajacchus has undertaken the task of fiving advice to a few readers who have aclosed samples of hair and date of

birth.]
Politician, Scranton.—You were born under Jupiter and consequently have great nerve. You like to dubble in politics and would be pleased to own the carth. You should be successfui, inasmuch as you can remember a fancied injury much longer than you can a favor. Political success has caused your head to press against your hat-band to an als ming degree. We would not advise you to extend any courtesies to those who have aided you in the past, but procure a rubber hat band by all means.

Julia, of Avoca.—You were intended by birth.

ber hat band by all means.

Julia, of Avoca.—You were intended by nature for a prima donna. You have a good voice which, if properly cultivated, would transform you into one of the greatest cranks upon earth. With a little practice you ought to be able to run scales with the rapidity of a canary and there is no reason why you should not be generally disagreeable except when singing a church offertory solo. Cultivate your talents, Julia; you are destined to be a "hummer."

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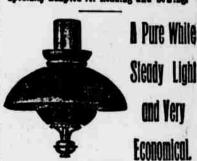
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