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### REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

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Election Day, Feb. 18.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Scranton's conversion to purity in politics will exhibit staying qualities.

### Put Up or Shut Up.

Within the past few days there has been more or less general talk about fraud at the recent Republican primaries. It is true that these vague accusations have emanated mainly from rec ognized party wreckers, whose political character is such as to throw discredit upon anything which they may say. Prominent among them is the editor of the Scranton Republican, to whom political debauchery has been a life pursuit, and whose present spasm of lofty morality properly incites the broadest derision wherever his record is

Nevertheless it is proper that these charges should be put into legal form and brought before the courts for action. In their present form they mean nothing. Let them, therefore, be made specific. Only in this way can they command attention and be sifted to the bottom. The men who are engaged in this promiscuous arraignment owe it to themselves, to the party and to the community to formulate their alleged knowledge of corrupt practices in such a way that they can be met in detail before a recognized and open tribunal of justice. Anybody can indulge in generalities. Anybody can cry "mad dog." But such talk is not evidence; it is only slander.

The Tribune has not hitherto taken notice of these diaphanous insinuations out of respect to the great mass of the party rank-and-file, whom it believes to be incorruptible and above suspicion; and in deference to the great majority of vigilance committeemen, whom it has every reason to believe are upright and law-abiding men, to whom crookedness in any form is utterly odious and abhorrent. But in justice to the party and to the party workers whose character for honor and fairness is thus brought into question, we must now call for the evidence. If it shall be forthcoming, let those who are guilty be singled out from those who are innocent: in other words, let there be a lining up.

Our Democratic friends exhibit prudence in their talk of nominating a "strong ticket." They will need one to make any kind of showing against Ripple. Williams and Widmayer.

# The Verdict of One Who Knows.

At the recent meeting of the American Historical society in Washington an exceedingly thoughtful and interesting paper was read by Senator Hoar upon "Popular Discontent with Representative Government." Some of the striking points in that paper are appended: "The flame of patriotism never burned brighter in the breasts of our people than it does today," said Senator Hoar, "Not alone does it burn bright in the native born, but it has sprend itself to those who have come to our shores and breathed our free air. Yet, when I consider the tone of the press, of men of letters, and of some writers of history when they describe ker, I am sometimes astonished that any American youth can love his country at all. The newspapers are largely the organs of one or another political party. They represent the party to which they are opposed, and especially the leaders, as base, selfish and intriguing. If these political organizations oe base, and if the leaders are base and mean, then are the American people, base and mean. We are disturbed by foreign criticism, by the contemptuous utterances of the Saturday Review and London Times. Is it strange that the papers of the foreign countries should adopt the opinions that are constantly uttered by the metropolitan press? Is there any offense of this sort in London which cannot be matched in New

There are many fault-finders, men who can see no good in anything and always look for something evil. If the critical and fault-finding temper be not justified by the truth its effects must be infinitely mischlevous and pestilent. There are two classes of complaints which make a decided impression on good men. First, the complaint of what is called "Party spirit," and, second, the impotence and the slowness, fickleness, and the inefficiency of legislative bodies. The man who conscientiously acts with is party is as truly independent in politics as the man who, according to Lord Dundreary's proverb, "flocks by himself." The man who surrenders his opinion to that of the organization to which he belongs, honestly believing that he can best serve the public welfare in that manner, is doing right. There must be concert of action and agreement of support to pass any measure or elect any candidate, be he-good er bad, In supporting candidates for office it is

Continuing he said:

good to narrow, not to widen the field of

Senator Hoar then told of the opinions foreign historians held of America, and of their words of condemnation of our form of government. .

form of government.

I am willing to compare our representative government at its worst with any monarchie government under which the authority of the monarchy is really felt, in supremacy over the expression of a repsented and controlling popular will, at its best, and risk everything that I hold dear and precious on the result of the comparison. It is a very serious question to any American, whether his love for his country is a sentiment which has its root and its foundation in a sound respect and honor. If it be true, as the critics of the London Saturday Review and of the London Times, and their New York imitators, are telling us from day to day, that these representative governments of ours are but an aggregation of base men, seeking base, personal ends, governed by low and sordid motives, and that this condition of things is growing from year to year worse and not better, then our country is not a fit object for love. You cannot be grateful to the Fathers who have bequeathed to you these institutions, and you cannot hope for the children to whom you will deliver them. for the children to whom you will

But in closing, Senator Hoar paid : high tribute to the character of the men who legislate for the country, stating that his remarks were based on an intimate acquaintance with the majority of them during the last thirty years. He said that there has been a steady increase in the number of men who come to congress to work wholly for the best interests of the country at large. "I believe," said he, "that the conduct of public affairs is growing better, purer and wiser from generation to generation. I believe that in the main the motives by which our public men are governed in the administration of national, state and local affairs are honest and unright. The pure and lofty emotions are ever the great and overmastering emotions."

This is the verdict of one of our old est and most experienced senators. It is based on the observations and the experiences of a lifetime passed in the very thick of political strife and intrigue, beneath the glare of the culminating forces of American polities. At a time when many persons affect to believe that things in this country are swiftly going to the bad, it is well to ponder the remarks of Senator Hoar.

one or two extremists to hold up the entire business of the senate at will is a species of polite nonsense which will one of these days have to give way. The senate needs a vigorous dose of Tom Reed.

### The Common Sense of It.

Calm reflection is doing its work among many of the recent supporters of the unsuccessful Republican ticket in this city. Disappointment at defeat is only natural; among honest champions it is a proof of sincerity. No true Republican on the side which won in Tuesday's convention will care to begrudge to those who lost this entirely human symptom of their proper enthusiasm, or will seek to aggravate it.

But personal disappointment affords no excuse for party treachery. If defeat in convention be accepted as justification for desertion at the polls, then political parties would soon cease to exist, and in their place we should have simply guerilla politics and chaos. Politics is essentially a game of give and until sustained by adequate evidence take. The man who cannot accept both sides of the pastime will eventually find himself regarded as not much of a man.

The talk of bolting at this time comes we believe, from men laboring under excitement. They expected to win. Instead, they lost. But that will not afford a sufficient basis for asking the party rank and file to follow them into independent paths. Common sense should be listened to in this affair. The utterance of wholesale accusations unsupported by proof should be ignored. A little reason is all that is required to adjust the whole matter.

Then, if the hotheads wish by themselves, let them go.

It will be noticed that the latest story of Cuban defeat starts out with a Spanish date line.

# Some Statistics of Crime,

The Chicago Tribune has for severa years made a specialty of statistics relating to crime, notably capital crimes On New Year's day it printed a tabulated review of the old year's criminal doings, from which we extract the fol-

lowing summary: Murders, Suicides, Lynchings 4,912 5,759 4,436 3,860 3,331 2,040

This showing in respect to lynchings is quite gratifying, when we remember the increased provocation. Or the lynchings in 1895, 144 occurred in the South, the victims in 32 cases being whites. But when we learn from the Tribune's recapitulation that as against 10,500 murders and 171 lynchings for 1895 there were only 132 legal execuannuliment of their charter would be a tive system becomes vividly apparent. Whether in 88 cases out of 89 the law failed to punish murder properly, or whether the trouble is due to the method of punishment resorted to in the 89th case, will be left to the penologists to determine. At all events, it is anomalous and disgraceful that only one murderer in 89 should receive, in our courts, the maximum penalty provided:

for his crime. It is apparent that the Kaiser's Transvaal dispatch is only a pretext for war. That two Christian nations should fly at each other's throats solely because the ruler of one of those nations congratulated the victims of one of the other nation's roving bands of free booters upon their escape from confiscation is a palpable absurdity.

The fortification by England of the

to sympathize with Venezuela and Transvaal.

Give us a Republican president and senate, and the bend question will cease to be an issue of importance. The Republican way is to pay off, not pile up, the national debt.

The Kaiser evidently has his fighting boots on. The chances therefore are that England will bluster awhile and then back down.

The senatorial question in Pennsylvania seems to be taking a day on. Is it because Quay is sway?

### POLITICAL POINTS.

The Republicans of Luzerne are united in their purpose to send Congressman Lelsenring as one of the district delegates to the national convention, and will do their level best in the state convention to have Hon. Charles A. Miner chosen as one of the delegates at-large. There is a rattling contest for the Second district delegate, the aspirants being Colonel William J. Harvey. Theodore Hart and Morgan B. Morgans, with possibly some dark horse to be entered. It is said that the delegates from Carbon, Montour, Columbia and Wyoming will be likely to unite with Luzerne in support of Mr. Miner for delegate at-large.

There will be lively times in Lancaster county presently when the Republicans hold their primaries to nominate local candidates and delegates to the state and national conventions. In Lancaster these nominations are made by popular vote direct for the candidates, and more votes are usually polled than at a presidential election. If the Scranton Republican were published there it would doubtless allege that the excess votes were cast by Democrats.

Lieutenant Governor Lyon, who might reasonably be supposed to cherish guber-natorial ambition, has informed some of his friends that he is not a candidate and will support Congressman William A.
Stone for governor in 1898. Unless Senator Quay changes his mind during the next
two years he will also support Colonel
Stone. Two years, however, is a long time
in polities and many changes may occur.

The announcement that ex-Senator Platt has no expectation of being able to nominate Governor Morton for president will not surprise any one. Very few people have at any time believed that Mr. Platt wanted Morton nominated. What he wants is a New York delegation that will obey orders and vote as they are directed, without being too inquisitive as to the whys and wherefores.

There are symptoms of Republican peace in Philadelphia. Quay and Martin are on speaking terms now and may yet shake hands across the bloody chasm. It is about time that the Republicans of Philadelphia get together. Since the war between the factions the Republican majorities have been increasing so rapidly in that city as to almost wipe out the Democratic party.

Schuylkill county has three common pleas judges, but she might just as well have only one, inasmuch as two of them are hopeless invalids and cannot perform their duties. They refuse to resign and an attempt is to be made to compel them to do so. This incident supplies the Philadelphia Press with the text for a strong article in favor of a law reasoning indees. ticle in favor of a law pensioning judges

The New York Evening Post, the only ultra-British paper published in the United States, has soured on Cleveland since he gave vent to his Venezuela message. Previous to that the Evening Post divided its smiles about equally between Great Britain and the president, now it has smiles only for the former and frowns for the latter.

Governor Morrill, of Kansas, declares that Prohibition is a failure in that state, that the law prohibiting the sale of liquor cannot be enforced. This will be the signal for a violent attack on the governor by the Prohibitionists all over the country. They have no patience with a man who says Prohibition laws cannot be enforced.

If President Cleveland were only able to exercise a little influence over a few Democratic senators it might be possible to enact legislation for the relief of the treasury without increasing the national debt. The Republican senators are willing to do this, but there are not enough of them.

It has been internately announced that the present session of congress will be a short and a long one. These announcements have not been made by the members of congress—they haven't the least idea whether the session will be long or short, and they will not know until some time next summer.

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It has been alternately announced that

The average Democratic leader tries to be patriotic one day of the year—the day when he celebrates what they call "Jackson Day." If Jackson were alive he couldn't be a Democrat without being giaringly inconsistent. But you couldn't make a Democrat believe that.

New York hopes to secure the next Democratic national convention and is work-ing hard for it. For once Hill and Cleve-land are in accord. Both favor New York as the place for the convention, and both will contribute money to secure it.

The New York Sun includes our Sena-tor Cameron in its list of "green goods statesmen." Pennsylvanians are no lon-ger interested in Senator Cameron; they seem to be indifferent to what he does or leaves undone.

# THE TRIBUNE ANNUAL.

Better Than Ever. Altoona Gazette: The Scranton Trib-une's Annual appears in better form this year than ever. It contains, in concise form, a vast amount of valuable informa-

One of the Finest Going.

Tunkhannock New Age: The Scranton Tribune Annual for 1898 is one of the finest, both as to typographical appearance and matter contained, that ever reached our desk. It gives a summary of local events for the year 1895, election statistics for the counties of northeastern Pennsylvania, state and national party platforms and various other valuable and interesting matters.

# A CREDIT TO THE CITY.

From the Carbondale Herald.

The hustling metropolis of the anthracite coal fields has many things of which it can be justly proud, but none of its institutions reflect more credit on the city of Scranton than does its board of trade. It is justly celebrated throughout the country for its successful methods in building up the industries of the city. It never tires in the work and no sooner is one project accomplished than another is under way. Indeed, it is never content with doing one thing at a time, but generally has two or three important matters in hand at the same time. It is now announced that in a short time five new industries will be established at Scranton through the efforts of the board of trade. The secret of the success of this body is not alone in its organization or the personality of its officers, but it lies in the fact that it is heartly supported by the people of Scranton, both by moral and financial aid. It is the very embodiment of the Scranton spirit, which is progress. It is a representative Scranton body of which Scranton can be proud.

# ALMANACIA.

The Philadelphia Times almanac, like The Philadelphia Times almanac, like the excellent newspaper by which it is published, studies the art of condensation. It gives all there is to be given in such a work without waste of time or space. The issue for 1896, which has just been received, supplies an eloquent illustration of this rule. It could not be made neater or more compact. It is a striking testimonial to the skill and the patience of its compiler, Mr. William H. Zeller.

The almanac issued this year by the Williamsport Sun contains on its first page a good picture of the Sun's handsome new home, and on the inner pages such well-arranged information as one would expect in a product of so enterprising a pewspaper.

# AN UNWISE PROCEEDING.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record.

The bolt of the Moir delegates at the Republican city convention in Scranton is an unfortunate occurrence and one that reflects no credit upon the bolters. The Ripple men had a clear majority in the convention and would have undoubtedly nominated their ticket, had not the minority raised the old-fashioned objection that many of the Ripple delegates had been elected by Democratic votes. The best thing the bolters can do is to get into line for the regular ticket and help

to elect it. In this Republican year there should be no divided councils in the party.

### Colossal Ignorance.

From the Buffalo Express.

A woman called to testify before a coroner's jury in New York on Wednesday appatied that body by declaring that she didn't know where she lived. This wasn't a marked sign of ignorance, as it afterward proved. She next was asked if she knew the name of the city. She did not, nor could she tell what country this is. The coroner, holding a Bible, asked her what book it was, "I don't know," the woman replied. "Ever hear of the Bible?" he asked. She had not. Nor had she ever heard of Jesus Christ. This was igorance dense enough to merit a place on the jury. That was full, however, and the woman was excused. was excused.

# The General Opinion.

From the Rochester Post-Express.
It is to be hoped no one will move a reconsideration of Don Cameron's decision to retire from the senate of the United

# A Very Small Split

From the Wilkes-Barre Record.
The split in the Republican is Scranton has turned out to be small split after all.

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacohus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 1.60 n. m., for Friday, Jun. 9, 1893.

A child born on this day will \_ve a sus-pleion that some one has stuck a tack in the pneumatic tire of Democratic enthuslasm hereabouts. From present indications ex-Mayor Fel-lows will be the veritable "lone fisher-man" of local polities in a day or two hence.

Congressman Scranton as an advocate of pure politics is funnier than the author of the circus clown's own joke book. It still looks as though an equinoctial storm had been beating against the sur-face of the Democratic city slate. Without any particular grievance the elements came very near producing a tie up on the street car lines yesterday.

Ajacchus' Advice. Do not waste your energy in assisting some one else to "get even." Walt until your own corns have been bruised. Avoid the companionship of the po-cian with a grievance and a knife in

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