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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. Says the esteemed but mistaken Reading Times: "The Republicans of Scranton have split. Of course, this insures the election of a Democratic chief magistrate." Of course, it insures nothing of the kind. The split isn't deep enough

In Behalf of the Persecuted.

The Christian citizenship of Scranton should be well represented at tomorrow evening's services in the First Presbyterian church. Apart from the eminence and the eloquence of those who will speak from that pulpit upon this occasion, lies the still unfulfilled duty of the people of Scranton to aid to their uttermost, by words, by sympathy and by cash, their unfortunate brethren in Armenia, among whom a summer of wanton massacre and indescribable persecution has been followed by a winter of famine and unexampled destitution. If those in authority in the governments of Christendom fail to respond to this unprecedented call for intervention, the Christian church in America should not fail; but should rise to this emergency as it rose, in our own country, to the emergency of terminating human slavery.

In this cause the pulpit rightfully speaks with the emphasis of paramount authority; for it is the religion of the Armenians which has subjected them to outrage and slaughter, and it seemingly must be at the prompting of the church, working without the co-operation of the makers of civil and international law, that this crowning blot up the civilization of the nineteenth century shall be, unfortunately not eradicated-the opportunity for that has passed-but palliated and within possibility redeemed. Let this meeting. then, be a representative one, and let the voice of its pulpit be the voice of every Christian resident in Scranton, reinforced by an emphasis even more effective than words!

Amos Cummings, although a Democrat, pays a marked compliment to Thomas B. Reed. "I have seen 'em all for thirty years," he says, "rainy days and in sunshine, before the footlights and behind the scenes, and I tell you that Tom Reed ranks up along with any of 'em and is the biggest man in America today." There are a good many Republicans who agree with Mr. Cum-

Colonel Ripple as a Candidate.

The Republicans who urged and accomplished the nomination of Colonel Ezra H. Ripple for the office of Mayor were actuated by higher motives than the desire for factional supremacy, and among those who most earnestly supported him are many who were not even moved by feelings of personal friendship or any expectation whatever of did so because they recognized in him the man above all others best fitted for the office of chief magistrate of this city at the present time, when it is especially desirable that there should be at the head of our municipality a man possessing all the elements of a robust individuality. That he possesses in an eminent degree this quality even his most unreasonable opponent will not deny. There is not among those who opposed his nomination a single intelligent man who would for a moment hesitate to confide any trust, however sacred or important, to his keeping. whether such trust be of a public or pri-

Ezra H. Ripple is in every sense what may properly be called a "robust" man. We use this term in the sense in which it has been applied by the American people to men of national renown like Lincoln, Grant and Garfield. They were earnest, resolute and aggressive in every sphere of life in which they moved, positive in their convictions, resolute in carrying out whatever they conceived to be in the line of duty, aggressive in combating wrong and error in affairs that concerned the interests and welfare of the people. In the more limited sphere in which Colonel Ripple has been an active factor for a quarter of a century he has achieved a reputation and established a character for honored men in the more extended af- lish antecedents and citizenship, re-

Colonel Ripple is an excellent repre- United States, and has long been one sentative of a class of Americans who with us in sympathy and in ideals. have left, and are today leaving, the To be sure, there is a reverse side to impress of their strong individuality this picture. While we eulogize Nor-

are found in this republic, and to them every such community owes in very large measure the progress it has made in good government, in morality and in every other respect that tends to bring honor and fair fame to a municipality. If only men of the high character and forceful manhood that mark the career of Colonel Ripple were chosen to public office-national, state and municipalthere would be no occasion for Lexow investigations, and no cause for popular complaint on the score of corrupion, extravagance, reckless administration or incompetence.

What the city of Scranton needs, and what every other municipality in the country needs and always will need, is the highest measure of integrity and ability in the administration of its government. This end can be attained only when the people resolve to elect to places of responsibility men who in their past lives illustrate and exemplify the quality of "robustness" in everything that constitutes the model citizen, the true man, the genuine American. Men of this stamp are to be found in every community, certainly in every city in this land, but too few of them are willing to subject themselves to the annoyance, trials and unpleasantness incident to contests preceding our elections. Here and there are found men like Colonel Ripple who will yield to the persuasion of those in the community who desire the very very best government attainable, and consent to pass through contests such as that recently witnessed in this city.

No just or fair-minded man will deny that during the period he served this city as mayor, he elevated the office to a higher plane than it had ever before attained. More than that, he was, directly and indirectly, instrumental in elevating every other branch or the municipal government, and from that time to the present the city of Scranton has maintained a status-financially and morally-of which its people have just reason to feel proud.

Colonel Ripple's nomination for mayor was the direct result of a popular deto do a particle of damage to any save mand for the elevation of men of his stamp to offices of public trust and responsibility. The same sentiment is prevalent in other cities in this state. He measures up to the popular ideal of what the chief magistrate of a city like Scranton ought to be. He is a "robust" man in every particular-robust physically and intellectually; robust in his personal and business integrity; robust in his morality; robust in his charity; robust in his sympathy for the poor and unfortunate in the community; robust in his devotion to the interests of the city of Scranton and the welfare of her people.

Because Colonel Ripple is that kind of a man he is the choice of his party for the honorable, important and responsible office of chief magistrate of this city. For the same reason he will be elected by an overwhelming majority of the people without special reference to mere party line, for his vote will be swelled by the ballots of hundreds of citizens who on national and state issues do not affiliate with the political party whose recognized candidate he is. All citizens who appreciate the importance of the highest possible standards of ability and integrity in high municipal offices are in hearty accord with the candidacy of Colonel Ripple. In nominating him for mayor the Republito its own best instincts and followed in the paths that have in the past led to victory and given to the city good gov-

rnment. What Colonel Ripple has been in the past that will he be in the future. His election to the mayoralty for the next three years will not be in the nature of an experiment. With this forceful, proad-gauged citizen and gallant war veteran at the helm of the municipality every interest and every right of the people will be carefully protected. Wisdom, Prudence, Integrity and Progress" is the motto inscribed on the banner placed in his hands by the party that has made him its nominee for mayor of the city of Scranton.

It is complimentary to Mr. Boland that his fellow-Democrats want him to run for mayor and also for city treas urer; and unfortunate for them that the law does not permit him to compromise the matter by running for both offices at one time.

A Contrast.

In view of the now almost certain probability that the issue between this government and that of Great Britain touching the boundary of Venezuela will be settled peaceably, by arbitrapersonal or political favors. The vast | tion, under a general compact referring majority of those who stood by him in all Anglo-American differences to this his contest for the nomination of mayor | civilized and Christian method of arbitrament, it is with some pride that the credit for this victory of intelligence over passion is accorded in a very large degree to the work of the newspaper press, which in this affair, as in many others, has led the way where pollticians halted and statesmen failed.

Rarely has the much abused "power of the press" received so signal a vindication and laid for itself so large a claim to future recognition and compliment as in the case of Henry Norman. the special commissioner of the London Chronicle, and his work in clearing the British atmosphere of its delusions and misapprehensions. Reaching Washington at a time when the toffe of the newspapers in his own country, following the eminent, though mistaken, example of the British premier. was almost without exception flippant, sarcastic or truculent in fts allusions to the American position on the Venezuelan question, he struck out boidly toward the obvicus truth of the situation, and in less than a week had carried press, parliament and even the ministry itself of England over to a proper understanding of American sentiment and to a realization of England's hitherto unrecognized duty. While it is only just to acknowledge that this seemingly herculean task was performed, not by an American journalist but by an English one, yet the robust manhood, strong individuality, luster of his deed reflects credit upon unflinehing integrity and devotion to journalism everywhere; and there is what is noblest and best in public and the satisfaction of reflecting that the private life, equal to that of our most author of this great work, while of Eng-

upon every community in which they man, the Englishman, for the courage

ceived his collegiate education in the

and the candor of his work in vindicat ing America's claims, we must not forget that to an American, Mr. Smalley, we owe much of the early ignorance of the English ministry and people and much of the undeserved contempt with which they have, rather foolishly as they now perceive, regarded us in this whole episode. We can tuna of no circumstance in history which affords material for a sharper and more cutting contrast than is shown between the writings of Henry Norman, Englishman, in the Chronicle, and those of George W. Smalley, American, in the Times. But if the latter represent the prostitution of a noble function to the base necessities of flunkeyism the former certainly constitute that function's

vindication. Congress has acted wisely in return ing a prompt response to Secretary Herbert's request for legislation enabling the president, in any emergency, to draft naval militiamen for service in the regular navy, which is now short of seamen; and also authorizing him at his discretion to impress merchant ships into the service as transports. Coupled with this act, which congress has readily advanced, in a provision appropriating money for the addition of ,000 regular seamen to the navy. These be parlous times, during which any day may bring on a situation wherein the nation would breathe more freely if it knew that it had at least sufficient seamen at its command to man its small number of warships, cruisers and transports. Besides, in the event of s naval demonstration for the educational benefit of Turkey, these new re-inforcements would be urgently needed.

The case against Senator Kauffman, of Lancaster, stands established that he tried to purchase Wanamaker senatorial boom editorials at bargain counter rates, and that he falled. In the meantime, Lancaster has decided to stand by Hay Brown. Mr. Wanamake therefore seems to have fallen a vic tim of fool friends.

The fact that the house has discarded Reed's rules in favor of something better simply shows that Republicanism is always ready to keep abreast of the times. Reed's rules accomplished their purpose. They made things move.

It is not necessary to resort to gag rule in the senate in order to make that body a progressive institution. All that is needed is a more liberal recognition in its rules of government of the previous question.

many as she tried to bluster with the United States. But in the end she will back down in both cases. That is the Anglican way. The belief of the Spanish telegrapher

rounded is true—to a degree. They are surrounded by water. If our crack cruisers like the Baltimore cannot bear up against a storm at sea, how would they behave before ar

enemy's guns? In a general way it looks as if John Bull as a land thief had, for the present, about reached the end of his tether.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Either with or without authority persons claiming to stand very close to Governor Hastings declare that a compromise has been agreed upon between the governor and Senator Quay by which the former becomes a candidate for United States senator under the auspices of the latter. Few of Governor Hastings' real friends are prepared to give credence t; this story, and its confirmation would be a great disappointment to them. Under the circumstances such an act on the part of Governor Hastings would appear almost in the light of an act of bad faith with the Republican party of Penusylvania. The people elected him governor by an unprecedented majority. He has served only a quarter of the term for which he was elected. Either with or without authority person

General Bussell A. Alger, of Michigan, seems to think he is a little two large a man for second place on the Republican presidential ticket, and has informed his friends that he has no ambition for the vice-presidency. There are men in the United States who hold quite tenaciously to the good old theory that no man is too big for the vice-presidency, and that idea is eminently correct.

The Republicans of Chester and Delaa squabble over the congressional nomina-tion. Chester claims the candidate this year, but Delaware demands one more term. Congressman "Jack" Robinson heads the Delaware faction and Judge Butler the Chester crowd. This contest is no new experience in that congresisonal district.

Colonel John R. Fellows, late of the Confederate States Army, but now district attorney of New York will be the orator to present the claims of that city before the national Democratic committee next week, as the proper place for the national convention. The choice is a wise one, for John R. Fellows has the gift of oratory in even a greater measure than oratory in even a greater measure than his namesake in this city.

The New York Sun has become an admirer of Secretary Olney. It says: "The rapid increase of Olney's reputation as a statesman of conviction, initiative and force, is a phenomenon of the time. For thirty days his fame has been growing like Jack's beanstalk, but with a good prospect of permanency in the altitude prospect of permanency in the altitude

The Cleveland third-term movement appears to have again collapsed. The presi-dent's recent outburst of patriotic fervor has brought down upon his head the wrath of the Mugwumps, and without them Mr. Cleviand is nowhere.

Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, is not in favor of recognizing, even if they should establish a government of their own. Lindsay is one of the class of statesmen who do not believe that the world moves.

THE TRIBUNE ANNUAL.

One of the Best of the Season. Montrose Democrat: The Scranton Tribune's almanac is one of the best of the season, and is specially interesting to residents of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Bradford and Wayne counties, as much of its contents has to do with the political and other affairs of these counties.



Nil?
That's the situation.
How's that?
Well, I've worked hard enough in selecting names for glory—
Yes.
I've spent sleepless nights making up

But every candidate I suggest seems to have a large, wet sponge of his own. Z-z-z-ling!

Is that Mr. Thomason? Anything new in polities? Am not in it. Indeed!

No. Why do you ask? Have not been asked to become candi-ate for mayor?

Have not been confronted by popular up-

No one has asked you to purify politics? No, not even Congressman Scranton. You could not be persuaded to enter the Well, no. I may be somewhat hard of hearing, but I am afraid the general de-mand for reform of that sort will not be loud enough to make a buzzing in my

Z-z-z-ling!

Hello! Who calls?
This is the clerk of the house.
What house: Ed?
No. No. On. The house of representatives at
Washington, D. C.
Ah! Excuse me. How can we serve you?

You might mention the kindness of the body toward the member from Lackawan-What kindness?

Why didn't you notice, yesterday, that he house voted down a resolution to vithhold the pay of absent members? Z-z-z-ling! Call up Mr. Brainard, please.

How are you. Mr. Brainard? I understand you are interested in an art exhi-

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