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### REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For Mayor-E. II. RIPPLE. For Treasurer-DANIEL WHILIAMS. For Controller -F. J. WIDMAYER. For Assessors-CHARLES FOWLER. CHRIST FICKUS. WILLIAM DAWSON Election Day, Feb. 18.

reluctance of our Democratic friends to volunteer for political cremation ought to prove encouraging to

### A Duty That Must Be Met.

Republicans.

Before an audience of 2,500 of the most prominent residents of the national capital, Justice Harlan, Rev. Dr Talmage, Miss Clara Barton and sev eral others on Friday evening last pleaded with eloquence and effectiveness for aid in behalf of the starving Armenians. Like the stirring service in the First Presbyterian church of our own city last evening, this gathering of men and women eminent in the public affairs of Washington represented a spontaneous outburst of righteous indignation at the terrible and as yet unpunished atrocities committed by the Mohammedan Turk, and typified the Christian sentiment which everywhere is rising to the duty of providing for the surviving victims. In its list of officers we find the names of men of every race and creed, bishops of Protestantism and of Catholicism, generals in the army, presidents of universities and distinguished exponents of the learned professions:

One sentence in the address of Justice Harlan deserves to be noted with attention: "If half of what has been published in reference to the outrages perpetrated upon the Armenian Christians be true," said he, "it is safe to say that their sufferings are almost without a parallel in the history of the last one hundred years. Any government that tolerates such outrages within its jurisdiction, or which remains inactive while they are being perpetrated, ought to perish from the earth." This, be it remembered, was said not by a frenzied zealot, but by a justice of the supreme court of the United States, Not less striking was the remark of Dr. Talmage: "President Cleveland expressed the sentiment of every intelligent and patriotic American when he thundered from the white house a warning to all nations that there is not one acre or one inch more of ground on this continent for any transatlantic government to occupy. And by that doctrine we stand now and shall forever stand. But there is a doctrine as much higher than the Monroe doctrine as the heavens are higher than the earth, and that is the doctrine of humanitarianism and sympathy and Christian helpfulness," And this same thought was even more forcibly embodied in the resolutions, which said: bodied in the resolutions, which said:

While we commend our government and its minister in Constantinople, the Hon. A. W. Terrell for the course thus far pursued, yet we cannot but express our sincere desire that something other than mere diplomacy might be resorted to by our government and the European powers to put an end to the atrocities daily being committed in Armenia and elsewhere in the Turkish empire. We deem it important that our government should take all legal steps necessary to the protection of our naturalized citizens of Armenian birth who are being taxed and oppressed by the Turkish government.

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In view of the steps which have been taken in our city to aid in the alleviation of the Armenian famine sufferers, it may not be amiss to quote briefly the remarks at this Washington meeting of Frederick D. Greene, the secretary of the National Armenian Relief committee, a gentleman who resided for many years in Turkey. Said he: "It is reported by impartial and trustworthy American residents in Turkey that as a result of the recent massacres as many as 50,000 Armenians have already been killed, and that at least three hundred and fifty thousand are now in danger of perishing from starvation and exposure. We need \$100,000 now, and at least \$1,000,000 will be needed to tide over the Armenians till next year." But most eloquent of all was the speech of a young Catholic, Father Stafford, who carried the immense audience as by magic when he said:

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I am heartily glad of this opportunity to meet upon the same platform the chergymen and people of the several religious denominations of Washington, and with them to plead in the cause of right and justice. Whatever be the unhappy divisions of doctrine which separate us, I thank God there are yet left us some common principles, a common platform upon which we can all meet and be one. Doctrine is exclusive. The assertion of one doctrine is the exclusion and repudiation of all others. Charity knows no lines and stops at no barriers, but embraces all the world. Liberty! Liberty! This is a theme for us all. When any nation outrages natural justice we have a right to protest, and we do protest against these Armenian outrages. Turkey is bound by positive convention and treaty with the great powers of Europe to protect the Armenians. She has disregarded that treaty, and the six great powers have looked complacently on.

It is our duty to make the liberty of this country so perfect and our influence abroad so great that no corner of the globe will dare lift a sword above & man and say, "Believe or die." This is certainly our mission in the world, and may,

God give us grace to live up to it. God, increase our strength, develop our resources, nerve our arms, inspire our people. When others fall may we stand; when thrones totter and dynasties fall, oh. God, uphold America; when liberty is vanished and tyranny reigns, oh. God, save America, and give such wisdom to guide our councils, such strength to nerve our arms, such national progress, such world-wide influence, as to make us the guardian, the advocate, the protector of liberty in all the world. Liberty for the Protestant and for the Catholic; liberty for black and for the white; liberty for Europe and America; liberty for Venezueia, and liberty for Armenia! Liberty, freedom, and enfranchisement:

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This problem, this duty, is before us. It is not to be evaded or belittled. In an age when electric wires bind continents ogether and bring all races of mankind nto one human family; an age when Christianity preaches in every clime the cospel of human brotherhood and when governments are sustained upon the plea that they protect the individual's orivileges and rights, it cannot be held that the wanton killing in another land of thousands of fellow-Christians and the starving of hundreds of thousands more, is of no concern to Christian America. This duty is before us; and it must be met.

General Alger's declaration of vicepresidential honors is open to the suspicion of being somewhat premature.

### Help for the Friendless.

The generous action of Professor Temberger in offering, before Saturday's fire had been extinguished, to turn the forthcoming concert of the Symphony orchestra into a benefit for the now nearly destroyed Home for the in kind by the philanthropic citizens of Scranton. It was an action illustrating the highest type of benevolence, in that it was as prompt as it was publicspirited; and it should be regarded by to a lively competition in practical charity. This concert would have deserved liberal patronage on its own merits as a praiseworthy step in the direction of local culture; but now it will make a redoubled appeal to the favor of the community, and should be the means of placing a considerable sum in the hands of the management of the stricken Home.

But more than this will be needed to conquer the emergency. If ever there was a cause which deserved from the reople of this city liberal and immediate support, this it is. Had there been n > sudden crippling of the Home's usefulness by fire, that splendid institution would still have required additional support. The recent loss of legislative and had left it in a condition of embarrassment which could, at best, have been overcome only by very active and effective solicitation among its friends. But now its needs are eloquently selfevident. There will need to be an immediate and ungrudging public response if its magnificent work shall continue without cruel interruption. The Tribune, in the belief that a popular subscription list should be started ment's delay, gladly offers its columns for this purpose and heads the list with an offering of \$100.

And now the story goes that England's naval demonstration is for the purpose of awing the United States. In that case, it is going to be a monumental failure.

## Evidently a Trick.

It is reported on "undoubted authority," although not yet officially confirmed, that the report of the commission sent by Governor Morton to obtain a sworn statement from McGough, the Dannemora prisoner who alleges that it was he and not "Bat" Shea who shot Robert Ross, will form a complete rebuttal to the confession which Mc-Gough sent to the governor and which Shea's counsel will take to the court. The findings of the governor's commission are said to be of such a nature that the courts will probably on the present status of the case refuse to grant Shea a new trial. This will call for Shea's electrocution on Feb. 4, when the governor's respite, granted during the pendency of the investigation of the McGough sensation, will expire.

This report is wholly plausible. Every circumstance attending McGough's confession has tended to cast doubt upon its sincerity, and has reinforced the suspicion that it was simply a trick, devised by cleverer men than Mc-Gough, to save Shea's life and to restore him to the scenes of his former activities as a Murphy ward heeler and political ruffian. When it is considered that as many as twelve reputable witnesses deliberately swore, at Shea's trial, that they saw him shoot Ross, and that McGough himself then swore to the same effect, the recent alleged 'confession' acquires a dangerous look. It is a noteworthy fact that nobody in Troy of any prominence or character believes in McGough's confession or doubts Shea's guilt. To let him off on such a thin basis would be to strike a damaging blow to public confidence in the courts.

Senator Morgan's resolution congratulating the republic of Transvaal upon its success in establishing free representative government will receive public approval; but what concerning

## A Proposed Reform.

The reforms to which the last Republican convention, at Senator Quay's Instigation, committed itself, and which will be laid before the next legislature for enactment into law, are to be formulated into a series of bills. One of these bills has already been drafted by a special committee of the senator's friends. The bill's provisions are as

Sec. 1.—That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any officer or member of the paid police or paid fire department of any city of this commonwealth to influence or attempt to influence any elector or voter as to his vote or the exercise of his right of suffrage at any political primary meeting or public electon thereafter to be held for any federal, state, county or city office or at any municipal election held for any purpose whatever.

Sec. 2.—That it shall be unlawful for any mayor, head or chief of any department or any other officer in any city to direct, employ or suggest to any member follows:

or individual of either the paid fire department or paid police department of paid to be his influence at any political primary or public election to soil it any voter in relation to his voting, to soiled any person to soiled or landscare any other in relation to their vote at any of said primaries or elections, or to do any act or thing by which the said members of the said police and fire departments may be required, induced or persuaded to take any part or activity in any primary or election in said city, except only the exercising of their individual right of suffrage.

Sec 2.—That it shail be unlawful for any mayor, or head, or chief of any department, or any other officer of any city, or for any other persons, or person to make, or cause to be made any assessment upon any member of said police force or fire department or any other employe of any city, or to soilcit or receive, or have paid in any way or to any person any sum of money or other valuable thing to be used in any manner for any primary or public electon hereafter to be held for any federal, state, county or city office or election for any other purpose.

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Sec. 4.—That it shall be unlawful for any member of said police force, or fire department or other city employe to pay, or cause to be baid, any assessment for political purposes, or any portion thereof. That such payment shall work a forfeiture of his appointment and position and shall render him incligible for reappointment. Provided, however, that upon the trial of any case of any officer, or person for making such assessment such fireman, or policeman, or other employe shall not be permitted to withhold his testimony upon the ground that it may criminate himself, or subject him to public infamy; but such testimony shall not afterward be used against him in any judicial proceeding except for perjury in giving such evidence.

Sec. 5.—That it shall not be lawful for any officer, cierk or other employe of any

any officer, clerk or other employe of any public corporation, common carrier, passenger railway, electric road or traction company to direct, employe, solicit or suggest to any other officer, or employe or any such corporation to vote, or to solicit or influence in any other way other persons in relation to their vote at any political primary or public election at any state, county or city election.

Sec. 6.—That any violation of any section of this act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and imprisonment not exceeding two years. any officer, clerk or other employe o

Whatever may be said as to the immediate inspiration of this measure, it cannot be denied that its purpose and intent are in the right direction. If Senator Quay can get this bill passed and enforced, he will deserve to be held in grateful recognition by all friends of pure government.

Since the city of Detroit took the public lighting question into its own hand, which it did on Oct. 1, 1895, it has saved nearly \$17,000 net and has got a much better quality of electric light than formerly. Since it took hold of the street railway problem through its energetic executive, Mayor Pingree, It has beaten an ordinance giving a traction company millions of dollars worth of franchises for nothing, and has secured three cent fares with free transfers. Students of the municipal problem would do well to keep an eye on Detroit.

The official communication in another column from Ezra Griffin Post, 139, Grand Army of the Republic, in refutation of a recent slander on Colonel Ripple published by the Scranton Republican, was not needed to acquit him of a palpably false and malicious charge, but it is nevertheless notable as evincing his standing among fellowveterans of the Union cause. The slander did no damage, except to the paper that printed it.

The Washington Post is entirely right when, in advocating the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents, it says that to remain indifferent to their strugs would be "to spit upon the institutions under which we live." time for friendly recognition and official countenance of a worthy but struggling cause is while they will do some good. Any old government can recognize Cuba after Cuba is already free.

Professor Routgen of Vienna has, it is said, invented a light which for purposes of photography will penetrate wood, flesh or metal, and, in fact, enable a man to take a picture of his own interior. It is thought that by means of this light some trace may yet be discovered of Democracy's political prospects, locally and in the nation.

Mr. Bayard goes to England as the ambassador of the American people and publicly traduces them. Mr. Norman comes to America simply as an English newspaper correspondent, and sets them aright in the opinion of his countrymen. Poor Bayard! how this contrast must sting him!

In Washington it is believed that Russia is coquetting with Germany simply to bring John Bull,esq., to terms. An Anglo-Russian alliance would be likely to mean permanent peace in

Richard Mansfield declares that he has been driven from the stage by the abuse of the critics. We advise Mr. Mansfield to keep out of politics.

## AS VIEWED FROM AFAR.

Harrisburg Letter in Hawley Times:
"Scranton has seldom witnessed a harder political fight than that of last Saturday, when Colonel Ripple defeated Captain Moir as a candidate on the Republican ticket for mayor. Knowing ones, however, say the real fight was between William Connell, who backed Ripple, and Joy Scranton. Mr. Scranton charges that Democrats were voted to help Ripple and other tactics resorted to that should find no place in decent politics. Be that as it may, no Republican in Scranton cares to measure swords with the colonel in the political arena, and entertain any hope of winning, for he is a fighter, though always fair. Beside he served one term as mayor and gave the people an excellent administration, which not even his bitter enemies could find any flaws in, and this helped him out."

Complete and Satisfactory.

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Towarda Reporter-Journal: The Scranton Tribune has our thanks for a copy of its annual for 1886. It is in every way a worthy publication, and a credit to the newspaper which issues it. An index to its varied contents would fill a large space in our paper, and anyone who picks up a copy and begins to read will be very likely to spend more time than he can well spare unless he is a person of much leisure. In point of political information and statistics it is unusually complete and satisfactory. A page is given to the vote of Bradford county at the last election.

## AN EXCELLENT TICKET.

Hyde Park Courier-Progress.

No one hints at the weakness of the Republican ticket named at Music Hall.

No one questions the ability, integrity and worth of any of the nominees. Under the peculiar circumstances surrounding the recent fight what stronger argument can be advanced in favor of that ticket? Colonel Ripple is a man of the widest experience, broad-minded, able and bigheriested and of splendid character. Daniel Williams, for treasurer, is an honest and a worthy man. During his many years of residence in our midst, his extensive business experience, who can say aught against him? As the present controller, Mr. Widmayer has proved his competency and his straightforward honesty. For assessors, Charles Fowler, Christ Fickus and William Dawson are well-fitted and good men. Weigh the above ticket in dividually or collectively, test it in the

most critical manner and it will be found strong in every particular. The people can trust these gentlemen with the im-portant interests of this great and progressive city.

### SENSIBLE ADVICE.

Hyde Park Courier-Progress.

The interests of this city and county, as well as those of the country at large, are best managed and advanced by the Republican party. Harmony and a united front are essential to Republican control. Let us show wisdom by getting together and keeping our quarrels and our troubles within party lines. The difficulties in the past have been settled within party lines. It is the only safe place in which to adjust them.

### JUDGED BY HIS RECORD.

From the Providence Register.

E. H. Ripple servel as mayor of this city six years ago, the made a most excellent official and gave the city a good government. He was a good man then, He is just as good a man today. He should and will be elected again.

Time Will Bring a Romedy. The Buffalo News,
The London Times says that with the exception of Andrew D. White, the members of the Venezuelan commission are unknown in England. They will be known there, however, very shortly, and no Bayard among them.

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacobus, The Tribune Astrologer.
 Astrolabe cast: 2.10 a. m., for Monday, Jan. 13, 1826.

Some doubt will exist in the mind of a child born on this day as to whether Mr. Bailey's leg will be able to retain its shape uncer another Democratic pull. Our unterrified friends have succeede in "getting together" and present an ap-pearance that is suggestive of a keg of powder with a lighted candle sticking in

The individual who imagines that he can see anything in a nomination tendered by the local Democracy should consult an oculist at once. It is hoped that Editor Lynett's slight to Editor McTague in making up the mayorally slates was not intentional.

The young Democrat reported as having offered \$5,000 for the privilege of becoming a candidate for mayor must have money to cremate. The Scranton Republican should annex Dunmore before dooming Editor Lynet to the cruelty of a Scranton Democratic mayoralty nomination.

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

sirth.]

George, Scranton.—Planetary conditions indicate that you have a taste for music but little ability. This is unfortunate for you, as you will be liable before you reach the age of 40 to fall in love with a prima donna possessing a horse-chestnut voice and a temper calculated to drive one to drink. When in need of amusement it will be safer for you to attend base bail games or lectures on Alaska. Shun concerts and light opera, especially those where light costumes characterize the production.

Emma, Providence.-You have an ambition for literary pursuits and would rather write poetry for the local papers than help your ma wash dishes. Curb this am-bition, Emma. While not wishing to inbilion, Emma. While not wishing to in-sinuate that you are better fitted by na-ture to wash crockery than to write pact-ry, it is proper to remark that the men make the greatest successes as poets. They look better with long hair, and you will notice that they generally win the prizes in all poetical contests in this vicinity.

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