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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

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For Controller—F. J. WIDMAYER.
For Assessors—CHARLES FOWLER,
CHARLES FICKER,
WILLIAM DAWSON.
Election Day, Feb. 18.

Those who criticize our Democratic friends for being too slow to volunteer must think that it is a picnic to get walloped in politics.

Let Money Talk.

While Saturday's sudden fire at the Home of the Friendless seemed at first an indescribable misfortune, depriving as it did more than two-score little children and several helpless adults of their accustomed shelter, yet it may prove a blessing in disguise if it shall stir the generous hearts of Scranton to provide new quarters suitable for the purposes of this most deserving of local charities. We believe that such an outcome may yet be effected, but it will require prompt and earnest work.

To complete the new building for which foundations have already been laid in the vicinity of the Oral school will require, it is estimated, \$40,000. There are several strong reasons why this sum should now be raised and the suspended work on the new Home be begun without unnecessary delay. In the first place, the Home, in its old location, will always be crippled and always be subject to just such disasters as that of Saturday. Perhaps the next visitation of fire to the Adams avenue property may be attended by loss of life as well as of property. The danger of such a fatality at any rate should be obviated by the Home's removal to a safer and safer quarters.

In addition to this the Home deserves to be enlarged. For years it has proved itself one of the most useful and helpful institutions of its kind in Pennsylvania. The good that it has done for Scranton, the little lives that it has saved from poverty, desertion and crime, the unfortunates of all ages to whom it has offered refuge, establish a claim for it upon the favor of this generous community no more to be measured by \$40,000 or any other sum of money than mercy and love are to be measured by numerals and signs. To condemn the unselfish agents of this humane enterprise to continue their work indefinitely in a meager and dangerous building in the face of Saturday's solemn warning would be nothing less than a display of wilful ingratitude such as Scranton is incapable of.

The gentlemen who are to meet tonight in the Board of Trade rooms to discuss plans for the raising of funds for the completion of the new Home will emphasize their good words with their good money, and the same recommendation is submitted for the consideration of all friends of the enterprise. The Tribune will be glad to acknowledge in its columns, each day, and promptly to turn over to the proper persons contributions of those of its readers who may care to forward sums of money to The Tribune office in behalf of enlarging the Home; and those who may wish to avoid this intermediate step will receive from the treasurer of the Home, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, equally prompt acknowledgment of favors sent directly to her. The main point is to send the money. A dollar in cash will outweigh a word of fruitless talk, and there are probably thirty-five men in Scranton who could, without missing it, give \$1,000 apiece.

The London Standard's official apology will be accepted as soon as Lord Salisbury restores to Venezuela the stolen goods.

Clara Barton's Mission.

By an accidental omission in yesterday's printed report a point of exceptional strength was left from the effective address of ex-Justice Hand at Sunday evening's service of protest, in the First Presbyterian church. It was his reading from a press dispatch of the following affecting incident in connection with the immense meeting of Armenian sympathizers held in Washington last Friday:

Miss Clara Barton made the announcement that at a meeting held in New York such satisfactory guarantee of aid had been received that in about two weeks she would prepare to sail for Armenia. Then the veteran philanthropist asked this pathetic appeal: "If I live to come back, judge me not harshly nor praise me unjustly, for I shall only have done all I could. I did not meet with you again, therefore, I bid you good-bye." With one accord the great audience arose and testified its earnest sympathy with Miss Barton in her important mission, and Justice Hand in an expression of his desire that Miss Barton should leave the United States on the best ship of the United States Navy, obvious reference to the armed cruiser New York understood to be under orders for Turkish waters.

The unassuming heroism with which this noble woman again accepts the hazard of her life in a service for humanity may well fill with shame the hearts of those European statesmen who jealously weigh prestige and power against the wanton killing of thousands of their fellow-citizens by a na-

tion legally subject to their intervention and defended to the word or to the sword of their rebuke. But should Clara Barton fall in her contemplated mission, not even the indifference of jealous ministers could serve to stem the tide of retributive Christian vengeance which would sweep over every country in Christendom to the Turk's final suppression. Sad as would be the thought of her martyrdom, infinitely poignant as would be the well-known universal sense of loss, yet from such a result, if not without it, would in all probability spring lasting reform. But the manhood of Christendom ought to be most egregiously ashamed to place upon this one brave woman, in the evening of her heroic life-service for humanity, the responsibility which it has hitherto cowardly shunned.

As for the official announcement of the Turkish government that it will not permit any funds to be distributed by Miss Barton or any other outsider, the answer to this should come from the guns of an American squadron of warships, with Europe's co-operation if possible, without it if necessary. The Turk has now challenged Christendom anew, and we predict that there will be vitally enough among the objects of its latest arrogance to respond in a manner not open to misunderstanding.

The attitude of the United States towards Turkey may be likened to that of spectators at a fire who refuse to volunteer when the regular fire companies out of mutual jealousy fail to do their duty. It is not a creditable posture for a Christian nation.

The Superior Court

The new state tribunal, known as the Superior court, met in this city yesterday for its first session since the election of the seven judges who constitute it. Judge Rice continues as the president judge of the court, he having been previously chosen by lot. This new addition to the judiciary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is now permanently organized and will meet at stated intervals at Scranton, Philadelphia, Williamsport, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. To what extent this tribunal will relieve the Supreme court cannot be definitely known, but it is estimated that the result will be to very nearly equally divide the labor that has heretofore fallen to the Supreme court. Public expectation will be grievously disappointed if, with this new court in full operation, the business of the Supreme court is not performed more expeditiously than in the past.

It is only the truth that the multiplying of courts and judges has not, as a rule, had the effect of expediting the disposal of litigation. This has reference more especially, however, to the lower courts. Populous counties have been granted additional judges, and new districts have been constantly created, thus vastly increasing the cost of maintaining the judiciary, without the expected compensatory results. The work and compensation incident to the lower courts is not equitably distributed under our present system. Some of the common pleas judges are worked hard, but they receive no greater compensation than other judges who perform less than a fourth as much work. Some judges sit almost constantly, while others are on the bench only a few weeks in the year, yet there is no difference in the compensation. This is contrary to every principle of equity. Again, in some judicial districts there are two or more judges who combined do no more work than devolves upon a single judge in other districts.

There was no popular opposition to the creating of the new Superior court. That this is true is confirmed by the fact that the judges of this court received a larger vote than was cast for the office of state treasurer at the election last November, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that before the election an appeal had been made to the people to manifest their disapproval of the court by refusing to vote for the candidates for judges.

There is every reason for believing that the new Superior court will prove to be an earnest, industrious and able adjunct to our state judiciary, that it will dispose of the business coming before it promptly and not permit any accumulation of cases such as has marked the Supreme court. It is of the highest importance that litigation should be disposed of with the utmost promptness in all our courts, and the new Superior court is in a position to set a wholesome example in that direction.

In the midst of the calls which are being made upon local philanthropy, Scrantonians should not forget Friday evening's lecture at the Frothingham for the benefit of the Oral school. Purchasers of tickets for this event will not only do the school a good turn in an hour of financial need, but they will also get for their money the best bargain to be had in the whole lecture field. For Henry Watterson is, without exception, the most eloquent speaker to appear on the American platform, and his oration upon "Lincoln" is incomparably his masterpiece. Friday evening's greeting of him should be an enthusiastic one, commensurate with the speaker's renown and the merit of the cause in whose interest he will speak.

That true charity knows no distinctions of race or creed was shown anew in the generous offer by St. Patrick's orphanage, St. Joseph's Foundlings' Home and the Home of the Good Shepherd, institutions all identified with the Catholic church, to care for the inmates of the Home for the Friendless who were temporarily rendered homeless by Saturday's fire. One such brotherly act as this outweighs whole carloads of bigotry.

Senator Quay's evident determination to stay mad at David Martin. At all events, he has made, at week, three separate denials of a report that he and David had kissed and made up, which is a pretty good record for a man usually so silent as Quay.

If the Norristown Herald will kindly keep its eagle eye fixed upon Scranton, it will not only not see, as it fears, a Democratic municipal victory next month, but it will see the biggest Republican triumph on record. This is not a Democratic year.

Bills are already in the possession of the house labor committee providing

for the appointment of six fat commissioners to inquire into various subjects, and the session is yet only in its cradle period.

According to Washington dispatches in the Democratic papers, there has been a Republican revolt against Reed. From now on, these revolts may be expected periodically—in the Democratic papers.

Complaint is general among the newspaper correspondents at Washington that this is the most secretive and exclusive administration that ever held power. But considering its record, no wonder it shuns publicity.

The Republican city ticket has not yet found its way to the head of the editorial columns of the Scranton Republican, and the election is only a little more than a month distant.

The London Sunday Times three weeks ago devoted a column editorial to proving that the Monroe doctrine was as "dead as Julius Caesar." We wonder what it thinks now.

If the German Kaiser has been scared by England into retracting his manly message to Kruger, we pity him for it. He will never hear the end of his people's reproaches.

Perhaps it would be just as well if the newspapers would let ex-President Harrison marry Mrs. Dinmick, provided, of course, that he and she are willing.

Will the Rockefeller bank mystery ever be unraveled? This seems to have all the elements of a first-class guessing contest.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Republican committee of Beaver county goes in strong for reform. At a recent meeting the committee adopted resolutions forbidding Republican candidates to use money at the primaries, except for the barest personal expenses. Not content with this, the committee also passed a resolution declaring that the congressman from that district and the members of the legislature from the county shall not recommend any person for appointment under the national state government unless the county committee shall have first endorsed such person. That will result in a real reform with a capital R.

The United States senatorship question in Pennsylvania is not attracting much attention just now. Local politics is monopolizing the energies of the politicians. After the February elections the selection of delegates to the national convention will have to be attended to. Then the senatorship will have another inning. This will be a year of activity in politics, by time and tide, Colonel Warren, of Lackawanna, and Mr. Brown, of Lancaster, will remain the more hopeful aspirants for Cameron's toga.

The Republicans of Kentucky are still hopeful of being able to elect Senator Blackburn's successor in the United States senate. If they can hold the two seats they may realize their expectation, but it is to be sincerely hoped they will not make any compromise with those that will result in adding another crank to the senate.

There seems to be no mourning among the Ohio Democrats over the political demise of Senator Brice. It will be quite refreshing to see two Republicans in Ohio in the United States senate. This has not happened in a great many years. Ex-Governor Foraker seems to be destined to stand by the side of John Sherman after March 4, 1897.

In Lancaster City there are twenty Democrats who aspire to the honor of running for mayor. The names are anticipated when the time comes to elect delegates to the nominating convention. Democratic mayoralty timber seems to be more abundant in Lancaster than in Scranton.

At the Democratic primaries in the city of Reading last Saturday in some wards, so many votes were cast that the counting was not completed until Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. The defeated candidates have an idea that there was fraud. In one ward where there are less than 500 registered voters nearly 500 votes were polled, and all claimed to be Democrats.

About four years more of the kind of Democratic administration we are now having would warm the national treasury and the country, financially. Fortunately there is only a little more than a year of it and the country will be able to stand that without a break-down.

Colonel Harvey and Mr. Morgan should draw lots to determine which shall represent Wilkes-Barre in the Republican national convention. If they cannot agree, Mr. Ham, of Pittston, may get away with the bone and Wilkes-Barre be left in the cold.

It may well be doubted if any other state in the Union has a more patriotic and proud of Ambassador Thomas Francis Bayard, the non-American who misrepresents our American politics and sentiment at the court of St. James.

Somebody is saying "how large an amount of the new books is Mr. Cleveland going to take?" That is an interesting question, but Mr. Cleveland will not furnish an answer.

HELP A WORTHY CAUSE.

From the Scranton Times.
This morning's Tribune appeals to the public for a subscription to the Home for the Friendless, and very generously heads the list with a contribution of \$100. Saturday's fire destroyed a portion of the Home, and badly damaged the whole structure. The management has been embarrassed in carrying on the work of the noble institution, from lack of means, and the configuration of Saturday has added greatly to its troubles. It was hoped the Home would receive legislative aid, but the legislature of the state did not seem to warrant the authorities in apportioning a sum to the Scranton Home, and the institution wholly dependent upon the necessities of the moment. It is to be hoped the generous spirit heretofore evidenced by our citizens will again be made manifest that the grand work of this splendid institution shall not be interrupted. There are many wealthy men in Scranton who would not miss \$100 apiece, and who could not devote their benefactions to a better cause than the Home. Those with more limited means can give accordingly, and crowd the places of amusement to the doors on the occasion of the symphony concert and the Kirnisch which will be given for the benefit of the Home in the near future.

Let the New Home Be Built.

From the Scranton Truth.
The question asked after divine service yesterday morning by one of the younger listeners to Rev. Isaac Isaac's appeal for the Home for the Friendless is the one for Scranton to answer now. Speaking of the appeal and of the thrill of emotion that ran through the congregation when the thronging was made for the preservation of the Home's inmates, she said: "Sympathy and emotion are good, but will they reach down into the pocket for the money that should be given?" We hope and believe so, and that it will be given freely, according to the ability of the giver, from the smallest to the largest sum that may be.

Subscriptions and donations outright were what were asked for. The calamity that overtook the Home on Saturday afternoon pleads in behalf of its being properly sheltered in a new building. The entertainment planned for its benefit was made a great success, and the benefit offered by the symphony orchestra also made a substantial one. But let these not be the only giving to the building fund. As the managers report a year ago stated, after the foundation was completed for the main building, it will take \$60,000 to erect the superstructure upon it, and the fund was exhausted. However well the entertainments may pay, they cannot alone meet this necessary sum. A goodly beginning for it should be made this month.

The beginning of the twenty-fifth year of the Home's noble work. Let it be signified by "a strong pull and a pull together" to put the Home into condition

for meeting all the demands that can be made upon its services for the poor and the friendless in this fast growing city.

A WORTHY INSTITUTION.

From the Archbald Citizen.

According to our correspondent's report, the funds of the Lackawanna hospital at Scranton are running low and the institution will shortly be in need of money to pay the running expenses. Our correspondent suggests that while the corporations should contribute, that workmen in general, should also donate one day's wages toward the maintenance of the institution. The suggestion is a good one and should be acted upon at once, as there is no more worthy institution in the state than is the Lackawanna hospital. It is in every sense of the word the poor man's friend. There are very few persons working in and around the mines, who themselves or their friends have not at one time or another found shelter, succor and restored health inside its walls. The rich can do without it, upon the poor it has conferred many blessings; none can tell when their turn may come or who the next will be who may want shelter and medical attendance there.

The only place outside of voluntary contributions, from which donations can be expected is from state appropriations, and as the legislature will not meet for a year and the necessary legislation cannot be enacted for a much greater time the people should act at once. We trust that should an effort be made to collect the subscriptions of the people of Archbald and vicinity will not be backward in helping along so worthy a cause.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaxchus, The Tribune Astrologer.
Astrolabe cast: 1:48 a. m. for Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1896.A child that's born upon this day
Will live a Democratic lay.
While gentle zephyrs waft
The whisksers of the delegate.

President Kruger, of Transvaal, is now accused of having been born at Mauch Chunk. It seems that Dr. Jameson is not the worst enemy that Kruger has after all.

A Democratic nomination in Scranton is beginning to be regarded with the suspicion that is accorded the hot brick. With the Turkish question and the Herding investigation on file the government has sufficient cause for anxiety, not to speak of the lost postage stamp.

Latest reports last evening indicated that candidate James Bailey had taken to the woods.

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

Louis, of Tunkhannock.—You were born under the sign of Leo, which indicates that you are tender-hearted. You should have belonged to the Pennsylvania pardons board. Then you could make your propensities effective in the interest of wife-murderers, highwaymen, thugs and vagabonds generally who have been convicted by cruel juries. It is too bad that you are destined to peel bark for a livelihood during the greater part of your life.

Sarah, West Side.—We are unable to write your horoscope. You are evidently an ex-roller skater and the wheels have been transferred to your head. The stars have no influence upon your life, you are entirely too rapid.

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