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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.

The generous gift by Dr. B. H. Throop and family of \$3,000 to the Home for the Friendless deserves grateful acknowledgement in a public manner. Examples like this should not be lost on other Scrantonians of benevolent incli-

#### Captain Moir's Letter.

In his letter, elsewhere published, de clining the Independent Republican nomination proffered him January 7 in Fuller's hall, Captain Moir truthfully says that "anything which looks like disaffection or that would lead to disruption is to be deprecated, and whatever augurs success for our party, either national, state or local, it is our duty to further." The captain's observations concerning practices at the recent primaries may be tinged with a partiality which, while overlooking evils that lie close to hand, magnify those less near; but there is no gainsayal of the wisdom of his precept and example touching the duty of according loval and earnes support to the regularly nominated and personally irreproachable Republican city ticket. His letter knocks a cherished prop from under the local Democracy's

The report that the Andrews committee contemplates paying a visit to Scranton is very plausible. After their discoveries in Philadelphia, the members of that committee must want to get into a place where municipal affairs ar conducted decently and in order.

## The Era of the Yawper.

While there is no statutory law to prevent Comptroller of the Currency Eckels from going around the country traducing a currency system which, until Democratic stupidity had looted the treasury and all but sacrificed the public revenues, gave better satisfaction than any other currency system known to civilization, there ought to be some restraining principle of official decency and individual self respect to put a check on his incendiary harrangues. If a long-haired zealot were to get up before a crowd of boozy anarchists and make such speeches as Eckels is making these days before well-clad bankers and opulent board of trade men, he would promptly be taken in tow by the police for disturbing the public peace, and would be lucky to escape short of thirty days in jail. And yet the harm which the zealot could do in unsettling public confidence would be infinitesimal compared with the mischief which is being disseminated by the president of the United States, the secretary of the treasury and the comptroller of the treasury in their excited campaign against the stability of our public credit and the good repute of our financial

We address these remarks particularly to those who read the speech of Senator John Sherman on the currency question which we recently printed in full. Readers of that unanswerable address know where to place the responsibility for the financial ills which have developed under the second dispensation of Grover Clevelandism in the national government; and they know, too, why it is that Messrs. Cleveland, Carlisle and Eckels are so anxious to make a scapegoat of the present currency system by unloading upon it the opprobrium which properly belongs on their own shoulders because of their active part in starving the revenues and sacrificing the industries of the nation. That these fatuous prophets of free trade and gold monometallism are self-deceived may be possible; but none the less is it an offense against decency for them to use the vast influence of their official positions to calumniate a currency which, until having contracted it in a vital point. they got into office and began to destroy the income of the nation, answered every need better than any other system known to financiers.

This quixotic crusade of Mr. Cleveland and his official colleagues is the more reprehensible in that it offers a direct challenge for every other lantern-jawed day it is a grand and a saving princi-Don Quixote of finance to lift his lance and charge upon the imaginary giants which in his diseased imagination menace Miss Columbia's financial honor. Thus instead of peace and tranquility in the business world, instead of that unruffled calm which is essential to the orderly and profitable conduct of commerce-which would make life worth living under any currency systemwe have instead a useless and dangerous and utterly unwarranted lashing and churning of the waters, until timid mariners on commercial seas are scared and put back into port, determined to wait until the storm blows over. There undue delicacy. The past can take care is no field of inquiry so limited that it of itself. It is the future which we of

ret in the face of the cautions to shut up, the comptroller of the currency goes his rounds ringing his alarm bell and yawping at the top of his voice that things are rotten in Denmark. Cannot congress get a gun?

Foraker will not betray McKinley. There need be no fear on that score. Foraker is a fair fighter and an honest man. But if McKinley's chance goes glimmering, there is no reason why Feraker should then throw his away.

#### Jack Robinson's Letter.

The promised letter which was heralded to make a sensation in connection with the senatorial campaign in this state has appeared, but the sensation is invisible. The letter is from the pen of the irrepressible "Jack" Robinson, and is simply a suggestion to State Chairman Quay that he "suggest to the various chairmen of the Republican county committees in the state the adisability of printing the names of all the candidates for the United States senate so far as known, upon a separate part of the ticket to be voted at the coming primaries, so that there may be some indication as to the views of the electors regarding their choice for this important position." This is suggested in order "to save the state commitse from any criticism whatsoever as to partiality or blas toward any of the andidates;" and the vote at the primaries need not, in Representative Robinson's opinion, be deemed mandatory met simply declaratory, or in other words, an index to party preference. There are several objections to this

proposition, one being that the primaries in some counties have already been held, and another being that the party primaries upon such occasions as the choice of state delegates are rately attended by a majority of the party's electors. Yet even with these disadvantages conceded, the proposition presents several recommendations. It would at least give those electors who want to express a direct preference at this early period in the senatorial canvass an opportunity to do so; and any failure on the part of any number of voters to improve this opcituality could not in fairness be charged up against the Republican state organization. In such a test of party sentiment, Lackawanna's candidate, ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres, would doubtless obtain the favorable vete of this county and section, and in addition would receive a flattering complimentary vote throughout the state. It is scarcely probable, though, that any one candidacy would so far prependerate as to close the field prior to the assemblage of the next legisla-

Pope Leo would make an excellent arbitrator of the Venezuelan-Guiana dispute. His decision would instantly command respect for fairness and im-,

## Another Senator Gone Wrong.

It appears to us that Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, must either possess an obtuse understanding of American public sentiment or else is disposed to gain prominence by going counter to the currents of popular opinion. In any event, his speech Thursday in the sen ate repudiating the Monroe doctrine and assailing President Cleveland for "pressing that doctrine beyond what was originally contemplated." does him no credit. It is well to have it understood from the beginning that if Mr. Sewell intends to take this attitude on questions affecting our nation's foreign prestige and safety, he will do so not as a representative nor with the approval of the Republican party.

So far from pressing the Monroe doctrine beyond what was originally contenglated, it is a fact of common acceptance that Messrs. Olney and Cleveland have cut that doctrine squarely in two and have thrown one-half of it away. Whether they did this in ignorance of the full significance of the original doctrine or as a concession to the opposition can only be conjectured; but there can, among reasoning men, be very little question of the truthfulness of the assertion that the original Monroe doctrine meant the prohibition, blunt and flat, of the acquisition of further territory by European nations on the American hemisphere, by any n.cans whatever, forcible or pacific, so long as such extension of European control offered direct or prospective menace to the supremacy of republican institutions on these twin continents, and particularly threatened in whatever degree the primacy of the parent republic of the United States among the governments of the New World. The present executive and his secretary of state cut that doctrine in half, we say, when they affirmed their willingness to assent to any territorial extensions by European powers which did

not rest on force or coercion. Under the Cleveland and Olney doctrine, France, for instance could, with our permission, have bought Mexico thirty years ago although we would not let her conquer it, and this notwithstanding that a French empire to the south of us would be as grave a menace to our peace and welfare whether originating in conquest or in purchase Thus, instead of deserving censure for having unduly extended the Monroe principle, the present administration is, as a matter of fact, to be criticised for Such criticism, however, should rest not on tradition, but on present-day common sense. We must admit that we have very little reverence for mere tradition. We do not care a farthing for the Monroe doctrine because Monroe wrote it; we care for it because tople. Whatever Monroe may have had in mind when, at Quincy Adams' instigation, he propounded the message which has made his name accidentally immortal, that was a concern of his contemporaries alone. We of today are privileged to do our own interpreting,

to make our own amendments, to lay down, if necessary, our own canons. If the Monroe doctrine should at any time require a new infusion of twentieth century blood, we trust that the government and the people of the United States will be big enough and bold enough to supply this need, without does not offer verification of this asser- this day must look out for. Only, don't

tion. The dangers of this vain agita- let the Monroe doctrine be too much tion are everywhere in evidence. And abridged. It has already been narrowed more than is good for it.

> If Comptroller Eckels would work half as earnestly to build up public confidence as he is now working to tear it down, he would deserve an increase in

#### Rockafel'e.'s Case Again. The esteemed Harrisburg Patriot does not concur in this journal's view

of the case against Banker F. V. Rockafeller. It remarks:

feller. It remarks:
Rockafeller is a criminal; social distinctions make no difference in degrees of crime and should not in the punishment for it. He is sorry, perhaps, like any other man who is found out, but he is so little repentant that he still refuses to tell what became of the money he embezzled even when he knew the bank must be closed in a few hours. He has served but a few months for the most gigantic bank robbery known in this state in a long time. Why should there he sympathy for him? Why should his crime be extenuated? Why through him should other dishonest men be encouraged to steal the money of confiding men?

We do not think that our contempor ary is in full possession of the facts in this case. It overlooks the circumstance that Mr. Rockafeller is an old man, whose punishment has been and is being effected in ways other than by mere imprisonment; that his guilt consisted more of carelessness than of crim'nal intent; and that the very fact of his almost unprecedented downfall. with its attendant lessons teaching the fallacy of dishonesty, has quite as emphatically discouraged "other dishonest men to steal" as would be true were he to end all his remaining years in the penitentlary. The disgrace of imprisonment has already been suffered by him; further imprisonment will not augment it. The real-punishment of a man like Mr. Rockafeller will not proceed from external sources, but from within-in the consciousness of the wrong that he has wittingly or unwittingly afflicted, in the knowledge that he has by that wrong sacrificed the confidence and the respect of the community which once delighted to do him honor and in the recollection of the eminence from which he has fallen. These, if the man be of sound mind will constitute his real explation; if he be of unsound mind, the jail for him would be but a travesty on justice.

Our plea for Rockafeller does not arise from personal motives. We never saw the man. It rests wholly upon the belief that justice, while it should be impartial, should also be discriminating and merciful.

Miss Susan B. Anthony, which has elicited from the latter a savage denunciation of the Harvard executive. reminds the public of his seemingly constitutional habit of saying and doing unfortunate things. An instance of this was shown the other day in a letter which he wrote to the Chicago Times-Herald in reply to its query whether he was in favor of college educations for journalists. A dozen other men equal to President Eliot in character and intelligence responded to this request courteously and to the point; but the executive head of Harvard university went out of his way to offer gratuitous insult to the profession of journalism, of which he spoke in supercilious terms of contempt. President Eliot is unquestionably a man of excepional ability and culture, but he ap pears to have an aggravated case of

bad liver. The annual estimates which City Controller Widmayer has submitted to councils for the coming fiscal year deserve to be studied with attention, not only by councilmen but also by the public generally. That they will undergo the conventional paring in the joint estimates committee is to be expected, thereby bringing the total approximately within range of the estimated revenues: but the public should be prepared, when this paring time comes. to have an intelligent voice in the location thereof. The shaving down last year was reprehensibly economical in certain directions, and it will be well to guard this year against a repetition

of these prior mistakes. It is significant of the reserve strength inherent in the American people that when the crash in silver came. the people of Colorado, instead of giving way to despair, went to work to find new gold deposits, and succeeded so well that their output of the yellow metal is now larger than their output of silver was in silver's palmiest days It is unfortunate that silver should be so inequitably and unnaturally depressed, but the fact of its depression has at least served to show the world that Americans can hold their own, whatever the terms of the competition.

The Washington Post is quite right in reminding the Cleveland Leader that if it wants to make votes for McKinley it should stop insulting the Republican leaders who exercise their legal right of having preferences of their own. The Leader's intolerance is doubtless as offensive to Major McKinley as it is to every other decent Republican, and he ought not to be held responsible for it; but we fear that he will be unless his silly Cleveland organ is speedily muz-

Scrantonians of all denominations will be glad to learn from the treasurer's annual report that St. Joseph's society has rounded out a year of excellent work with satisfactory financial results at its close. The labors of this society are labors of the truest charity; and those who perform them cannot be too generously sustained by the good people of the Lackawanna valley.

Chicago is to be congratulated. She will have the honor of witnessing the nomination of the worst-licked presidential candidate in the history of American politics.

The selection of Chicago is doubtless to be accounted for by the conjecture that our Democratic friends were afraid of Teddy Roosevelt.

## PLEASANTRIES.

"Badger never had a bit of good luck in his life, did he?"
"No, and after his death his widow married a man who owed him \$500."—Chicago Record.

"It's a good deal of work to keep this tail of mine from getting twisted," said the British lion, "You don't go about it in the right way," replied the Russian bear, "You ought to

Not So Diffientt. "Bear ye one another's burdens,"
Good men teach in earnest tone;
And the fact is we can heft them
Much more lightly than our own.
—Chicago Record.

### IN DOUBT.

With a compass and chart and some works mathematical, A book on finance called "The Story of Coin," Collection of 16-to-1 tracts fanatical, Born of a prophet who dwells in Des Moines;

With a New York World almanac caption and finical, On money matters and Englishmen's

With a great big barometer and a Deeply engrossed I am working these Working and poring until I'm wildly de-

Looking for light till my reason ab-For I'm trying to learn through that muse so mysterious

How to proceed to buy "popular bonds."

—Chicago Record.

Two of a kind.

From the Buffalo News.

Papers near the line of Pennselvania and New York will have great difficulty in keeping their readers straight in reference to the dicisions of the Judges Woodward. Luzerne county, Pa., has a Judge Woodward, an ornament to the bench, as he was the pride of the bar before he was promoted. New York, no less, takes pride in her Judge Woodward, whose legal ability in his younger days, and he is not very old now, attracted the attention of the gentleman who afterward became his father-in-law, Judge Barker.



Is the dramatic editor in? Yes. Who's talking?

Mr. Glibride. Oh, yes! The playwright. Author of

Yes. I am about to write another play.
What is the subject?
I expect to produce a combination of
the blood and thunder and circus drama.
Hot Stuff?
That's the idea. It will be fraught with
curtain chills and oratorical ginger.
Isn't it rather difficult to find material
for such a drama?
Usually. But I hope soon be in a position to secure characters for a circus
drama with menageric thrown in.
How's that?
Haven't you heard that I am a candidate for the common council?
Z-z-z-ling!

Hello! Exchange!

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What number?
Kindly attach me to the figures opposite Mr. Boland's name.
Hello!
Is that Christy?
It is, What do you want?
Can I get your opinion upon a metaphysical problem that—
No! You cannot! I am busy trying to solve a question of my own!
What is it?
I'm endeavoring to determine whether or not I've been indorsed!
Z-z-z-ling!

Who cails?
This is Mr. Bailey, the candidate.
Ah! yes. Good morning, James. What
an we do for you?
I would like to have you put an article

I would like to have you put an article in the paper thanking the boys who serenaded me last night.

Was the band out?

No. It was the Rowing Association Glee club. The music was vocal and was beautifully rendered.

What did they sing?

Andy Bedford's original song: "It's the Dollar They Want, and They Don't Want.

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