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### REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

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Election Day, Feb. 18.

The Democratic organs are naturally hilarious over the accession to their side of the Scranton Republican. But, to avoid confusion, it ought to change its name.

## How Do They Like It?

By two affidavits and a signed letter, each from rephtable citizens, The Tribune has proved the utter falsity of the Scranton Republican's charge that John M. Edwards tried to steal the ielegates away from the Moir ticket in he First district of the Fifteenth ward. or that he in any way attempted to transgress his legal rights as a vigilance committeeman. Yet the sinhardened editor of the Republican, in the face of this testimony, repeats his unsupported slander and renews his attempt to blacken the character of a young Weishman whose offense consists of being "a clerk in William Connell's office."

We desire to ask the Republicans of Hyde Park how they like this kind of treatment. Are they willing that their candidates on the Republican ticket should be defeated and their young men vilified by the notorious man who edits the Scranton Republican simply because they will not consent to do Joseph A. Scranton's unscrupulous bidding? Must every man who does not cringe the knee at Scranton's command have his good name bespattered by false and malicious charges and be held up in Scranton's paper to scorn and ridicule?

This is a question for careful consideration. The libel on young Edwards is a libel on the whole Welsh nationality, which the Welsh voters of the West Side should not fail to resent. If Scranton can without rebuke slander one honest Welsh boy, he will yet slander others; and while he is encouraged to discharge his venom at will in this community, no man can feel safe.

Of Foraker's loyalty to McKinley there can be no doubt. At the same time, McKinley ought not to expect a monopoly of the presidential ambition.

## The Issue of "Connellism."

One of the charges of the Scranton-Fellows-Dale conspiracy to disrupt the Republican party in this city is that Mr. Connell, at whom that conspiracy strikes, is, as the Republican puts it, "personally interested in every line of business." They object to the fact that Mr. Connell has succeeded in life, and that, unlike some wealthy citizens, he has invested his money in various local enterprises that give employment to home labor and help to stimulate the home market instead of salting it down in government bonds or putting it into distant ventures where it would be of no local benefit.

Because "Connellism," as they call it. has differed from Joe Scrantonism in trying to help others at the same time that it has helped itself; because it has tried to diversify local industries, promote various local mercantile and philanthropic enterprises and develop in this community a progressive and symmetrical city, the man who has done what he could toward these ends is to be railed at by men who never willingly contributed a cent for an unselfish purpose or took a step for the public interest that did not offer the selfish reward of personal advantage; and is to be put up as a target for the envy and the malice of all who begrudge another's honest success.

Upon the whole we are glad that this issue has been raised. It has not been our wish to raise it ourselves, but since the conspirators have spared us that trouble, we are willing to let the question go fairly before the people for their judgment. Let them consider whether a man is to be punished for trying to further local progress and to give employment to home labor. Let them compare the fruits of such a policy with left undrawn, and placed to the credit the public benefits which owe their origin to Mr. Scranton, Mr. Dale or Mr. Fellows; and then let them decide as their sense of fairness shall prompt.

American recognition of the Cuban patriots would act like a tonic on their battle for freedom. Why is it delayed?

## Scranton's Slap at Moir.

A few months ago when J. A. Scrapton thought he could use Captain Moir as the unconscious instrument of his plot to disrupt the Republican party and build a new dynasty over its ruins. the captain's name was linked in Scranton's paper with sweet praises, and the vocabulary of homage and compliment was not spared to do him reverence. We all recall those fulsome flatteries, those sentences subtly phrased to tickle the subject's vanity, those periods of adulation sonorous, andent and eloquent.

But since Captain Moir, after toying for a time with the delusive bauble, de-

clined to be the immediate agent of his party's undoing, a change has come over the spirit of Scranton's dreams. No longer is he moved to exploit the gallant captain's virtues; no longer to pour out libations on the altar of his manly merits. Scranton now writes a letter to the Republican telling Moir that "a great number of his old friends will have no further use for him," that he "is too tame," etc., and it would occasion no surprise if, before the camposes, would become virulent and libel-

In such a case. Captain Moir would have only himself to blame. He should have known that no man can safely trust in Joseph A. Scranton's promises or rely upon his representations. The history of local politics for the past twenty years is a history of men whom he has used for a time and then thrown over his shoulder, or of men whom. failing to use, he has wantonly abused. Captain Moir is not the first nor will he be the last victim of his ingratitude. If he dislikes the ingrate's smite, let him reflect that he was warned in time.

It is said that Grover would like to dump Bayard. We should think he

Will Republicans Be Fooled? No possible objection can be made to the punishment of crime. That is what courts are for. But when, after being themselves guilty of every offence withlousness, a band of men, in pursuit of a desperate plot to foment party dissension and wreck party prospects, try to pose before the people as the exclusive champions of civic righteousness and moral integrity, it makes us tired.

We do not believe that many Republicans in this city are deceived as to the fact that for every charge of irregularity brought by the wreckers who were beaten at the recent Republican primaries, a similar charge could be made in exchange. No primary election ever was absolutely free from such irregularities. In the excitement of a determined factional contest men on both sides are led to do things which, in calmer moments, they regret. This is not "Connellism" nor "Scrantonism," but just plain human nature. which is in evidence the world over.

Such indiscretions, however, in the long run counterbalance. They are incidents of every contest, and are properly regarded as inevitable. If, in the main, the party will receives a fair expression; if, casting aside the minor and unavoidable irregularities on both sides, it clearly appears that one of those sides has a manifest plurality of the legitimate party vote, it is every- anything done that was unjust, unfair where regarded by honest men as the part of political manliness for the vanquished to accept the verdict and to join hands with the victors in a loval campaign for party success. Not to do
so would mean the end of political organizations, the death of party and the
substitution of aimless and formless

for him and the result of such count was
a clear majority for the Ripple, Williams
and Widmayer delegate. Of the two votes
above mentioned which were thrown out
one was for the Ripple delegates and the
other for the Moir delegate.

Charles Hamm. olitical anarchy.

In our own city the dawn of the presidential campaign is marked, among Republicans, by the effort of a group of plotters headed by men who have repeatedly fought their party and sold out its candidates, to stigmatize as criminal the ticket which was the fair and manifest choice of a large majority of Republican voters at the party primaries. These men, unsuccessfully employing every desperate device to beat that ticket at the primaries, now have the effrontery to call upon loyal members of the party to aid them in trying to overthrow it at the polls, so that the resources of the municipal government may go into Democratic

"fraud;" they who never did a clean nor an unselfish political act, howl purity and reform! Are Republicans to be fooled by such buncombe?

Senator Thurston evidently labors under the delusion that Americanism ought to mean something.

### The Postal Savings Project. In connection with the recent revival

of the postal savings bank project. which Postmaster General Wanamaker championed with much zeal during the preceding administration, William E. Curtis presents in his Washington letter several facts of general interest, Mr. Curtis notes that in Japan, which has lately adopted the plan, there were, in 1893, 989,092 depositors out of a possible 41,000,000 of population. In 1895 this number had increased to 1,139,331. The value of deposits in 1893 was \$24,586,586. and in 1895 \$26,646,102, which is a remarkable sum for a people whose wages are only from 10 to 15 cents a day. In Great Britain there are 5.748 -239 depositors in the postal savings system, which is one to every seven of the population. The total amount of their deposits last year was \$407,938,-205, which was an increase of \$23,723,810 from the previous year. The number of deposits made last year was 903,198, representing a value of \$123,245,129, and what is especially significant is that interest, amounting to \$8,300,520, was of depositors during the year. Mr. Curtis adds:

What is called the stamp deposits system has been very successfully introduced dmong the schools in Great Britain, and the aggregate amount deposited by the children last year was over \$500,000. Under this system school children are furnished with cards ruled off in squares the size of a stamp, and when they have a penny they are encouraged to buy a postage stamp instead of spending it for candy. The stamp is placed upon the card, and when the card is full it is delivered to the hearest postmaster, who gives the child credit in a passbook for the amount of money represented. These cards are sup-plied in bulk to the teachers of the public schools, who are required to instruct their pupils daily in practical lessons of econpupils daily in practical lessons of economy and the benefits of thrift. This is said to have an excellent effect not only among the children, but upon their parents also, both by the force of example and by making known the advantages and facilities offered by the savings system. The fact that one person out of every seven in the entire population of Great Britain makes use of the postal savings bank and that it the presents more than \$100,000,000 of their avings suggests that

a similar privilege would be greatly valued

the working people of the United The government of France, Mr. Curtis continues, has had the system in operation for several years, and the balance on deposit has been steadily increasing until it has reached the sum 1.051,547,462 francs were handled, the year 1894, which is the last reported, 1,051,547,462 frances were handled, the total deposits amounting to 931,108,783 francs, representing 645,747 depositors. paign had ended. Scranton's abuse of of whom 34.463 were new during the Moir, like his abuse of others who are year, and 8,171 were net increase. In not invariably subservient to his pur- Belgium there are 572,369 depositors. representing 205,533,300 francs. The number of depositors increased 60,000 during the year, and the value of deposits 13,242,924 francs. The system in both countries is substantially the same. The postal-saving system is applied to the schools in both France and Belgium, and the scholars are incited to make regular weekly deposits to the end that they may have at the time of their graduation or majority or in any time of stress or great need, a sum of money under their immediate control. "All this," he remarks, "tends to the establishment of thrifty habits, begets a power of resistance to the temptation to spend money, and develops strength of character among children. The statistics show that of 4.294 boys in a certain city in Belgium, 3,104, or 72 per cent, of the pupils in the school, had postal savings bank deposits, and 2,528 out of a total of 3.715 girls, which is 70 per cent. Of 1,800 men and boys attending the charity night schools in the same town, 738, or 41 per cent., were in the catalogue of political unscrupu- depositors, and of 1,970 women and

girls 825, or 42 per cent., had pass books." There would seem to be abundant room in the United States for such a system, and the results here ought to be even better than in the countries men-

Simmered down, the senate resolutions concerning Cuba mean that Spain must walk Spanish or run the risk of getting a beautiful licking.

### Still Another Lie Nailed.

Concerning the Scranton Republican's recent allegation of fraud in the First district of the Nineteenth ward the following affidavit is offered in denial: State of Pennsylvania, County of Lack-

awanna, ss.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 29, 1896, Personally appeared before me, W. S. Millar, alderman in and for the above county, Charles Hamm and Joseph Schrei-ber, who, upon being duty sworn, do de-pose and say that they were the vigilance ommittee of the First district, Nineteenth ward, at the Republican delegate election, held Jan. 4, 1896; that each ballot was numbered and recorded on the tally list as it was voted; that on counting the vote there were in the neighborhood of eight votes which were not numbered because they lots and these unnumbered ballots wer thrown out; that on completing the count it was found that there were two ballots more than had been recorded on the tally list, and these were also thrown out; that each delegate was credited with every vote that was legally voted for him and that in no way or manner whatsoever was

or illegal. We further declare that when the polls were closed each and every ballot was counted by us and each candidate was credited with the actual legal vote cast for him and the result of such count was Charles Hamm

Joseph Schreiber Vigilant committee, First district, Nine teenth ward. Sworn and subscribed to before me this

twenty-ninth day of January, 1896. W. S. Millar, Alderman. In due season it will be found that the Republican charges were all either entirely false or else so studiously exaggerated as to be as bad as plain lies.

Frank F. Jones, of the Fifteenth ward, has gone to the trouble of making a long affidavit in which he admits that the people of that ward received a fair count at the recent primaries, but contends that instead of 11 unnumbered ballots being found in the First district, as testified to by David M. Jones, John T. Lewis and John M. Edwards, the number was 45. This discrepancy is not material, and the evidence stands three against one: but for the purpose of learning how much weight that one witness ought to carry, it should be ascertained if he is the Jones who, some time ago was expelled from the Columbia Hose company for conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

When the president returned from his last gunning trip he wrote the stirring message about Venezuela. Let us hope that when he gets back from this one he will have something equally popular to say about Cuba.

## WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, 515 Fourteenth street, N. W., Washington, Jan. 29. Congressman William A. Stone is a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1888. He so announced him-self a few days ago, but without consult-ing Senator Quay. At least Quay says he hasn't been consulted in the matter by

Colonel Stone.

I had a talk with Senator Quay today and during the conversation he said that the report that he had selected Colonel Stone as his gubernatorial candidate had evidently been started by an enemy of the Allegheny congressman. Senator Quay also said that it is not good politics for a man to announce his candidacy for any

office so long in advance. "It is more than two years before the nomination will be made," said the senator, "and there is no telling what may turn up in the meantime."
One would naturally infer from the above expression that Senator Quay had not authorized Colonel Stone or his friends to use his name in connection with the gubernatorial nomination.

Hon. George V. Lawrence, the Republi can war horse of Washington county, was here to see Senator Quay yesterday in regard to the nomination of Congressman at-large Huff's seat in the house, M Lawrence, geographically, is well located for the place, but whether he secured Sen-ator Quay's indorsement is not known.

Dave Martin is responsible for the story that John Russell Young, ex-minister t China, has been slated for Congressman at-large Huff's seat. When I asked Ser ator Quay about the report he replied by saying that Mr. Young lives in the wrong end of the state. When I suggested that he might fill the seat now occupied by Hon, Galusha A. Grow, Senator Quay said not a word on the subject and shifted the conversation.

"Who will be Senator Cameron's suc-cessor?" I asked of Senator Quay.
"Well," said the senator, with a mer-ry twinkle in his eye, "that is more than I can tell. I wish you would let me know as soon as you find out who it will be."
Of course, this was said facetiously.

Fine China, Crockery, Ex-Deputy Attorney General Stranahar was here yesterday. He evidently doesn't take a very rosy view of Democratic suc-cess in this year of our Lord. I asked him

what he thought of ex-Governor Patti-son's chances for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Stranaban's reply was that he didn't think Mr. Pattison would be a candidate, "If he shows his usual good sense," he continued, "he will not be a candidate." Mr. Stranahan further raid that the ex-governor would no doubt have the support of the Pennsylva-nia delegation if he is a candidate. He is also of the opinion that the unit rule will again prevail and that Mr. Harrity will again prevail and that Mr. Harrity will vote the Pennsylvania delgation for whom he pleases. This will be comforting news for the fellows who are candidates for del-egate to the Democratic national funeral. They might as well stay at home as far as their having a say or vote at the contheir having a say or vote at the convention is concerned.

Senator Quay hasn't yet received Con-gressman Robinson's letter on the sena-torial question. He has written Frank Willing Leach requesting him to forward it to him at once. Senator Onay favors the popular vote plan as suggested by Mr. Robinson, but it depends entirely upon who has the biggest pull when the legislawho has the biggest pull when the legisla-

A report was in circulation about the apitol yesterday that Congressman Jack Robinson intended to offer an amend-ment to the diplomatic bill, then before the house, striking out the appropriation for Ambassador Bayard's salary. The Media statesman, if he ever entertained such an idea, evidently changed his mind, as the bill passed without the amendment being offered.

Congressman Leisenring has introduced a bill carrying an appropriation of \$200,600 for a public building at Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Leisenting is a good fellow and 1 would like to see the bill pass for his sake, but there is not the remotest possibility of it getting any further than the commit-tee on public buildings and grounds, where will be smothered by order of Speaker Reed. No unnecessary legislation will be passed by this congress, and new public buildings are in the "unnecessary" class, This will be sad news for Sam Boyd, but

The term of the Wilkes-Barre post-master will expire Feb. 16. The fight for succession goes merrily on, with no dark horse in sight. It is not too late for Sam Boyd to enter the free-for-all race. He might win in a canter if he gets a good

Henry S. Weed and Catharine J. Davis of Scranton; John Hennessey, of Jermyn and Mary Stekhers, of Wyoming, Luzeroe ounty, have been granted original pen-

Colonel Clayton McMichael, editor of the Philadelphia North American, will likely capture the secretaryship of the senate when that body reorganizes. He is backed by Senator Quay.

At high noon today Miss Mary Quay, eldest daughter of Senator and Mrs. Quay, was married to Mr. Louis R. Davidson, of Beaver, Pa. A limited number of guests witnessed the ceremony. The couple left for Florida this afternoon to spend their moneymoon. They will reside permanently at Beaver, the home of the Quays and

The postoffices at Mt. Carmel, Berwick and Tamaqua have been made presidential. W. R. B.

## TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, Th Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe east: 1.16 a. m., for Thursday Jan. 30, 1896,

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级 It will be apparent to a child born this day that when Lackawanna Repub licans were persuaded to elect a congress man to fight the party, they were sold. Mesmerist Reynolds failed to hypnotize any of the newspaper men at his seance yesterday afternoon. They have become so used to the business in reporting speeches at council meetings that the un seen force was probably lost upon the ma-jority of the subjects. Even the fur-lined ulster of reform is

powerless to dispel the clammy chill that has settled upon Uncle Joe's political It may yet be necessary to send for the Baldwins in order to locate the exact

kickers who are causing trouble in local The affidavit gun appears to "kick."

Ajacchus' Advice. Do not consult the papers for war news from the office of the board of assessors,

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