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SCRANTON, FEBRUARY 1, 1896.

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.

Residents of this region are to be felicitated upon the fact that at last there is a prospect that common sense will hereafter enter into the councils of those who regulate the anthracite coal trade, and lead in time to a condition assuring to the producers of coal and to their employes a reasonable price and a fair wage.

The Court's the Place.

For many reasons the public is to be congratulated that those who have hitherto made vague and sweeping accusations of fraud at the recent primaries have decided to present their case in open court. That is the proper place for such charges. There, accused and accused can be brought face to face, and the truth sifted from both. The Tribune, in behalf of the regular Republicans of Scranton, welcomes this test, and trusts that it will be applied impartially to suspects of both factions. Let the innocents be cleared from unjust suspicion, and let no guilty man escape.

Speaking for Colonel Ripple and his colleagues on the Republican city ticket, we can say that while every honest vigilance committeeman will be protected to the furthest possible limit, there is no disposition to extend indulgence to deliberate violators of the law. Neither Colonel Ripple nor any of give it simply as a surface indication his companion nominees is so destitute of personal character or popularity as to require the aid of fraud, either at primaries or at elections. Their canlem of Cameron's successor. vass rests upon the more solid basis of demonstrated fitness for public office and known personal integrity. Upor that basis they go before the people, and by that sign they intend to conquer. In the meantime, however, Republicans should not fail to consider who the men are that utter these charges of fraud and what their motives are in creating the present furore. Let them fairly weigh the character and the po litical practices of the accusers in the scale against those of the men at whom they strike. Let them correctly measure the political caliber of factionists who, out of revenge for failing to win at the primarles, coolly propose to wreck the party at the polls. All these circumstances should be duly considered, together with the latest act of the men who, while declaiming with one breath against the corrupt use of money in politics, with the other, have contributed thousands of dollars to the Democratic managers for use against Ripple two weeks hence. A verdict reached after such an inquiry will have emphasis.

for the presidency. The people need to the confines of prudence and discretion. be informed where he would stand in We are not upholding Tiliman's errors. foreign affairs, what his views are con- We are merely saying that in the chaff cerning the currency question and how of his verbosity there was a pretty far he is qualified to meet the vary- valuable handful of solid grains of coming and varied duties of an office like mon sense, which the senate and the the presidency, which every year grows people of the United States would do greater in its exactions, its cares and well to digest. its opportunities. A good many newspapers have gone to unnecessary trouble to get mad at The free silver senators have at least

Tillman because of his speech; but one virtue. They have the courage of of course that is what he wants. The their convictions. In an age of policy, better plan is to take what there is of this is much. truth in his diatribe and let the rest

The Stewart Pian Recalled.

That there is needed some better On the evening before Washington's system of conducting primary elections birthday Dr. J. T. Rothrock, the efficthan that which now obtains is emlent forestry commissioner of Pennsylphasized every time such elections are vania, will, in Young Men's Christian held; and the fact recalls the solution association hall, give his instructive proposed some years ago by Judge John talk on "Beautiful Pennsylvania." Stewart of Chambersburg and exwhich will be illustrated by means of plained by him at some length in The stereopticon views. No man in the Tribune last summer. That plan was commonwealth is better fitted than to do away entirely with nominating Dr. Rothrock to discourse concerning conventions by permitting the voters the natural beauties of the state which, of any party to vote directly at the in discharges of official duties, he has primary for the candidate of their repeatedly traversed and attentively choice, the one receiving the highest studied. That Dr. Rothrock's remarks vote to be certified as the regular party upon this occasion will deal with the nominee. Two or three safeguards important question of forestry is to be would be necessary: first to make parexpected, for upon this question he ticipation at one of the primaries a conspeaks with unsurpassed authority. dition governing the right to vote at But the lecture will be of general interthe next election; secondly, a registraest, and all who can spare the time tion plan to prevent the same voter should attend and hear it. from voting at two primaries in one If in consequence of the Scranton Recampaign: and, thirdly, the enactment of stringent laws against repeating at publican's slanderous attacks on the

municipal government, the city should primaries. get an ill name abroad and manufac-Under this system, fairly enforced. the nominees of the two chief parties turers should be deterred from locatwould be the most popular men in ing here, it would be a dear price to those parties and there would be alpay for the gratification of Mr. Scranton's individual malice. Regard for most no chance for a group of conspirators in any ward to "set up" things the city's honor should lead the voters to suit their personal ends or aims. to give to these injurious slanders an Had such a system been in vogue four emphatic repudiation. weeks ago, who can doubt that Colonel Ripple would have been so overwhelm-The spuriousness of the present cry of "fraud" is evident, among other reaingly returned as the choice of the peosons, from the fact that Colonel Ripple for mayor that no combination of

party wreckers could have dared to plot together with the Democrats for his defeat? That Russia has gobbled Turkey is denied; but it is a report which may yet be accurate in the past tense.

The Penrose Candidacy.

cratic control. The only new feature evolved in the It is estimated by those who know light for the Cameron succession in this that Mr. Scranton has made, altostate since the last review is the formal entry of State Senator Boles Penrose gether, as much as \$300,000 out of the into the race. His name has been used Republican party. What is he doing for it, in return? as that of a candidate by his authority. and it is said, with what truth we know The good repute of this city may be not, that he will have the powerful aid nothing to Mr. Scranton ; but it is someof Frank Willing Leach, chairman of thing to most Scrantonians, and they the state executive committee, in setwill not forget who has tried to defame ting up legislative candidacies through-It.

out the state favorable to himself. It is further asserted that a proposition Democratic government has not been of compromise has been offered in so successful at Washington as to Philadelphia by the Quay faction to cause a yearning for it here in Scran-

him win the primaries.

The proposition to have the United

States buy Cuba from Spain overlooks

the fact that the United States treas-

ury has recently been under Demo-

the Martin faction, the terms of which ton. are that in consideration of a reconcilia-Scranton Republicans will not begin tion Martin, too, is to turn in for Penrose. Whether there is any truth in the presidential year with a party dethis report or not we do not know; we feat.

And the deficit keeps on growing,

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, 515 Fourteenth street, N. W. Washington, Jan. Senator Quay's mind is puzzled With Senator Quay's help, the candidacy of Mr. Penrose would quickly

ator Vaughan, while one of the vice-presi-dents is ex-General Master Workman T. V. Powderly and Representative Charles O'Malley's name also appears in the list of officials. We say that the movement is significant for the reason that it is evi-dence of an intention on the part of Lark-manna lists. awanna Irish-Americans as such to take a more prominent part in the affairs of the Republican party in the future, while it also shows that many Irish-Americans who have during recent years come over to the Republican party so far as to vote with them when important national and

state issues were at stake, mean hereafter to fully identify themselves with the party. Certain of the Irish-Americans interested

in this new Lackawanna organization notably Senator Vaughan and Representative O'Malley, have heretofore been pron

aently identified with the Republican party, but there are other members, of whom Mr. Powderly might be taken as an ex-Mr. Powderly might be taken as an ex-imple, who, while carnestly believing in some of the bed rock principles of the early and probably voting with it the greater part of the time, have never been concrally regarded as full-fledged mem-bers of the party. Now they wish to be-come known as such, and the desire is fraught with considerable interest to members of both the great parties. This is but a straw showing the drift of publical sentiment. It is unnecessary at this time to enter into a discussion of the

this time to enter into a discussion of the regions, but it is a fact too evident to pars unrecognized that a considerable pars unrecognized that a considerable number of those voters upon whom the Democracy has firmly relied in the past are slowly but surely passing over to the op-position, and that the transfer is to be permanent. This crystalization of Repub-lean sentiment among our Irish American friends has been so gradual and quiet that even Republicans themselves are not fully aware of its extent, but it has taken place, nevertheless, and now that the ball

has been set rolling among them for an open declaration of their position, it need not surprise anybody if organizations simthar in character and purpose to that re-cently formed in Scranton should spring up in various counties.

THE FAKE CRY OF "WOLF!"

From the Olyphant Record. The Republican forces of the city of Scranton are somewhat torn. The party Scranton are somewhat torn. The party will not present an unbroken phalanx to the enemy in the coming election. And yet, to the caim observer, there is very little doubt but the Ripple-Williams-Wid-mayer ticket will be elected. The klck-ers are good shouters, but they have been at the business for so long a time that the electors are well versed in their tactics and are not to be scared by the cry of "wolf." Emergencies bring fores together, and to hose familiar with the politics of ple would have been the last man in Scranton to have needed fraud to help

"wolf." Emergencies bring fors toket of and to those familiar with the politics of the Electric City for the past few years, the Electric City for the past few years. it is a ludicrous spectacle to see old foes now joining hands to cry down stanch followers of the Grand Old Party. The men chosen by the party at the regularly called convention, are excellent men. They are worthy of implicit confidence. Their record will bear investigation, and on for-

record will bear investigation, and on for-mer occasions have they served the party with credit and honor. Ex-Mayor Ripple made an excellent executive in the city ten years ago, and today he is better equipped for the mayorality of Scranton than ever. The electors of the Electric City will con-sult their interests by seeing him and his nears elected. peers elected.

HOW THE DEMOCRATS VIEW IT.

From the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer. Democrats of Lackawanna county ough

to heartily rejoice at the accession of Con-gressman Scranton with his journal, and gressman Scranton with the promiser in the influence it exerts to their ranks. It is no longer a matter of doubt, that he is opposed to Republicanism, as it is car-ried out in that county, under Connell, and his best effort and service will be ren-

dered in behalf of the Democratic city ticket. We congratulate Lackawanna Democrats on the valuable aid and support they will secure in Congressman Scranton.

IOE AS A DEMOCRAT.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record.



WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

Commencing Wednesday morning, January 29, we will have a free demonstration of the wonderful "Witch kloth" at our store for a few days. Don't fail to see it. The following are a few points about "WITCHKLOTH."

"Witchkloth" is a specially prepared "kloth." It will remove and prevent tarnish, etc., and keep gold, silver, iewelry, nickel, plated ware, bicycles, glass, etc., always bright, clean and free from corrosion, tarnish, stains, dirt, etc. "Witchkloth" is especially adapted for cleaning and polishing all tableware. It cannot injure the most delicate surface

"Witchkloth" does not scratch a new surface, but thoroughly cleanses and removes the dirt and taraish, thus restoring the metal to its originally polished condition, leaving it much less liable to tarnish and rust,

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Invaluable to every one. No household can afford to be without it. Dry your table silverware with it in place of an ordinary towel; it will dry and polish at the same time, and the polish obtained by its use will last twice as long as that given by the use of pastes, soaps, powders, etc. With it work is a pleasure. AL DO VA It does not scratch: it works wonders; it is "bewitched."

"Witchkloth" will clean or polish just as well when black with use as when new. No matter how soiled the kloth" may become, the dirt will not rub off to soil the hands. It is absolutely clean.

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"Witchkloth" takes the place of all polishes, powders, pastes, liquids, and also of chamois skins, at less than one-quarter the cost.

"WITCHKLOTH" IS THE ONLY FABRIC THAT CAN BOTH CLEAN AND POLISH. Ask About "Witch Soap." A New Kind. Beats Them All. You Can Carry It in the Pocket. 10 Cents

BANISTER'S **GREAT SHOE SALE**

The second week of our Shoe Sale is now on. We were surprised at the result of our first week's sales, far ahead of expectations. It only proves the public appreciates a good thing and is anxious to take advantage of it.

Every pair of shoes in this immense, fine stock will be sold for less than cost.

We have a line of Gents' Fine Shoes, hand welt, kangaroo uppers, straight \$5 shoes; they are now marked \$2.98.

Every \$4 Shoe in the house is now \$2.48.

Children's Shoes 68c and 88c that were #1 and #1.25.

Don't miss this opportunity to buy shoes for less than cost of making them.

tains that the best way for Uncle Sam and control. The fact that his friends to appeal to Spain in Cuba's behalf is are warm friends and his enemies bitto do so with a club.

The Claims of Mckinley.

The Cleveland World makes by far the strongest plea yet uttered for William McKinley when it calls attention to the fact that present economic conditions are the result of a disregarding of his warnings, and that the pathway back to prosperity in this country follows the line pointed out by him ong before the free trade catastroph befel. It attacks no other candidate, calls attention to McKinley's clean personality and to his constant readiness to accept assignments to party service on the platform, and makes this appeal to what it calls the "strong party men":

He is a believer in party organization He is and always has been a true friend to those who bear the heat and burden of the day in politics. He has always rec-ognized party leadership. His appoint-ments as governor are evidence of this. What objection therefore can the party leaders and politicians have to McKinley's nomination? These realls is no objection nomination? There really is no objection to McKinley, and when the time comes those who wield great political power in their respective states will be the first to discover that the easiest way for the Republican party to elect he next presi-den will be to mominate the man the next den will be to nominate the man the peo-ple want. The people at this crisis in our national affairs demand McKinley. Pro-tection and prosperity. They favor Mc-Kinley, not only because of his personali-ty, but because his election will empha-size, more than that of any other candi-date, disapproval of further destruction of American industries by free trade leg-islation. They demand McKinley because his nomination will insure beyond a per-adventure that the revenues of this gov-ernment will be sufficient to meet the expenses. And furthermore the demand for McKinley is in no sense a reflection den will be to nominate the man the peofor McKinley is in no sense a reflection on the other candidates, but the most practical way to bring about a complete restoration of prosperity to the nation.

All that the World says in McKinley's favor is true. He is a clean man, an able man, and a willing party worker. He has widespread personal popularity and his name among all thoughtful people commands respect. In his identification with the protective policy he has outstripped his colleague ists and now easily heads the At the same time, there are ts as to his all-round equipment his

prove formidable; and it would doubtnow over whom to select as delegates-at ess gain political strength, especially in Philadelphia, because of the fact that many who helped to defeat Penrose for the Philadelphia mayoralty nomination have since begun to feel that perhaps they acted hastily and did the senator an injustice. On the other hand, Penrose's conduct since that de-would have to stand aside for some other feat has exhibited some signs of bitterstate. ness and vindictiveness which have left scars difficult to overlook. One in- tor Kennedy and Representative Ma stance was shown in the last legislature in his treatment of Senator Porter-a course which weakened Penrose materially among his warmest friends. That Penrose's feelings were natural under the circumstances cannot be denied; but there is a feeling in many quarters that to be a successful politician one should not "wear his heart upon his sleeve, for daws to peck at." A fair estimate of Senator Penrose would be that while he has brilliant likely to do. abilities and is full of youthful energy and fire, he is deficient in discretion and Among laymen the opinion still ob- the important power of self-discipline

that the Penrose senatorial candidacy

is a real factor, henceforth worthy of

attention in connection with the prob-

ter enemies shows that he does not lack a personality; and his public record teaches that, when he cares to exercise it, he has a head full of brains. But that he has yet acquired the command of men and of affairs which would justify his election to the senate of the United States is a statement to which we suspect that few persons outside of his immediate circle of friends and supporters would care to sup-

It is in order for the "Reformers" to xplain what they purpose doing with that \$9,000.

Tillman's Sensational Speech.

about established institutions general-

ly, which are not true. Some of the remarks made by him, as when he calls the president a conspirator, a Judas

and a traitor, are execrable violations

of taste; but that, back of these indiscretions is a fabric of common sense

cannot be denied by the most shocked

It is true that Cleveland as a presi-

dent has been a failure. It is true that

tince gone to the protest which awaits

senate has oft times ceased to remem-

and has rather devoted itself and its

energies to the large corporations. All

these things in Tillman's speech are

true, and those who heard him say

them knew at the time that he was

speaking the truth. Of course, he might

have been more delicate in the manner

of sticklers for senatorial tradition.

scribe.

are both anxious to have Colonel Stone nominated. They both want to succeed The speech of Senator Tillman in him in congress. the senate Wednesday, when read in full, gives the reader a shock; but like

Congressman Scranton had the honor of being the only member of congress wh most innovations we are not sure that was invited to attend the wedding of Sen the shock will not eventually do good. ator Quay's daughter Wednesday. Mr Seranton's long and intimate acquaintan Tillman lets his zeal run away with with the bride was responsible for the honor thrust upon the member from the Eleventh district. him in many places, and therefore says things about the president, about his fellow senators, about millionaires, and

Pensions have been granted to Mrs. Mary A. Slote, of Scranton; Frank H. Leas, Wilkes-Barre, and Harry H. Wood, White Haven, Luzerne county.

I notice that my old friend Sam Boyd, of Wilkes-Barre, is in favor of the nom-nation of ex-Governor Pattison for presi-dent on the Democratic ticket. Does Sam think Pattison could carry Pennsylvania if nominated or is he guying the ex-gov-ernor? The day of Pattison is gone. Sam-uel. He is a political back number. He is dead and burled.

his civil service reform promises have The Republicans of Luzerne county will nake a mistake if they do not return Mr. the notes of all reformers who work make a mistake if they do not to be the republi-Leisenring to congress, and the Republi-cans of Lackawanna will make an equally great blunder if they do re-elect Congress-man Scranton. Mr. Leisenring is an honor to his district, and Mr. Scranton-well, ne has outlived his usefulness in congress. the reform dodge for what there is in it. It is true that the United States ber its debt of duty to the plain people,

C. P. Jadwin and O. H. Jadwin were vis tors at the capital this week. W. R. B. A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR.

From the Pitiston Gazette.

From the Pittston Gazette. A significant political movement is that reported from the Lackawanna capital, where a new Republican club, largely com-posed, apparently, of Irish-Americans, has been organized, with a view to active par-ticipation in the political affairs of our neighboring county. The president is Senin which he said them. He tore his passion into rather too many and too spicuous tatters; and he permitted agination too often to o'erleap

