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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.

Most of the disaffection in the Republican ranks in Scranton seems to exist mainly in the sanctum of the Indepen-

### dent Republican.

The Sober Second Thought. The now rapidly disintegrating bolt of fairly-beaten Republicans against the excellent ticket which leads this column has performed two services of real benefit to the party. It has demonstrated to Republicans who are Republicans from principle that constant vigilance and unremitting activity are the price of party supremacy; and it didate before, in peace or war. We has also revealed to the party following in this city those so-called Republican leaders who are leaders for personal profit only, and put that following henceforth on its guard.

The tide has turned. If there ever was a time when the ostentatious attempt of a few malcontents to stampede Republican voters into the Democratic column looked as if it might prove injurious to the ticket, that time has passed. Republicanism in this city is taking its sober second thought. The claims of the party in a year which will determine for a generation to come the economic policy of the nation are receiving at last that thoughtful consideration which temporarily was imperilled by the artificial hue and cry of the professional disturbers; and from this moment onward until election day the support accorded to the irreproachable Republican city ticket will grow steadlly in both numbers and enthusi-

This is not mere assertion. It is a This canvass shows that what once looked as if it might prove a serious hindrance to party victory has become the unconscious instrument of a wide spread and determined revival of party fidelity. Party loyalty has responded to the challenge of those who have threatened it with undisguised treachery; party pride has risen to the need of a vigorous reassertion; party justice has begun to voice its verdict touching the unmasked plot of contemplated party betrayal.

From now on it will be simply : question of majorities.

The people of Scranton don't want any 1892 national experiments repeated this year in their municipal government. In other words, they don't want a second Democratic change.

### In a Nutshell.

It has been figured out that the proposed viaduct would cost each Scrantonian only two cents. At this price who can say that it is too expensive?

The resident of Hyde Park, in coming to the central city, or the resident of the central city or of the South Side who goes to Hyde Park has to cross eleven railroad tracks in all, the most of which would be removed from his pathway by the viaduct. Whether he walks, rides or drives, these tracks are a constant menace to life and limb, a hindrance to travel, an eyesore and a vexation. It isn't feasible to remove the tracks, but the present disadvantages growing out of them can be obviated by a viaduct. Such a viaduct

would benefit every Scrantonian. An improvement so urgently neces sary deserves to be supported by every voter. It is not a question of one locality against another; it is a question of progress for all the city, in which all the city will share.

A few words from Gladstone in dem olition of the cynical Salisbury would

### be appreciated.

General Harrison's Retirement. The formal announcement by Gen eral Harrison that he is not to be considered as a candidate for another presidential nomination and that not with his consent will his name be used at St. Louis has been for some time expected by his close friends. The sentiment in his letter to Chairman Gowdy, of the Indiana Republican committee, that "there never has been an hour since he left the white house that he has felt a wish to return to it" is familiar to those who have enjoyed General Harrison's confidence; and nothing in the man's character or record induces the suspicion that in this sentiment he has been otherwise than sincere. Indeed such a sentiment is natural, for many reasons. Apart from his personal bereavement while president, which alone would suffice to invest the executive mansion with the sombre air of tragedy, there needs to be noted the fact that after giving to the country, during his four years' service, the best energies of his life and the ripest powers of perhaps the ablest intellect among American statesmen of our generation; and after achieving a ess in all honorable public direc-

coin, his good, clean and conscientious work was rewarded by the country defended by land defenses, to perfect with a slap in the face as cruel and cowardly and boorish as it was wholly inwarranted.

Disguise it how

time of peace can, under the circumot only ungrateful but also irrational. other respects his record was without flaw or blemish; and had he, in this direction, been more of a politician and dogged him to defeat would have been the first to toss high their caps in charge as that he preferred the interests of the whole people to the purchasable friendship of the spoilsmen, administration, with prosperity never to Ignore the Monroe doctrine and mock more manifest nor the public credit at our protests,-a contingency perhaps never higher, should have been overwhelmingly defeated, to make way sible—what could we do, with English or the prosperity-wrecking, debt-creating contingent of incompetents which extorting millions of tribute from our

followed with such disastrous consequences, will in future years give marvel to historians and confusion to men who hold the people capable of selfgovernment. It is not egotism, it is not pride, it is not vanity in General Harrison which renders him reluctant to strive for a second opportunity of being kicked and bruised and punished for serving his country well; it is a natural instinct of self-defense, which coes credit to his sagacity and honor to his common sense. At the same time, it is the simple truth to say that the great majority of

the plain people are sincerely repentant of their ingratitude, and that if they could, they would undo the injustice of four years ago by giving to General Harrison a larger testimonial of their reasserted confidence and regard than judgment. was ever the gift of a presidential canthoroughly agree with that observant and fair-minded Democrat, Colonel Henry Watterson, that General Harrison is not only the ablest living man in either party, but that, by reason of his demonstrated sagacity, prudence, conscientiousness and dignified patriotism, he would be many thousand votes stronger than any other Republican whom the St. Louis convention could name. The business men, the artisans, the workers of all degree except those who "work" in politics realize now, if they did not in 1892, that Benjamin Harrison is one man in ten thousand, that he is a man who has the breadth, the acumen, the loyalty and the backbone of which great statesmanship is constructed, coupled with ripe experience and a reputation already achieved. The subtraction of such a man from the list of presidential possibilities is nothing less than a public misfortune.

The tide has turned. The Republican ticket is safe. But while the fight is on Republicans might as well make it

Ignorant Criticism. Some characteristically unfair and undignified comments are being made just now by a number of excitable newspapers concerning the "monopolistic coal barons" who, in "audacious greed" have recently, after two years or more of doing business at a net loss. had the effrontery to make an effort to get for their limited and rapidly exhausting product a price that will reimburse them for the time, labor and money spent in mining anthracite coal. From a mass of such careless comment we pick this excerpt from the editorial page of the Lebanon Report

and present it as a fair sample:

Let us see the process. The coal kings agree to restrict the production of anthractic coal to \$500,000 tons yearly. This artificial restriction upon the product is at once followed by a rise in price announced by the dealers. An artificial under-supply and an arbitrary increase of cost to the consumer have been effected at the nod of a few capitalists. It is the consumer who pays the cost. To him it may mean discomfort or sickness and death; to the greedy combine of capitalists it means about \$40,000,000 increase to their annual income. To men already wealthy it means more wealth and greater ease; to the hard-working industrial class it means harder work, more grinding oppression. The coal pool is an outrage, an extortion, a deliberate robbery, yet no one expects anything else, and all will sit supinely and tolerate it. The courts of justice are helpless. The capitalists whose word has done the deed hold their heads as high and claim as great virtue as their neighbors. They are in it for business.

If the Report had cared to be accuand present it as a fair sample:

If the Report had cared to be accurate it would have investigated this subject before delivering its impassioned verdict, in which case it would have found that the proposed restriction-not to 6,500,000 tons but to about 40,000,000 tons yearly-was ordered solely for the reason which keeps the Report from printing more papers each day than it has subscribers or purchasers, in other words, because of the fact that the market will not buy as much anthracite coal, even at the former cut prices, as has lately been mined. If the business managers of the Report and of the Daily News, of Lebanon, after a time of useless competition during which both offices wasted papers and lost money, should get together, figure out the total number of newspaper readers of Lebanon and agree to print only enough papers to supply regular customers and to charge for those papers enough to pay for the labor of printing them, for the wear and tear of machinery, for interest on the capital invested and a little beside, for profit, it would be neither an "outrage," an "extortion" nor "a deliberate robbery," but simply an action of equitable business prudence. This is what the producers and shippers of anthracite coal have done, nothing less and nothing more.

We guess that when the Scranton Republican says Ripple is a weak candidate it knows better.

Prepare for Emergencies.

The remarks of Admiral Walker on Monday before the house committee on coast defenses were sensible and to the point. While he would strengthen the navy sufficiently to make it thoroughly effective in either war or peace, he ex-

conditions our scaports could only be Republicans than such political free-boot era as Scranton and Pellows. which would cost from \$70,000,000 to \$100,000,000 and require a period of years, not under five at the very least.

The bill of Senator Squire approprieference to the "exigencies of poli- ates for this purpose \$87,000,000, which tics," the fact of Cleveland's is a small premium to pay for insuring election over Harrison in 1892 by the more than \$87,000,000,000 of American a majority hitherto unprecedented in property now jeaporded through the absence of adequate coast fortifications. stances, be excused only upon the sup. The expenditure of this amount would position that republies, at times, are not fall all within one year, but would be so distributed as to amount, at any in Harrison the country had a presi- one time, comparatively to a mere lent whose only faults were a con- bagatelle. When it is remembered that scientiousness of action and a stubborn the wars of the past thirty years have loyalty to highest ideals which, when cost \$30,000,000,000, not to say anything hey brought him into conflict with less of the 2,590,000 sacrificed lives, the pruunselfish political advisers, would not dence of spending less than one threeower the standard of duty to please hundredth of that sum in a safeguard the appetite of partisan greed. In all against war becomes at once apparent. Under present conditions the United States is practically defenseless. The logic of that circumstance is that it is less of a man, the very ones who dependent upon the good nature of other nations for the recognition of rights which a self-respecting nation ought to riotous acclaim. That upon so flimsy a be able at all times to command. While we have not yet been snubbed in consequence of our weakness, there is no telling how soon we may be. Should Eng-Benjamin Harrison, after his splendid land, for instance, take it into her head

> exposed seaboard? An interesting eisteddfod will be held in Pottsville on St. David's day, at which ex-Postmaster General Thomas L. James and Mr. E. J. Edwards, better known perhaps as "Holland," the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, will preside. Mr. James, in addition to being one of the busiest bankers and public men in Gotham, is an enthusiastic Cambrian. Perhaps that fact accounts for not a little of his suc-

improbable but certainly not impos-

warships menacing out coast cities and

Knoxville vigilantes have just discovered that ten years ago they lynched an innocent man. As an atonement they will probably set to work to lynch the person now supposed to be guilty. trusting to luck to vindicate their

Bayard's denial of the report that he had threatened to resign shows that the deficiency in his sense of official propriety is even worse than had been feared.

Democrats who want Republican fac-

tionists to use them as tools will please put themselves in communication with the editor of the Scranton Republican. Ex-Governor Pattison could have

been elected present in 1892; but the political mill ca ever grind with the water that has passed. We should like to see General Har-

Lord Salisbury's mouth may yet prove English Liberalism's salvation.

rison made the next secretary of state

### REPUBLICANS AND THEIR DUTY.

From the Providence Star.

The true, earnest and faithful Republicans of the city of Scranton were never conronted in a municipal contest by a stronger incentive than they are at this time to be true to themselves, to their party and to the best interests of the city. Thoughtful and intelligent Republicans will not be deceived nor led astray by the hue and cry now raised about "corruption, irregularities, fraud and bailot-stuffing" at the late delegate elections. As our readers know, for some time there have been factional diversions among the Republicans. This resulted in two tickets for municipal offices being slated, the one headed by Colonel Ezra H. Rippie, the other by Captain James Mofr. Now let us briefly note the difference in the conditions under which these two tickets entered the field. ity. Thoughtful and intelligent Repub

entered the field.

The supporters and promoters of the Ripple ticket from the very beginning of the contest took the broad ground of genuine, loyal Republicanism. They said: "We will go before the masses of the party, make the strongest fight we can for success, and if we are beaten, we will loyally support the victors." With this declaration the Ripple-Williams-Wilmayer supporters went into the delegate elections. Now note the contrast. The champions of the Moir-Davies-Westpfahlicket took no such broad ground. Their organ, the Scranton Republican, holsted this ticket to its editorial head labeled "Independent Republican!" J. A. Scranton, John H. Fellows and other lenders of that faction openly declared weeks before the delegate elections that if Colonel Ripple won in the nominating convention they "would fight him to the bitter end." They went into the battle for the nomination with the openly declared purpose not to submit to the decision of the primary elections if they were beaten. Their plan of campaign had been pre-arranged weeks in advance and was in the nature of a conspiracy to disrupt the Republican party if they could not have their own way. That this is true is fully manifested in the proceedings, of the numerous secret meetings, held both before and immediately after the delegate elections, their next move was to break up the convention in a row; or, falling in that, to bolt, organize a rump convention and place an Independent Republican ticket in the field. The scheme to disrupt the Republican party and restore the Democratic party to power in this city was carried out to the extent of a minority belt and the nomination of a second ticket. The scheme only collapsed when Capanin Moir refused to accept the rump convention's nomination for mayor, and no Republican of charcter was willing to accept. The supporters and promoters of th

The next move of the conspirators was to enter into an alliance with the Democrats for the defeat of the duly nominated Republican ticket. And what is the pretext by which these malcontent conspirators attempt to justify their base trenchery to the party that has honored them in the past? Let us see! They allege in a number of districts that elected Ripple delegates frauds were perpetrated, and numbers of Democrats were permitted to vote. Weeks have utterly falled to produce evidence to establish fraud in even a single instance. As to the allegation that Democrats voted at the delegate elections there may be more or less foundation for the charge, as there has been in every delegate election held in this and other cities and counties at every such election for a dozen years, it is a noticeable fact to the in not a single instance have the party-wreckers given a list of Democrats alleged to have voted in any one district of the city. The truth is that all these charges are a mere pretext on which to justify and bolster up their base treachery to the Republican party.

There are hundreds, if not thousands of men in this city and county who are popularly regarded as adherents of the Democratic party, but who voted for Harrison, for Joseph A. Scranton, for Harrison, and other Republican vote in the city and county to such proportions that the Democratic party has been almost disintegrated. Large numbers of this class of "Democrats" have come to regard themselves as Republicans, Under our party rules the man who voted for the head of the Republican ticket at the preceding general election has a right to participate in the party's primaries. The lines cannot be drawn with rigidity at such elections. Does any sane man believe that the majorities rolled up in this city and county for Republican and the county for Republican and the recent delegate election is possible; and it is only the truth to say that many of them have a better right to be called There are hundreds, if not thousands of

The condition now confronting the Republicans of this city can be easily comprehended by thoughtful, honest and loyal party men. The ticket headed by Colonel Exra. H. Ripple was honestly mominated. That ticket is composed of true and honest Republicans entirely worthy of the confidence and support of every citzen who desires capable and honest municipal government. Every candidate on that ticket is a citizen of the highest character. The charges of corruption and fraud at the delegate elections have fallen to the ground uncustained, and in most cases have been proven absolutely unfounded. Malcontent leaders may affect the vote for the Republican candidates, but they cannot defeat them. These men are rendered desperate by defeat and reckless by disappointment and rage. They would destroy the party now that the party has repudiated their leadership. The time has come for honest and loyal Republicans in this city to assert themselves, to take a pronounced and emphatic stand against disappointed disorganizers and malcontents.

### THE LIAR AT WORK.

What We Said. From the Scranton Tribune Monday, Feb. 3: "The editor of the Free Press is a young man who doubtless means well; he will therefore probably discover, in the course of time, that abusing men like William Connell is a shallow style of argument which soon loses its hold on people smart enough to read."

What Joe Said We Said.

From the Scranton Republican, Tuesday, Feb. 4: "The Tribune serves notice upon Editor Beamish of the Free Press, that unless he ceases his attacks upon William Conneil he will not be permitted to silde down the Ripple-Combine cellar door hereafter. The gentle hint so boldly conveyed, evidently means that unless Mr. Beamish permits the Conneil managers to dictate the policy of his paper that the patronage of all the Conneil cenerus will be withdrawn from his journal. It will be interesting to note the reply of the fearless young editor to this plain hint." What Ice Said We Said.

### TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2.10 a. m., for Wednes-day, Feb. 5, 1896.

A child born on this day will be without ash if he plays the races or handles poker hips when the moon is new. On this day Saturn is in conjunction with the moon, which is an indication that danger lurks in the pathway of the man who monkeys with the buzz-saw.

It is easy for almost any one to be a man of destiny, but it is the character of the destiny that troubles the most of Editor Scranton's talk about the duty of "good Republicans" is enough to make one emit a nanny-goat laugh. Brother Lynett, of the Times, is becoming as anxious as a mugwump over the

prospective snow storm. Ajnochus' Advice. Avoid companionship of the politician who carries a bomb in his pocket. Do not allow yourself to be hypnotized into deserting principle in order to avenge he fancied grievance of another

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