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The Republican tide in Scranton is rapidly gaining the proportions of a tidal wave.

An Outside View.

The following editorial appeared Saturday in the Philadelphia Press: "One of the most interesting local contests now in progress in Pennsylvania is that for the election of mayor in Scranton."

The Republican nominee is Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, who on a former occasion served the city as its chief magistrate. He is a gentleman of the highest character, of experience and capacity, and in all the bitterness of the controversy nothing whatever is urged against his fitness for the high and responsible duties which belong to the office of mayor in a city of the importance of Scranton.

"But there are selfish factional interests in the city which are opposing Colonel Ripple and doing all that is possible to elect the Democratic candidate. This opposition of certain Republicans is based upon the mere pretense that his nomination was not honestly made. The manner in which Colonel Ripple was chosen as the Republican candidate precludes this assumption on any honest grounds. He was supported by an overwhelming majority of the delegates to the convention. A number of those belonging to the faction opposed to him withdrew and made another nomination. The gentleman who received that nomination refused to accept it on the ground that there was no excuse for it, and as a Republican he felt it his duty not to antagonize the regularly made nomination of the party."

"This was mainly and proper, and ought to have ended all opposition within the party. But it did not. Led by those who have repeatedly received high honors at the hands of the party the opposition is still seeking to destroy all chance of Republican success and make certain the election of a Democratic mayor on the eve of a presidential campaign and when important district elections are to follow. Should this purpose prevail it can be readily seen the consequences at the next November election may be serious indeed. The party nomination for congress would hardly be worth accepting and it would cost certain members of the legislature when it may be of real consequence to have all that can be elected. No sincere Republican can want to take such a risk."

Randolph Crippen on Bailey.

An instructive interview with Randolph Crippen, the Democratic candidate for mayor, three years ago, is printed on another page. In it Mr. Crippen pays his respects to Mr. Bailey, the present Democratic nominee, who, he declares, repaid Crippen's work for him when he ran for prothonotary against Clarence E. Pryor by fighting Crippen at the polls.

for their support on party grounds, could show a clean record as a loyal partisan, but this statement by Mr. Crippen evidently reveals a different condition. How with the facts made known concerning his shabby treatment of Mr. Crippen three years ago, the present Democratic nominee for mayor can consistently ask support from Crippen's friends is a mystery. It looks as if he were doomed to disappointment in that quarter.

We understand that the morning Democratic organ proposes this week to eclipse its past record for falsification and mud-slinging. Knowing this in advance, decency-loving persons can, therefore, decline to admit its pollution to their homes.

Requirements of Naturalization.

Judge Pryor of the New York Supreme court, who lately surprised the laity by declining to issue naturalization papers to men who could give no proof that they comprehended any of the fundamental principles of American citizenship, has issued a statement in explanation of his course. Whether a defense was really needed of a policy so clearly in accord with the proprieties may be doubted; but it has been entered and it is interesting.

Judge Pryor says he exacts from applicants for naturalization a knowledge of the American constitution because "the law requires that in order to be admitted as a citizen the applicant must give satisfactory proof of his attachment to the principles of the constitution. But how," Judge Pryor asks, "can he be attached to that of which he is ignorant?" "Secondly," he goes on, "I require that the applicant be able to speak and write the English language. The law exacts that to serve as a juror in the City of New York a person shall be able to read and write the English language understandingly. If the alien, upon naturalization, be invested with all the rights and privileges of citizenship he should certainly be competent to perform all its duties. Five years' previous residence in the United States is requisite to naturalization, and if during that period the alien does not become conversant in the language of the country the fact argues an indifference or repugnance to that thorough incorporation with the community that I regard as essential to citizenship."

A Confession of Incompetency.

Mr. Cleveland's explanation of his syndicate bond deal of one year ago, whereby the government sold for 104 1/2 bonds easily worth 11, is that he had only two days to spare and therefore could not wait for a popular loan. This, if false, is a statement which would warrant his impeachment, and if true, it is a humiliating reflection upon the foresight of his secretary of the treasury, who should have been a man able to look more than 48 hours ahead.

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An Opportune Recommendation.

A reasonable word is spoken by the Washington Post when, after exulting as all patriotic Americans must over the marked success of the popular loan, with its emphatic revelation of the conduct, the integrity and the financial honor of the nation, it adds: "We may as well bear in mind, however, the plain, unromantic fact that even patriotism and zeal cannot be depended upon indefinitely as a practical remedy for a business trouble. Sooner or later the finances of the country must be placed upon a solvent basis, and common sense take the place of enthusiasm as the inspiration of our financial policy. We cannot go on borrowing forever. Some day or another the effect of chronic impecuniosity must undermine our credit. In the midst of the general rejoicing over this magnificent expression of confidence in the resources and the good faith of the Union we may as well stop to consider for a moment the solemn truth that we should be much better off today had we not made the expression necessary by an unwise and improvident governmental policy. No one doubted that the American people were loyal. No one doubted that in time of need they would rally as one man to the support of the nation of their love. Gratifying as this demonstration has been, the country could well have done without it. Every substantial interest in the land could have been much more effectually and wholesomely promoted by legislation that would have kept the treasury out of debt and brought the public revenue up to the largest possible estimate of judicious public expenditure. It is good to know, of course, that the government can still borrow money. It were infinitely better, though, if the need for

borrowing were done away with. "This result, therefore, encouraging and reassuring though it be, does not relieve congress of the obligation to come to the rescue of our inadequate national revenue. On the contrary, the fact that the government has been compelled to negotiate this loan only emphasizes that obligation. There has been quite enough of borrowing. Let us try henceforth the safer, if less picturesque and clamorous, expedient of paying as we go." It would be well for the nation if its Populitically-painted senate would heed this sane advice.

Clean, honest and unassuming, with a record free from taint and a character proof against aspersion, Daniel Williams will bring to the city treasurer's office precisely those sterling qualities which are needed in its successful administration.

Practical business judgment, a knowledge of the city and plain common sense are the requirements of the city assessors. These requirements are amply realized in the candidacies of Messrs. Fowler, Fleckus and Dawson.

Speaking of the "decadence of the senate," it is possible that such an arrangement could justly be applied to many other things besides. The senate is probably quite as representative now as it ever was.

When those who attack Connellism can show that they have done one-half as much as it has for the welfare of the city, it will be time to consider what they may have to say; but not before.

The private employer does not reward good and faithful service with an arbitrary discharge. The city of Scranton in fairness owes to Controller Fred J. Widmayer a cordial re-election.

The secret of Canada's assertive loyalty to England is probably to be found in the fact that England, remembering Yorktown, lets Canadians do as they please.

Republicans are perfectly willing to submit the individual merits of their candidates to any comparison. They propose to win by deserving to win.

It is well enough to talk about international arbitration, but for insurance purposes, give us more warships and coast defenders.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, Washington, Feb. 9. Senator Quay will in all probability be the chairman of the Republican national committee. At least the leaders of the party in all sections of the country are urging him to accept the position. As long as ex-President Harrison was among the political possibilities Senator Quay would not consider the matter at all. He had had one dose of Harrison and that was enough for him. Now that the president has placed himself outside the brackets of possibilities Senator Quay may be induced to accept the chairmanship, provided, of course, that a candidate to his liking is nominated. He is on friendly terms with all the presidential possibilities now mentioned. As far as known he has no preference—at least, he has not indicated in any way a choice. To may throw his support to Reed if the speaker can show enough strength by the time the vote of Pennsylvania is reached, or he may give a helping hand to McKinley, Morton or Allison.

Senator Quay is very desirous of securing control of a solid delegation from Pennsylvania. This, of course, is out of the question under the influence of the party's egg unit rule, which he is not likely to do. The political prospects are likely to be their own. The fact that they find that they cannot be nominated by the voters of New York and Pennsylvania when those states are reached in the roll call they will throw their strength to the candidate who can win by their support.

There is no doubt about Quay's anxiety to control the next delegation to a man if possible. When Hon. George V. Lawrence, of Washington county, was here last week urging Quay to give him the nomination for congress, Lawrence said: "Lawrence, I don't care a penny for congress; I'm national delegates I am after."

Washington has been overrun with boomers of Hoger and Livingston, the leading candidates for the Wilkes-Barre postoffice. This morning the boomers, headed by state committeeman Garman, made an onslaught on the postoffice department. They were met on Wednesday by the Livingston boomers, headed by ex-Congressman Hines, who into town and out, and during a conversation with a friend on the subject the other day said that he considered Mr. Young, the strongest candidate so mentioned for congressman-at-large, if Senator Quay decides to give Mr. Young the nomination, he will try to strike track Mr. Grow, as the western delegates would object to both nominations being cast of the Allegheny mountains, for congressman-at-large Huff will in all probability be a candidate for re-nomination. He is in daily receipt of letters from leading Republicans all over the state urging him to be a candidate. Colonel Huff is not only one of the most popular members of the Pennsylvania delegation in congress, but he is one of the hardest workers. His daily mail is very heavy, and the colonial rule is never to go to bed until every letter that can be answered or referred to the various departments before which the writers have business. Practically in no case will he be in business is Colonel Huff's motto. In this respect he differs from a large majority of members. It is said of Hon. Charles H. Buckley that he didn't answer one letter out of every hundred he received. That accounts for "Parmer" Kulp, a Republican, now representing a naturally Democratic district instead of Mr. Buckley. If Colonel Huff never leaves congress until he is guilty of not attending to the wants of his constituents he will be here the balance of his days.

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looking hale and hearty. When Jerry was defeated for re-election to the house a year ago last fall, it was in every poor breath and but little hope was entertained for his recovery. Outdoor life seems to agree with him and it is said that Washington and congress have out their charms for him. When in congress Jerry posed as a poor man, but he is said to be one of the wealthiest farmers in his district.

A mail messenger service will be established at Bendonia, Lackawanna county, on Feb. 12, via Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. W. A. B.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Jacobus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 2:17 a. m., for Monday, Feb. 10, 1896.

A child born on this day will be of the opinion that the groundhog saw his shadow cross-eyed on the 2nd inst. When we were first acquainted: A mantle it spreads o'er the earth below; At its silent approach our we wonder. It will come again, very soon, you know. And its visit will cause consternation and awe. Among the bolters, who'll all be snowed under. It is feared that the local Brick Poppers who are shouting for Mr. Bailey will not be able to ward off perils until election day. The "anti"-common sense coterie in Scranton politics is dwindling daily. Retrospective. (With apologies to John Anderson.) John Fellows, oh, my Joe, John, When we were first acquainted: We used to meet each other, John, Arrived in bright war paint; But now all things are changed, John, Like brothers forth we go. And battles fight we go, John, John Fellows, oh, my Joe.

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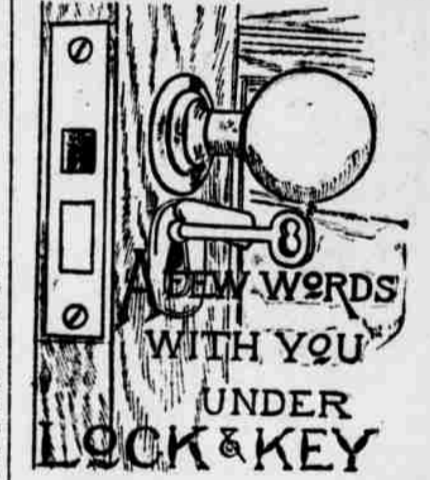


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