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SCRANTON, FEBRUARY 11, 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.

A good many Democrats are wonder ing which advisory committee is a uthorized to make promises in Mr. Bailev's behalf-whether that consisting of Fitzsimmons, Sando and Vidaver or

Upon a Victory Basis.

The week before election finds the basis. Once threatening dissensions have in the main been healed; the duty that party any further encouragement. of Republicans to their party is receiving general attention; and the defection of the few former Republicans who for personal reasons are now trying to wreck the party is being more than counterbalanced by accessions from the Democracy of men who resent the uses to which the present Democratic campaign is being put.

The organs of the opposition are of course striving frantically to stem the the leaders of the so-called Republiling their energies; but all to no avail. The common sense of the masses is fast neutralizing their work. Prejudice and jealousy are losing their hold. It has ceased to be a question of factionalism, and has become a question of municipal safety.

The voters of Scranton are rapidly coming to realize that in the hands of Ripple, Williams and Widmayer their dantly warranted in bringing the proseinterests will be safe. They know these men, know what they have done for the by the defendant's bad conduct, the city and what they can again do for it. They do not propose to take any risks. Republican administration In the past has been clean, honest and progressive. The city has prospered under it. Great improvements have been wrought and large expenditures of money made without mistake or scandal. The significance of such achievements is not lost sight of. The lesson of them is not being ignored.

All that remains to clinch the bright prospect of yietory is for active and loyal Republicans to stand to their

Is John' Steinmetz, of the Nineteenth ward, the man who, in '94, got \$5 from John H. Fellows upon a promise that he would work for Merrifield, Balley

and Schadt? The Dunlop Theory of Journalism.

The sentencing of Joseph R. Dunlop, publisher of the Chicago Dispatch, to two years in the penitentiary and to the payment of a \$2,000 fine for sending indecent literature through the mails is an act which calls for grateful recognition. Dunlop's paper has long been notorious for its corrupt personal advertisements, which were given over almost wholly to inmates of disorderly houses and other disreputable women. It has also been stenchful in its general news columns, the theory of the proprietor being that five readers could be got for a recklessly sensational socet where only one would support a clean paper fit to enter the circle of home.

That this theory, as a matter of mathematics, is substantially true cannot be doubted. We all know that we are more interested in evil reports than in good ones. Where can men will read the report of a sermon, at least one hundred will read the report of a prize fight. As between the proceedings of a world's parliament of religions and the details of a scandalous divorce suit involving prominent names, nobody can be in doubt as to where the average reader's choice would fall. The dullest papers are the cleanest; to make a "spley" paper means to make one that can be depended upon to magnify crime. exaggerate the unexpected and deal lavishly with the frothiness of current

At the same time, publishers who care anything for their self-respect will be slow to put Dunlop's theory into full be possible to print an ideal paper and find enough readers for it to sustain it. There has to be a concession to the yulgar, the ignorant and the morbidly curious. The day has not yet come when a newspaper dependent upon its advertisers and subscribers for a living could afford not to print reports of prize fights, scandals and crimes. But it can moderate these offenses against good taste and be discreet and circumspect. It need not make fifth its exclusive or chief stock in trade.

An affidavit has been published over the signature of John Steinmetz, the the vigilants at the recent primaries, received votes from persons not qualified to vote. It will be remembered that Wolf and Hoffman, his associate which they pay into the city treasury vigilant, have already sworn that Stein-

metz himself and also his brother-in- honestly applied to legitimate purposes. law tried to stuff the ballot box by vot- and not squandered, misapplied or ing two votes apiece. The first charge stolen. that Steinmetz made against Wolf was that Wolf had thrown Moir votes on the lance, no employe of the city can cheat floor. Now all he can say is that he or rob his employers, the people. Un-"is informed" that Welf took votes that less he knowingly winks at or ignorantshould not have been taken. The kick- by fails to exercise that careful and rs' affidavit mill is evidently running

For City Treasurer.

It goes without saying that the city treasurership, which in a city like our own, involves the handling of immense sums of money, should be held by men who are honest-above suspicion, careful in their accounts, methodical in business and widely known as safe and trustworthy citizens. It is true that the law exacts of the treasurer of the city a bond sufficient to guard it against any probable loss through carelessness or criminality; yet this guarantee does not relieve voters from the moral responsibility of selecting for this office men whose character, probity and intelligence will set an example of uprightness to the youth of the city and lend dignity and prestige to the whole city government.

It is not a reflection on Mr. Boland. the Democratic nominee, whose personal merits we concede, to say that in point of business training and familiarity with the city's resources and needs, he is fully equalled, if not surpassed, by his Republican competitor, Daniel Williams, Mr. Williams' sucressful career as a business man, his service on the poor board and the modest but substantial interest which he has always exhibited in the welfare of the city give ample assurance that as treasurer he will be found a faithful, honorable and exemplary public servant, to whose election no Republican need ever feel ashamed that he contributed. As a representative of the growing West Side and as a Republican whose party loyalty is above suspicion, Mr. Williams is fully justified in expecting the support of a united party. the later one composed of Bedford and which means his election by a rousing plurality one week hence.

We are of the opinion that a good many wage-earners in this city have Republican campaigh upon a victory had chough of Democratic times and don't propose to give the leaders of

As to the Adjustment of Costs.

A resident of Williamsport, Mr. Clinton Stager, addresses to the Philadelphia Press a defence of the practice of juries in acquitting defendants but putting the costs on them. As an illustration of how that may work for good he cites the case of a man who was tried "on a charge of obtaining a large amount of money from a bank by false tide toward Republican success; and pretenses in which it was clearly proved, and not disputed, that he had can revolt are. In desperation, redoub- wilfully lied, but his large holdings of property and other circumstances seemed to preclude the idea that he intended to defraud the bank, or that he could have possibly thought that it was in his power to do so. The jury acquitted him; then came the question of costs. There was no reason why they should be imposed upon the county nor upon the prosecutor, who was abuncution. As it had been made necessary jury very properly put the costs upon him."

> Mr. Stager's contention that thi practice does more good than harm is supported by the Philadelphia Times, which says:

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> The law permitting a division of costs was enacted to hall the growth of petty proceedings in our criminal courts, and also to protect the county from being compelled to pay the price of such litigation when it was inspired by passion or resentment, without any just claim upon the protection of the law, it has not only hindered many entirely unwarranted prosecutions, but where such actions have been instituted it has enabled courts and juries to deal justly with the parties. It was once very common in Pennsylvania for cross actions to be brought for assault and battery, and in very many of such cases the court and jury would discover that there was nearly or quite equal fault on both sides. The cases did not warrant the criminal conviction of either defendant, and the result in most cases was the acquittal of both parties and the county had to pay the costs. This frivolous litigation in the criminal courts became so general that it was a necessity to interpose some reasonable obstacle to its continuance, and the very best possible method was adopted by providing that the costs could be divided on any basis between the parties, or that the defendant could be acquisted and yet made to pay the entire costs of the action. It would be a serious mistake to efface this law relating to costs from our statutes. It was called into existence by a great public necessity; it has hindered frivolous and passionate litigation, and it has certainly served an excellent purpose, while it has done no

tion, and it has certainly served an ex-cellent purpose, while it has done no wrong to any citizen, unless in some in-stances where juries may have reached an unjust judgment. It is a wise restraint upon the litigation and prosecutions which result chiefly or wholly from per-sonal resentment, and the law should be maintained as in every way wise and

Mr. Stager suggests that if the matter of costs is to be readjusted, there are details more in need of revision than the act giving juries discretion in verdicts of acquittal. Says he: "Under the present law where the grand jury ignores a bill and the costs fall, as they must in such a case, either upon the prosecutor or upon the county, and in cases of felony where the trial jury acquits there is no provision of law under which the defendant can be reimbursed for his actual expenses in the summoning of witnesses and for their attendance in court. It is an outrage that the commonwealth should have the right to put one of its citizens on trial upon an unjust charge and refuse him compensation for the actual expenses incurred for the witnesses in his deense, and the sooner it is remedied the better. We also need a law authorizing justices of the peace in case they find a criminal charge unwarranted, if practice. We do not say that it would it be a misdemeanor, to collect their own and the constable's costs from the prosecutor, and in cases of felony from the county. This would prevent the return of a great many cases to court that are probably made only because by so doing justice and constable can get their costs, and would put a stop to a rapidly growing abuse."

> It is very evident that the fake "fraud" cry has been worn threadbare.

Re-elect Fred Widmayer.

The office of controller in a city hav ing the varied fiscal interests and handling the large sums of money Moir delegate in the Fourth district of characteristic of Scranton is a much the Nineteenth ward, stating that he more important position than most "is informed" that Joseph Wolf, one of persons think. The controller in a sense

Without his carelegeness or county-

constant scrutiny which the position calls for, there is not a dollar due to the city nor a dollar spent by the city without being entered upon a proper record and officially certified to. It is the controller who, if the accounts of any department are crooked or obscure, can demand an examination and take the first steps toward the city's protection. The position has duties so onerous, so varied and so exacting that they cannot be safely entrusted to a subordinate, but must be performed by the controller in person who is of the greatest service to the city when he is experienced in the detailed workings of his office and does not have to depend upon somebody's advice as to what to

do or how to do it. The Republican candidate this year, Fred J. Widmayer, has served for three years in that capacity with favorable results not surpassed in any city in the country. During his term of service \$250,000 in city bonds have been issued and the proceeds applied to authorized public improvements, under Mr. Widmayer's honest scrutiny and, not a penny has gone wrong. In point of personal character, individual courtesy,

Senatorial prophets at Washington, it is said, estimate that McKinley will lead at St. Louis on the first ballot with 250 votes against 200 for Reed, 120 for Allison and a large number scattering. If the history of past conventions be any criterion, the leader on the first ballot will be likely to lose rather than gain thereafter. In view of this fact it would seem to be worth while not to overlook one William B. Allison.

Those protectionists who think that the Democracy could be encouraged in the spring of a presidential year lowing fall election, which will decide for a generation between Democratic free trade times and Republican prosperity, employ queer logic. The way to lick the enemy is to keep it licked.

Why any Republican should want to help put a Democrat into the city treasurer's office, in place of honest Daniel Williams, is more than we can understand. The thoughtful Republican, even though he may nurse a grievance against the head of the ticket, will certainly not make the mistake of venting it on Mr. Williams.

Bayard's friends in the house raise the point that what Bayard says or does is none of its business. That is where Bayard's friends and the American people are going to disagree.

It takes something more than personal malice to defeat a good ticket in this city.

Beat Ripple with a gentleman just moved into the city? Nonsense.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

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The launching of Senator Quay's presidential boom by Tom Cooper, the redheaded and hopeful Media statesman, has caused some talk in political circles here, I am not in a position to know whether the boom was inspired by Quay or not. At all events stranger things have happened than the nomination of Senator Quay for president, There is no question about his capacity to fill the chair. Quay is a statesman of reputation, as well as a diplomat of high degree. Then, he is a good Republican. He is a protectionist and a sound money advocate. Both or these questions will take a prominent part in the next campaign. They will be the war cry of the Republicans, while the Democrats will continue to yell for free trade and free silver. Why not nominate Quay on that platform, and make the fight on those issues?

Congressman Barrett, of Massachusetts, is tearing his shirt over an ill-timed remark of a South Carolina Rebel named Talbert, who said in a speech in the house one day last week that South Carolina had not been whipped and never would be whipped; that he (Talbert) was glad the old state had seceded from the Union, etc. Mr. Barrett was no doubt prompted by patriotism to introduce his resolution censuring Mr. Talbert. He should have paid no attention to the remark. It has only made the hereto-fore obscure South Carolinian a hero among his people and his re-election to congress is now more certain than ever.

Speaking of South Carolina reminds me of a story I once heard an old Union soldier tell about that state. He said: "I once took a trip south and while passing through the state of South Carolina I looked to the right and to the left, and then I wondered what I had been fighting for for four years." Congressman Barrett, of Massachusetts

My old friend Sam Boyd, of the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer seems to be very much agitated over what I said some time ago about the nomination of ex-Governor Pattison for president. Why, bless you, Samuel, I have no objection to his nomination for president this year. He is welcome to it. What I said was that if the governor had not been betrayed by Harrity at the Chicago convention four years ago Mr. Pattison might today be the president of the United States instead of Mr. Cleveland.

Democratic congressional timber seems to be scarce up in Luzerne county. It is said the mere mention of Congressman Leisenring's name gives the average Democrat in that district "that tired, languid feeling." That rabbit foot Mr. Leisenring carries in his vest pocket must be a hoodoo to Democrats with congressional aspirations in that district.

Among the Republican vice-presidential possibilities discussed in political circles here is Senator Fred. Dubos, of Idaho. Fred ought to run well. Before he entered politics he was a base ball player, and had the reputation of being the fastest base runner in the league to which his club belonged. The home plate will have to be made of sliver to induce Senator Dubols to accept a place on any presidential ticket.

Senator Cuilom, of Illinois, who prides himself on his striking resemblance to the late President Lincoin, has entered the Republican presidential arena. The bee has been buzzing about Cuilom's bonnet for some time, and this announcement of his candidacy doesn't come in the nature of a surprise. Mr. Cullom has been in the senate since December. 1883, having succeeded the late David Davis. His present term will not expire until March 3, 1991.

The Populists in the senate have decid-The Populists in the senate have decided to nominate ex-Congressman Tom Watson, of Georgia, for secretary of the upper house. Watson is the fellow who made Judge Cobb. of Georgia, famous by calling the attention of the world to the bad grammar he weed in a speech in the house. Since then the judge is known as "Where-am-I-at" Cobb. Watson is regarded here as probably the biggest ass that ever came to congress.

Speaker Reed once taught school in California, and was admitted to the bar of that state.

Congressman Jack Robinson is feeling

receipt of letters from all sections of the state of the most encouraging character. Up to date he hasn't received Senator Quay's endorsement. A letter of that character from the junior senator is worth its weight in gold.

"Farmer" Kulp has been at home for several days fixing to his political fences

Congressman Coddling is making a re ord for regular attendance, and Congress-man Scranton is all making himself con-spicuous by his absence from the ses-sons of the house.

Congressman William A. Stone, of the Allegheny district, will not have a walkover for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. His namesake and colleague in the house. Hon. Charles W. Stone, of Warren, will be a candidate. So will George Wiley, of Franklin, and possibly Judge Sam Miller, of Mercer, with several districts to hear from. Senator Quay has not yet decided whom he will support.

W. R. B.

IS IT JUST?

Hyde Park Courier Progress.

Why there should be antagonisms against Mr. Connell in this contest and why they should be used to prejudice Colonel Ripple's candidacy for mayor is rather surprising. We know this feeling does exist and are aware of the unpleasant allegations made. But are they Just? Is Mr. Connell being fairly and honestly treated? treated?

For a great many years Mr. Connell has been a leading spirit in our city. He began as a poor man, but by energy, perseverance and the highest business qualities has attained wonderful success. He as always been and is an enthusiastic Scrantonian. His great energy and ample wealth have been used to build up the city. He is largely interested in dozens of industries in addition to his coal mines that have contributed materially to our punctuality and fidelity, and official experience, his candidacy for re-election rests upon an impregnable basis of manifest merit. The city is to be congratulated that it can have another three years of service so prompt, straightforward and efficient.

progress and weifare. No doubt he has millions avested in this city and its immediate vicinity and many thousand souls likereby earn a livelihood for themselves and families. It is true that Mr. Connell does not invest his money and boom the town without hope of return. But various Scranton men have died and some are now living as weakly as Mr. Connell who were on our of little progress. progress and welfare. No doubt he has who were or are of little practical benefit to this city, because they do nothing for home industries. As a Hyde Parker said the other day in talking about "Connellism," we wish we had a William Con-nell on this sde. We would have had some of those industries here that we have been wanting so long. In charitable work Mr. Connell's purse

seems to have no limit. His generosity is almost unbounded and he gives thou-sands every year to the poor and to institutions that are for the poor. Think of that princely gift of \$75,000 for the Elm Park church and many other splendid donations to worthy causes. We think that Mr. Conneil deserves our good will and commendation. He is doing grand service for mankind, and is worthy of more in the spring of a presidential year consideration and less abuse than he re-without being strengthened at the foltoo few men of Mr. Connell's useful

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 1.16 a. m., for Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1895.

母 (本 It will be the opinion of a child born on his day that there are too many solo lancers in the Scranton-Fellows Fete hampetre, and not enough of the ensem-ole, for success.

At Music Hall ye patriot cried Against ye law of gag; And though ye law had ne'er been tried, To Fuller's loft he straightway hied And madly "chewed ye rag." A large amount of muscle about us that is developed by pulling weights would always remain flabby if a pile of unsplit kindling wood was the only means at hand for hardening flesh.

Mr. Paine, keeper of weather records, will now have a chance to use his instru-ments in testing the velocity of breezes from Winchester.

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NO. 3-Is a Rare Bargain, a Double Kersey Cloth Cape, lined with Russian Squirrel, edged with Thibet collar, was \$49.98; now \$24.98.

NO. 4-One Electric Seal Cape, 36 inches long, extra large sweep, trimmed with deep bear edging all around. It was cheap at \$129.00; now it must go at \$69.00.

No. 5-Is four Assorted Astrakhan Capes, 30 inches long, big sweep, at \$8.73. One that was \$21.98 now \$12.98. NO. 6-One Persian Lamb Cape, 33 inches long, beautifully curled, was \$33.00; now

NO. 7—One Wool Seal Cape, XXXX quality, with Marten collar and edging, 36 inches long, was \$69.00; now \$37.00. One Wool Seal Cape, XXXX quality, with Marten collar and edging, 33 inches long, \$32.00.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY. IT IS THE LAST CALL

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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.

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