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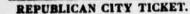
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For Mayor-E. M. RIPPLE. For Tressurer-DANIEL WILLIAMS. For Controller-P. J. WIDMAYER. For Assessors-CHARLES FOWLER. CHRIST FICKUS, WILLIAM DAWSON.

Election Day, Feb. 18.

The call of certain state papers for Senator Cameron to resign has not yet ity, were in some sense a high crime and brought to our ears the sound of anything in the nature of a drop. After abuse. all, isn't it somewhat foolish to kick at the representative whom the commonwealth knowingly re-elected?

Can Elect the Whole Ticket.

Colonel Ripple's election by a generous margin is conceded even by Democrats. The nature of the attack upon him has caused a reaction among the people. His campaign, as near as can be known in politics, is substantially safe. His friends will, of course, fight antil the polls close just as if the result were in question, but there is no present reason to doubt that he will be victorious, and there is also no reason why the public should not know it.

We believe that the same can with equal truthfulness be said of the remainder of the ticket; but it is upon it that the hardest fighting will fall, and therefore it is in its behalf especially that loyal Republicans should redouble their energies. To be elected to the for the public benefit. mayoralty without the seating of sterling Daniel Williams in the treasurer's office, and without the experienced and trustworthy Widmayer retained as city controller, would be a scant victory for

Colonel Ripple. The city treasurer and the city controller are, with the city solicitor, the mayor's cabinet. What satisfaction could Mayor Ripple have if his cabinet were one-half opposed to him, politically?

It has, of course, been maliciously

lingering vestiges of factional resent- history; and it isn't likely that they nent growing out of last year's contest | will forget this fact on Tuesday. or the state chairmanship. Put it down that Hyde Park is not "Bat" Shea's electrocution was a going to desert her distinguished citimanifest triumph of justice; but the zen, Daniel Williams, martyrdom of Robert Ross will never Since the experiences that followed

be wholly avenged so long as Senator the national election of 1892, Democrat-Edward Murphy, its political beneficiie changes don't go. ary, enjoys the fruits of his organized That the tide has turned is proved by how the other fellows are scared.

BUILD THE VIADUCT.

Judge Hand's Letter.

Careful attention is invited to the

system of civic crimes,

Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Much as 1 dislike appearing in public print it seems the right thing that I should, as requested, write you. open letter from the pen of ex-Judge Alfred Hand, on the opposite page. It is not a political document, bristling with misrepresentations, innuendos or giving my views upon the most important giving my views upon the most important question now before the electors of our city-the West Lackenwanna avointe via-duct. I am impelled to this more es-pecially on account of wrong impressions entertained by some citizens in regard to my attitude toward the bridges lattely built. Hence the following statement. When the Linden street bridge was first tailed of I was one of a committee visited incitements to prejudice or passion; it is a calm, judicial statement of facts bearing upon the present canvass only so far as factional malevolence and individual malice have sought to poison the public mind against one of the city's honorable and public-spirited talked of I was one of a committee visited citizens.

The policy of those who desire Demthe bridge project. Mr. Price placed the plans he had drawn up before our commit-tee and asked for opinions as to whether ocratic success next Tuesday covers two and only two lines of attack-one, the raising of a false hubbub over althey would pass as proposed. I then de-clared I was in favor of the bridges, and leged Republican primary frauds, the have been so ever since; but said 1 did not existence of which has been effectually have been so ever since; but said 1 dot not believe the ordinance as proposed would pass and gave as a reason for my oph-ion that the most needed improvement, the viaduct, was left out. I then inter-seded for the lives of the people, bundisproved; and the other, the bespattering with filth of the name of a genleman, who, although not a candidate for office, has been made the target for dreds of whom have since come within a hairsbreadth of being slaughtered, and very defamer of reputable manhood, very envier of deserved success and which might have cost the city more than every petty caviler at indisputable endsence and demonstrated personal worth in the whole list. To the latter classification belongs the onslaught upon "Connellism," as if for William Connell to be a leader in channels which his enterprise, his liberality and his unfailing sagacity as a business man and as a citizen have enriched not only for himself but for this entire communto have attention. misdemeanor deserving of incontinent

I not only do not oppose, but am in favor of all bridges and any other improvements As a friend and as a citizen, Judge Hand gives reasons why this reckless that may be of any benefit to the city. policy should not be permitted to pre-At the same time I must say I could not support things that appeared like potting vail. It is not that Mr. Connell india cart before a horse. All can now see that the Linden street bridge is not used vidually would suffer through such abuse-his position in the community, one-tenth as much as it will be after his standing among discerning men, the viaduet is built and Sixth street even his power for good in politics are graded. The second time the bridge ordinance beyond serious curtailment by the adcame up no viaduct was included, but the people were assured that they should verse result of a single local election. It is that the unrebuked loosening of

have one if they would pass the bridge ordinance. Nearly all had faith in the promise and while yet believing that the malicious tongues upon such a man as he may deal a blow both to the welfare viaduct should have come first-or at least at the same time as the bridges-they turned out and, as is well known, passed of the city at home and to its credit and good name abroad. It is the city It as it was, and all who are familiar with my efforts on that occasion know that I put in my mite to help it along. The viaduct ordinance as promised is which suffers when men of liberal tendencies are hounded for their generosity and when the reward of public spirit is public vilification and calumny. now before our citizens for action -and as I urged before the committee ten years ago. I now plead with the people for such The trouble with Scranton is not

"Connellism" but the lack of more men a vote as will give protection to the lives of those who have to pass that dangerous crossing. This applies not only to those living on the West Side, but to all who have to come and go that way. The cost will be but trifling compared with the comparison the view of the the second like William Connell to use their fortunes as a public resource held in trust

We congratulate the Scranton Times with the convenience the vinduct will at-ford. The committee have calculated that upon having secured in the so-called "Republican" simply a tame and init will increase the annual tax of a labore only 2 cents; the miner, 3 cents, and prop nocuous echo.

Money in Campaigns.

erty owners from 15 to 50 cents aplece. What a triffe! The whole cost will be saved in a few years by the saving of time which is now lost in waiting for cars Senator Garfield, son of the martyr president, has introduced into the Ohio president, has introduced into the Ohio senate an elaborate bill designed to senate an elaborate bill designed to overcome, to a large degree, the im-this viaduct has seemingly been for the proper use of money at elections. It best, as the plan of placing the same on circulated that Colonel Ripple has provides, in brief, that every candidate one side of the street, as proposed by Councilman Oliver, is, in my opinion, the and every political committee shall best of any that has been thought of and will eventually be the cheapest, as much publish within a stated time after election an itemized report of the amounts of the space covered by the viaduct can be utilized by the city and thus a saving of much money now being paid as rent4 will of money by them expended for the purpose of the campaign in which they be effected. Finally, let me say that I consider there were engaged. These expenses are to be reported not only for the election. is a grave responsibility attached to the action of each voter on this question. In it is not only the question of great imbut for the contests in which the nominations for those offices are won. All provements and convenience to the whole city, but also the greater question of life and death, and in case of accident the conreports are to be made under oath. The amounts that candidates may exsequent expense to the city, I cannol pend and not be ineligible for the office help feeling that should there be any who to which they are elected are set forth would prevent our people from having the safeguard asked for they will be morally responsible for any calamity arising from upon a graded scale, according to population. The principal merit of such a corrupt the need thereof. Very respectfully, B. G. Morgan. practices act, as demonstrated in states Scranton, Feb. 11. where the experiment has for some time been on trial, is in the opportunity THE KIND OF MAYOR TO ELECT. which it extends to candidates of release from the badgering of partisan From the Scranton Truth "suckers" who make a practice of prey-The man who is chosen mayor of this energetic city of magnificent possibilities ing upon every man who aspires to ofand splendld opportunities should be no fice. A goodly share of the money mere amateur in public affairs. He should spent nowadays in politics is known at be every inch a man in his make-up, in the time of its expenditure to be, in all his integrity and in municipal experience. probability, money wasted on chronic The city of Scranton has now reached a leeches who, by one pretext or another. point in its history when it is of the highbother their victim until, to free himself est importance to its people that it shall from their pertinacious appeals, he buys be governed with wisdom and with a immunity by the proffer of cash. This broadminded view directed coward fis money does not go to the corruption of future welfare. It is no disparagement of any one else to say that we know of no voters; it simply feeds a corruption man seeking for the office of mayor, or for which already exists, under circumany other office in this town who fills the stances making it difficult for the canbill better in every respect than Colonel didate to refuse to be bled. Egra H. Ripple. He unlostands the Where there is a deliberately vicious city's needs and how to advance its indetermination on the part of the canditerests, and he is no laggard when hard date to spend money for culpable purwork is to be done for any deserving poses, it is doubtful if any law, howcause. Not only this but t'olonel Riogla ever skillfully worded, or any system, stands high in the estimation of the prohowever carefully devised, can interple at home and at a listance. His name is synonymous with solvency as well as with ability, and he is in all respects a pose an effective barrier. Indeed, the amount of money so spent bears only a progressive citizen of the highest type. small relationship to the amount which The Truth cares not what party preis expended for purposes in themselves innocent but victous in their general trend, such as the courting of popular tion in the interest of the city. favor at picnics, fairs, and the like, We take no stock in the small-beer clamand the employing of deputy boomers or that has been raised about the iteto emphasize their hired laudation with publican primaries. It is well understood that this phase of the light is but "treats" of various kinds. A stringent an ingenious political diversion for the corrupt practices act would give the purpose of preventing, if possible, the decent candidate an excuse behind election of Colonel Ripple. There is room which to shelter himself from monetary for improvement at the primaries all around, as there is in other features of drains of this character; and to this extent would doubtless work desirable our political machinery, and the candireforms. dacy of Colonel Ripple needs no defence in that direction. The next few years will Good judgment, personal honesty and be years of great importance for the city a ripe knowledge of city affairs are of Scranton, and it is, therefore, most esqualities essential to the duties of the sential that the people of this place elect to the mayoralty a man of Colonel It-p-

to charity, a man of broad sympathy kindly heart and a willing hand for all in distress. In future years, when the men of tr-

day have left this stage of action, no names will be more highly honored by the children of this generation than those of Colonel E. H. Ripple and his lifelon; friend and business associate, Mr. Will llam Connell.

Very respectfully. J. A. Lansing. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 10.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus. The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 3.10 a. m. for Wednesday Feb. 12, 1895.

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A child born on this day will note that Editor Lyneit's "tidal wave" of Democra-cy and mugwumpism does not contain molsture enough to dampen the brow of one of the curbstone orators of discon-

Editor Louis, of the Plymouth Tribune, after two years of experiment, admits that it is inuposible to please everyboly even when conducting a newspaper. This seems evidence that there is a similarity between Plymouth and Scranton. by our late public spirited townsman, Col-onel J. A. Price, to confer in regard to

The absence of reckless, breakness bi-cycle riders from street crossings makes the season of slush seem almost a bless-ing.

There is now no reason why the "strict-ly fresh" egg for Easter should not be given its treatment of lime. Ajnechus' Advice.

Cast not your ballots for the man Who's been defented twice: Nor heed the yeiging of his clan-Forsooth, it "cuts no ice."



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We are paying 76 to 100 per cent. interest on money invested with us now to every purchaser of a Fur Cape. Although it is late in the season, you will get much wear out of one yet; and then see how well it will pay you to buy one now and pack it away for the coming winter. You can see that we have a few left, and these are very choice.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

IT IS THE LAST CALL

- NO. 1-Brown Marten Cape, 33 inches long, with fancy tailor lining, was \$150.00; now \$85.00.
- NO. 2-One Real Electric Seal Cape, 30 inches long, hard to tell from sealskin, was \$65.00; now \$33.00.
- 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 \$19.98.

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

Don't Be Fooled Because some jealous competitor tells you that ours is a sale of job lots, left overs or shop-worn goods. What few of this class of goods we have we are all but giving away. OUR STOCK IS ALL NEW, FRESH CLEAN GOODS, and we are closing it out at less than cost price. When we open up for spring trade it will be with all new goods. To illustrate the reductions we are making we quote you a few prices:

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worked in this fight for himself alone. Such charges occur in every campaign. The present one is utterly false. Colonel Ripple has fought harder for his colleagues than for himself, and has asked his friends to do the same. Even now, if it were a choice between their victory and his defeat, he would cheerfully choose the latter. But with proper energy among Republicans, every candidate on the Republican ticket can be elected overwhelmingly on Tuesday next; and it is to this end that effort should be directed.

One thing is sure. Donald Cameron need never expect to be appointed minister to Spain.

The Quay Presidential Boom.

State Treasurer Haywood has formally launched a Quay presidential boom and has invited the various counties and also the coming state convention to pass resolutions urging the Pennsylvania delegation at St. Louis to present the junior senator's name. Mr. Haywood adds:

"The old political idea that the nominee for the presidency must come from a doubtful state is erroneous in principle. There is no good reason, political or otherwise, why such a rule should obtain. The fact that Pennsylvania has stood in the very front rank of Republicanism, and has always given her electoral vote to the candidate of the party should be and is an argument in favor of naming her favorite son as a candidate for president. It is all wrong to think that the candidate must be chosen from a doubtful state. Such a theory places a premium on wavering and uncertain Republicanism and discounts those stalwart states which bear the brunt of the battle. No man would adopt such a rule in his business affairs, and there is no greater reason why it should be operative in political matters."

As to the desirability of the Pennsylvania delegation voluntarily acting together at St. Louis as a unit in all things reasonable and right there can be no question. Senator Quay's own declaration some weeks ago, that he was "not fit to be president and could not for thirty days survive the pressure of the office" seemed then to put his candidacy out of the question. At that time, in recognition of the propriety of a Pennsylvania candidacy, many

Republicans urged the claims of Governor Hastings; but against this there seem since to have arisen difficulties that appear to render it futile. Whether the present announcement of Mr. Haywood is to be construed as meaning that Senator Quay has reconsidered his original deliverance and would under certain conditions become a receptive candidate,

or whether it is merely the voicing of a personal tribute is not yet disclosed. The important point is its recognition of the propriety of united action by the Pennsylvania delegation at St. Louis: and to this proposition there will be general assent.

The cordial indorsement by Governor Hastings of the movement in the senator's behalf shows that it would command the unanimous support of the party in this state and doubtless be a in this state and doubtless be a in Fred J. Widmayer they able step toward obliterating the of the best city controllers in

city assessorship. These qualities are found in the deserving candidacies of Messrs, Fowler, Fickus and Dawson. fice.

The advice of Senator Smith to the United States senate is to pass the appropriation bills and go home. Include the revenue bill, and we won't care where the senators go.

Honest, now, isn't it downright nervy for men claiming to be Republicans to try to cause the election of Democrats on the threshold of a presidential campaign?

Senator Smith, of New Jersey, be lieves in the Monroe doctrine, but he doesn't want anybody but Grove Cleveland to interpret it.

The citizens of Scranton know that have one

ple's eminent qualifications for the of DESERVED THANKS.

To the Editor of the Truth. Dear Sir:-Allow me to thank you and your paper for your manly defense of Colonel E. H. Ripple. In these days when private reputation and public service seem to be special objects for attack; when motives are misconstrued, men slandered and maligned, it is refreshing to see an independent journal step out into the whirl of politics and defend the rood name

our citizens. In the years that Colonel Ripple has lived among us we have always found him in the front rank as a champion of Christianity, morality and progress, evading none of the duties of citizenship," He

has carried every responsibility laid upon him with credit to himself and honor and the city's standing to the good name of our gity.

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