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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For Mayor-E. H. RIPLEY. For Treasurer-DANIEL WILLIAMS. For Controller-F. J. WIDMAYER. For Assessors-CHARLES FOWLER, CHRIST FICKS, WILLIAM DAWSON.

Election Day, Feb. 18. Senator Quay's expectation of a 2,000 plurality for Hinkle Tuesday is probably under the truth.

The Common Sense Test.

The present municipal contest in this city has attracted attention throughout the entire state. Politicians in every locality have expressed an interest in its outcome rarely aroused by purely local fights.

The Republican leaders of the state, headed by Senator Quay, expect a Republican victory on Tuesday, and will be disappointed if every man on the excellent Republican ticket is not elected by a generous margin.

But even among men who care nothing for parties the Republican city ticket eloquently invites support. Individual merit, in fitness for the public service, in that representative quality which appeals to municipal pride, field its personnel, it is everywhere considered, could not be improved.

In view of these facts it behooves the conscientious elector to be prepared on Tuesday to vote intelligently. It behooves him to lay aside personal bias or factional misapprehension and look at the real facts in the light of common sense.

Compare the official and private records of Colonel Ripple and Mr. Bailey, and then vote for the better man. If this rule be followed, no Republican need fear the result.

The course which the silver senators have recently pursued has a direct tendency to discourage every real friend of American silver, and, in my judgment, if this country ever comes to a permanent gold basis it will be because of the extraordinary and unparalleled policy which the so-called silver men have pursued in needlessly blocking

all other legislation without any intention or expectation of passing their own measure. I believe that all distinct matters of legislation should stand on their own merits.

This is the voice of plain common sense, as distinguished from the esoteric fervor of the one-idea zealots. The truth of the matter seems to be that silver is being done to death as a redemption metal, not by its enemies but by its fool friends.

A vote for Messrs. Fowler, Ficks and Dawson, the Republican candidates for assessors, will be a vote for continued fairness and intelligence in the making of the city's assessments.

Republicanism Abridged.

When it comes to putting political principles into language that the veriest tyro can understand, there are few public men more gifted than ex-Governor McKinley.

"No one," said he, "need be in any doubt about what the Republican party stands for. Its own history makes that too palpable and clear to admit of doubt.

"It stands for a reunited and reconstituted nation, based upon free and honest elections in every township, city, district, and state in this great American union. It stands for the American farm, the American factory, and the prosperity of all the American people.

"It stands for a foreign policy dictated by and imbued with a spirit that is genuinely American; for a policy that will revive the national traditions, and restore the national spirit which carried us proudly through the earlier years of the century.

"It stands for all foreign nations as well as for us and them; for justice, impartiality, fairness, good faith, dignity and honor. It stands for the Monroe doctrine as Monroe himself proclaimed it, about which there is no division whatever among the American people.

"It stands for a system which will give to the United States the balance of trade with every competing nation in the world. It is for a fiscal policy opposed to debts and deficiencies in time of peace and favors the return of the government to a debt-paying basis and opposes the continuance of a debt-making policy."

Can these words be mistaken? Mr. Robinson, the Democratic candidate for city controller, ought to be among the first to admit that Fred J. Widmayer has done so well during his first term that he deserves another. Why should Mr. Robinson want the taxpayers of Scranton to punish Mr. Widmayer's faithful service? He does not need Mr. Widmayer's place.

A Neighborly View of Quay.

In connection with the announcement of Senator Quay's presidential candidacy the Elmira Advertiser, ex-Senator J. Sloot Fassett's paper, pays to the Beaver statesman a tribute in which all Pennsylvanians will be interested. "Senator Quay," it remarks, "has suffered more from the abuse and willful misrepresentations and the malicious falsehoods of the Democratic press than any other prominent Republican now living.

thinker, M. S. Quay is a very great man, and yet so persistent has been the abuse of his name that he is generally dismissed by the opposition newspapers with a sneer as being merely a practical machine politician.

There is very little doubt that Mr. Fassett's view of Quay is the view held by most men who have been active in politics and who know how easy it is for honest purposes to be misconstrued and honorable motives distorted by the hands of malice.

In view of the fact that the present city treasurer is a Welshman, could the defeat of Daniel Williams by the votes of his own countrymen be interpreted otherwise than as a lack of confidence by Welshmen in the fitness of Welshmen for the city treasuryship?

The fear that the viaduct would cost in excess of \$150,000 overlooks the fact that options have already been secured upon all the property proposed to be bought, and that these leave no doubt as to the city's ability to construct the improvement within the limit fixed in the Oliver ordinance.

The viaduct is worth, to the city, in its ultimate benefits, probably ten times \$150,000; but there need be no apprehension that the net cost to the taxpayers will exceed present representations. At that price it is the best municipal bargain that could be secured.

A vote for the viaduct will be a vote for justice for 30,000 taxpayers of this city whose business is impeded and whose lives are now endangered by the present perilous state of West Lackawanna avenue.

A vote for Daniel Williams for city treasurer will be a vote of recognition of private business honesty, integrity and enterprise, coupled with a reasonable acknowledgment of the claims of Hyde Park, with its more than 30,000 population, to a voice in the city government.

A vote for Colonel Ezra H. Ripple for mayor will be a vote of censure upon wanton abuse of respected and generous citizens, upon party treachery and upon back-stabbing and hypocrisy. It will be a vote of confidence in tried and tested manhood.

A vote for Fred J. Widmayer for city controller will be a vote to reward good service already rendered to the taxpayers of Scranton. It will be a vote against public ingratitude.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The question of who will be the chairman of the Republican and Democratic national committees this year is far from settled. Many names are mentioned, but nobody of course knows who the winner will be.

The Democrats are short of chairmanship timber, and it will take a good deal of search to find a man possessed of the necessary qualifications who will offer himself up to sacrifice. Of course, a figure would not object to being his own successor, but that is out of the question.

The fellows who are trying to throw cold water on Senator Quay's presidential boom are reckoning without their host. He is a candidate in earnest, and will be in the race until the final ballot is taken.

The endorsement of ex-Governor Pattison by the Democratic state committee for president is a very black blow to Democrats in Washington. There was no wild excitement, no throwing up of hats, no cheering, and no "fall in." Even the two lone Democratic congressmen from Pennsylvania failed to cheer or give vent to their feelings.

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Poor Pattison! How the mighty has fallen!

These seem to be the only men in various parts of the country that the United States has a right to be proud of. Secretary Smith has received a letter from Mr. F. H. Harmer, of Summit, Pa., offering to sell to the government the compass with which 123 years ago Colonel Alexander M. Leach surveyed the famous Mason and Dixon's line.

The Fifty-second and Fifty-third congresses were noted for their long-winded orators, but the Fifty-fourth promises to surpass them in the wind-jamming business. Speaker Reed told me the other day that he never saw such a large number of orators in the house during his twenty-year experience as the younger men are giving them all the latitude possible to air their views.

The farmers of Lackawanna county who have been in the habit of getting their garden seeds by paying a year's subscription in advance to the weekly Scranton Republican (now Democratic) will be disappointed this spring. Uncle Sam has decided to stop booming the circulation of weekly papers published in districts represented by country editors.

STAND BY THE PARTY.

The battle soon to be fought in this city involves and will determine whether the Republic or the Democracy will be the victor in the next three years. This is not a contest between two parties, but a contest between two principles.

These would-be buyers of their party have no just grievance. The fraudulent pretext which they allege in justification of their treachery to the party does not serve to consider them. They made their fight at the delegate elections and were beaten by the masses of the party.

The Republican ticket, headed by Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, is composed of citizens entirely worthy the confidence and respect of honest Republicans and reputable citizens of all parties. The Republicans of Scranton cannot afford to restore the Democratic party to power to gratify the personal spite of a few disappointed and reckless men.

We appeal to every true Republican to show his loyalty in this contest. If we must have faction fights for supremacy in the party, let them be postponed until the next delegate elections occur. That will be the time and place to fight them out.

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