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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.

Senator Quay's expectation of a 2,000 plurality for Ripple 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 reason for this interest, however, is apparent. In a political sense the result of Tuesday's polling will transcend in importance purely municipal bounds and have a decided bearing upon the county and national election next fall. The recent growth of Republicanism into popular favor in Lackawanna county, as shown by the steadily increasing average pluralities cast for Republican nominees, has invested a Lackawanna contest with a unique significance, and made it valuable as indicating to the commonwealth in general how the political tide is flowing.

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. Such a victory will give them assurance that Lackawanna Republicanism will be all right for the larger battle next November, the battle which will decide whether Democratic panies, debts and deficits shall continue to be the rule in the land, or whether there shall be a return to wholesome Republican prin- by honest toil. It stands for a currency es, under which the nation had it grandest period of prosperity. On the other hand, any faltering now would be accepted by the Democracy as an encouragement to renewed activity, and would to this extent embarrass the cause of Republicanism throughout the state. We mention these obvious facts simply to show that there is a duty the United States the balance of trade which Republicans owe to their party, independent of factional feeling or personal prejudices, and that that duty is conspicuously involved in the present | peace and favors the return of the campaign.

But even among men who care nothing for parties the Republican city ing policy." ticket eloquently invites support. In individual merit, in fitness for the public service, in that representative quality which appeals to municipal pride, it is by far the strongest ticket in the field. Its personnel, it is everywhere conceded, could not be improved. It stands for and fittingly typifies the liberal, progressive spirit of our city. It is a worthy exponent of this aggressive and diversified community. citizen need fear that by its election that under its administration of mu-

the welfare of the city would suffer. No taxpayer need feel apprehension nicipal affairs there would be carelessness, incompetency or scandal. As a bring ten-fold more real profit to the community and produce correspondingly better results than would be true of either the Democratic or the Prohibition tickets. Judged either by political or by business standards, it is pre-eminently worthy of success.

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. As a taxpayer he is in the position of the purchaser at the store who wants the best return for his money. As a Republican, sincere in his belief in Republican principles and earnest in his loyalty to Republican policies, it is his duty to consider how his party may best be served. If his party's nominees be, as they admittedly are in this instance, true and worthy men, then his duty to it coincides with his duty to himself as a taxpayer and citizen, and he should vote his party ticket straight.

Compare the official and private records of Colonel Ripple and Mr. Bailey, and then vote for the better man. If to injure him. His last fight in the need fear the result.

## Slain by Its Friends.

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, is a country at the expense of another section, nor is he so wedded to the white metal idol that he exalts it above all other considerations. Speaking upon this subject at Chicago Wednesday he said:

"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 He is a great reader and a profound

every bill, that every measure of relief an Senator Quay." should be ridden to its legislative death as obstructionists in the remedial legis-

but by its fool friends.

A vote for Messrs. Fowler, Fickus 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 Ably Defined.

When it comes to putting political principles into language that the veriest tyro can understand, there are few publie men more gifted than ex-Governor McKinley. For example, take the definition of Republicanism which he outlined in his speech on Lincoln's birthday before the Marquette club of Chicago. What could be simpler, plainer or more to the point? "No one," said he "need he 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 recreated nation, based upon free and honest elections in every township, county, city, district, and state in this great American union. It stands factory, and the prosperity of all the American people. It stands for a reciprocity that reciprocates and which loes not yield up to another country a single day's labor that belongs to the international agreements which get is much as they give, upon terms of mutual advantage. It stands for an exchange of our surplus home products for such foreign products as we consume but do not produce. It stands for the reciprocity of Blaine; for the reciprocity of Harrison; for the restoration and extension of the principle embodied in the reciprocity provision of the Republican tariff of 1890. "It stands for a foreign policy dic-

tated 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 such a policy with all foreign nations as will insure both to us and them justice, impartiality, fairness, good faith, dignity and honor. It stands for the Monroe doctrine as Monroe himself | city government. proclaimed it, about which there is no division whatever among the American people. It stands now, as ever, for honest money, and a chance to earn it of gold, silver, and paper with which to measure our exchanges that shall be as sound as the government and as untarnished as its honor. It stands for a commercial policy that will whiten every sea with the sails of American vessels, flying wherever it floats. It stands for a system which will give to with every competing nation in the world. It is for a fiscal policy opposed to debts and deficiencies in time of government to a debt-paying basis and opposes the continuance of a debt-mak-

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 candi-

dacy the Elmira Advertiser, ex-Senator J. Sloat Fassett's paper, pays to business proposition, its election would the Beaver statesman a tribute in which all Pennsylvanians will be interested, "Senator Quay," it remarks, "has suffered more from the abuse and wilful misrepresentations and the malicious falsehoods of the Democratic press than any other prominent Republican now living. It has always been dangerous for a public man to be a successful Republican leader and organizer. Zach Chandler was sent to his grave covered with whatever opprobrium a mendacious and unscrupulous Democratic press was able to fasten upon him; at the same time he led the Republican party while he was chairman of the national committee to several victories. Senator Quay won the great campaign of 1888, for if ever a victory was snatched from the jaws of defeat, such was the result in that fa-

mous campaign. "Quay has been pursued by many enemies. They have lied about him; they have tortured facts into strange and ominous shapes for the purpose of doing him harm and bringing him to disaster. But thus far he has risen above all the attempts of his enemies this rule be followed, no Republican state of Pennsylvania was one of the most marvelous political struggles ever known in this country. The genius of the man showed itself in the way he used his victory. He used it to confriend of silver, but not a crank. He ciliate those who had opposed him. He has no wish to injure one section of the at once entered into more cordial relations with Governor Hastings than ever before; offered him his support in case Hastings desired to be a presidential candidate; allowed Hastings to utilize for his own benefit and the benefit of his administration the victory which Quay had achieved in spite of Hastings. His greatness of spirit and his sweetness of disposition added largely to the number of his friends in

the state of Pennsylvania. "Senator Quay is a most interesting and fascinating character. He is known as the silent man. He says little but what he says is always to the point.

all other legislation without any inten- thinker. M. S. Quay is a very great tion or expectation of passing their own man, and yet so persistent has been the neasure. I believe that all distinct abuse of his enemies that he is genermatters of legislation should stand on ally dismissed by the opposition newstheir own merits. The free coinage papers with a sneer as being merely a men had a perfect right to propose their | practical machine politician. He is far own legislation, to debate it, and to more than that. He is a great politibring it to a vote in the senate; but it cal general. Few men are so well was not American; it was not republi- versed in the history of this country can; it was not patriotic, to insist that and in the history of European nations

There is very little doubt that Mr. by a free and unlimited silver coinage Fassett's view of Quay is the view held amendment; and the men who stand by most men who have been active in politics and who know how easy it is lation of our country must answer to for honest purposes to be misconstrued the country for the disastrous results." | and honorable motives distorted by the This is the voice of plain common | hands of malice. It is this admiration ense, as distinguished from the eso- of the so-called practical politicians, teric fervor of the one-idea zealots. that is to say, the politicians who ac-The truth of the matter seems to be cept conditions as they exist and do that silver is being done to death as a their best to bring good out of them redemption metal, not by its enemies through the medium of political organization, which makes Senator Quay's candidacy strong in its own behalf. As for the charges which have been made against him hitherto, the fact that he has survived them politically and gained strength among the people in spite of them, would seem to indicate that they would be ineffectual to encompass his defeat should the St. Louis nomination fall on his shoulders.

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 trasurership? Let every Republican vote for Williams.

## The Viaduct's Cost.

The fear that the viaduct would cost in excess of \$150,060 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 for the American farm, the American 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 he no appre-American workingman. It stands for hension that the net cost to the taxpayers will exceed present representations. At that price it is the best municipal bargain that could be secured. Vote for the viaduct!

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. It will also be a vote of invitation to the Greater, because united, Scranton that is to be.

A vote for Daniel Williams for city treasurer will be a vote of recognition of private business honesty, in tegrity 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

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 tries tnd 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 vot against public ingratitude.

## WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, 515 Fourteenth street, N. W., Washington, Feb. H.

The question of who win oe the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees this year is furnishing food for the political gossips just now. Many names are mentioned, but nobody of course knows who the pilots will be. The men whose names are most mentioned for the Republican chairmanship are ex-Senator Tom Piatt, of New York, and Senator Steinen B. Elkins, of West Virginia. Ecliner one of these gentlemen would make a most excellent chairman. They are both experienced and well-trained politicians. They are up to all the tricks in the great game of politics and would make things hvely for the opposition.

The bemocrats are short of chairman. Tribune Bureau,

position.
The Democrats are short of chairman The Democrats are short of chairman-ship timber, and it will take a good deal of search to find a man possessed of the nec-essary qualifications who will offer him-self up to sacrifice. Of course Harrity would not object to being his own suc-cessor, but that is out of the question. He is not wanted. He was only a figure-head in the last campaign. Ex-Secretary cessor, but that is out of the question. He is not wanted. He was only a figure-head in the last campaign. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney and Senator Gorman did the planning and hard work, but they will not do it again. Gorman intends to retire from national politics for a couple of years and will devote his time to home affairs. His term in the senate will expire on March 3, 1899, and from the looks of things now he will have his hands full taking care of his own pelt. Senator Brice, who was chairman of the Democratic committee in 1838, when the old ship went to pieces on the free traderocks, doesn't want the job again and no amount of coaxing could induce him to accept it. In addition to the awful licking he got that year it cost the Ohio-New York senator a bar'l of money. It is salid that he spent more than \$180,000 out of his own pocket. This is enough to disgust any man. Senator Quay was the Republican chairman that year, and "once was enough for him," too. He told me the other day that he wouldn't conduct another national carrenter for \$20,000.

other day that he wouldn't conduct another national cavicaism for \$50,000.

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 carriest and wild be in the race until the final ballot is taken. The senator's candidacy has brought him hundreds of letters and telegrams from leading Republicans from all sections of the country urging him to remain in the race. His decision to become a presidential candidate was not reached in a day. He has been considering the question for some time, and after long deliberation and consultation with his friends he decided to allow his name to be used. Senator Quay is just as erfously an avowed candidate as McKinley, Reed, Allson or any other gentleman whose name has been mentioned in connection with the nomination, and his chances of success are considered just as good as any other candidate. A caucus of the Pennsylvania members in the house will probably he held next week for the purpose of taking a poil of their presidential preferences. With the exception of John Daizell, of Pittsburg, and possibly Reyputra, of Philadelphia, the delegation is a unit for Quay. Mr. Daizell deep's know where he stands, He hasn't yet heard from Chris Magee. If the Pittsburg leader is for Quay of course Daizell will be a loud and voelferous shouter for the senator. Until he gets his orders from Magee Daizell will remain mum on the subject, Reyburn is in about the same fix. If Jave Martin declares for the old man the member from the Fourth district will throw up his hat and say "me, too."

The indersement of ex-Governor Patti-The indorsement of ex-Governor Pattison by the Democratic state central committee for president fed like a wet blanket
on Democrats in Washington. There was
no wild excitement, no throwing up of
hots, no cheering, Instead, it fell flat,
Even the two lone Democratic congressmen from Pennsylvania failed to cheer
or give vent to their feelings with an
outburst of enthusiasm. When they heard
the news they simply locked at each
other, and said not a word. They probably thought a few thoughts, but that was
ail. They didn't even go down stairs to
the restaurant and celebrate the event.

Poor Pattison! How the mighty ha-

Tacte seems to be an idea in various parts of the country that the United States has a find for the burchase of historical relies. Secretary Smith has received a letter from Mr. F. H. Harmer, of Summit. Pa., offering to sell to the government the concass with which I'v years ago Colomei Alexander McLean surveyed the famous Mason and Dixon's line. The instrument was made by David Rittenhouse, of Philadelphia, and lears his name. The state of Pennsylvania would like to have it, but has no money to purchase it. Mr. Harmer does not state what price he sets on the compass. He is a surveyor, as were his father and grandfather, and all have used the compass, and it is still suitable for use.

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 years' experience in congress. He is a ving them all the latitude possible to altheir views. In order to not elight anybody the Speaker allows the youngster to blow off at night, of course nobody but the speakers attend the night sessions but it gives them an opportunity to spourand get their speeches in the Congressional Record, which they promptly send to their unsuspecting constituents.

The farmers of Lackawanna county wh The farmers of Lackawanna county whhave been in the habit of getting their sarden seeds by paying a year's subscription in advance to the weekly Scranton Republican (now Democratic) will be disabbointed this spring. Uncle Sam has decided to stop booming the circulation of weekly papers published in districts represented by country editors. No doubt the will be sad news to the subscribers of Congressman Scranton's organ. W. R. B.

## STAND BY THE PARTY.

From the Providence Register.

The battle soon to be fought in this city involves and will determine whether the Republican or the Democratic party shall control the municipal government for the next three years. This is not a contest between two factions of the Republican party. There is only one Republican ticket in the field, and the candidates on that ticket or their Democratic opponents will be the city officials for three years. The Seranton Republican under the inspiration and direction of the present member of congress from this district, is leading an attempted revolt in behalf of the Democratic candidates. Mr. Scranton, backed by ex-Mayor Fellowand a few others, having deserted to the enemy's ranks, are now moving heaven and earth to persuade other Republicans to join the ranks of the deserters. Let no sincere or self-respecting Republican listen to their appeals.

These would-be betrayers of their pur-ty have no just grievance. The fraudu-lent pretext which they allege in justifica-tion of their treachery to the party de-serves no consideration. They made their light at the delegate elections and were beaten by the masses of the party. They refused to accept their defeat and are now working hand-in-hand and shoulder-to-shoulder with the Democrats for the defeat of the Republican party. Spurn their advances in whatever form they come! These would-be betrayers of their pa

The Republican ticket, headed by Col-onel Ezra H. Ripple, is composed of citi-zens entirely worthy the considence and respect of honest Republicans and reputa-ble citizens of all parties. The Republi-cans of Scranton cannot afford to restore the Democratic party to power to gratify the personal spicen of a few disappointed and reckless men. This is a battle be-tween Republicanism and Democracy, and not for the supremacy of any faction in the Republican party. Factional battles are fought at the primaries and must end there if the party is to remain dominant in this city and county.

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 antil the next delegate elections occur. That will be the time and place to fight them out. Just now the Republicans of this city have a battle with the Democratic party on hand. Spurn the traitor who tempts you to desert to the common enemy. Let Republicans stand shoulder to shoulder in this fight. After having vanquished the Democratic party the contest between factions in our own party can be resumed. The duty that confronts Republicans at this moment is to elect Ripple. Williams, Widmayer, Fowler, Fickus, and Dawson. After having accomplished this, and assured good government in our city for three years more, Republicans can turn their attention to the settlement of questions of lesser importance to the party.

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