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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET. For Mayor-F. H. RIPPLE. For Treasurer-DANIEL WILLIAMS. For Controller-F. J. WIDMAYER. For Assessors-CHARLES FOWLER, CHRIST FICKUS, WILLIAM DAWSON. Election Day, Feb. 18.

"The Klekers of the Past" is the suggestive title of an article in a contemporary written by a man who, after tomorrow, will be one of them.

The Issue as to the Mayoralty. Irrespective of side issues, injected into the campaign to confuse the voters. one of two men must be elected mayor of Scranton tomorrow, for the next three years-Colonel Ripple or Mr. Bailey. It is admitted that under ordinary circumstances there would be absolutely no question of an overwhelming victory for the former. Those who fight him concede his superior qualifications for the office, acknowledge his larger and longer experience in municipal affairs and testify to his strength and independence of private character. The ostensible basis of their attack upon him is that he is the friend of another, at whom they would strike through him.

If the chief office in the government of a city of the magnitude of Scranton is to be awarded on the basis of personal jealousies or grudges; if paramount fitness is to be set aside and amiable uncertainty elevated in its stead because some voters, a more fraction of the total electorate, thirst for party re- that and that alone should they conbellion and personal assassination, let it be done, but let it be done honorably and without false pretense. Let it be written in the municipal records that mayors are wanted, not for their ability, for their integrity, for their long and unselfish devotion to public inter-

pointments of war, than upon the nominee for treasurer, whose present candidacy is his first one on a city ticket. Finally, the quickest way to re-establish Republican principles in the nation is to head off every attempt of the free trade Democracy to strengthen itself for next fall's presidential contest. As a party, Democracy deserves no quarter. Give it none.

TheTribune gladly accords welcome to the newest venture in local journalism, which made its appearance Saturday-Colonel Laciar's illustrated weekly paper, the Critic. The Critic is entirely of home production, every cut, type and fibre in its twelve handsome pages being products of Scranton skill. its aim is to present a clean, bright and diversified weekly review of current events in politics, musical, theatrical, social and sporting circles, together with special articles of an informing character, and the first number shows that this aim will be realized. The Critic guarantees to live one year. whether people want it or not; but we suspect it will live much longer than that, in response to an appreciative

### A Common-Sense Basis. Doubtless no one has been deceived

popular demand.

as to the significance of the morning Democratic organ's mock-heroic diamembered that "Connellism" was all right so long as the editor of the "Republican" could twist it to suit his personal purposes. In those days the howl was not against "Connellism," but against "Fellowsism," "Watresism" and every other "ism" that stood in the pathway of Mr. Scranton's political progress. If "Connellism" has any fault it is that it ever made the mistake of trying to conciliate this man, always been so." And so it ever will whose only basis of conciliation is that

he shall have everything at all times his own way.

But the question today is not "Connellism," however much that particular 'ism" may have been misrepresented; t is plain common-sensism. It is the question whether an honestly nominated Republican ticket composed of men personally so reputable and deserving that during all this heated can- the largest measure of protection to vass not one word has been said against them shall be defeated in the spring of a presidential year and the power and prestige of popular indorsement be a citizen if he were to decline to cogiven over to the prosperity-destroying operate with that party and to work Democratic party, or whether the gov- for its success. ernment of the city shall be kept in safe hands. That and that only is the question before the electors of this city: Democratic leaders that any race or sider when entering the electoral booths. If the taxpayers of Scranton

rather on the head of the ticket, who is preparing your answer to this interrogation comonre the parties and the men. Do this fairly and vote accord-ingly. Republicans are perfectly willa soldier used to the trials and disap- gation compare the parties and the ingly. Republicans are perfectly willing to abide such a test.

If there is anybody less qualified than the editor of the "Republican" to preach on morals, and expatiate on the beauties of a spiritual life, let him step forth.

#### The Issue as to the Controllership. A very few words will suffice to define

the issue between City Controller Fred J. Widmayer, the Republican nomince for re-election, and Edmund Robinson. his Democratic opponent. The one is experienced. The other is not. The one has shown by three years' hard work that he is the right man in the right place. The other neither needs the office nor is known to be qualified to fill it.

If Mr. Robinson should go into the office of the directors of a large private corporation and ask to be put at once into the position of a trusted and experienced employe, his request would excite derision. Why should he make a similar request of the directors of the public corporation called Scranton and expect a different result?

It is the duty of every Republican to vote for Mr. Widmayer, because he is

the fair nominee of his party, and because he thoroughly deserves his party's undivided support. It should be a pleasure for many Democrats to tribes on "Connellism," and doubtless vote for him as a testimonial to the no one will be. It will readily be re- marked efficiency of his first term of service, and as a reward of demonstrated official merit.

There is no end of compressed truth in the following paragraph taken from Colonel Laciar's Critic: "The fellows who ery most loudly against bosses and bossism have all at some time or other moved heaven and earth to be bosses themselves. They do not really object to bossism but only to the fellows who happen to be bosses. Usually the de-

throned boss cries the loudest. It has

### The Meeting at the Armory.

The address of ex-Mayor Powderly at the Armory on Saturday night was an effective rebuke to those who have impugned his motives in exercising his constitutional right to act with the political party of his choice. Mr. Powderly believes that under present conditions the Republican party is the party whose principles are of greatest value to the country, the party which offers labor and the most bounteous prospect of general prosperity. Believing this, he would be recreant to his own convictions and false to his obligations as

Nor can he be justly criticized for supporting, in this canvass, the Republican local ticket. The claim of the class is bound hand and foot to the Democratic party and that Irish-Americans, in particular, are to be branded as traitors for exercising the want to have three years more of eco- right of suffrage as they may deem best calculated to promote the public good. nomical, progressive government, presided over by a mayor of demonstrated is both absurd and repugnant. It is fitness, character and ability; if they not exacted of Americans that they be

tembers of one political party only

which for more than a quarter of a ce in the glad dawn of youth was no soldier at all, that he who had feit the for's cruelest faints just because he wore the due, was no hero; that he who had been pursued by the blood-hounds of the enemy

was the friend of deserters! Of the pity of it! that politics should lescend to such depths as to seek to rob he bravest of their rightly and dearly von honors, and especially such as were

won in their country's service. But it is not alone as soldier that Col-onel Ripple has commended himself. No man has more thoroughly demonstrated in his own personality the true meaning of the term citizen-soldier than Colone! Ripple. In civil life he has always been the model citizen, meeting every duty like a true man, and at the same time being mindful always of others.

This is not saying any new thing about Colonel Ripple. It is simply stating what every man and woman in town knows but it is well to keep the truth steadily view at a time like this, when nothing

# From the Scranton Critic.

Men who are loyal to their party only when they are themselves the beneficiaries of its honors and official emoluments deserve no recognition as Republicans, certainly not as leaders of the party. There is just one honorable course open to those who call themselves true Re-publicans in the present computin in this ity, and that is to repudiate the appeals of disloyal party men and stand by the nominees of their party. In this course only is to be found future success for Republicanism in this city and county. Any Republican who would aid in the restoration of the Democratic party to power when his own party presents such men as Ripple, Williams, Widmayer and their colleagues on the ticket, is simply unworthy the name of Republican.

### AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

From the Hagleton Plain-Speaker, The campaign in Scranton where Con-gressman Scranton has enjoyed unlater rupted sway for a number of years, this year threatens to turn out disastrously for Joseph A. His newspaper, because the

tleket which he favorel was not not nom-nated by the Republicans, has turned on the regular nominees, thus perhaps shat-

tering for all time his political aspirations. The election of the Republican candidates ms almost certain which when consum mated will be the death blow to the bolter. Mr. Scranton in his opposition to the reguselected nominees has almost turned over to the Democracy and while he has gone so far he'd better go all the way and become a full-fiedged Cleveland follower. TOLD BY THE STARS.

# Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The

Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast := 2.16 a. m. for Monday, Feb. 17, 1895.

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It will be difficult for a child born on his day to determine who will realize the most from the Kirmess, the Home for th Friendless or the ticket scalpers.

There was an ancient kloker Who couldn't make a dicker beloaded up his blunderbuss with mud, And said he, "I'll fight the ticket And will do my best to lick it-" t the gun recolled and squelched him with a thud.

When a man is in arrears on his board bill, a chicken neck on his plate at din-ner is said to be equivalent to a visit from the "green coat" collector. Ex-Deputy Collector Burke in reopening



BAZAAR

PIECES LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S MUSLIN Undergarments on special sale, beginning Saturday, February 15, and continuing for three weeks.

It has taken months of preparation to get this great collection together. These garments were all made under our direction. Every precaution that past experience has taught us has been taken to see that fit, size and workmanship would reach the highest degree of perfection. In fact, our reputation for correct Unlerwear is already well established. During this sale we will offer

# 100 dozen Cambric Corset Covers at 5 cents. 100 dozen Children's Muslin Drawers at 8 cents. 100 dozen Ladies' Muslin Drawers at 19 cents.

Your choice of 3,000 pieces, comprising Gowns, Drawers, Chemise, Corset Covers, Infants' Dresses, very fair cotton, well made and neatly trimmed, at 25 Cents.

Your choice of 2,000 Nightgowas, with full sleeves, handsome embroidery, double backs, felled seams, firstclass muslin, full length and perfectly made, at 49 Cents.

Skirts, Corset Covers, Drawers, Chemise and Infants' Dresses at the same price.

Your choice of 1,500 Gowns, Drawers, Chemise, Corset Covers, Skirts and Infants' Dresses, well made, of Hill Muslin, at 73 Cents,

Your choice of 1,000 Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Skirts, Children's Long and Short Dresses, made of Langdon, Auburn and Pride of the West Cotton, trimmed with rich openwork embroidery, at 98 Cents.

Any lot after being sold out cannot be replaced, therefore early

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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:

Our immense trade proves that the people appreciate the bargains we are giving them, and anything said or published about our sale by those actuated by that terrible green-eyed monster, jealousy, only brings our GRAND SHOE SALE into still greater prominence. Fall into line and get your share of the bargains.



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considered too sacred in the minds of those who, for the purpose of gratifying revenge or gaining power, would not scuple to trample under foot the very noblest attributes of man, the most ap proved gifts of heaven itself.

DESERVE NO RECOGNITION

ests, but for their acceptability to p litical soldiers of fortune.

All talk about "Connellism" or any other "ism" is now fruitless and point-The issue, fair and frank, is less. Ripple or Bailey; Republicanism or Democracy; approved experience or uncertain experiment. Upon this issue must the taxpayers prepare to vote, in the sobering knowledge that the verdict of their ballots will determine the matter for three full years to come.

It will soon be time for the Demo cratic presidential nomination to g out on a long, stern chase for its victim.

Why to Vote for the Viaduct. Because it is an act of justice to the 15,000 to 20,000 persons who cross the dangerous railroad tracks on West Lackawanna avenue every day, expos ing themselves to needless risk of accident or death.

Because it is a just step in recogni tion of the rights of 30,000 residents on the West Side, who willingly contribute their share of the city's taxes, as well as a promised convenience to every other inhabitant of the city.

Because it will bring the various parts of the city closer together, breed a greater mutuality of interests and be a long stride forward toward the splendid, metropolitan Scranton that is to be.

Because the cost would be only about 2 cents on an average to the laborer. 3 cents to the miner, mechanic and clerk, and from 15 to 40 cents for the home owner.

Because there is no reason why a life should not be as valuable in Hyde Park as in any other part of the United States, and none why it should not have equal protection.

Representative Scranton is working for the Democracy with the proverbial zeal of a new convert. Two editorials and a column-and-a-half letter signed "A Quay Republican," formed his labor Saturday. He evidently regards his situation as desperate.

The Issue as to the Treasurership Personally, both Mr. Williams and Mr. Boland are worthy men. The common factor of personality may, therefore, safely be subtracted, leaving for settlement questions strictly political. The first of these hinges on the fact that for six years the office of city treasurer has been held by a representative of the Welsh-Americans of our city. Another Weishman is now running. Shall his countrymen vote a want of confidence in their own race. or shall they, by turning in solidly for Daniel Williams, show that they believe the finances of the city will be safe in this honest Welshman's hands? Again, the defeat of Mr. Williams by Republicans would cause party trouble for years to come, and is therefore a possibility to be guarded against by every Republican who cares for his party. This being a presidential year, it is a good time to do what will help, rather than hurt, the party. If there is any cutting the be done, let it fall dates are elected, or will it not?" In

want to rest secure in a kind of adminthe city's affairs in a maze of complications and debt and left it prosperous, business-like and solvent; if in other words, they want to assure to this growing city a government in keeping with its magnitude, its resources and its unfolding brilliant future, without at the same time jeoparding any le-

gitimate party interest in the important interval just preceding a presidential campaign, they will vote, tomorrow, This is a Republican year.

for Ezra H. Ripple, Daniel Williams, Fred J. Widmayer, and their three Republican colleagues Fowler, Fickus and Dawson, and be glad of the chance to put such worthy men as these into municipal office.

The intelligent electors of the city who believe in good, safe, and reputable government will upon reflection. vote for these men entirely regardless of Connellism.Scrantonism or any other "ism," because they will understand that by so voting they will promote

their own welfare, benefit the community and make possible a continuance of the healthy growth which, under Republican rule, has raised Scranton to the proud eminence of being the

third largest and the first best-governed city in the state. They will vote the Republican ticket because they will remember that under Republican administration, under standards set by Ezra Ripple when he was mayor before, the credit of Scranton has been rescued from odium, its executive departments have been cleaned and renovated, and efficient business methods have been introduced and zealously applied to the

transaction of the municipality's business. They will vote the Republican ticket because not to do so would be to take utterly needless risks, with the chances all against the getting of equally good results from the inexper-

ienced opposition. We submit that there has been enough prejudice, enough passion, enough flaunting of the black flag of factional malice, in short, enough downright lying in this canvass, and that it is now high time to get down to a common sense basis. It is time, in other words, that the interests of Mr. Connell, of Mr. Scranton, of Mr. Davies, of Mr. Fellows and of every other single individual, good, bad or indifferent, be eliminated from the problem, and consideration be given instead to the true incerests of our common city. The point at issue, viewed from this standpoint, is easily distinguishable and once apprehended, is easily met. The naked question is: "Will the city be in better hands if the Republican candidates are

elected than if the Democratic candi-

The American would be quick to reistration which ten years ago found sent any attempt on the part of any party to label him as its especial property. Have not our fellow-citizens of Irish descent an equal right to think for themselves and to act freely, as their own judgment shall dictate? We commend to our readers the report, in another column, of the speeches made Saturday evening, at the Armory mass meeting. It presents the issues fairly and aptly.

> We believe that the Republican ticket will win tomorrow by safe pluralities.

> > WHAT CONNELLISM HAS DONE.

From the Scranton Critic. There is undoubtedly a great deal of "Connellism" in this community. It is seen and felt in every direction. First, we have "Connellism" in business. It has been the means of rearing perhaps not less than a score of successful financial,

manufacturing and commercial institu-tions in the city and valley, giving employment to many hundreds of people. rectly and indirectly, and contributing to the development and enterprise of the community, Second, we have "Connellism" in the promotion of the organized benevolent and charitable institutions of the city, bringing relief to and sheltering the unfortunate and distressed. Third, we have "Connellism" in the furthering of the religious and educational interests of this and other sections of the country Finally, the truth compels us to admit that we have "Connellism" in our politic and it is the only variety of this "ism that has been misrepresented.

It is not necessary to discuss what "Connellism" has accomplished in other respects, and we propose to elucidate it briefly only in its connection with politic-What is called "Connellism" is nothing more nor less than a popular revolt in the Republican party of Lackawanna coun-ty against the selfish leadership of the past, a leadership that had become distasteful, offensive and unbearable by reason of its selfishness, greed and overbeauing tyranny. Mr. Connell was virtually forced against his own inclinations into the lendership of this revolt. He has sought no political honors for himself. but, on the contrary, has frequently declined the highest honors of his party when urged to accept. "Connellism" in the politics of the city of Scrapton and Lackawanna county is synonymou with genuine, aggressive Republicanism It fights Its battles inside the lines of the Republican party and recognizes no political opponent except the Democracy. Under this so-called "Connellism" Re-

publican majorities have grown wonder-fully in the city and county, and a high of public administration is the result. The people are not tired of "Con nellism" in business or politics, and a few dethroned leaders cannot make it obnoxious by false charges and misrepresenta tion.

## POLITICS AND CHARACTER.

From the Scranton Truth. The greatest evil in all municipal government today arises from the scrambling of petty politicians for place and power. There can be no question that, in a fro government like this, it is a landable thing for any honorable citizen to aspire to office, but in campaigns malice, like death, loves a shining mark, and the brightest armor becomes the most colspicuous target for mud. This fact is exemplified most forcibly in the case of our esteemed townsman. Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, one of the worth-lest men that any community would be proud to honor. His heroism, devotioproud to nonor. His heroism, devotors and sacrifices for his country had long endeared him to men, women and even children of all classes, and neither the forked tongue of hate nor the baleful breath of slander dared to make any sinister demonstration against his fair fame until he accepted the recent nomination for mayor of Scranton. Then for the first time this community for mayor

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