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The Tribune is the only Republican Morning Daily in Lackawanna County.

The Tribune acknowledges the compliment embodied in the "Republican" quotation yesterday from its very complete report of Tuesday's election.

To the Victors. Our best wishes go to the three gentlemen on the Democratic ticket whom the election of Tuesday summoned to municipal office.

Although they were elected on a party ticket for party and personal purposes, their paramount duty will be to the whole city regardless of party, and we shall watch with interest how they will proceed to discharge this sovereign obligation.

It is no misstatement of fact to say that in the years during which the administration of the executive affairs of the city has been in Republican hands, a high standard of official character and conduct has been established.

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Our esteemed Altoona namesake is conscious that during the last two or three years there has been a remarkable development of patriotic sentiment in the country. In every section of the land, it observes that patriotic societies, real or pretended, have sprung into existence to contest for leadership with the older and, it may be, more modest ones.

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prejudices is either an ignoramus or a knave. For the former there is some hope, for it may be that with increasing light will come larger knowledge and more toleration. The latter it is useless to contend with. He knows better, but it suits him to plead ignorance.

These words fit a nicey some of the leading spirits who are ridiculing genuine patriotism by their blatant manipulation of secret organizations such as the American Protective Association.

Anyhow, Republicans carried Dunmore, a fact which we respectfully do wish to bring to the attention of Colonel Edward J. Lynett.

The Compulsory Education Law.

From time to time objections are heard in various parts of the state against the compulsory education law, but these, when summed up on the basis of insufficient school accommodations. This, it will be noted, is not an argument against the law itself, but a reflection upon its enforcement.

The fact that compulsory education is proving effective in this state is shown in another way. The recent report of the state superintendent of public instruction shows that in 1895 there was an increase in the attendance at the public schools of nearly 20,000 pupils, whereas the total increase for years '93, '94 and '95 was only 23,716.

The argument of insufficient accommodations is no argument at all. If the state may tax the citizen for the education of ten children out of fifteen, it may with even greater fairness tax him for the education of the entire child. It has no right to give to one child what it denies to another.

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When a resolution passes the United States senate unanimously it ought not to be hastily criticized. The subject involved in such a case is clearly neither sectional nor political, but one concerning which the people all over the country think alike.

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the propriety of which they are the sole and only judges. Professor McMaster, we fear, would have difficulty in convincing a jury of twelve average citizens that the sending of a request to the European powers, upon the basis of common humanity, would of itself constitute or indirectly involve any "entanglement" or "interference." It would be a request impelled by a spirit of the utmost friendliness, and if criticized by its recipients such criticism would react upon its critics rather than upon us.

Now that the excitement of politics is over, the people of Scranton, without regard to party, should not fail to remember, with their accustomed fairness and liberality, the Watkins testimonial concert to be given at the Frothingham theater tomorrow evening.

The Republican factionalism in Philadelphia did not prevent that city from rolling up an old-time plurality. They order things differently, down there.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Tribune Bureau, Washington, Feb. 19. A Tennessee Republican, who would not allow me to use his name, told me today that Senator Quay was certain of election four if not more of the delegates of that state at the Congressional District.

Information has reached Washington that five out of eight delegates elected in Georgia are for Quay. The other three are for McKinley.

The candidacy of ex-Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, is not considered seriously by those who know the senator best. For the first time in many years Mr. Manderson is out of a political job, and his candidacy is thought to be only a bluff to get delegates to deliver to the winning candidate for the purpose of getting into the cabinet or going abroad as minister.

With the exception of Messrs. Adams, Stahl, Kulp and Huff all the Pennsylvania members of congress, including Senator Quay, left for their respective homes Monday night to vote at the elections on Tuesday.

If the free silver Democrats control the Chicago convention, they may nominate Vice-President Stevenson for president. Hon. William R. Morrison, the other favorite son of Illinois, while a white metal sympathizer, is opposed to the free coinage of silver under present conditions.

While speaking of letter writing it is in order to say that President Cleveland is expected to write a letter to the citizens of the United States on the question of presidential succession before long. There is every reason to believe that President Cleveland will decline to be a candidate again. He has had enough. He wants to retire and enjoy the comforts of private life.

The Pennsylvania railroad, through First Vice-President Thomas and Assistant General Passenger Agent George W. Boyd, has extended an invitation to the Washington newspaper correspondents to that company's guests from Washington to St. Louis and return on the occasion of the holding of the Republican national convention in that city.

From the looks of things now there will be no tariff legislation. Dr. Dingley's horizontal remedy doesn't seem to suit the patient. The house swallowed his medicine at one gulp, but the Democrats, Postlets and free silverists, took him off. He is to accept Dr. Dingley's prescription and that settles the business.

"My beloved friends and brethren," said the old preacher, "the greatest of all deceptions is 'but the leaves and the fish.' Deceit was 5,000 leaves and 2,000 fishes, and twelve 'potholes' had to eat 'em all. Now de miracle is dat dey didn't bust!"

Mr. Talbert had another story to illustrate from his point of view the condition of the people, who were asked to stand and bear all the ills of gold standard legislation while the officials and money barons listened in vain to their cries.

"It reminds me, gentlemen," said Mr. Talbert, "of the father and his little boy who had a bull pup they were training to catch hogs. The farmer would get down on his all fours and the little boy would set the puppy after him. So one day the old fellow got down and capered around like a pig, and the little boy turned the pup loose and said, 'See him, see him, pup!' The pup ran up to the old man and caught him by the ear, and began to bite the old fellow pretty hard. It began to hurt, and he commenced to yell: 'Take him off! Take him off! He hurts! He hurts! Take him off!' And the little boy, glancing a little way off enjoying the fun, ran up and patting the old man on the back, said, 'Stand it, pup! Stand it, pup! Bear it if you can. I know it's rough on you, but, says he, 'it's the very making of the dog.'"

Representative Levy, of Iowa, told a

good story to illustrate how the Democrats were fooled by the double meaning of their platform. "I am reminded," he said, "of a lady acquaintance of mine, whom I call Mrs. Smith, because that is not her name, who, in war times, went to the provost marshal at Little Rock with another lady friend to take the oath of allegiance. Her friend took the oath first, and Mrs. Smith, who was a good southern woman hesitated. 'I can't take that oath,' she said, 'you know how I feel.' 'O, go on, Mrs. Smith, and take it,' said her friend. 'God knows you don't mean it!'"

Use, the Italian comedienne, is here this week. All the dramatic critics are loud in their praise of her, and say she is a greater actress than Sara Bernhardt. "Sowing the Wind," one of Frohman's best plays, is drawing his houses here this week. "Coke, in opera, is on the boards for next week."

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is credited with being the greatest parliamentarian in the senate. He is a grizzled old fellow, and when crossed in debate, he assaults his antagonist with a volley of sarcasm and abuse that is simply withering. Senator Harris has many eccentricities. He never eats lunch at the capitol with his colleagues. Instead of sitting at a table in the restaurant reserved for senators, he stands up to the counter. His lunch usually consists of a piece of pie and a bottle of beer.

Thanks, Many Thanks. From the Scranton Times. Though The Tribune is in the lough despond, we congratulate it upon the full, complete and accurate election returns which it printed this morning.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Jacobus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 3:10 a. m. for Thursday, Feb. 20, 1896.

This morning's child, all free from guile. Will eat his crow and sweetly smile. At Fate's peculiar menace. For though the dark, he'll realize That there will be "sweet by and bye." When treachery'll be named "Denise." We carried Dunmore, anyway. Jacobus' advice. Postponed on account of the weather.

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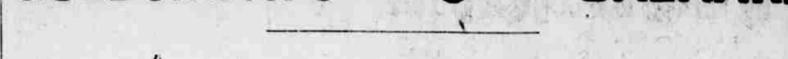
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