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

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

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.

Whatever minor mistakes may have been made—and in the management of so complex an enterprise as is the government of this complex city a certain number of errors are inevitable—the general tendency has been forward and upward.

This is shown in the present financial credit of the city, which, had carelessness or culpability characterized the administration, would quickly have reflected the fact in a depreciation of the municipal securities.

It is also demonstrated by the general testimony of men who, after having moved here from other cities, have noticed and remarked the comparative superiority in our municipal officials and in their official methods.

It is not partisan foolishness, it is the simple truth to say that under the Republican mayors of Scranton, beginning with Colonel Ripple, this city has grown to be one of the most progressive, most prosperous and best-governed cities in the United States.

Its officials, during that time, have been men of influence, character, ability, and high business standing; and the work which they have done toward the improvement of municipal methods and standards has been of a nature to command from discerning observers earnest and genuine commendation.

We mention these facts not with any wish to reflect upon the incoming Democratic administration, which is entitled to a fair showing, but simply to make plain to Mayor-elect Bailey and his two future colleagues in the executive branch of the municipal government, Messrs. Boland and Robinson, that they need to be prepared to stand comparison with predecessors of established reputation, in whose hands the city has been governed with rare success.

We trust that they will not deem us unkind if we remind them that in the minds of many there is a fear lest the change from Republican to Democratic administration in this city this spring may prove a repetition, on a smaller scale, of the national change from Harrison to Cleveland in 1892.

No doubt this fear is without substantial foundation; for the welfare of the city we trust that the sequel may prove it to be wholly unfounded.

But as a circumstance which undoubtedly exists, it is entitled to mention, to the end that the gentlemen at whom it is aimed may in advance outline a policy of official conduct which will quickly allay all apprehension.

The election of the three Republican assessors is an appreciated ray of sunshine in what is otherwise a vast Sahara of gloom.

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.

"We regard the increased attention which Americans are paying to their country and her institutions as a good sign. Even the fact that miserable adventurers and demagogues are taking advantage of it to boost their personal fortunes or put money in their purses, while creditable to them, is a tribute their country. The meanest thing any man can do, next to robbing the widow and the orphan, is to make merchandise of patriotism.

Nevertheless the people who are deceived are to be well thought of.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The defeat of the viaduct. Tuesday is a source of genuine regret to all who realize the justice of the arguments in favor of its construction.

While it would have given us greater pleasure yesterday to chronicle a different result, the fact that the Tribune was the first to announce the election of the three Democratic winners and the only morning paper to give a complete and systematic report of the returns throughout the city, county and state is a source of satisfaction.

An Invalid Objection. Professor John B. McMaster, who almost alone among the leading college men stood by the president's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine during the academic discussion elicited by the Venezuelan message, has filed an exception to the senate resolution.

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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."

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 theatre tomorrow evening.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP. Tribune Bureau, 35 Fourteenth Street, N. W.

A Tennessee Republican, who would not allow me to use his name, told me today that Senator Quay was certain of election four or five days before the delegates to that state met at the Congressional Directory building.

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. He is the first time in many years Mr. Manderson is out of a political job.

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.

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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 visit that company's guests from Washington to St. Louis and return on the occasion of the holding of the Republican National Convention.

The debates in congress bring out some good stories. The multitude of speeches on the financial question reminded Mr. Talbert of South Carolina, of the story of the old negro preacher, who addressed his flock with great earnestness upon the subject of "Miracles."

"My beloved friends and brethren," said the old preacher, "the greatest of all miracles was 'bout the leaves and fishes. Dey was 5,000 leaves and 2,000 fishes, and dey twelwe 'postles had to eat 'em all. Now de miracle is dat dey didn't bust!"

Representative Tracy, of Iowa, told a

good story to illustrate how the Democrats were fooled by the double meaning of their platform.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is credited with being the greatest parliamentarian in the senate. He is a simple old fellow, and when crossed in debate, he assaults his antagonist with a volley of sarcasm and abuse that is simply withering.

THANKS, MANY THANKS. From the Scranton Times.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope drawn by Jacobus, The Tribune Astrologer.

This morning's child, all free from guile, will eat his crow and sweetly smile.

When treachery'll be named 'Denise', we carried Dunmore, anyway.

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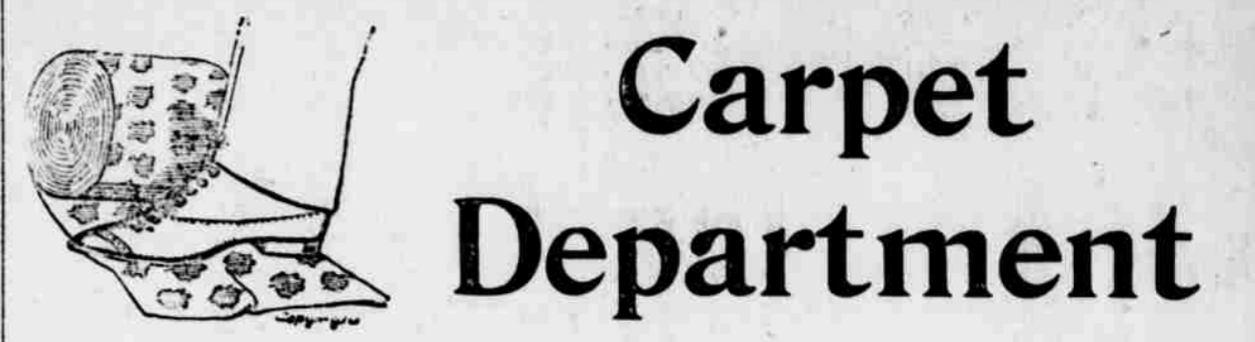
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